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AN APOLOGY TO EUGENE!

THOSE BASE, BASE-BALL METHODS COMPARED.

ÆSOP IN HIS FABLES HAS TOLD THE REGISTER'S STORY.

An Apology to Eugene.

"Roseburg owes it to Eugene that the papers of that city, especially the PLAINDEALER, make an apology to the people of Eugene for the insulting language hurled at the citizens and business men of this place without the slightest excuse. The fact that the Roseburg team have recalled their protest against Somers' protest they were wrong from the start."—Eugene Register.

So it is an apology from the PLAINDEALER that the Register desires; well, in framing the apology the PLAINDEALER will not indulge in platitudinous ponderosity, but it shall possess a clarified conciseness and compacted comprehensibility of cogent cogency warranted to mollify the conglomeration of flummery, garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectation of the esthetic Eugene Register; and we desire to assure that delectable, bifurcated hardy-gurdy that we shall sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, psittacous vacuity, verbosity and shall stick to the apology in homely prose as close as a louse sticks to sow's back.

WE APOLOGIZE TO EUGENE because the standard of sportsmanship and athletic games which was indoctrinated into our makeup at Oxford falls far below the standard of the Eugene sportsmen who on Saturday, June 20, while the Roseburg base ball team was playing the League game tampered with a player named Somers and by the offer of various considerations seduced him from allegiance to the Roseburg team; that after they had seduced the pitcher they encouraged him to play on Saturday afternoon as the pitcher of the Roseburg team and the game was thrown down and Roseburg defeated. We regret that the standard of sportsmanship displayed in the above is not quite up to the methods employed by a stool pigeon to lure a victim to engage in a stud-horse poker game, and we apologize for drawing a comparison between the methods employed by the management of the Eugene base ball team and a tin horn gambler—that is we apologize to the tin horn gentleman for classing his methods with the methods employed by the Eugene base ball management.

We used the word scoundrel heretofore in denunciation of Eugene's methods. We take it back. Our idea of a man whom we could truly class as a scoundrel in the line of sport is a man who is trusted by his employer to look after a race-horse and then accepts money from parties betting against the horse to dope the animal so that the race will be lost. That man would be a scoundrel. Now, in classing the management methods of the Eugene team against the Roseburg team we regret that we have to apologize to the horse-doping scoundrel for classing his idea of sportsmanship with Eugene's.

Now, regarding the man named Somers, and his release by the Roseburg team: after the disgraceful bargain came to light the Roseburg management desired to hold Somers, his salary would have to be paid for nothing, for Roseburg would be afraid of the man in any event and therefore it was best to let birds of a feather flock together, and he has flocked, but the Eugene management paid the Roseburg management to release Somers after the most honorable conduct of the delectable affair was made known. The Eugene management paid the Roseburg management the money in order to keep the sweet perfume from pervading the atmosphere. We apologize to Eugene for calling attention to the exquisite aroma of the deal instead of calling it by its true name, the stench from carrion.

We apologize to Eugene for calling their attention to the fact, that when the last two players were on their way to sign with the Roseburg team, exceedingly honorable gentlemen met them at the train at that city as they passed through and attempted to prejudice them against coming to Roseburg. The exposure of such honorable conduct needs an apology for showing up their true conception of sportsmanship.

And we apologize to Eugene because it is reported that an umpire had money staked on the game he umpired and he won; and we apologize for the action of Eugene's blackleg element in our grandstand last Sunday, and if there is anything else in earth, sky or sea, now that we have our hand in and are eating crow, we will willingly apologize for; and the PLAINDEALER challenges the Register to reproduce this humble apology to the sporting fraternity of Eugene. Does the Register need more? If so, we can supply a more extended apology; or perhaps the Register will supply one for us ready made.

Muzzling the Press.

The Eugene Register says: "Heretofore the most cordial relations have existed between Eugene and Roseburg and if they are to continue, somebody, whose lack of judgment and common sense is subjecting the Roseburg papers to widespread criticism should see that somebody is properly and hastily muzzled."

Yes, and those most cordial relations would have continued to exist if it had not been for Eugene's exceedingly disgraceful conduct in the Somers affair; and they may continue if Eugene will display white raiment on the bush. She was caught in the delicious delights of carnal concupiscence with the erstwhile Roseburg pitcher. The old lady will have to show that she is straight before those cordial relations can be resumed, but it is the same old story: when caught she smacked her lips and said: "I have done no evil—prove it on me," and proceeded to furnish the proof of her own perdition.

We desire to call the Register's attention to one fact and that is: the Register is a muzzled press. It is owned and controlled from the minutest hair space to the tile on the editor's head. It is like Æsop's fox with his tail cut off, and because it is muzzled it wants other papers to be muzzled also. And here we take occasion to say, that the curse of Oregon today is a muzzled press. The majority are owned, body and soul, by corporations, and fifty per cent of the minority papers are looking out for pap and are afraid that they will lose a little job work or advertising patronage, and thus muzzle themselves. In this way there is no discussion of public affairs, nor is anything advocated for the welfare of the vast majority of the people of Oregon, and only schemes and grafts by wealthy corporations and speculators are advanced, and in the words of the departed Jay Gould, the muzzled papers say: "The public be damned!"

