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A QUESTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

When an effort was made during the session of the last legislature to remove Prison Superintendent Downing for political reasons, THE JOURNAL opposed changing the law to effect his removal. It believed it was right in its position, although to maintain that position it had to go out of its way to defend a Democrat, and incurred the displeasure of not a few good Republicans and some Democrats.

We regret to see now that Mr. Downing allowed himself to be used by his party, or used his party, one or the other, in a manner that is offensive to many citizens and which constitutes an abuse of the public service that no intelligent voter or party man can pass over. We admit that if the superintendent of the insane asylum and three or four of his chief lieutenants had secured their own selection, or had been selected as delegates to the Republican state convention, the Democratic press of the state would have had a great deal to say about a state ring, political bossism and interference of state officials with a people's convention.

If the Republicans had done such a thing there would have been a howl from every Democrat about state officials over-riding the will of the people. As a general proposition interference by federal or state officials in state and county conventions is an offensive practice by any party. THE JOURNAL would not hesitate to denounce the selection as delegates by themselves, or by others, of all the leading officials of any state institutions under Republican control. Mr. Downing and his subordinates owe their appointments to Governor Pennoyer and more than a month before the county conventions the Governor declared that he should not attend the Democratic state convention as he did not believe in public officials attending and helping manage county and state conventions. He believed and we think correctly that a party is strengthened by having nominating conventions come fresh and unrestrained from the masses of the people.

The manipulation by a band of public officials of a county or state convention works a permanent injury to the party allowing it to be done, and we repeat if the Republicans had allowed state officials to manipulate their county convention and become delegates to the state convention they would have been justly open to criticism.

THE JOURNAL has many readers who are not Republicans, and it is only voicing their true interests as citizens in commenting upon this matter. It hopes its purpose to secure a reform in this great evil will not be mistaken for a personal attack upon Mr. Downing and his friends as it is not so intended.

NOT EVEN AN OPPOSITION PARTY.

The Democracy of Oregon and more particularly of Marion county possess not the great merit of being even a good opposition party. In their recent county convention they did not take any perceptible advantage of the situation. There was a slight cleavage in Republican ranks and the skilfully inserted wedge of a sagacious opposition party might have affected seriously the Republican ticket. But the wedge was not inserted. The crack is closed. Republicans are united and harmonized as effectively as if the managers had stood behind the scenes and arranged the entire Democratic program. The senseless cry of the country against Salem, the usual charge of the capital city hogging it all, was made use of and the result is a divided, disheartened, sad-eyed opposition party that cannot offer even the faintest obstacle to Republican success, and that as matters now stand did every possible foolish act to make this county solidly Republican for years.

Whatever virtue there might be in having a vigorous opposition party at the capital of the state, the Democratic managers have deprived the people of Marion county even of that. Fortunately there is no need of opposition, as the Republican's seem to have selected an unobjectionable ticket of representative citizens throughout.

At the Democratic county central committee meeting the Democratic legislative ticket was filled up with the candidates of the party that want government saloons to furnish liquor at cost offering as a solution of the moral question involved that every man carry a sixty foot tape line and measure off his own morality.

Talking with the members of the Democratic management on the streets, it was ascertained that no canvas would be undertaken by the Democrats for their county ticket. They would try and get in some speeches from a big eastern orator.

One Democrat opposed a public canvass. It had always thrown the Republicans into power and had no beneficial effect. A joint canvass was the very worst thing they could enter into. Another opposed a still hunt exclusively, for if they took to the brush there would be a painful silence when it came to count the votes. He favored an aggressive fight. Another opposed an open fight, said a man could go around and show himself privately and being seen would make votes, but as a rule the Republicans could tell a better story. To get into an argument was only to drive the Republicans back into the ranks. So nothing was done in the matter. These were the puerile reasons offered for abandoning their cause. This is the state of affairs of the Democratic party in Marion county. It is not even an opposition party. When it ceases to be that it ceases to have any reason for existence. When the minority ceases to arraign the party responsible for local, state and national affairs it betrays public interest.

THE POLICE QUESTION.

There should be no buncombe or cheap John politics about the Salem police. Whether the city of Salem needs more or less police, or whether they should receive more or less compensation should be a question of fact. The number of police should be determined in a large measure by the opinion of the city marshal who is chief of police. He is elected by the people and is responsible to the people if he gives the city a weak and inefficient police force, or if he employs more men than are needed. THE JOURNAL believes the judgment of the Chief is to be respected in this matter. If he thinks he can police the city properly and safely with a smaller force he should say so. He has said that he cannot, or words to that effect. The council can easily determine the matter of compensation by ascertaining what is paid the police for similar services in other cities. To have a vigorous independent police, the city should pay them good wages.

