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The laws in themselves are the scales of justice, the wronged poor-man's shelter, the pillars of the commonwealth; but the abused practice makes those scales unequal, that poor-man's shelter a man's poor shelter for his wrongs.—Warwick.

A millionaire of Curry county, Oregon, R. D. Hume, has secured $1 damages from a Josephine county editor for libel. The jury evidently understood the journalistic profession, and gave a verdict to correspond with the financial standing of the accused. The editor can certainly borrow that amount.

The woolgrowers of Idaho, in convention at Boise City, this week, made preliminary arrangements to form a pool, and hire a man to go to Nebraska to buy and ship feed corn to Idaho for fattening sheep. Last winter, being severe and prolonged, all the old hay in the country was fed out, and many of the large sheepmen who would like to hold over as many as possible, will feed corn extensively this winter. The increase of the corn area of Umatilla county, each year, proves that it is not necessary to send to Nebraska for a good article of corn. This year about 10,000 bushels were raised in the county, and if a half million bushels were grown, ready sale could be found for it, at home. The corn crop is worth studying. It pays, no matter where grown. Umatilla county can do no better than to turn her foothill lands into corn fields.

The prices of oil, wood, coal and rent continue to rise in the East, but the wages of the poor man remain stationary, or becomes lower as the winter months come. Although prosperity semes to be in evidence among all classes, visitors coming from the large cities of the East, say that fully as much suffering as was seen last winter will visit the large cities again this winter, on account of the high price of fuel, oil, rent and other necessities. So many of the trades have experienced disastrous strikes this summer, that many able men following them have been idle, earning nothing for the extra expenses of winter, and eating up what was saved before. The year has been prosperous for all the great industries, but the expenses of the workingman are advancing and his income is diminishing and the East will have to help its poor population.

The National Civic Federation, which is meeting in Chicago this week, was founded with a good purpose in view. It had for its aim the settlement of labor difficulties, without the resort to strikes. It had as its leaders the ablest leaders in both the financial and labor world to be found. But at this time, three years after its organization, it is further from reaching a settlement of labor troubles than at its beginning. During its existence strikes have been more numerous than before. Taking hope from its presence, many of the leading labor organizations made advance steps toward meeting employers, even more than half way. But the infamous decisions of such men as Judge Adams, of St. Louis, in the Wabash injunction case, has done more to separate the employer and employe, than this federation has done to bring them nearer together; and the meetings now are just pleasure junkets for corporation presidents and defunct politicians, in which they enjoy themselves in a desperate effort to revive lost reputations and in making speeches which might pave the way to some little measure of popularity among workingmen.

THE SOURCE OF PATRIOTISM.

General Nelson A. Miles, now enjoying freedom of speech, takes issue with President Roosevelt on one of the president's favorite hobbies.

"There is no necessity," says General Miles, "to stir the passions of Americans in order to be sure that they will be patriotic."

President Roosevelt urges the cultivation of the war spirit as one of the elements of the strenuous life, of the training of our youth to the idea of fighting as a preventative of degeneracy, to save us from becoming a nation of milksops.

The real soldier, the veteran of 42 years' active service, does not see the necessity.

"We need not constantly appeal to the war spirit to keep the American people bravely patriotic," says General Miles. "I have had experience in wars, and I have never found Americans lacking in prompt patriotism or in fighting qualities in any worthy cause. In my recent journeys across the continent I was more than ever impressed with the underlying wisdom and tranquil virility of the people. They do not want war. They want peace. They love and appreciate their liberties and will maintain and defend them against all enemies."

Unquestionably, this is the more truly American spirit. We are not a people who need to be constantly testing our courage to be sure that we have it. We do not need to be constantly blustering and hantering to know that our patriotism is in working order.

The best basis of patriotism that history tells anything about is found in prosperity and peace.

The people who have happy homes and a tranquil land to defend may be depended upon in any crisis.

