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ENFORCEMENT OF LAW IN NEW YORK.

New York city is having a novel experience in the enforcement of the laws enacted for its government. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt is distinguishing himself as president of the police commission, in a way unexpected by everybody and startling to the violator of law. Better that the present city administration should be turned out because it enforced the law than that it succeed in violating them.

He is undertaking the enforcement of the law not because the law is especially in harmony with his private views, but because he is sworn to enforce the law. Such a man has the requisite qualifications of a ruler; and New York city is a splendid opportunity for the exhibition of his excellent qualifications. His idea is that if the people do not desire the enforcement of the laws they have enacted, they should repeal them or dispense with his services.

The lesson, which New York is now learning, is one which the people of the United States everywhere need to learn; governments, and particularly city governments, are wont to enact laws which are enacted to appease enthusiasts, but are not intended to be enforced; this custom has become so general that statute books and ordinance records are disregarded and so entirely overlooked by executive officers sworn to enforce them, that their existence is unknown to the public generally; or if known are looked upon with contempt. The habit has a tendency to bring all law into contempt; the violation of one statute with impunity tempts the offender to the violation of others, and leaves very uncertain where the line between right and wrong lies; in other words, it leaves the fixing of that line to the officers; this in turn results, as in New York city to a very great extent and in other cities to a less extent, in the system of blackmail under which crime thieves and police officers become rich.

Mr. Roosevelt believes that it is his duty to enforce the laws as he finds them; the result will be, no doubt, that many impracticable laws will be repealed, others will be amended to conform to the real necessities of good government and the welfare of the people and, if Mr. Roosevelt is continued in office, New York city will be the best, instead as heretofore, the worst governed city in America. The controversy there now is not whether saloons shall be closed on Sunday or remain open, but whether the law shall remain a law or shall be abrogated by officers sworn to uphold it.

The enforcement of the laws of Oregon on the same theory as that adopted by Mr. Roosevelt in New York, would astonish many, but it would be most salutary in its ultimate effect. We suggest that some of our state and county officers try the experiment; they would at least cause the next legislature to do some beneficial repealing.

OUR SECRETARY OF STATE.

Mr. Kincaid was nominated and elected upon representations that he would correct many of the abuses which have crept into the administration of the office for which he was a candidate. He claimed and was represented by his friends to be an economist, a man of integrity and of good judgment. We will not accuse him of obtaining money under false pretenses, but we are free to criticize his administration. His first work after entering his office was to examine the fee law and ascertain where a possible addition to his income could be made; among other improvements in this line, as we are informed, he claimed the right to charge \$2 for attaching the seal of the state to a state deed, although the law provides that upon payment of \$1.25 for the land and the fulfillment of certain provisions of the law the purchaser shall be entitled to a deed; heretofore the deed has been delivered upon fulfilling the conditions, but now the purchaser must pay Mr. Kincaid \$2 or go without a deed. Mr. Kincaid has pronounced himself a greater constitutional lawyer than the attorney-general, has ignored the latter's advice, employed other counsel and carried to the supreme court the question as to the right of the railroad commissioners to their pay, and the supreme court on Monday rebuked his pretended wisdom and commanded him to draw warrants for the salaries as provided by the legislature. The constitution of the state provides that the secretary of state shall receive no emolument other than his salary, but every dollar of fees earned by the office we understand, are claimed by this economist as his own.

From his own standpoint he is doing well; he is there for what there is in it, and there is a whole lot in it; but this is his last harvest from the state's domain, and we suppose he believes that a short crop with a big price is better than a long crop at the constitutional rate. We thought, when we were too small to think carefully, that we knew how to define a democrat; but in these latter days we are compelled to give it up. He was once supposed to be a free trader, an anti-protectionist, an honest money advocate, a man of Jacksonian simplicity in governmental and personal affairs, a great financier, a shrewd diplomat, a wise statesman. But since he has been examined by the solar spectroscopy of public discussion he appears a little of all and a great deal of none of these imaginary beings. We talk with a sheep man, who pretends to be a democrat, and we conclude that a democrat is a protectionist; we read Carlisle's speeches and we are convinced that he is a sound money advocate; we read the report of democratic conventions in many states and we conclude that he is a flat silver man; we read the life of Cleveland in the White House and we are sure that a democrat is an aristocrat, who knows nothing of simplicity of any kind; we read of the treasury deficit and the bond sale and there is no evidence of a great financier having had anything to do with it; we consider the Hawaiian foolishness and there is nothing of diplomacy there; we read the history of the present administration and we wonder where we ever got the idea that a democrat was a statesman; there is one, and only one definition that fills the bill, namely: A democrat is one who dies, but never resigns.

Under the foreclosure proceedings instituted by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, the property of the O. R. & N. Co. is to be sold. That it will sell for a good price is as certain as that capital can always be found for profitable investments. Railroads generally have earned little during the past three years, but there is no better paying line on the coast, if anywhere in the United States, outside the densely populated communities. It is the Columbia river outlet for the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Oregon & Washington, Oregon Short Line, and indirectly of the whole Union Pacific system. Independent of all, it is on friendly terms with all, and has advantages which all desire to see.

Should the road fall into the hands of either of the other roads, its earning capacity will be greatly reduced and its local advantages destroyed. While managed from Portland it is a popular servant for Oregon; if managed from St. Paul, Omaha, or any other distant city, it will be just what it was under Union Pacific management—a poorly-fed, but hard-driven beast. The Dalles would be pleased if this road could become independent of the Terminal Company also, and would re-open the repair shops at this place.