THE JOURNAL is in favor of every kind of work being well paid. It is in favor of good fair salaries for all public servants—even policemen. Their service is one where their lives are constantly more or less in danger if they do their duty.

Mayor D'Arcy missed the greatest chance of his life to save this city thousands of dollars by being away at the Democratic state convention.

Snapping after a shadow of greater honors, Mayor D'Arcy let go of a fine piece of meat for a reform Mayor by being away at a political convention when measures of economy of the greatest importance were before the city council.

Sunday's storm was more like Kansas and Iowa stormy days than anything we have ever seen in Oregon.

Senator Frank M. Moore, Republican candidate for Supreme Judge, was in the city Saturday and attended the meeting of the Republican county central committee. He was warmly greeted by the representative Marion County Republicans.

It is reported Mayor D'Arcy will veto the Chemeketa street improvement ordinance.

Dr. Matteson of Turner, about the only free wool Democrat in Western Oregon, was down to the Democratic committee meeting Saturday.

Baby cried,
Mother sighed,
Doctor prescribed: Castoria.

J. P. Blaize, a real estate dealer in Des Moines, Iowa, narrowly escaped one of the severest attacks of pneumonia while in the northern part of that state during the recent blizzard, says the Saturday Review. Mr. Blaize had occasion to drive several miles during the storm and was so thoroughly chilled that he was unable to get warm. Inside of an hour he was threatened with a severe case of pneumonia or lung fever. Mr. Blaize sent to the nearest drug store an got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, of which he had often heard, and took a number of large doses. He says the effect was wonderful and that in a short time he was breathing quite easily. He kept on taking the medicine and the next day was able to come to Des Moines. Mr. Blaize regards his cure as simply wonderful. 50 cent bottles sold by Geo. E. Good, druggist.

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"I was coming down to Chicago from St. Paul the other day when an incident occurred on the sleeper which created considerable merriment," said a passenger agent of the Northwestern road. "A farmer got on the train at Janesville and climbed into the sleeper. He was a rough looking old gentleman and his boots were very muddy—I think the muddiest I ever saw. They were immense affairs, and seemed to weigh several pounds each. He stumbled into the car in an embarrassed manner, and seemed unused to such luxurious surroundings. He tumbled into his berth, and we soon heard him snoring furiously. My berth was next to his, and I heard him dressing the next morning. Suddenly I heard an exclamation of pleasure and surprise.

"'Them ain't mine,' he remarked to himself. 'Somebody has made a mistake an left his boots here.'

"He rang the bell for the porter and said:

"'You've made a mistake. Them ain't my boots.'

"'Yes, th' be, sah,' replied the porter. 'I know dem's yo's, ca'se I put 'em dah.'

"'Well, don't say nothin 'bout it. Here's a dollar, but if anybody claims 'em you'll have to give it back to me.'"—Chicago Mail.

Plate Glass Vandals.

The plate glass of the Fifth Avenue hotel is badly disfigured, but the vandals are still in the ring. The peculiar "corolation" of the plate glass, the donkey and the diamond ring form an interesting study for the proprietors of public resorts. In New York it requires more vigilance on the part of hotel detectives to prevent this single act of vandalism than it does to guard against pickpockets. The other day a young man was caught cutting his initials with a diamond ring on a brand new fifty dollar plate glass window at one of the newest hotels up town. When he was taken to task about it he admitted it and treated it as a good joke. But it was no joke when he saw this item in his bill: "For one plate glass window cut with diamond ring, fifty dollars." The vandals are not always men. A lady walking through a corridor with another lady called attention to a disfigured window with, "Now, I wonder what idiot did this?"

"I—I did it," replied the other, and the relations of the pair are now somewhat strained.—New York Herald.

What a Lover Should Be.

To sum up what a woman wants a lover to be:

She wants him to be strong—that is where the athlete wins.

She wants him to be brave and daring, even with her.

She wants him to be tender and loving and good.

She wants him to be superior to her in will power and intellect, because she must admire him. She wants him to be generous, and sometimes he has to save his pennies to be so.

She wants him to think she is the sweetest, the prettiest, the best, the dearest girl in the world, and she wants him to tell her so every day in the year.

She wants him to be handsome, but she is sure to think he is, even if all the rest of the world think differently.

