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DUTY OF IDAHO CITIZENS.

An obligation rests upon the people of the state of Idaho to apprehend and bring to punishment the dynamiters and murderers of the Coeur d'Alenes who committed the outrage at Wardner Saturday, the Spokesman-Review says. Every merchant who wants to continue in business in the northern part of the state, every prospector who has a claim he wants to sell, every mechanic who desires to work in peace, every man who has a family to rear, owes it to himself, to his state and to future generations to assist in punishing the offenders.

If the law abiding people simply do their duty there should be no difficulty in convicting the chief offenders. The acts were committed openly, brazenly. Some of the men made a pretense of disguising themselves, but many of them must have been recognized.

All who took part in the riot are guilty, in the first place, of interfering with the United States mails in capturing and running a mail train. Again, they are in contempt of the United States court in violating the Beauty injunction. These matters are to be dealt with by the federal authorities and should be pressed with no gentle hand.

But the state laws are the ones that have been most ruthlessly set at naught. Murder, rioting and arson are the chief indictments to be brought against the men and each member of that mob is equally guilty with the other.

It is time an example was being made of the desperate characters who are attempting, with apparently great success, to "run" things in the Coeur d'Alenes. If those men are permitted to go unpunished any mine owner who may cross the miners in any way may expect to have his property destroyed. Emboldened by one success, the vicious element will go to greater extremes in the future than they have heretofore dared.

What hope is there for a land where it is known there is no law save the will of the vicious and criminal? What reason is there that the people of the United States should not point to the Coeur d'Alenes today as the most lawless and dangerous spot on the continent? What defense can be made of a class of workmen who argue their alleged wrongs with Winchester and dynamite?

A stain, dark and lasting, has come upon the state of Idaho and it is for her citizens, so far as lies in their power, to wipe it out and to prove to the world that the lawless characters of the Coeur d'Alenes are not representative of the commonwealth.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

England has acted wisely in entering into an agreement with Russia with reference to spheres of influence in China. The people of the United States are not given to the dog-in-the-manger policy, and since they were not prepared to form an active, aggressive colonial alliance with Britain, they will not complain because Lord Salisbury has sought the desired alliance at the court of the Russian czar. England stands for progress, enlightenment, justice and a fair, free field of commercial competition. With the Philippines as a base of operations in the Orient, that is all we could desire. Under the Anglo-Russian agreement, teaching China will be developed, Asiatic commerce will grow to an enormous extent, and with the open door policy guaranteed by England the United States, and particularly the Pacific coast of America, will profit immensely.

An alliance with the United States on the lines of the agreement just formed by England and Russia would have been quite out of the question. Our people are not prepared to enter upon a sweeping policy of coloniza-

tion. We shall retain the valuable possessions which have fallen to us from the hand of providence as one of the results of the war with Spain, but our time, statesmanship and resources will be required to work out their problems of government and development.

The composition of our population is also to be considered. Race forces exist here which would make problematical, at least, the practical application of a political alliance with Great Britain. A brief study of the census returns will make this more apparent.

In 1890 the total number of persons in the United States of foreign birth or foreign parentage was 20,676,646, or one-third of the entire population. Of these 9,249,547 were born in foreign lands, and 11,426,499 were born in this country, but of parents born in other countries. Of these 20,000,000 nearly half were German and Irish, and of the 9,000,000 born abroad there were 2,800,000 of German birth, and 1,400,000 of Irish birth, or 4,200,000 together, as compared with fewer than 1,000,000 American residents born in England.

There is reason to believe that our citizens of German and Irish birth are opposed to the idea of an Anglo-American political alliance, and as they have become naturalized, while a large proportion of the Englishmen in this country retain their allegiance to the queen, it will be seen that the political forces of this country would operate against an actual political alliance between the United States and England.