And fighting is not the only test of patriotism. War is not the high mission of the American people. The greater victories for our people and for humankind are daily wrought in the fields, the factories, the marts—the myriads of battlefields of production and commerce. The citizen who makes his life useful and those dependent upon him happy, is the best patriot. He is the man who has the best stuff in him and the highest interests to defend. His is the kind of patriotism that to call of need responds with an arm of steel.

There are triumphs of patriotism in the field of politics more important than those of war. These are won not by men whose patriotism must be tested at every turn and stimulated by smell of blood, but by the honest citizens who attend faithfully to their own business and vote for the fixed principles of right that are a part of their very lives.

If less patriotism were expended in bombast against possible enemies and more were directed against ever present political evils that are eating at the heart of the government, we would be a better, happier and more powerful people.

BOUNTIFUL NATURE.

The government's monthly crop report shows practically all our grain staples above their 10-year average; but the hero of the story is Corn.

The springs floods apparently doomed the country to a short crop of the greatest grain staple. Much of it had to be replanted, and it sprouted late. Never before had a corn season been so backward. September furnished a variety of "frost scares," but after viewing his farm on October 1, Uncle Sam reports an average condition of 80.8, against 80.1 on September 1, and a 10-year average of 77.7. Never before had the percentages increased so steadily throughout the season.

Conditions have been favorable since October 1, and the frost danger is now passed. A crop of more than 2,300,000,000 bushels is expected, actually 60,000,000 bushels more than was indicated on August 1, and more than the country ever raised before, last year's bumper crop alone excepted.

When man has done his utmost to destroy prosperity here by fomenting ruinous strikes, there by "high finance and low morality," it is a relief to turn to the contemplation of the calm bounties of merciful nature.

There are fewer toughs and thugs in the city now than at any time during the past year, and yet the city is not free from them, nor never will be, any more so than a band of sheep will ever be free from the black lamb. But there is a more respectable class of gamblers in the city than there would be if the town was wide open. As it is now, the men who gamble must do so at a risk, and they cannot afford to run crooked games or take the tough into their confidence. Gambling is carried on, and there is no denial of the fact, but if there is such a taing, the games are "respectable," and the players limited to a very few men, who are permanent in the community. If the games could be conducted on the same strict principles, under a license, it would be better for the city, to get the license and permit the games to run, but such is impossible. Whenever the town is thrown open, and that fact becomes advertised to the world, it invites the toughest classes on the turf to flock in. So what are you going to do about it?

One of the first bills to be introduced in the coming regular session of congress will be one by Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, for the repeal of the timber and stone act, and a modification of the desert land act, which will prevent entrymen from assigning or disposing of their claims until final proof has been made, and compelling a residence of three years on these entries to secure title. The East is aroused over the flagrant misuse of the land laws in the West, and unless these laws are modified and their administration remedied, the West will be stripped of all the land privileges remaining. The land office scandals that have caused Oregon to be the talk of the nation, and the prospect for more scandals of greater magnitude, right under the shadow of the United States land offices, in every portion of Oregon, will only hasten the East in the determination to check abuses which the West continues to tolerate.

The action of La Grande in increasing her fire protection, has awakened Baker City, and now an agitation for a paid hreman, a chemical engine, and a team of horses is in progress and will be realized. It is criminally careless for a city to grow up, spread out, and become full sized without a protection from fire fully adequate to her proportions. Aside from the reduced insurance rates, which would follow better fire protection, the improvement of the service would invite capital, hurry up the construction of better residences, more business blocks and would more safely guard the city even in the present stage of development.

In appreciation of the services of Dr. Lorenz, in curing his little daughter of what was supposed to be a hopeless case of congenital hip disease, Armour, the Chicago millionaire, will establish what he will call "Lorenz chairs of surgery" in the principal hospital of the leading city in each state in the Union. This great Austrian surgeon has built for himself in this country a name which will never cease to be remembered by grateful parents. His service in treating poor children free, is one of the most touching stories connected with the professional records of the country.