She wants him to be unhappy if she is not with him. And she wants him—well, just to be her lover.—Philadelphia Music and Drama.

Mythical Snakes.

The cause of persons whose nerves are excited by protracted and excessive use of stimulants seeing the shapes of animals passing before them is not due wholly to imagination. In fact, the fancy only operates to induce a belief that what is seen is alive and hideous.

The eyeball is covered by a network of veins, ordinarily so small that they do not intrude themselves visibly in the path of the light that enters the sight, but in the course of some diseases these veins are frequently congested and swollen to such a size as to become visible, and when this happens the effect generally is to appear as if there were an object of considerable size at a distance from the eye.

Of course this vein is generally long, thin and sinuous like a serpent.—Hall's Journal of Health.

Crying Does a Baby Good.

The instant a child is born it cries. This is a providential expansion of the lungs, and not, as many suppose, an indication of suffering or pain. Well developed, well formed and healthy babies cry lustily at birth, while the weak child has a feeble little cry. For the first few months the cry is tearless, and it is not till the second year that lachrymal or tear ducts are fully developed. After that there is a copious shedding, and a very slight cause will lead to crying.—Baby.

RECORD OF CRIME.

Murder and Suicide—A Brute Neglects His Wife, Etc.

KILLED HIMSELF

After the Scoundrel Shoots His Wife.

TACOMA, April 24.—Friday night 9 o'clock at Fernhill, a suburb of this city, Mortimer Lewis, shot and fatally wounded his wife. He then shot himself in the head and scattered his brains throughout the room. Lewis has for several years drank very heavily, and a few months ago quit work, and has since abused and beaten his hard-working wife. When he kicked her out of doors she had him arrested and jailed. He then made threats to the jailer that "he would get even with her." About ten days ago his wife withdrew the charges and had him released. Since then she has remained at home cooking and working for him during the day, but at night going to a neighbor's house, fearing his treachery. At this neighbor's house she has kept her sick child. Friday night at 9 o'clock she went to her own house to get some medicine, and in a few moments her neighbor, Mrs. Runyon, heard a pistol shot, and Mrs. Lewis was seen staggering across the street. She exclaimed: "My God! He has hidden in the house an shot me." She was carried in the house and a bullet hole found in her back, with the bullet lodged in her lungs. Shortly after, two more shots were heard, and several men, going into the house, found Lewis sitting on a chair, pistol in hand, and his brains oozing from a large wound in the head. Mrs. Lewis will probably die. Four children are left, one a boy of 21 years of age, a hanger-on around the variety theaters, and who has sided with his father in the abuse of his mother.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.

His Neglect Causes His Wife's Death.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Mrs. Jesse Carnegie has died in the Harlem hospital. Dropsy and consumption were the immediate cause of death, but her husband's neglect and abuse, it is charged, were largely responsible. The husband is John Carnegie, a stalwart carpenter, whose father, his wife said, is a cousin of Andrew Carnegie. She said Mr. Carnegie frequently helped them, but got out of patience with her husband's drunken vile ways. The couple were married nineteen years ago, and have seven children, the oldest being a boy of 13. Mrs. Carnegie is a member of the Immanuel church, and the Helping Hand society connected with the church and the King's Daughters assisted her and her children repeatedly. They found that it did not do to give her money because the father would take it. In his worst humors he beat his wife. Through all her troubles she managed to keep the house and her children neat, and, although several ladies of the church were anxious to adopt the eldest daughter, Mrs. Carnegie refused to give her up. On Thursday the Rev. W. Knight McGown notified Mr. Gerry's society of the family's condition. She was removed to the Harlem hospital and her seven children were taken to the society's home. Word was left for Carnegie to appear in court the next morning, but he did not go there, and the police are looking for him. The seven children were in court yesterday. They did not know that their mother was dead.

SENSATIONAL KILLED.

A Girl Kills the Man Who Had Assaulted Her Lover.

EL RENO, O. T., April 24.—One of the most sensational killing ever known in this section is reported from the western border of the territory. A young man named Henry Harvey has been paying attention to a young woman in that neighborhood named Mary Wilson. Another young man in the same vicinity also wished to pay his respects to the young woman, and the result was that a feud was at once inaugurated. Harvey was the favorite suitor, but the other lover, John Tobin, was well known as a desperate character, and a fight was the inevitable result of the complication. Harvey was with Miss Wilson at a dance, and during the festivities a quarrel was started between the two men, which resulted in Harvey's getting a ball