

NEED OF PORTLAND

Spirit of Seventy-Six Among Her Citizens.

DR. TALBOTT'S TIMELY TOPIC

He Preaches on Prevalence of Crime and Vice Unpunished in the City and Urges Citizens to Band Together for Defense.

"The Spirit of '76 in Portland" is what is considered by the Rev. J. H. Talbott to be necessary in order to put down lawlessness and vice. This was the subject of his sermon delivered at the patriotic service which is held every year on the Sunday nearest to the Fourth of July in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, the text being the words of the Psalmist: "Quit you like men." He began by saying: "Our backs are against the Pacific Ocean, and we can go no further West. Formerly when our country was a men's land they went to a new country to find conditions more congenial. But there is no longer any new country on this continent. We are here—the few thousands of native-born and the more thousands who have drifted in from everywhere—and we can't go any further. In other days discoverers, explorers and pioneers came here to conquer and to settle. There is something now for us to do. There is need for the courage, tenacity and faith of the soldier. The men of today must make something of this fair land and the name of the city. The text is singularly appropriate for this time. 'Quit you like men.'"

Contempt of Law Prevails.

"Looking at the actual conditions, the need is seen to be urgent. So far as the country at large is concerned, the contempt of law has grown to alarming proportions. In the 21 years ending December, 1902, there were in this Christian country 323 cases of lynching. In many instances these unadvised and unprovoked acts were accompanied by fiendish cruelties that would damn a Modoc Indian. A few years ago we could complacently point Southward and charge that such barbarism belonged there, and that it was the sign of a slave. But now it is bounded by no sectional lines, and the thing has become so shamefully common that we are in no position to reason about it. It is against Jewish massacres in Bessarabia, or against atrocities anywhere for that matter. Contempt for law is an ever-spreading contagion among us. There is no considerable nation in the civilized world in which there are so many murders committed as in the United States, none where there are so few murderers punished; none where there is so much lawless sentiment."

The very means used to right existing wrongs reveal the contempt of law to which reference is here made. It will not be denied that in this country there is a great deal of lawlessness, and that it deserves to be destroyed there, as everywhere. But the wrongdoing of the saloon power could not justify the lawless methods of the National Association of Manufacturers. If their doctrines found anything like general acceptance, must soon find themselves facing anarchy, pure and simple. Certainly in this past year and a half just cause of complaint in this country; and nobody is surprised that battle should be made for the recognition and maintenance of its rights. The alarming thing is that in this country there should ever have been tolerated which is so distinctly unlawful and subversive of the rights of the public."

Crime and Vice Rampant.

If we limit our vision to our own city, we can see how urgent is the need of this indignation—"Quit you like men." Here is a noble city; beautiful for its situation, strategic in location; with prospects unexcelled; with a tributary country unsurpassed; with large wealth and phenomenal prosperity. Yet this city of Portland within 30 days has been the scene of robberies which would have been remarkable had they occurred in a desert where there was no semblance of law. Here burglaries have occurred in numbers surpassing those of cities ten times as large as this. The burglaries and robberies reported do not exhaust the list of those committed and attempted, as many persons know perfectly well. It is much to be regretted that there is not data at hand to justify one in entering upon a vigorous defence of the department against the apparent charges. But all blame does not lie with that department, and it is the responsibility of the city government to see that it is as large as well as the city, to the average observer it appears that some blame for the contempt of law which prevails among us is to be laid to the credit of the city. In many instances courts seem to be more concerned about technicalities and precedents than about equity. And to the lay-observer the numerous and vexatious delays allowed by courts seem more adapted to the shielding of criminals than to the protection of society. Indeed the utterly indefensible doctrine that "it is better that 99 guilty persons should escape than that one innocent person should suffer" seems to be in full force practically; so that the law-defying classes are safe-guarded to an extraordinary degree."

Citizens Are to Blame.

It must be said though that after responsibility for prevailing conditions has been peddled out to all officials in detail, the laxest measure of it must lie with the body known as the respectable citizen of community. There are enough people in this city who believe in good government; who are irrevocably opposed to grafts; who deny that affairs should be so administered as to protect criminals and vice-breeds even for the sake of revenue; who believe that it is the function of government to protect the law-abiding, to safe-guard the young against vice, to punish and not shelter the law-defying, to drive out or destroy the corrupters of youth; there are enough such people here to make of this a wholesome and desirable city. The truth is that the spirit of commercialism has its grip upon us. We are letting everything go to the eternal howls for the sake of business. We have not time or energy to devote to the pa-

triotic work of making a clean, moral city. If it could be done with money we should do it. If half a million would insure desirable conditions the money would be plunked down. But time and energy must be consumed in the eternal rush after mammon; while crime runs riot and criminals are unfettered; while the city steadily moves toward a bad eminence among viciously-governed municipalities; and while our young people are condemned to run the gauntlet of body and soul-destroying vice.