The general conditions in Umatilla county were never better than this fall. Probably more mortgages have been satisfied within the past six months than ever before in the same period of time. More farmers have money in the banks, and are in easy circumstances than before in many years. Substantial improvements are being made, and every class of people seem to be taking advantage of the good times, to prepare well for any unforeseen emergency. There is not an idle man in the county who is able and willing to work. In fact, labor is scarce. From an industrial standpoint, Umatilla county is at her best.

RURAL MODESTY.

As a fine example of humble Western modesty, the Kansas City Star quotes this: "The editor of the Bosworth Star-Sentinel received a complimentary copy of a new song entitled, 'When First We Met,' the other day. Thinking it was up to him to say something about it, he wrote: 'As the editor of this paper doesn't know a demisemiquaver from a diapason, or a bass clef from a bone tumor, he will not be expected to give an extended notice of the production. We can say, however, that the type used in printing the song was clear and plain, and the paper seems to be of the best quality of rag.

The design on the front page is artistic and the words are as tender as a veal steak, and as poetic as a song of a meadow lark on a May morning. The melody is sound and all right, with no wind galls or collar marks. The harmony seems to be in a healthy condition, with no patent defects or noticeable blemishes. The tonality is clear and resonant and rests on harmonic relations and melodic elements. We will sing the song to any subscriber of the Star Sentinel who will pay his subscription three years in advance, throwing into it all the tender pathos and unctuous emotion of our cabbage flavored soul."

A SUCCESSFUL LAW.

The law passed at the last session of the legislature imposing a license tax on corporations and providing for an organization fee is working more successfully than even its authors anticipated. To this date, about 1,700 domestic and 150 foreign corporations have complied with the law, the revenue produced being about $100,000. By the close of the year this sum will be still further augmented.

The lawworks admirably and produces the maximum result with the minimum cost. Practically, all going corporations have paid the tax without demur. However, there are one or two in this city which propose to contest the law, and the secretary of state has directed the district attorney to bring suit against them at once to recover the penalty provided in such cases. As these laws have been sustained whenever tested, in official quarters there is no doubt as to the outcome, but the suit should be brought and pressed to a speedy conclusion. Besides the financial benefits, the state is accumulating a mass of valuable statistical information which will be of use hereafter.—Oregon Daily Journal.

An unexpl ded charge of dynamite was found under the rails of the Northern Pacific track near Birdseye, Mont., Friday. It is thought to be a charge put in place by the blackmailers who have threatened to destroy all the bridges on the line if $50,000 was not paid to them.

ORIGIN OF FAMOUS HOUSE.

The famous house of Labouchere in England had a romantic origin. In the beginning of the eighteenth century a young Labouchere was a member of a banking firm in The Hague. He was sent on a mission to England to the great house of Baring, then, as now, one of the mighty banking concerns whose transactions cover the earth.

Young Labouchere promptly fell in love with a daughter of the house, and dared to raise his eyes to what might have well appeared an inaccessible beauty. When this young foreign clerk made his proposal, one can easily imagine the horror and indignation of the haughty English banker; but young Labouchere calmly asked in reply whether it make any difference if, instead of being a clerk, he were a partner in the banking house which had sent him on this mission. The English magnate, with that eye to business which distinguishes the Englishman in every position, thought this was another proposition, and did not give a final answer.

The bold young adventurer went back to Holland, and there, somewhat reversing the proposition, told his employers that if they made him a partner, he could marry the daughter of the Bearings, and become a member of the firm, and thus obtain for his Dutch house an invaluable ally. He was made a partner; he married the lady and the bank; and coming to England, he got into the heart of the city—made a huge fortune, and founded a family after the true fashion of the nation to which he had attached himself.—From "Labby," by T. P. O'Connor in Everybody's Magazine for October.