We have only been in Oregon one year, but in that time our eyes have been opened to many things, and the worst curse that we know of is a muzzled press. Now, to ease the Register's mind and to prevent its making a mistake of that kind again, we assure it that there is no power on earth that can muzzle the PLAINDEALER when it comes to showing up such conduct as the base, base ball methods employed by the Eugene management.

The Ware-McKinley Conspiracy.

In summing up before he gave a decision of the case which was heard before Judge Slade in Portland, the Judge said:

Gentlemen—I am thoroughly convinced from the evidence before me here that a crime has been committed against the government in acquiring title to these lands. This is shown by the evidence of Mr. Veatch, the forest ranger, who has resided in the vicinity of the lands for 40 years and has been over there weekly for the four summers past; by the liver man, from Cottage Grove, who has resided 50 years; by Mr. Larch, the merchant, by Frank McIntyre, by Mr. Jennings, by all the witnesses who have lived where those entries were said to have lived. They testify that they never saw or heard of any one of these persons and that no such improvements exist on the lands as are described in the final proofs. They also swear that the topography of the land and that no such improvements could possibly have been made. There is no doubt in my mind that fraud has been committed.

I cannot but think from the evidence that Horace G. McKinley is connected with that fraud. The evidence of his connection with the deeds which have been put in evidence is of such a character as to convince me that he must have had guilty knowledge of the attempted fraud upon the government in these land transactions, and I therefore feel that I must hold him to appear before the grand jury.

I regret to say that I must also hold Miss Ware. Her youth and inexperience convince me, however, that she could not have originated the frauds in the case, which have been presented to the court. I feel satisfied myself that she was under the direction manifestly of those who were older in years and more experienced.

I must hold them both for their appearance before the grand jury under good and sufficient bonds.

Under the government has objections to offer, I will hold that they remain under the bonds the same as now hold them, namely, \$20,000 each.

Oakland, Or., July 1, 1903.
N. T. Jewett,
Sec. Philanthropic Lodge, No. 8,
Roseburg, Oregon.

Dear Brother—I will be on hand Sat., July 4, 1903, for purpose of installing officers of your lodge.
Yours Fraternally,
Zopher Agee, D. D. G. M.

ATTEMPTED RIVER CRAFT

A HOT TIME IN COURT HOUSE.

AN ARRAY OF LAWYERS TO PROTEST GRANTING THE FRANCHISE.

This morning the County Court convened with Judge Thompson presiding, and Commissioners Young and Nichols in their respective seats. Circuit Attorney Brown being present to look after the interest of the court, and Sheriff Parrott giving every attention to preserve order and silence.

At the time of opening the court every seat was occupied and in the afternoon standing room was at a premium.

The contest was opened in a very good speech made by Dexter Rice, who is the attorney of the persons desiring to secure the franchise. He said many things relevant to the case in hand and some things which were not relevant.

His speech would have made excellent anti-democratic reading in the near future. He presented his petition and offered evidence and after he got through W. D. Fenton for the Oregon and California railroad company got up and presented a protest against granting the franchise. He denounced the scheme in all its bearings and denied the right of the court to grant a franchise; and even if they did it must be from the headwaters of the North Umpqua to the mouth of the river. Judge Willis assisted in behalf of the railroad. The speech made by Mr. Fenton was a masterly effort, and covered all the ground gone over by the PLAINDEALER in the past two weeks. Lawyers F. W. Benson and

Hello Girls Strike.

On Tuesday about 150 telephone operators employed at Spokane by the Pacific States Telephone Company struck at 9 o'clock. Two stringent rules and a desire for better wages appear to be the causes. The girls ask for about \$2.50 per month in wages of students; minimum wages of \$40 per month for competent operators and \$45 after three year experience; an eight-hour day and the privilege of dressing to suit themselves.

The telephone company, while somewhat crippled in carrying on business with a decidedly reduced force, affairs being further complicated by the fact that the linemen and repairmen are also out on a strike.

It is reported that 50 girls are to be taken from Seattle to take the places of the strikers. The strike includes just the local operators or the girls who are known as "central." Long-distance operators not being affiliated in the move. The principal grievance of the girls, it is said, arises from the stringent rules the company has been enforcing against them of late, while the advance of salary asked for is but a secondary matter. The strike would never have occurred, it is asserted, but for the objectionable rules the company has enforced.

As it is now the local union has affiliated itself with the Western conference, and the strike will consequently have to be settled through San Francisco. The Western conference is the body that recently called the linemen all over the West, including Spokane, onto a strike.

Mad Mullah Routed.

LONDON, July 1.—The War office today received a dispatch from Col. Rochfort, a British officer serving with Abyssinian forces in Somaliland, which says the Abyssinians on May 31, struck Mad Mullah's forces near Jeyl surprising them at dawn and killing 10,000 spearsmen.