Let Citizens Band Together. No doubt that many remedies for this state of things can be suggested. One thing might be done at once as meeting a grave emergency: If citizens can have no protection from the guardians of public safety, at least they might be authorized to arm themselves for protection against robbers and murderers. It's hardly fair to disarm a fellow by law and then turn him over unprotected to footpads.

exercises of the Union School of Psychology were held last evening in the rooms of the People's Christian Union in the Alkali building. A class of 6 has completed the first term's work. The principal of the school, Rev. F. E. Coulter, who is also the pastor of the People's Christian Union, delivered the address of the evening. Several pieces of music were rendered by the Harmony Club Quartet. The hall was well filled with the members of the church and the class which has finished the first term. The school of psychology, as established by Mr. Coulter, is an entirely unique institution. The relation of God to the laws of psychology is never lost sight of according to his teachings, and none of the atheistic doctrines common among believers in psychology are apparent in his lessons, nor in his address last evening. Mrs. Belle J. Morse delivered one of the most interesting addresses of the evening. "Astrology is occult astronomy," said she. "It may be called the soul of as-

DOUBLES IN TWO YEARS

IDAHO FALLS GROWS IN POPULATION AT RAPID RATE.

Thriving Town is Center of Large Agricultural District and an Important Trading Point.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, July 5.—(Special correspondence.)—When a town doubles its population in about two years there can be no question concerning its prosperity. Such a town is Idaho Falls, in the Upper Snake River basin, in Idaho, and from present indications it will probably not be long till it again doubles in size. Just what is the exact population of Idaho Falls is somewhat indefinite, but from the fact that 900 votes were cast there at the last election it might be estimated to be in the vicinity of 900. This rapid growth is not the result of a boom, but of the development of natural resources.

What Idaho Falls is Today.

Idaho Falls is today one of the more promising towns in this part of Idaho. It is the center of a large agricultural district, the trading point for a territory that not only includes the large farming community on every hand, but which extends eastward as far as the Wyoming line. It is also the location of one of the largest beet sugar factories in the West, and the large amount of land that is still improved, but which has plenty of water accessible for irrigation, is a proof of its future importance. It is on the branch of the Oregon Short Line that extends from Salt Lake City to Butte, Mont. It is also the junction of that line with the branch that runs to St. Anthony. Thus it may be seen that it has good transportation facilities for its various products.

Canal Systems.

Until recent years the town was in the midst of a sagebrush desert. Then schemes for the construction of canals were developed. A number of these ditches are now completed and the arid wastes of fertile lands are being quickly transformed into green fields and comfortable homes.

Grange Organized at Barlow.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—Dr. J. S. Castro, state deputy master of the Patrons of Husbandry, reports the recent organization at Barlow of the Twentieth Century Grange, with W. W. Jesse master and Miss Beale Shepherd secretary. The next meeting of this local Grange will be held July 20. There are now 18 Granges in Clackamas County, and the next Pomona Grange will meet with the Milwaukie Grange Wednesday, July 8.

GRADUATES IN PSYCHOLOGY.

Addresses on Relation of Mind to Mind Delivered at Exercises.

Marked by a number of addresses upon the subject in which all the hearers were most interested, the first commencement

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in unknown, and thus, while the farmers in countries where irrigation is unknown and in irrigated districts where the supply is not so unflinching are lamenting the loss of their crops in dry seasons, the agriculturists of this section are reaping good harvests for which they receive increased value owing to the scarcity in other sections. The unfortunate farmer of the Eastern and Middle States who has been driven to seek this country on account of drought knows better how to appreciate this fact than any one else. When a permanent water right in a ditch is not owned by a farmer he pays a certain amount per season for enough to irrigate each acre. The cost of water varies slightly, but it is said to never exceed \$1 per acre.

Climate and Products.

Although of a higher altitude, Idaho Falls differs but little in climate to that of the Lower Snake River country. It has a beneficial effect on pulmonary dis-

and can be kept running till the supply of beets is exhausted, there is but little danger of overproduction.

Stockraising has been carried on here since early times, but at present sheep raising is more extensive than that of cattle. There are not many towns in the state that can equal it in the quantity of wool that is annually sent from it to Eastern points.

Manufacturing Resources.

Among the possible industries at Idaho Falls is that of manufacturing. There is an abundance of water power to be obtained, and it must be a matter of time when the large shipments of wool from this place to Eastern points must cease, and instead local factories will transform the raw material into finished cloth.

Canneries, too, are beginning to be a necessity, for tomatoes, berries and fruits will soon be produced beyond the demand of the local market, and must naturally then be taken to make them available for distant trading points. To really appreciate Idaho Falls and to realize the possibilities that the future contains for it, one must visit it and see the vast, fertile country that surrounds it; he must note the attractive homes that are springing into existence, and observe the enterprise and integrity that are exhibited by a majority of its citizens.

