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ENFORCING THE LAW.

Many people are inclined to severely criticize the action of Governor West in the military crusade at Copperfield, Baker county, wherein members of the state militia were placed in charge of affairs in the little town and martial law declared by the governor. Reports current were that there were some violations of the law relating to the sale of liquor and conduct of saloons, and a majority of the people felt that the violations should be handled by the local authorities. It was felt that the Governor was going to extremes and playing to the galleries when he announced that he would send a young lady there to close the town and effect a clean-up. But to judge from reports that are now being published, the Governor knew what he was doing and was justified in his extreme measures to enforce the criminal laws of the state. That his action in sending the young lady and perhaps some more of his spectacular displays, are subject to criticism for stage effect, from certain sources and by numbers of people, but the general campaign and determination of the Governor must be commended by all law abiding people. This, of course, if the reports coming from Copperfield are true. It has been said that the saloons there never closed; had no locks on the doors; that gambling in all forms, including slot machines, were in constant operation; that there was no effort on the part of the local town officers to abide by the laws of the state but rather to disregard all such laws, except those which it best suited the saloons and the gamblers to enforce. The little mining camp was a typical frontier town which should have ceased to exist as such many years ago. It was perhaps the last one of its kind in Oregon. It needed cleaning up and as the local and county officers refused to do so it was up to the Governor to act. He acted. The town is better off for it, and other towns and other officers may well take the lesson to heart.

A GREATER ST. HELENS.

The consolidation of St. Helens and Houlton into one greater city was consummated this week when the new officers were elected by the voters of both places. The new set of officers are all men of standing and well known ability. From the old town of St. Helens comes the mayor and two councilmen, while from the new portion of the city comes two well known business men as councilmen. The new board will take hold of the affairs of the city next Monday night from which time will date the dawning of a new era for St. Helens.

The promises made by the people before the election will be fulfilled. There will be improvements made in the new portion of the city that will be of great importance to the property owners. There will be a large new depot constructed by the railroad company that will be in keeping with the great volume of business done by them at this point.

There will exist a feeling between the citizens of the new city that all are working for the common good and that whatever is done will be for the benefit of all.

GEOGRAPHICALLY WRONG.

Several letters have reached St. Helens' people of late asking for an expression of opinion on the candidacy of Robert A. Booth, of Eugene, for United States Senator on the Republican ticket. After some little investigation THE MIST will undertake to answer these enquiries by saying that the candidacy of Mr. Booth is not regarded as the proper thing. He is not looked upon as the man who can carry enough strength to unseat the popular and astute George E. Chamberlain, who will be the Democratic nominee. There is no one who will say anything against Mr. Booth, either as a man or as a statesman, but the prevailing sentiment is that his geographical position is wrong and that he is not known in public life enough to expect the support of the people.

While on this subject it may not be out of place to say that if the Republican party wants to unite with the Progressive party in Oregon, and together put a man in the United States Senate who will be in harmony with Republican doctrines and policies and who carries enough strength to defeat the Democratic Senator, there is only one way to do it and that is to unite on Jonathan Bourne. Do not construe this as meaning that THE MIST will support Mr. Bourne for the nomination on the Republican ticket, for he has never been the choice of THE MIST and may not be this time, if it can be shown that there is some other good man who is strong enough to carry the election, and who is, in our estimation, a better man for the position.

But just as a general proposition it seems now that the nomination of Jonathan Bourne by the Republicans for the office of United States Senator would do more than could any other one act in reuniting the warring factions of the party, under the heads of Republicans and Progressives, and would accomplish the defeat of Oregon's Free Trade Senator, the real object of the Republican party at the coming election.

Registration books for voters opened at the clerk's office last Monday. The new registration law as passed by the last legislature has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court so it will be necessary to register under the old law again. This requires every voter to register this year. Voters outside of the county seat may register with some officer in their own precinct.

Congress has passed a law prohibiting the manufacture of that kind of matches that scratch easy. We suspect that the trouser manufacturers had something to do with this.

The people of St. Helens want a public dock.

The political hand shake is fast coming into style in this community.

Its an ill wind that blows no one good. The engraving houses in Portland have been kept busy lately making cuts of Miss Fern Hobbs.

THE BROKEN PINION.

REV. F. J. MEYERS.

At midnight, when the old year was departing, there stood at his window an old man, looking forth with the aspect of a long despair on the calm, never fading heavens, and on the pure white, and quiet earth, where there seemed to exist then no creature

so sleepless and so miserable as himself. Now, near the grave, this old man found, as the result of his long career, nothing but errors and sins, a shattered body, a desolated soul, a poisoned heart, and an age of remorse. The beautiful years of his youth were all changed into dismal goblins shrinking away now to hide themselves from the dawn of another New Year.

In his desperation and utter grief he looked up toward the heavens and cried:

"O, give me back my youth, O, Father! Place me but once more upon the crossing of the way, that I might choose the path on the right hand, and not again on the left!" But his Father and his youth were gone forever!

A shooting star fell from heaven, flickered and vanished to the ground. "That is myself," said he, while the poisoned fangs of remorse were biting into his bleeding heart.

Then suddenly a peal of bells—distant church music hailing the New Year—sounded through the calm air and his agony was appeased. He looked on the dim horizon and on the wide world, all around, and he thought of the friends of his youth; of the men who, happier and better than himself, were now teachers of the people, or fathers of joyous children, now growing up into prosperous manhood, and he exclaimed:

"Oh! my parents! I, too, might have been sleeping now with eyes not stained with tears, had I followed your advice, and had responded to your New Year's prayers for me."

He covered his face with his hands and a thousand hot burning tears streamed down his cheeks, while in his despair he sighed, "O, give me back my youth!"

And his youth suddenly returned. He awoke! And lo, all the terror of this New Year's Eve had been only a dream. He was still young, but the sins of his youth had not been dreams. How thankful he felt now that he was still young; that he had power to forsake the false path and enter the road lighted by the bright sun and leading on to rich fields of harvest.

That must have been Jean Paul Richter's picture of Solomon, who in an hour of remorse for a

misspent youth, cried out to his own soul, "And I turned myself to behold folly."

The true exegesis of the verse lies in the emphasis of the personal pronoun.

Annual Business Meeting.

The Congregational church held its annual business meeting on Wednesday evening.

Reports were submitted from all departments of the work and new officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Considerable advancement was made in all departments and the work is in splendid condition, materially and spiritually.

Appreciation was expressed to all who helped in any way and continued co-operation is sought in making this a better year's record.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed in the St. Helens Post office for the week ending Dec. 27, 1913:

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berry.
Marguerite Cresswell.
John J. Hartman.
Mrs. Kittie Johnson.
Mr. C. Peterson.
C. W. Putnum.

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