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RICH MAN'S PRODIGALITY.

It isn't so funny, this being rich, after all. Human beings are supposed to be free agents. They are not. Public sentiment is a censor, and a mighty peculiar one at that. It loves to grumble and find fault. It calls Russel Sage a miser because he knows how to make money and doesn't know how to spend it. Many men like the spending ability and are not misers from choice. The philanthropist is hooted because his benefactors do not accord with the ideas of the masses. And the spendthrift—well, glance at Schwab, the steel king. In Europe the people are dazed at his prodigality. In some quarters the feeling is that he is stark, staring mad. He hires special trains and doesn't care about the price. When he wants to ride on the water he hires a floating palace for his own use. He buys fast horses and faster automobiles and hits only the high places when he scoots across the countries of Europe. What of it? The rich man who spends his money can be ranked as a public benefactor. He may not care a hang for the public. His heart may not contain an atom of sympathy for poverty or misery. He may even put every dollar of his income into personal gratification and selfish pleasure. But he gets it into circulation. It doesn't go far before it is exchanged for money that moves and travels; that never rests; that is in the rich man's pocket today and in the poor man's pay envelope tomorrow as the measure of prosperity. Mr. Schwab may be wasting his fortune, so far as he is personally concerned, but the public is the gainer. The interest of the masses must always be of vastly greater moment than those of one or a dozen millionaires. Let him plunge.

DIVORCE, DANGER AND DISGRACE.

Easy divorce means a loose marriage tie. It means that husbands and wives, instead of bearing one another's shortcomings, instead of seeking to accommodate themselves to the small, unescapable disappointments or irritations of married life, rush off to the court and ask release. Were divorce difficult, were it accomplished by deep social odium when lightly sought, fewer young men and women would enter the married state with the reserved intention of quitting it should perfect happiness not result. The chaos of our divorce laws is a national disgrace. There should be uniformity throughout the union. Here is work for congress if the states cannot be brought to do their duty. Public opinion must be respected by lawmakers, of course, and public opinion in the United States does not take the religious view of matrimony as a sacrament—a bond that should be broken only by death, or at most because of unfaithfulness. But there is a public opinion growing in favor of a nearer approach to the religious view—in favor of lessening the number of legal causes for divorce and surrounding the court processes with much stricter guards against collusion on the part of husbands and wives who wish to separate merely that they may take other mates. That growing public opinion should be encouraged and strengthened by every agency for the promotion of good public morals is one of the urgent demands of the present day.

Senator Fulton now makes a positive claim of enough votes to elect him United States senator, and is, accordingly, very jubilant. There are so many elements at work in this contest that no one can judge as to the outcome. The death of Congressman Tongue, or the filling of the vacancy caused by his death, will no doubt, have considerable bearing upon the senatorial contest. However, the first ballot for senator will be taken at noon tomorrow, after which there will be some grounds for forecasting, but not until then.

Good for Portland. Things are coming in the proper way in order to help the exposition, help Portland and help Oregon. The delegates to the National Live Stock Association, in session in Kansas City, never gave up their fight for Portland as the next meeting place of the association until the victory had been won. This meeting will be held next year, and from it will come great good to the Exposition to be held the next year by reasons of the great advertising it will receive. All manner of good things seem to be coming our way, and no more, however, than this great West deserves.

Word comes from Washington that Surveyor-General Meldrum is to be requested to resign. Not only is this the case, but the former chief deputy in the surveyor-general's office, George Waggoner is also to have a hearing. This action on the part of the government comes by reasons of complaints made alleging gross official misconduct of affairs on the part of Mr. Meldrum, an unfortunate circumstance for many reasons.

THE MAN AND THE AMENDMENT.



Hon. W. S. U'REN, Secretary of the direct legislation league and the Initiative and Referendum amendment to the Constitution. Mr. U'Ren drafted the bill printed in this issue, to make the amendment effective.

Section I of Article IV, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section I. The legislative authority of the state shall be vested in a legislative assembly, consisting of a senate and house of representatives, but the people reserve to themselves power to propose laws and amendments to the Constitution, and to enact or reject the same at the polls, independent of the legislative assembly, and also reserve power at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any act of the legislative assembly. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and not more than eight per cent. of the legal voters shall be required to propose any measure by such petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than four months before the election at which they are to be voted upon. The second power is the referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety), either by petition, signed by five per cent. of the legal voters, or by the legislative assembly, as other bills are enacted. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than ninety days

Thursday's issue of the Record contained some very important news in regard to county affairs which the other papers of the town failed to give. Just a little hustle and energy is all that is needed to make a wide-awake paper. The people of this county are entitled to the news before it is two weeks old. By encouraging The Record you will aid in establish-

ing a disseminator of local news in your midst that will be of some benefit.

The people of Oregon, especially those of Northwestern Oregon, will hail with delight the announcement that the government will proceed forthwith to the improvement of the Lower Columbia.

The legislature reconvened today, and from now on there will be much business transacted.

To Dedicate School House.

Superintendent Zinser has gone to school district No. 10 to assist in the dedicatory ceremonies of a new school building just completed there. The spirit of progress along lines looking to the betterment of schools and school facilities is very marked in this county, and the year 1903 will see many valuable improvements, a condition of affairs which is accepted with much satisfaction.

