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Human needs and wants comprise an ever-present force making for advancement.

Where wants are few, civilization is low. Desire is the main-spring of all action.

The mistaken report sent out in regard to the killing of the American consul at Beirut, Syria, is one of the cable operators.

In the readjustment of the divisions on the Harriman lines, Pendleton should be made a division point.

The three days' rain in Umatilla county was just what was wanted. It came down so gently that it did not shatter any standing grain.

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A moral wave has struck the village of Haines, 10 miles west of Baker City. In one day 14 charges were filed against the one saloon man in town.

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WRONGFULLY ACCUSED.

The Heppner relief committee has been unjustly attacked by a venomous minded man in a private letter published in the Pilot Rock Record, Aug. 21.

Following the publication of the letter in the paper in question, the author of it comes out in the same paper, August 28, with a complete retraction, disclaiming any information on the subject whatever, and saying that he was not warranted in making the libelous statements contained in the communication.

This unjust and damaging attack on the committee has not caused any suspicion in the minds of friends of the gentlemen comprising it, but it has sent abroad among those not personally acquainted with these men, a damaging and false impression.

In matters of this kind one thousand people read the false accusations where but few will read the denial. Bad news always travels rapidly, while good reports are slow of wing.

An injustice, which cannot be undone, has been committed by this criminally inclined man and this thoughtless paper. The people of Pilot Rock and vicinity know the gentlemen comprising that committee and not one in a hundred of them believed the accusations. But the very fact that such a venomous attack could find the light of day, through the columns of the press, leads many strangers to suspect the committee.

Not in Eastern Oregon, or any other country, is there to be found a more straightforward, conscientious, honest, faithful and able body of citizens than that composing the Heppner relief committee. Their characters were advertised to the world by their fellow citizens when they were named as custodians of Heppner's welfare, in that time of dire need.

Their actions since that time, and their management of the funds in the relief of the distressed and the improvement of the stricken city, have borne out and strengthened the confidence of the people in them.

The attack was one of those outbursts of jealous and unfounded passion, which always overshadows the actions of men in prominent positions, no matter how faithful their performance of duty. It should not be noticed, and would not have been had it not found its way into print.

Even now, it deserves but a glance of utter contempt. The coward who made the attack, has shown still more depravity, in denying his own statements. In the last issue of the Pilot Rock Record, he says over his signature:

"I wish by this letter to make public acknowledgement that I had no personal knowledge or even sufficient information to warrant such statements as those contained in the printed article referred to. I committed a grievous mistake in writing such a letter and make this retraction because in justice I owe it to the Heppner Relief Committee and to anyone else likely to be misled by the unwarranted matter published."

The same class of vermin, which would thus besmirch the characters of upright citizens whose prominence, business ability and sense of responsibility fitted them especially for the task in which they have been engaged since the day of that horror, would hesitate at no depth of infamy to accomplish an evil purpose. The people of Heppner would be justified in treating a man who would thus willfully rob the living of their reputation, as they would a man who would rob the dead of their trinkets.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN.

An interesting comparison may be drawn between the lot of the college students and clerks who a few weeks ago came West to help harvest the wheat crop in Kansas and the Dakotas and the London clerks who responded to the call of the English farmers in gathering their harvest.

The American volunteers found ready employment at wages from \$2 to \$3 a day and board and lodging, and many were dissatisfied even with these terms.

Many of the London clerks spent their vacations in the harvest fields working for lodging and board. An English farmer writing to a London paper, after warning youths and weakly men against this scheme of working for board and lodging, naively writes:

"Evidence from all parts tells of the interest farmers are taking, and it is therefore with full knowledge of the responsibility one takes that I say that the experiment is a success and that the farmers' old trouble of shortage of labor at this time of the year is solved."

One would hope so! It is difficult from an American point of view to see how it could be solved more satisfactorily to the farmer unless the clerks were to pay for the privilege of harvesting the crops for nothing.

The only other case just like the appointment of E. W. Davis to be registrar of the La Grande land office, in the history of recent politics, is that of the appointment of Eugene Ware to be pension commissioner. Roosevelt ignored the entire Kansas delegation, and named Ware, who had not been recommended, over the heads of three candidates, proposed by the delegation. Evidently, Roosevelt cannot be bulldozed, even at the peril of party disruption. He will have his man, or no man.

The O. R. & N. will furnish the delegates from Oregon to the Ogdon Irrigation Congress with a special car, and the rate is but one fare for the round trip. This company is doing all that could be reasonably asked to secure a good representation

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The hogrovers of Independence have decided to pay 50 cents a box for hock picking this season.

The fourth annual reunion of the Spanish war nurses has just closed at San Francisco. One hundred attended.

Six prominent young men of Astoria, under arrest for holding up and robbing a Chinaman, Friday morning.

The city of Portland came into possession of \$1020 by forfeiture of bail by different persons arraigned, on Friday.

The Hood River Apple-growers' Union has sold \$20,000 worth of fall apples at fancy prices, ranging from \$1.45 to \$2 per box.

Salem is having its drinking water analyzed by the state chemists, in order to disprove the statements recently made about its impurity.

W. W. Tinkle, a new-comer at Woodburn, has mysteriously disappeared and all efforts of friends to find a trace have been unavailing.

Los Angeles is figuring on entertaining the next national convention of American bankers, at a cost to the local committee of \$5,000 cash.

John Caviness, of Baker City, was assaulted by William Moore, a former husband of Mrs. Caviness, Sunday and is thought to be fatally injured.

Mrs. Martin L. Powers, of San Francisco, has been arrested for poisoning her husband, in the German hospital, Tuesday afternoon, in that city.

Common seaweed has gained a foothold in the Louisiana rice fields and is developing into a great pest on these plantations within reach of tide water.

Leopold Schmidt, the Olympia brewer, will spend \$100,000 in the construction of a new plant at Olympia, this season. It will be the most complete brewery plant on the coast.

The rate war between the railroads plying between the Dalles and Portland, will open on September 1, when the fare from Portland to The Dalles will be reduced to 25 cents.

A safe was captured at Joplin, Mo., by federal authorities, who had \$52,000 in gold "located" therein, but there by a gang of swindlers. When opened it was found to be entirely empty.

The slab marking the grave of Dr. Marcus Whitman, at Walla Walla, has been desecrated by relic-hunters lately, and the managers of the grounds are taking steps to prevent further vandalism.

Frank Bennett, aged 16, and Tracey Eads, aged 12, of Seattle, eloped Friday, and were located in Portland. The boy is a bootblack, and the match was the result of the recent street carnival in the city.

The murdered body of Carl Johnson, of Seattle, was found on the tracks of the C. & P. road in the subdivision.

Generally the expression is, "I don't feel half well," though sometimes people say "I feel half sick." But there is no such thing as being half sick. The man who feels a half sick is all sick. As a rule, the cause of the weak, tired, half sick feeling is disease of the stomach, which, resulting in loss of nutrition and consequently in physical weakness.

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