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NEAR-BEER PLACES GO

Wallowa, June 16.—The near beer houses of Wallowa have practically closed their establishments. The law recently passed by the legislature going into effect last week. The drug store windows and other business establishments not cynically devoted to Bacchus have blossomed like morning-glories during the night, with bottles of unfermented, non-alcoholic, non-intoxicating grape juice—the kind that Secretary Bryan uses. Grape juice is now the popular drink of Wallowa.

At a meeting of Kinsmen Lodge No. 87, K. of P., the following officers were elected Tuesday night for the ensuing term: W. G. Trill, C. C.; C. B. Smith, V. C.; Lee Bell, P.; F. T. Baker, M. of W.; L. F. Allen, M. at A.; T. T. Shell, V. G.; Chas. A. Maher, O. G.; J. C aBird, K. of R. and S.; J. B. Pace, M. F.; H. B. Haisten, M. E.; E. L. Wiley, K. W. McKenzie and C. T. McDoniel, trustees.

The northern part of Wallowa county was visited Sunday evening by a heavy rain and hail storm. Considering the brevity of the storm, much damage was done to the crops in that section.

A. R. Gabel of Pomeroy, Wash., has purchased the stock of the Valley Hardware company from F. T. Baker, and has taken charge.

Mrs. A. J. Kust and mother, Mrs. Sophia Peltier, returned Thursday from Baker, where they attended the graduation exercises at St. Francis academy. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Kust's daughter Helen, who was one of the gradautes of that institution this year.

Prof. Roy Conklin returned Monday from a week's visit at Union and Cove.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Hackett, Sunday, June 8, a son.

John Brattain left Monday for Baker.

Joe McClaren came home Thursday from Corvallis, where he has been attending O. A. C.

Miss Anna M. Strong, eighth grade teacher of the Wallowa schools, left Tuesday for Ontario.

J. H. Jackson of Lostine, was in Wallowa Wednesday. He was accompanied home by his wife, who was a patient at the Wallowa hospital for some weeks.

A shipment of two crates of young China pheasants have been sent here from the state game farm of Corvallis. The recipients being C. B. Walker and H. W. Harris, who will be the custodians of the birds until they are capable of caring for themselves. Harry Telford, game distributor, states that six more crates are on the way to the game reserve east of the city.

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OUR STOCK EXCHANGES.

Small In Some Ways Compared With Those of London and Paris.

So much is said about the bigness of things in this country and especially in regard to money matters that we not infrequently get a wrong impression of our relative size.

Take the stock exchanges as an example. In many respects our American exchanges are small affairs compared with those in Paris and London. On the average daily speculation in London far exceeds that in New York and Philadelphia combined. There are more than 5,000 members of the London exchange, 1,100 in New York, fewer than 250 in Philadelphia and only 70 in Paris. London has nearly 10,000 listed securities, while Wall street has under 1,600, of which almost exactly two-thirds are bonds. The par value of London's list is nearly double that of New York and Philadelphia together. The London exchange pays a dividend to members of 100 per cent. To be a member one must own at least three of the 20,000 shares of the exchange. These shares are $65 paid in, but sell for about $950. No one broker may own more than 200 shares.

Membership in the Paris bourse is now worth upward of $400,000. There a broker must put up a guarantee fund of $50,000 against failure. In London the commission charged by brokers to buy or sell a stock the price of which is between $50 and $100 a share is 25 cents, and over $200 it is 50 cents. Payments for stocks bought in London are made only once every two weeks on a given settlement day, whereas in this country all settlements must occur within a working day.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Proverb Against Proverb.

A wealthy lawyer and a downtrodden litigant were conversing together. The lawyer had not always been wealthy; the client had not always been downtrodden. In the elevators of life they had passed each other, one going down, the other going up, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. And now they were quoting proverbs at each other.

"A fool and his money are soon parted!" sneered the attorney.

"Lawyers' houses are built with fools' money!" came back the client.

Which showed the man who heard this bit of repartee the truth of the statement that those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. A few more might be added, but this will do for the present.

Education Notes.

The course in Spanish at the Naval academy has been extended from two to four years.

State aided industrial schools are now maintained in nineteen Massachusetts communities.

Austria's eight universities had 26,332 students last year, of whom 2,130 were women. The seven technical schools had 9,920 in attendance.

Plans have been started by the Deutscher Verein at Columbia university for the organization of a union of German student societies in American universities.

Tales of Cities.

Denver is planning to hold a world's fair six or eight years hence.

St. Louis claims to lead all United States cities in dealings in horses and hogs.

St. Louis is said to profit $5,000,000 annually by the partial abatement of the smoke nuisance.

New York's municipal debt now exceeds $1,087,000,000—several millions of dollars more than the national debt.

Accomplished.

Mrs. Taft, as all the world knows is an accomplished linguist. At a tea in Washington she said:

"They who know no languages whatever are not ashamed of their ignorance. But none are so sensitive when abroad as they who have taken six or seven lessons in French or German or Italian.

"A gentleman in the Place Vendome, in Paris, took pity on two ladies who were having a perfectly hopeless time with a cab driver, and after observing the trio's inability to comprehend one another the gentleman advanced and said politely:

"'Pardon me, ladies, but perhaps I can be of some use here. I speak French.'

"The two ladies frowned, and one of them answered haughtily:

"'So do we, sir!'

"'Oh, excuse me,' said the gentleman, and, with an amused smile, he turned to go.

"As he retreated the cabby shouted angrily after him from the box:

"'Me spik Angleesh!'"—Los Angeles Times.

Wm. Morris, a resident of Florence, Oregon, says: "For the last 14 years my kidneys and bladder incapacitated me for all work. About eight months ago I began using Foley's Kidney Pills, and they have done what other medicines failed to do, and now I am feeling fine, I heartily recommend Foley Kidney Pills." Foley Kidney Pills do not contain habit forming drugs and are tonic in acting, quick in results. They will help any case of kidney trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. For sale by [illegible] Hill.

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