It remains to be said, though, that we are undoubtedly on better terms with our British cousins than we have ever been before. There is more of respect and genuine affection between the two nations than would have been thought possible a decade ago. They wish us well in our undertakings in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and we wish them Godspeed in their great work of illuminating the dark places in Asia.

PAY YOUR TAXES.

A county deserving prosperity must like any other legitimate business collect her outstanding debts. All property owners must be aware that they are yearly indebted to their county in a certain sum of money to liquidate their taxes, but, unfortunately, as in all other countries, we have that certain class who favor the postponement until the last hour, and then invariably seek some technical flaw in order to avoid payment. Is it fair or just that A should pay his taxes promptly and that B should let his remain unpaid? It compels A to pay taxes on interest accumulated by B.

Our county court has now on hand for collection rolls for the years 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, which it requires the sheriff to close out by sale during the present year. The accumulation of back taxes invariably falsifies the county's assets with unjust, illegal and double assessments, which no doubt are uncollectable. Therefore the county is desirous of clearing up said rolls by sale and thereby relieve property owners of any apparent clouds to their titles.

The time seems ripe when the West should demand, and demand in no uncertain tones, that it receive its share of appropriations for internal improvements. The river and harbor bill of the congress just ended carried \$40,000,000 for such improvements, \$38,000,000 of which was to be expended in the East, and \$2,000,000 in the West. Does this seem a fair division of the people's money? As Senator Warren and Senator Carter said in the senate in the discussion of this bill, the West pays its share of taxes and it should receive its share of benefits. It should receive, to be used for storage reservoirs on the headwaters of the navigable rivers, its share of the vast sums spent annually in the Eastern United States for the widening and dredging of rivers and improvements of harbors.

Pneumonia, la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping-cough readily yield to One Minute Cough Cure. Use this remedy in time and save a doctor's bill—or the undertaker's. Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID.

South Side Hose Company's Application Accepted—Bicycles Must Keep off of the Sidewalks

On account of a meeting of the Hook and Ladder Company being held in the council chambers, the councilmen met at the recorder's office, last night, where Mayor Nolan presided, with Councilmen Keller, Clough, Johns, Stephens, Ganning, Michelbach Kuck, and Johnston present.

After the minutes of the two previous meetings—regular and special—had been read and approved, the application of the South Side Hose Company, No. 6, was read, as was also their recommendation from the fire delegates, and on motion of Clough the company was admitted as a permanent organization; Kuck then moved that they be furnished with the small cart now in the engine house and also 300 feet of hose. The new company will at once proceed to circulate a subscription among the residents of their section of the bluff and will build a hose house on the lot adjoining John Cates' property.

The question of bicycle riding on the sidewalks of our city was then discussed, and the marshal instructed to enforce the ordinance against it.

The committee on streets and public property reported that the various standing pipes used for filling the street-sprinkler are leaking and causing puddles of water on the streets, which prove to be a nuisance.

A petition was read from C. L. Phillips, who claims he has paid the balance due on the city lots formerly purchased by him, asking that he be given deeds to the same, which are lots 7, 8 and 9, in block 21, of Gates Addition: The matter was referred to the judiciary committee.

An ordinance which was introduced by Johns providing for the transfer of \$1000 from the general fund to the sinking fund was passed. With this transfer \$6000 has been so disposed of during the past year to be set apart for the future payment of the city debts.

Reports from the recorder, marshal and treasurer were read and placed on file, the report of the latter being substantially as follows:

Bal cash on hand April 1. \$3114 15
Received during month. 1362 15
\$4476 30

Expenses for March. \$ 622 40
Int on Dalles coupons 1110 00 1732 40
Cash on hand May 1. \$2743 90

Claims against the city were then read and ordered paid as follows:

