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LATE THIS WEEK.

We beg the indulgence of our patrons this week. The installation of a newspaper press has unavoidably delayed us. Hereafter we hope and promise to put out our paper promptly on time.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

W. N. Carter, formerly editor of the Albina Courier, has associated himself with J. C. Crome in the publication of THE REVIEW.

FAKE ADVERTISING.

The Lewis and Clark fair is attracting adventurers, exploiters and "fakirs." They are coming in droves, and not the least conspicuous among them is the advertising "fakir." He is here ready for the unwary, and with a gift of sleek talk is presenting all kinds of schemes in order to gather up the dollars. In nearly all cases these schemes are full of promise to the victim but without any beneficial result whatever. In ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, the returns of such advertising are wholly and entirely worthless. To patronize these fakirs is worse than wasting money, it is contributing to a class of people who live by their wits, and are no good on earth. We warn the business men of St. Johns to look out for these fakirs; don't be bilked. All growing progressive towns are regarded as common prey for this class of "fakirs", and they generally work them to a finish. Our people are progressive and liberal advertisers, if the medium is shown to be legitimate and will bring good results,

ONCE MORE THE PARK.

THE REVIEW has advocated the purchase of park grounds for city uses; we thought, and still think, that the city could make no mistake by securing a natural grove in the heart of the city on which to erect a city hall and other buildings which the increasing population and importance of the city will at no distant day demand. This course, we believe, from an economic standpoint, values as yet not being too high, or not nearly so high as they will be a very few years hence, as well as from necessity, would in a very short while have proven a proper one. In short we believe it was in the best interest of all the people. This view of the matter, it appears, is not shared by a large number of our fellow citizens. It is argued, and not without apparent good reason, that the city is not in position, financially, to assume the obligations such a purchase would impose; that other and more important matters will absorb our available treasure. There is, of course, a demand upon our assets for certain improvements that should not and cannot be neglected or set aside. The city is young yet, and almost entirely without the many necessary things which go toward placing it in the position to which it so proudly aspires. The discussion of the park question has brought out the fact that, while a large majority would like to have one of the two desirable spots spoken of, the people, who should be the sole judge in matters where such a considerable sum of their money is to be expended, are not

ready for the proposition, and, as THE REVIEW aims to advocate no measure except for the good of the whole community, it will not further urge the matter.

But there is an emergency at hand. The city council has decided to purchase fire equipment, such as hose, hose carts and hook and ladder truck, and these, to be effective, must be housed and cared for. The block on which the city building now stands has passed into the hands of parties who intend building and improving the same for business purposes, and the city is forced to seek another location. What will be done? That land must be secured somewhere is a stern fact. The present council will have to make the move in this matter. To render the fire apparatus of benefit, a site must be selected in close proximity to the present business center. No matter in what direction from the corner of Jersey and Philadelphia streets, it should be close in. It would be wise, we think, to secure an entire block, if possible, with the view of providing for the requirements of the near future. The cost, of course, would be materially less than either of the park sites, but public opinion, with few exceptions, is in favor of sufficient ground both for present and future demands, and we believe the council will be fully justified in making the purchase at once, before values increase, as they are bound to do. A few weeks delay will most probably mean a matter of several hundred dollars to the city.

BUYING RUBIES IN BURMA.

Grips and Signs Used in Bargaining For Precious Stones.

The peculiar business methods of oriental merchants are illustrated by the manner of buying rubies in Burma, says the Jewelers' Circular-Weekly. In the examination of rubies artificial light is not used, the merchants holding that full sunlight alone can bring out the color and brilliancy of the gems. Sales must therefore take place between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and the sky must be clear.

The purchaser, placed near a window, has before him a large copper plate. The sellers come to him one by one, and each empties upon this plate his little bag of rubies. The purchaser proceeds to arrange them for valuation in a number of small heaps. The first division is into three grades, according to size. Each of these groups is again divided into three piles, according to color, and each of these piles is again divided into three groups, according to shape. The bright copper plate has a curious use. The sunlight reflected from it through the stone brings out with true rubies a color effect different from that with red spinels and tourmalines, which are thus easily separated.

The buyer and seller then go through a very peculiar method of bargaining by signs, or, rather, grips, in perfect silence. After agreeing upon the fairness of the classification they join their right hands, covered with a handkerchief or the flap of a garment, and by grips and pressures mutually understood among all these dealers they make, modify and accept proposals of purchase and sale.

HYPOCRITE AND VILLAIN.

The Gentle Terms a Playgoer Once Applied to Forrest.

A number of professional men were exchanging reminiscences of Edwin Forrest, the great tragedian. One of them told the story of Forrest's experience in the west, which was not only of interest in itself, but also a tribute to the art of the actor.

The play was "Virgilius," and Forrest was at his best. In the scene where he slays his daughter the audience was almost stricken with awe, and not a sound was heard until the scene was concluded, after which the artist was greeted with overpowering applause. In the following act Virgilius comes on the stage looking worn and distracted. The reaction has set in, he is frenzied over the loss of his daughter, and he walks up and down, crying out: "Virginia, Virginia! Where is my child?"

An old miner, who occupied a front row in the orchestra and who had been terribly wrought up by the murder scene, could stand this no longer and, arising in his place, shouted out in loud tones, freighted with intense indignation:

"Why, you old villain, you killed her in the market house in the last act. You know it well enough. You are a hypocrite as well as a villain."

The laughter and applause that greeted this unexpected turn in the performance made it necessary to ring down the curtain.—Harper's Weekly.

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