Dr. Edwin Ross, of St. Helens, and Miss Matilda Muckle, of Portland, were in Oregon City Sunday, visiting friends.

BY HIS OWN HAND

WILLIAM WARNER SUICIDES BY MORPHINE POISONING.

Was Out of Money and Despondent—Came to This City and Quietly Entered a Room in Roos' Lodging House But Was Found Before the End Came.

William Warner suicided in this city last Thursday night by taking an overdose of morphine. He was living in Portland, where he had been since his return from Alaska last fall, and was out of money and despondent. In his plight he was picked up by a Clackamas county farmer, who paid his fare to this city and offered him work. The offer was gladly accepted by Warner, but when he found that he would have to walk three miles out in the country after his arrival here, he demurred and consequently was left here until he could make up his mind. It is understood that he intended to go out in the country Friday.

Thursday afternoon he took several drinks in Roos' saloon and disappeared, leaving a sailors' canvas bag of clothes in the saloon. Over the saloon is a lodging house and room 6 was occupied by a man named Alexander. This man took a trip to Portland Thursday looking for work. He returned Thursday night and went up to his room but found it locked. Supposing that his partner, Andy Olds, was in the room, he slept in another room all night and in the morning went to room 6 and knocked on the door to awake the occupant, whom he supposed to be his partner. He was surprised to discover that a strange man was in the room and immediately notified Phillip Roos, who made an investigation. In the meantime Alexander took the morning train for Roseburg, where he had secured a position with the Southern Pacific Company. Roos went up stairs and opened the door with his own key. On the bed was Warner. He had not undressed and his appearance was shocking. He had vomited all over the room. Mr. Roos ordered him out but he appeared not to understand and commenced a series of antics, jumping from the bed to the floor and back to the bed again. Thinking the man was ill or insane, Roos and another man brought him down stairs, intending to take him to a physician. When they reached the foot of the stairs, the man sunk down to the floor and stiffened out. Alarmed at this turn of affairs had taken Roos called in a physician, who at a glance pronounced Warner dead. The body was taken to the morgue and at 5 o'clock an inquest was held by Coronr Holman, the jury rendering a verdict of suicide from an overdose of morphine.

In the pocket of the dead man was found a book, with the name and address of Captain J. T. Gray, of Portland. This gentleman who is secretary of the Vancouver Transportation Company, was notified, and he came up and identified the man. He said that Warner had accompanied him on a trip to Alaska last summer and while there had been working for him on Yukon steamboats. He had intended taking Warner to Alaska again this coming summer and was surprised that the man had not come to him when in distress.

Warner was apparently about 45 years of age, below medium height, heavy set, black hair, mustache and short growth of beard, slightly tinged with grey. The body was unclaimed and was interred by the county yesterday.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Gabbert Dies at St. Helens.

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Gabbert, formerly of this city, but now of St. Helens, was burned to death last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The child was left in the room where a heating stove, with an open front contained a big fire. The mother had stepped to the woodshed, being absent less than five minutes, and upon her return found the baby enveloped in flames. The mother tried heroically to extinguish the flames but did not succeed until every bit of clothing had been consumed. Despite all efforts to relieve the sufferings of the child, it survived but a few hours, dying at 9 o'clock in the evening. It is supposed the child walked to the front of the heating stove, its dress being drawn into the fire through the draught. Mr. and Mrs. Gabbert and relatives passed through Oregon City Sunday morning with corpse of the infant, en route to Southern Oregon, where the remains were laid to rest. The many friends of the parents in this city were shocked upon learning of their misfortune.

A social dance will be given at Wilamette hall Friday evening of this week, to which the public is invited. Admission, cents 50 cents.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Clackamas County will hold the regular examination of applicants for State and County papers at Oregon City, as follows:

For State Papers.—Commencing Wednesday, February 11, at nine o'clock A. M., and continue till Saturday, February 14, at four o'clock.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school-law.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

For County Papers.—Commencing Wednesday, February 11, at nine o'clock, and continuing until Friday, February 13, at four o'clock.

First, second and third grade certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, school law.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology, civil government.

Primary Certificates: Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology.

J. C. ZINSER, Superintendent of Schools.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of James Anderson, deceased, and all persons having claims against the said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly verified, within six months from the date of this notice.

G. B. DIMICK, Administrator of said estate. Dated this January 13, 1903. Geo. L. Story, Atty. for Adm.

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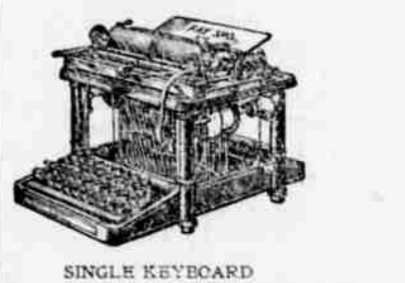
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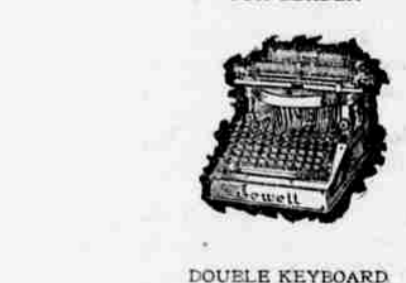
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