Maier & Benton, mds. \$ 2 49
M T Nolan, mds. 1 10
Mays & Crowe, mds. 5 10
Blakeley & Houghton, mds. 1 05
Clarke & Falk, mds. 3 25
Electric Light Co., lights for March and April. 25 90
W A Johnston, mds. 24 95
E J Collins, mds. 3 90
Dalles City Water Works, water, 50 00
F S Gunning, repairs. 13 25
Dalles Lumber Co., lumber. 15 10
E Humphrey, sawing wood. 75
Mat Hymal, labor. 75
Chas Cathcart, labor. 75
Tony Jackson, labor. 75
Pacific Express Co., expressage. 25
J W Blakeney, hauling. 1 00
Ferguson Bros., hauling. 3 50
D W Mann, hauling. 75
Wm Henzie, hauling. 3 25
P F Burham, hauling. 4 00
John E Ferguson, hauling. 3 50
Chas Jones, labor. 25 00
Wm Morganfield, labor. 11 50
Sam Klein, labor. 7 10
J W Robinson, labor. 22 00
L Oakes, hauling. 6 00
James Hannon, hauling. 6 20
Dan Fisher, labor. 22 00
Bert Easton, labor. 22 00
Joseph Maloney, labor. 17 40
J A Wetle, hauling. 11 60
A S Cathcart, hauling. 15 50
Call Restaurant, 78 meals. 11 70
John Borgraff, 26 meals. 4 10
Mrs Frazier, meals. 1 40
Chas Lauer, marshal. 75 00
Geo Brown, engineer. 75 00
Adolph Pihman, night watchman. 60 00
C J Grandall, treasurer. 20 00
Ned Gates, recorder. 50 00

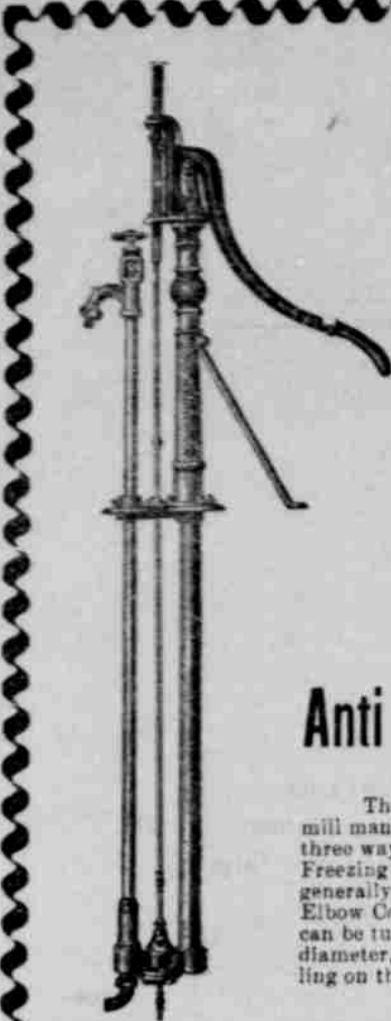
He Thought It Was For Cigars.

One of the old 49ers strolled into Pease & Mays store a few days ago, and in viewing the many changes that have taken place in this establishment the past few months, his eyes seemed riveted upon a notion show case, something new and novel in these parts, and after gazing fore and aft at the piece of furniture, and testing the sliding qualities of the numerous drawers contained, remarked, "Well, do you know I had read of a cigar store being set up in The Dalles and knowing that Pease & Mays were into everything I took this for a stack of cigar boxes. Never mind, I'll send the old woman in, you can't fool her. Good day."

A Fall of Forty Feet.

Mrs. B. Abel saw her 3 year-old baby girl pitch head foremost out of a window of the fourth floor of her home in Port Chester, New York, a few days ago, and terror stricken rushed down stairs to pick up the dead body of the little one. Judge of her surprise when on the stairs near the ground floor she met the child on her way up stairs.

The little one was cool and unconcerned. The fall of forty feet didn't even make her cry. The family physician found the child hadn't received a scratch. Those who saw the accident stated the child darted through the air head first but that just before reaching the ground she turned and struck on her feet.



Aermotor Windmills.