FEAT OF MEMORY.

The newspapers are telling of the remarkable feat of a postal clerk who, in a civil service examination, did not make a single error in sorting 42,000 test postal cards, each representing a postoffice in a certain territory assigned. This was done at the rate of thirty-three and one-half cards a minute. Far more noteworthy is the memory of an expert piano player, who will play an entire season's concerts without a note of printed music before him. His memory is so perfect that hundreds of thousands of notes must be at the orderly and instant disposal of the will. And this is combined with a multiplicity of synchronous recollections of timbre, tempo, expressions, etc.

The mystery is at present past the hinting of an explanation, remarks a medical journal, and this fact is as beautiful as it is appalling. It shows us how far we are from any real science of psychology. Physicians note the strange thrusting of disease among the mechanisms of memory, the morbid effects of some noeplasm or injury to parts of the convolutions of the brain whereby some memories are lost temporarily or permanently, in part or completely, while others are unaffected. Even this leaves us in amazement at the inscrutable complexity and methods of the cellular machine.

But through these morbid injuries we catch tantalizing glimpses which some day, properly studied and followed up, may bring some psychologic physician to an unraveling of the mystery.

GENERAL NEWS

An arbitration treaty between Britain and the United States is a probability of the near future.

The bank of Viberg, S. D., was robbed Thursday night of $5,000. The thieves escaped with their booty.

Robbers blew the safe of the Linn Grove, Iowa, postoffice Thursday night, and secured $2,500 in stamps and money.

An automobile owned by Mrs. C. C. Phipps, of Denver, ran down and killed S. H. Collins, a workman, in New York City.

A shipbuilding concern at Belfast, Eng., has contracted with the United States Steel corporation for 150,000 tons of steel per year.

Albert Jaerndt, a letter carrier in Chicago, has been arrested on the charge of stealing money contained in the letters he carried.

The successes of the Morocco rebels are so pronounced and continuous that the government is said to be practically on its last legs.

The Indiana state convention of Baptists have memoralized the United States to expel Reed Smoot, the Mormon senator from Utah.

The Clairton steel plant, near Pittsburg, which has been shut down because of financial difficulties, has been recapitalized for $2,000,000, and will be reopened soon.

Wall street gossip has it that J. Pierpont Morgan gave H. E. Huntington a "straight tip" in August, which resulting in the latter dropping $900,000 in cold cash into the hole.

Five men are being tried by court-martial at Fort Leavenworth, who mutinied and escaped from the federal prison there two years ago. Seven of the escapes are still at large.

The 300 freighthandlers of Kansas City who struck in June last, were beaten at every turn. All their places have been filled by non-union men, and their protests are unavailing.

An amendment against the second reading of the national transcontinental railway bill at Ottawa, Ont., was defeated in the senate Saturday night, 14 to 21, a strictly party vote.

Miss Mary Beach Tonzy died at New York City, aged 70 years. She left a grateful memory to her relatives and her entire fortune of $250,000 to various missionary societies.

At Beaumont, Texas, careful estimates of the amount of oil storage in the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Saratoga fields show 13,500,000 barrels in these and intervening sections.

A large number of recently arrived Italians have been furnished with bogus naturalization papers in New York City, and put to work on the streets in readiness to be voted at the fall election.

A gang of horse thieves attempted a wholesale theft of horses from the Fort Peck Indian reservation in Montana, Thursday night. The Indians killed two and chased the rest away, and did not lose a horse.

The International Bank & Trust Company of America, at Mexican City, W. H. Hunt, president, with branches in New York and San Francisco, and various points throughout Mexico, closed its doors this morning in voluntary liquidation.

The registration for the coming New York election, at the close of the books Saturday, was 138,090, making a total for the four days of 629,933. The total registration for the preceding three years was: 1900, 640,778; 1901, 614,141; 1902, 582,031.