The patrons of the road will certainly regret to see it fall again into the hands of non-residents.

THE DALLES TO BE ADVERTISED

The real estate exchange of this city have undertaken a commendable enterprise in the publication of a pamphlet concerning the resources and surroundings of our city and county. If the editorial work is carefully done and care is used to exclude everything that might induce immigration under mistaken ideas, and our resources are fairly represented it will be of great use to the community. If, however, there is misrepresentation, such as is too often found in similar publications, it will be a detriment to the people who are visited by it and ultimately a harm to our city. But the matter is in the hands of conservative men and we have no reason to anticipate that it will be unwisely or unfairly done. If by means of the proposed pamphlet people in other communities are induced to come here to their own advantage, we shall be benefited; if on the other hand it leads to removals, which shall prove disastrous to those coming, our county will be that much worse off.

In their desire for news, the newspapers are already speculating as to who will be Justice Jackson's successor. New York will rush forward with various candidates for this honorable position, but owing to the sharpened steel of Messrs. Hill and Murphy, it would hardly be worth Mr. Cleveland's while to select anyone from the Empire state. Mr. Cleveland has never been far enough west to know that there is a Pacific Coast so no one from west of the Rockies can hope to be recognized. In the midst of the difficulties that beset him, the president will find the safest course in appointing Mr. Carlisle. Having already served in the senate, his nomination would be extended the courtesy of immediate confirmation and if a democrat and a southern must be selected, as seems inevitable, the country will receive Mr. Carlisle with greater confidence and respect than any one whose name is prominently mentioned.

The directors of the fair association have decided to hold a fall meeting, and early in the year preliminary preparations were made. Through all the dull times the fair has regularly been held, and now when the skies are brightening the meeting should be a rousing one. The directors should ask for the co-operation of our business men, and receive it, for no institution is a greater benefit to a town than a lively, well conducted fair meeting. The date is put a sufficiently long time after harvest to give people from the country an opportunity to visit the fair.

Another marine disaster is added to the list of ocean horrors. The steamer Prince Oscar and an unknown sailing vessel met in mid ocean and both were sunk. The entire crew of the sailing vessel was lost, and five from the steamer. Although the loss of life was not great as compared with the sinkings of the Elbe and Colima, this fatality, when added to the already terrible list, makes the present year a memorable and sorrowful one in the history of ocean navigation.

The fire in Pendleton is another warning to The Dalles to be on the alert and well prepared. We have had so many experiences in the way of conflagrations that we ought not to be caught unprepared; but unless we are caught unprepared there is little probability of a serious fire. The buildings between Court and Union streets and Third street and the river are a menace, and should a fire within those limits get a few moments the start of the department, the entire town would be in danger.

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Astoria, a reorganization of the O. R. & N. and Oregon Pacific roads, Oregon will be alive this coming year in the matter of transportation facilities. But these are the things which make a state great. The more capital thus invested the better.

A fire limit was established some years ago, and the construction of wooden buildings within those limits was prohibited. What has become of that ordinance? It is a very good one to bring to light and have enforced.

Mr. W. C. Jones, of the Boston firm of Hallowell & Donald, left last night for Portland, from which place he will take the train for Boston, accompanied by Hon. C. M. Cartwright, president of the Baldwin Sheep and Live Stock Company. Mr. Jones has been one of the largest wool buyers in this part of the country, and this year bought an immense quantity of wool. For the past ten years Mr. Jones has handled all the wool of the Baldwin Sheep and Live Stock Co., and represents a heavy wool buying concern in Boston, having buyers in different parts of the country. He makes The Dalles his headquarters during the wool season. Mr. Jones insists upon taking the best products from out of the West, and, according to Dame Rumor, has become engaged to a fair young lady of Portland, Miss Lillian Durham. Having been raised in Boston, the hub of the universe, Mr. Jones pays Oregon the compliment of coming here to seek a helpmate through life.

The funeral of Lester Gudnow was held this morning at 9 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of Crandall & Burget. The body was brought from Cascade Locks last night. Mr. Gudnow lived near Wind river, and died very suddenly Wednesday. He had not complained of feeling badly, only that a boil on his face gave him some trouble. Some water was brought him in which to bathe his face. A few moments later, when someone entered the room, he was found lying dead, with both hands clasped over his right side and the towel clenched in his fingers. The body was taken across the river to Cascade, and then brought here. Mr. Gudnow was a young man, only 21 years old, and was well thought of in the neighborhood where he lived. Several years ago he resided in The Dalles. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends from along the river.

A complaint has been sworn out by Dr. Brosius of Hood River charging Dr. Julius Rotherniel with the crime of forgery. The doctor, who claims to have been a soldier in the German army, was arrested this morning just after he had passed the court house sitting in a wagon and leading his riding horse. He was placed in the county jail awaiting examination. The complaint recites that Rotherniel forged the name of August Morschbach to a check for \$300. The defendant is said to have admitted signing the check, but claimed to have done so under proper authority. Just previous to his arrest the doctor sold his horse to Emil Kohrlein. The preliminary examination will probably be held tomorrow.

A Board of Trade.

EDITOR CHRONICLE.—Referring to your article in your issue of yesterday, in regard to a Board of Trade for this city, by all means let us have one. Let the young business men come to the front, and grasp the opportunity of doing something for the city, let a new Dalles spring up, with an up-to-date lot of enterprising, pushing young men to the front. There's a flood tide of prosperity coming, take advantage of it.

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