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Y. M. C. A. WORK IN EAST

Secretary Stone Tells What He Learned on His Trip.

"Signs of the Times," was the subject of General Secretary H. W. Stone's address at the Young Men's Christian Association's men's meeting yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Stone recently returned from the East, where he attended two great conventions of Y. M. C. A. officers at Lakewood, Pa., and it was principally to the associations of the East and their growth that the speaker confined his address. Mr. Stone gave an interesting account of the conventions, speaking of the sectional gatherings he attended. These sectional gatherings are composed of the directors of the different classes of work, such as physical, educational, religious, metropolitan, state, provincial and suburban, and progress and plans are thoroughly discussed at these gatherings.

Mr. Stone also told of his visit to New York City and the larger associations of the East, and reported that great progress is being made by the Y. M. C. A. throughout the country.

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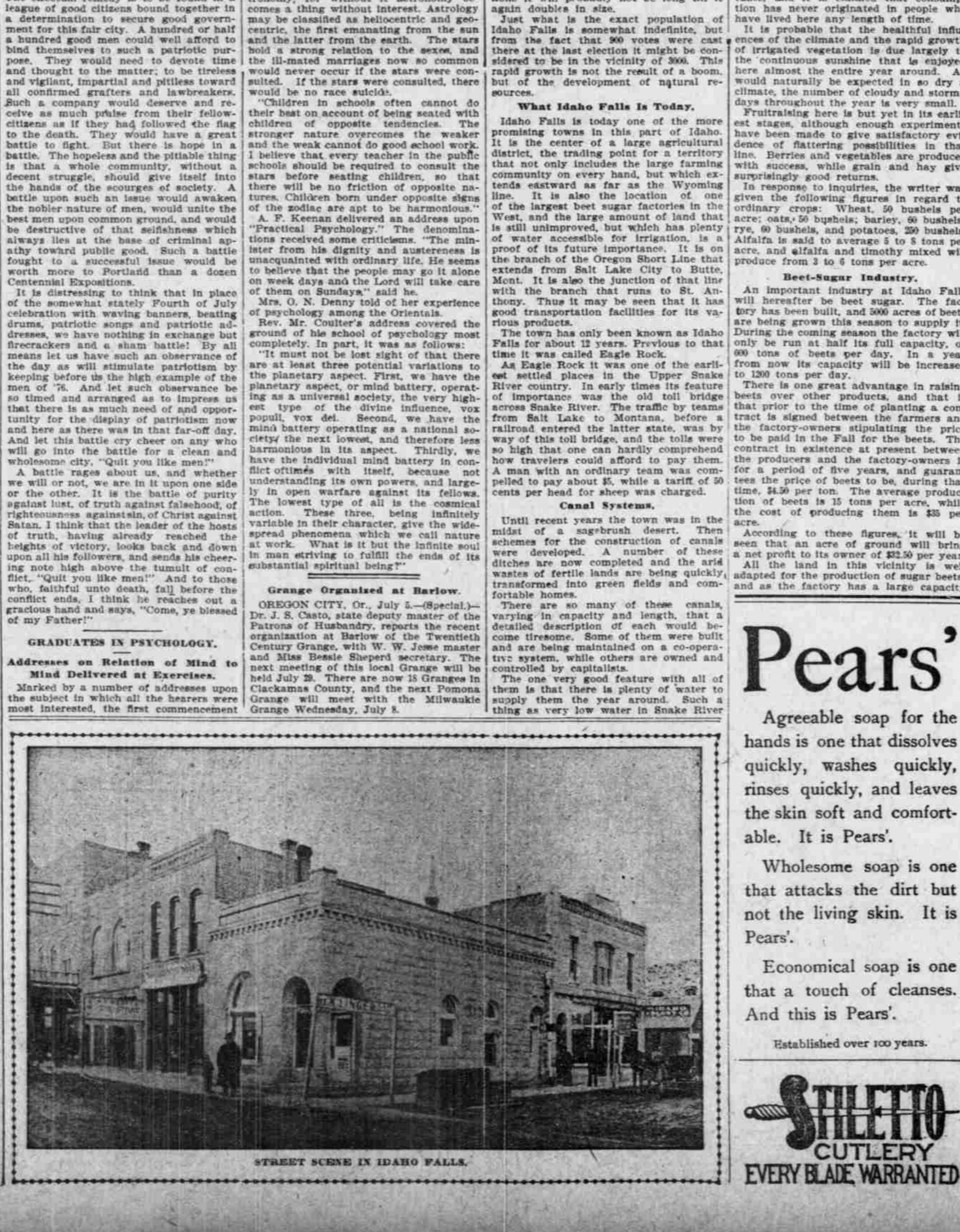
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