Although neither ever was heard to utter a cross word to the other, Isaac P. Beach, of Bradford, Conn., has brought divorce proceedings against Mrs. Beach on the ground of intolerable cruelty. They have been married 10 years. Both are deaf mutes, and the testimony will be given by witnesses similarly afflicted.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

George Sewell is under arrest at Joseph for holding and robbing Dan Campbell, a miner, Friday morning, of $15 in gold.

R. D. Hume, the fish magnate of Rogue River, got damages of $1 from the editor of the Grant's Pass Observer, for libel, Friday.

Jefferson Gibson, of Grant's Pass, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, Thursday, on a verdict of murder in the second degree, in the third trial.

The Oregon Pine Needle factory, now at Grant's Pass, will be moved to Summerville, Union county, this year, to be enlarged and operated there.

A lone highwayman held up and robbed the Rockford-Bell Grove stage in Idaho, Friday. There were no passengers. The driver was relieved of $32.

Returning American miners from Alaska, say that the government methods of Canada, in the Yukon territory are worse than no government.

There are now 15 deep sea vessels in Portland waiting for cargoes of wheat. The supply now in sight is 9,000 tons short of the amount of the cargoes.

A Seattle dispatch from Nome says three masked men held up R. D. Hunter, of the Ophir Creek mines, on October 12, and robbed him of $7,000 in gold dust.

The Butte Miner won a case Saturday evening in which a local physician had sued it for $50,000 damages for an editorial on the killing of Dr. Cayley last spring.

All tents belonging to the Washington National Guard have been sent by the governor to the homeless people at Aberdeen, which was destroyed by fire Friday.

Sailors are scarcer in Portland this fall than ever before. Every vessel entering the port is short, and it is impossible to supply the demands from the local offices of the Seamen's Union.

Helen Kelly was shot and instantly killed at Butte Friday, by Albert Beckman, a jilted lover, who claims he advanced her $300 with which to buy wedding garments. Beckman escaped.

Joseph A. Wood, a wealthy mining man of Butte, is accused of bigamy, having married Miss Elizabeth Creswell, of Whatcom, while he had a wife and children in Butte at the same time.

Ben Michaels, George Dubley and Fred A. Rodgers are under arrest at Colfax for kidnapping a negro boy at Spokane and converting him into a "wild girl" for a side show at the county fair.

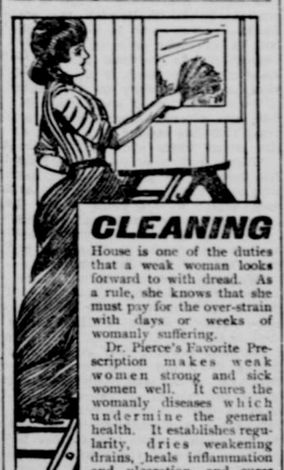
Albert Beckmann, who shot and killed Miss Kely in Butte, Friday morning, was captured Saturday night while making his way out of the state on a stolen track velocipede. A lynching is feared.

Letson Balliet, manager of the White Swan mine near Baker City, has begun a mandamus suit against the postmaster-general, to compel him to admit White Swan literature into the United States mail.

J. B. Chamberlain, one of the characters in Bret Harte's "Tennessee's Pardner," committed suicide Sunday at Chinese Camp, California, by shooting himself. He was 82 years old and had grown despondent.

R. D. Hume, the fish magnate of the Rogue river, has sued the editor of the Grant's Pass Observer for $10,000 damages for libelous articles published in regard to the manner of monopolizing the fish industry of Rogue river by Hume.

The Northern Pacific telegraph operator at Welch's Spur, 20 miles from Butte, prevented a hold-up Saturday evening by flashing a message to an approaching passenger train at the first station west of Welch, of the danger. Two bandits rode into Welch and compelled the operator, F. K. Law, to set the signal to stop the train, after which he was ordered to stay inside and the office was locked. The train received the warning and dashed through the station 40 miles an hour.



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