

PUZZLEWITS.

Prizes for solutions of puzzles in February were won by J. L. Bayley, Spokane Falls, Washington, John Baumgartner, Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. E. S. Hartnell, Salinas City, California, in the order named. Their orders for disposition of prizes will be honored. The incomplete nature of the lists received indicates that the puzzles are, indeed, puzzlers of wits, and, therefore, just the kind a bright boy or girl should delight in. Let us see if there are not more possessing perseverance and genius enough to solve these puzzles. Following are the answers for February:

No. 12—

T A P E	T O U R
D U C T	F R E E
P R O P	N E R O
U N I T E D W E S T A N D D I V I D E D W E F A L L	S I L O
S P O T	G I R L
S P A T	H O M E
T E A S	

No. 12—Hernhill, Opalesce, Rodentia, Ninefold.

No. 13—Heaven.

No. 14 (a)—Use the second letter from the correct one either before or after indifferently.

No. 14 (b)—Dnieper, Madeira, Senegal, Scud, Data, Moor, Real.

No. 15—Oliver.

No. 16—Volga, Osier, Limns, Genii, Arsis.

No. 17—Abdicant, Reasoner, Gainsome, Oncidium, Nunciata, Allodial, Unlawful, Theodora.

No. 18—Matrice, Micetes, Situate, Animals, Article, Estates.

No. 19—Dynamite.

No. 21—Olea, Omit, Omni, Omer, Ogre, Olid, Olaf, Ooze, Opal, Oral, Olio, Olpe, a tired fellow.

No. 22—Dangers, Serriate, Vettura, Estrade, Legions, Finitic, Sequent.

Prizes for puzzles published in March have been awarded as follows: First prize, No. 33, a rectangle by V. A. N. Guard, published March 28;

second prize, No. 30, a maltese cross by Fairplay, published March 21; third prize, No. 28, a perspective cube by A. E. H., published March 14. A fourth prize of three months' subscription to THE WEST SHORE has been awarded to R. A., for No. 23, the king's move puzzle, published March 7. Orders for these prizes will be honored.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

It does seem that we have enough societies in this country to meet the most exacting demands. We have all sorts of secret societies, all kinds of political parties; we have a great variety of charitable associations, temperance unions, workingmen's leagues, rich men's syndicates, clubs of socialists, nihilists and thugs; we have immigration boards and every imaginable mission. Yet there is a demand for one more society, and one more we have, and its branches have been organized in thirty states. This one is called the Sons of the American Revolution, and it is a patriotic association rather than a society. The writer is authorized to organize a branch in this part of the country, and he asks in behalf of a good cause a little space to explain its purpose.

The continental officers organized the Cincinnati at the close of the war of independence; the Astec was formed by the veterans of the Mexican war; the Loyal Legion and the G. A. R. after our late unpleasantness. These are all patriotic societies with a large element of goodfellowship. But the society of the Sons of the American Revolution has a broader basis—it embraces all sections of the country. It takes in all the descendants of the men of '76 who, either in a civil or military way, took part in the life struggle of our nation. It is not confined to elder sons or the sons of officers. It invites all of the old stock to associate themselves together in an effort by moral means to stem the tide of socialism and all other evil isms that are coming in with the swelling flood of immigration. While we hold fast to old traditions, we wish to show that patriotism is not merely a tradition but a present duty.

We do not pay for a charter, our charter is the constitution; our initiation fee is high, it is at least three generations under the flag. So our society is the most aristocratic in the world, for its members must not only know who their grandfathers or great-grandfathers were, but that they were good men and true.

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It is estimated that \$10,000,000 will be available for the improvement of the harbor of Seattle under the provisions of the two tide land bills, which grant for that purpose seventy-five per cent. of the gross receipts from the sale of tide lands within the city limits to the improvement of the harbor. There are 2,336 acres of tide lands at Seattle, estimated at a valuation of \$5,000 per acre, or a total of \$13,180,000. Other cities on the sound, Tacoma, Olympia, Port Townsend and the Bellingham bay towns, will also have a similar fund, though not quite so large.

Two new counties have been created in Idaho, out of territory formerly embraced in Alturas and Logan counties, and those counties have ceased to exist. The new counties bear the names of "Alta" and "Lincoln," and much as the citizens may rejoice to see the last honored name added to the state nomenclature, it is a matter of regret that the name of "Logan" should be lost.

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POETS OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

THE WEST SHORE offers monthly prizes as specified below for the best poems submitted for competition by residents of the Pacific coast, including British Columbia. Three or four will be selected for publication each week, and in the last issue of the month the names of the prize winners for the month will be announced. All poems not published will be returned. The contest closes each month on the fifteenth. Poems should not exceed forty lines in length. The judges are persons of literary culture not connected with THE WEST SHORE in any capacity. The following prizes are offered monthly:

First Prize—A volume of one of the standard poets, 12-mo. size, handsomely bound in full padded leather, with full gilt edges. The prize winner may designate his choice of the following volumes: Dante, Milton, Scott, Burns, Moore, Wordsworth, Browning, Poe, Joan Inghlow, Mrs. Hemans, Mrs. Browning, and Favorite Poems, a volume of choice selections from all the poets. These are all new books, specially issued as elegant gift editions, and are from the shelves of Stuart & Thompson, the well-known booksellers of Portland.

Second Prize—A subscription to *The West Shore* for six months, to be sent to any address.

Third Prize—A subscription to *The West Shore* for three months, to be sent to any address.

Grand Prize—In addition to the monthly first prize, at the end of the year the poem that shall be decided to be the best sent in during the entire year will receive an elegant copy of one of the great classic poems with illustrations by Dore, and the portrait of the writer will be published, so that those who have read the poem may have the additional pleasure of seeing the face of the one who has contributed to their enjoyment.

Only poems that have never been published will be accepted.

The LaGrande Water and Light Company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, for the purpose of giving LaGrande, Oregon, systems of water works and electric lights. The company has filed a bond of \$25,000 for a guaranty of its contract to supply the city with water for fire purposes within six months, and to supply pure water for domestic purposes from a reservoir holding not less than 600,000 gallons. Artesian wells will be tried for a supply.

A formal transfer of the New Westminster Southern road to the officials of the Fairhaven & Southern has been made. It is now a part of the Great Northern system.

Moscow, Idaho, has extended its corporate limits to embrace 160 acres more of land. The value of property within the present limits is \$2,000,000.

A roller flouring mill will be erected this year in Fossil, Oregon, the citizens having subscribed a bonus of \$2,750 to the enterprise.