Wedding at Oak Creek

At the residence of the bride's parents at Oak Creek, Oregon Tuesday, June 30, Samuel E. Smith and Dora Price, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Elder F. W. Leonard. After a season of congratulations of the happy pair, the guests sat down to a splendid dinner prepared in the highest culinary art. The bride was tastefully attired in white organza and carried an elegant bouquet of orange blossoms. The groom was appropriately dressed in the conventional black.

Mr. Smith is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. "Doll" Smith, of Calapooia, and being an estimable young business man,

General News.

The Post says Jesse Carr has bought off the last independent settler on Tule lake in Klamath county, Oregon, and is preparing to consummate the biggest land deal on this coast by selling nearly 300,000 acres to a Scotch English syndicate.

President Loubet has declined to receive a suggested deputation from British Catholics who desired to present him, while M. Loubet is in London, with a petition regarding the persecution of the Catholic religion in France, the expulsion of the religious orders and the confiscation of their property.

The Washoe smelter at Anaconda was closed down today and 1000 men were thrown out of work there. This, reacting upon Butte, necessitated the closing down of such of the Amalgamated mines in Butte as send their ore to the Washoe. In all, 2000 men are thrown out in Butte, making 3000 in Butte and Anaconda, or a difference in the pay-roll of \$75,000 a week.

Because the Presbyterians in the Congo Free State claim they do not enjoy all the religious liberty coming to them under the privileges of the Berlin treaty, Representative Livingston, of Georgia, and other representative Presbyterians, called at the state department, Wednesday, and left a statement of the facts with the request that the government take up the matter with Belgium.

The agreement between the Fuller Construction Company and the United Board of Building Trades, of New York City, has been signed and the company expects to resume building operations today. The Building Trades Employers' Association declared the Fuller agreement fatally defective and insists that its own plan of arbitration must be accepted by the labor unions before the general tie-up is ended.

William A. Brown, a coachman's son, who married Mabel, Countess Russell, at the Registry office in Portsmouth, England, last December, when he posed as a Bavarian nobleman with the title of Prince Atholbald Stuart de Modena, and who was arrested last April on the charge of making a false entry into the marriage register, was tried at the Winchester Assizes. He pleaded guilty of misdemeanor and was sentenced to two days' imprisonment. As he had been in custody since the time of his arrest, he was immediately released.

Judge Barrett, of Portland, has been appointed by the President to be U. S. Minister to Argentina.

A dispatch from Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, says: State Controller R. M. Love was assassinated in his office in the state Capitol at 10:30 this morning by W. G. Hill, a discharged employe of the office. No cause for the deed is known. W. G. Hill, the assassin of Love, committed suicide after the shooting.

With her feet roped together, her hands doubly tied behind her back and a gag bound so tightly around her mouth and neck that it finally strangled her to death, Mrs. Antoine Kenban was robbed and left to die alone in her house at 2121 Sixteenth street in Denver. Her body was discovered Tuesday.

The Dominion government and Grand Trunk Pacific have made definite arrangement for the building of a trans-continental railway. The government will guarantee bonds and articles will be inserted in agreement giving the government power to purchase the road at the end of 30 years.

Earl Cousen, a mill operative, was cut in halves, Monday night, at Hastings mill, says a dispatch from Vancouver. He was employed on one of the cross-cut circular saws. He reached over to pull a slab out of the way, when his feet slipped. He fell against the big saw, which penetrated his chest and body, practically cutting him in two. His right arm was severed, several arteries in the neck were cut and the saw cut deeply into the shoulders, leaving but a few inches of flesh untouched. His horror-struck companions stopped the machinery as quickly as possible, but life was extinct in a few moments. He was a native of Lake Mills, Ia.

Will Not Allow Protest.

A special dispatch to the World from Hamburg, Germany, reports an interview with the Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the Czar, on the Jewish question in Russia. The Grand Duke was asked what reception would be given the American petition in Russia. He replied:

"There can be no question of intervention by American in the purely internal affairs of Russia. Nevertheless Russia and America have always been of a very cordial nature, especially since 1849, when a Russian fleet visited New York."

The Jewish agitation is chiefly instigated by influential Jews outside of Russia, such as the members of the society in New York presenting the American petition, especially the powerful Jews in Berlin.

"I do not condone the civil administration. The Governor of Kildine, although an old officer, decorated for bravery, appears to have lost his head. But directly application was made to the military authorities—who cannot intervene without being requested to do so—the crisis was ended in two or three hours. Military assistance was summoned too late and the Governor has since been removed."

Mrs. Thos. Diney has returned from Yreka, Cal.

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The officials of the State Department assert positively that a close examination of precedents justified the presentation by the President of the United States of the Jewish petition to the Russian government, and that no government has a right to object to the presentation of such a petition, nor has the Government a right to object if the presentation is declined. This means that the United States will not find ground to quarrel with Russia if the Czar refuses to receive this petition now being prepared by the council of B'nai B'rith.

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