We have lately taken the agency for the Aermotor Windmill, and carry a stock on hand. We also carry a complete stock of Deep and Shallow Well Pumps, as well as Pitcher Spout and Spray Pumps. See us before buying elsewhere. The Aermotor Mill is considered the best machine on the market. Call and see it.

THE DEMMING Anti Freezing Windmill Force Pumps.

This pump has been perfected to meet the requirements of the principal Windmill manufacturers in the United States, for a better Windmill Force Pump, with a three way valve, than had heretofore been produced. It has become the leading Anti Freezing three way pump, and is accepted by Windmill manufacturers and dealers generally, as the best three way Windmill Force Pump on the market. The Union Elbow Coupling for connecting to the underground discharge pipe is of Brass and can be turned to suit the direction of the pipe. The air chamber pipe is two inches in diameter, which insures ease of operation and a steady flow of water. The Hose Coupling on the spout also adds to the convenience of this pump.

MAIER & BENTON, Sole agents for Wasco County, The Dalles, Or.

A FLOOD OR NOT A FLOOD.

Opinions Vary, but Late Reports Are More Encouraging.

Opinion seems to be already changing regarding this year's predicted flood, as encouraging news is being brought from the mountains by men who know whereof they speak. Mr. C. M. Grimes, who has just returned from the region of the headwaters of the Snake and Red Rock rivers, about thirty miles from Yellowstone Park, says he believes the people are unduly exercised over existing conditions. While the snow drifts are numerous, they have solidified and are virtually solid ice, which will necessarily melt slowly. The snow in the mountains nearer is more likely to cause a rise, but it is thought will effect the Clearwater and Coeur d'Alene almost entirely.

Robt. Smith, of La Grande, who has interests which require him to keep posted in this regard, writes to friends and tells them not to be alarmed, that there is less snow in the Blue mountains than usual. This report, of course, conflicts with others recently given, one of which says that forty feet of snow has fallen there and it is still snowing.

An O. R. N. man who recently went into those mountains to investigate, says he found the snow very firm, and is of the opinion that it will melt very slowly. He says they do not fear trouble from that quarter any longer, notwithstanding there is an abundance of snow there. The Short Line people report heavy snows and high waters in the Snake river country. The river is higher now than it has been for years, and there is left plenty of snow to keep it high for some time. They perhaps have not investigated so fully as to the solidity as did Mr. Grimes, whose business requires him to be right in the mountains.

But, after all, as the Telegram last night says, it depends upon the weather. If it remains cool during May, with now and then warm days, the snow will work off gradually and there can be no flood here. If the weather drops off hot and stays so there is enough snow tributary to the Columbia to make trouble for all who live along the river in this part of the country.

There is one other thing to be considered in connection with the weather. If the seasons in the British Columbia territory and in the Snake river country should be about the same as in Eastern Oregon and bring down the water from all the tributaries at one time there would be a flood.

The Snake river usually comes down about three weeks ahead of the Columbia, and if this holds good this year all will be well. On the other hand, if the snow is late melting in the Snake river district and the water starts on its journey to the sea about the time it does from the head streams of the Columbia, there will be a flood long to be remembered.

The best judges have it figured out against a flood, but admit that it may come.

Dancing for the Medal.

Although large crowds have attended the soirees given by Smith Bros. during the past winter, perhaps more were present last night to witness the contest for the medal than have attended on any previous evening.

About ten couples, members of this year's class, were on the floor in the prize waltz, and, judging from the good dancing displayed, the judges must have been at their wits end to make choice, for truly wonderful progress has been made by the pupils.

The first waltz was for the purpose of determining the best dancer among the young men and the second to decide

between the young ladies.

As they kept time to Birgfeld's perfect music, the spectators first applauded one and then the other, but when the decision of the judges—C. L. Phillips, Mrs. Eddon and Mrs. Rees—was announced, it was discovered that they had found the greatest number of points in favor of Miss Wasco Morris, who dances very smoothly and seems to be as light as a feather as she glides around the room. Of the young men Bert Pruyne won the honors, and many of those who were deciding in their own minds as to the merits of each, had chosen Bert as their favorite.

The next contest, which will include all who have frequented the soirees, will take place on Saturday, May 13th, which will be the last party of the season; the regular soiree taking place next Saturday.

Smith Bros. have been very successful with their pupils and have turned out some splendid dancers. They have also afforded much pleasure to those who have attended their parties.

A New Feature in Journalism.

Portland has a venture in journalism which many of its residents are not aware of, but THE CHRONICLE reporter today had the privilege of perusing a copy of the "Nob Hill Spy," published every Saturday by Peters & Williams at 5 cents a month or 50 cents a year. Surely the residents of Nob Hill need not be without the news. One of its editors is Rob Williams, whom his boy friends were not aware had taken to journalistic work.

The Spy is about 2 1/2 x 5 inches in dimensions and has three whole pages devoted to advertisements. The boys have their own material and possessing a nice little press, need no better outfit. Its importance in newspaperdom is fully attested by the following editorial, which must have caused the Oregonian much chagrin: "We have no time to argue with the Oregonian, it must take care of itself." Another editorial says: "This paper is read over every week by hundreds of people. It doesn't cost much."

Like all other newspapers it takes note of the accidents and has the following: "A very narrow escape occurred on the corner of Fourteenth and Everett streets Tuesday afternoon. While the men were fixing the telephone wires one of the men dropped a hatchet lighting within a few inches of a 'pass-byer.'" Truly the newspaper field is widening and the liberty of the press is not restricted to old or young.

A Long Sleep.

Mrs. Dollie Sercy, of Albany, Mo., has just awakened from a long sleep. A year ago last November Mrs. Sercy became ill and in a few days lapsed into unconsciousness from which she was only a few days ago aroused. Medical men have puzzled over the case, but have been unable to reach an explanation of this mysterious malady. No medicines were administered during this time as the woman appeared in a healthy condition. Nourishment was administered at regular intervals and she seemed to lose little in flesh. It was feared that if she ever awakened from the long sleep her mind would be a total wreck, but again the experts have been surprised at the developments of the case. One day Mrs. Sercy suddenly opened her eyes and called for her children. She was greatly surprised at the change she found in them after the long interval, but she had no difficulty in recognizing them and appeared very rational on every subject. Mrs. Sercy was not greatly weakened by her illness and in a few days astonished her and the physicians by getting out of bed.

Walking for a Bride.

We hear much these days of walking for "dat cake," but the latest thing is walking for "dat bride," and having her bake the cake afterward. The first instance we have heard of this kind occurred this morning, when W. F. Gaston and his intended father-in-law walked into the clerk's office and obtained a marriage license, the former having won the right to wed Mary C. Kiser by arising at sun-up and walking with Mr. Kiser from Hood River—a distance of twenty-five miles—reaching the city at 11:30. The poor fellow looked somewhat as if he was ready to back out, with the thought of the returning twenty-five miles looming up before him, which had to be made before sundown; but the father insisted no man could have his daughter who couldn't accomplish such a light feat, and he bravely faced the music and securing the document they started back.

It is said that the deputy clerk furnished a 10-cent revenue stamp to place on the license, with the promise that he was to kiss the bride. But we imagine he will consider the question a long time and lose his ten cents before walking to Hood River to collect. The happy couple are to be united Sunday, and his friends trust his fate will be unlike that of his predecessor, who walked the same distance before, and after winning the prize kept it but three short months.

Wall Paper. 25 per cent saved by getting figures from the Snipes-Kingersly Drug Co.

Black Clyde Stallion For Sale



Pedigree back for over 100 years. Imported from Scotland. Colts to show for quality of breeding. For further particulars call at T. J. MOFFITT'S RANCH, Gorman P. O., Sherman Co., Or. a8-w2w.

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