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A PRIMITIVE METHOD.

Baker City has returned to the primitive method of enforcing respect for law and order through the vigilante committee. The excuse for the rejuvenation of this organization of by-gone days is the unusual number of robberies and minor depredations committed in that city recently. "The Herald", a paper published daily in Baker City and labeled "The Paper of the People" and "The Only Real Newspaper published in Baker City" states, probably through mis-information, that a vigilante committee is being organized and directed by the peace officers of the city and county, two deputy sheriffs taking a leading part.

The Monday evening edition of the Herald makes the following call to arms! "All citizens who are interested in the movement are requested to meet tonight at the Court House, to either join in the raid or suggest a course of action."

This is certainly refreshing coming from the city of schools, churches and prosperity in eastern Oregon. It smacks of pioneer times and days of '49 when pendants from convenient limbs law-breakers expiated their crimes without the tedious process of judge and jury.

Interesting developments are to be expected from the Baker City method of dealing with evil doers. The police, it is announced, have been good enough to "spot" the bad men and they are to be extended the courtesy of an invitation to leave town. It is presumed the invitation will be accepted. But if not will come the real work of the vigilantes. Their course of procedure is not divulged. Dispatches from Baker City will tell. The public meantime, will have to await developments. The call for volunteers, it

is to be observed, excludes no one and the bold highwaymen, burglars and robbers will no doubt respond in large numbers to make suggestions and join in the crusade against themselves.

The Baker City paper does not disclose whether or not the district-attorney is taking part in the demonstration against lawlessness. Captain Sam White, besides captain of the local militia company and chairman of the democratic state central committee, is district-attorney of the Baker City district. His presence would lend dignity to the court-house meeting but as his name is not mentioned, the district-attorney is probably only an interested spectator. Captain White's sense of proprieties and experience with extra-legal proceedings will perhaps operate to prevent his assuming leadership in the movement. A little more than a year ago, there was a vigilante organization formed in a little town of Malheur county not far from Baker City. The vigilantes raided a Chinese settlement ransacking stores and flailing Chinamen. The result was, the bringing of the state into disrepute in diplomatic circles at Washington and a pending damage claim against the government for \$80,000.

It no doubt will yet occur to the Baker City people to let the officers of the law deal with law-breakers, and if the present officers are not equal to the occasion to elect another set.

The accidents daily averted by collision of bicycles and other vehicles on Astoria's streets should serve as a caution to both drivers and riders. It has been only a few days since a young man was killed by collision with a team, and many narrow escapes from a similar fate have been reported of late. The dispatch of business in a thriving town requires hurry, but affords no excuse for carelessness and it is time for drivers and wheelmen on the city's common thoroughfares to accept the warning to observe the rights of each other.

The lessons of the rate war between the steamers plying the Columbia from The Dalles to Portland were well learned in Astoria. More than two years' experience taught that the larger city benefited and the smaller suffered. The tendency to go to the larger cities to do shopping, far-reaching, and practiced even by the families of business men who should be more patriotic, is encouraged by these low rates. People will find an excuse to go to Portland, under those circumstances, and money belonging by all the equities of local commerce is diverted. The Dalles people should discourage this rate war and thereby bring about a speedy settlement of the differences.

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Mr. Charles Wirkkala, the new proprietor of The Louvre, will have a grand opening on next Saturday night, Sept. 19, 1903, to which the public are invited. Mr. Wirkkala is well known in Astoria and he wishes to see old friends and new ones on this occasion. Don't forget the date. s-15-19

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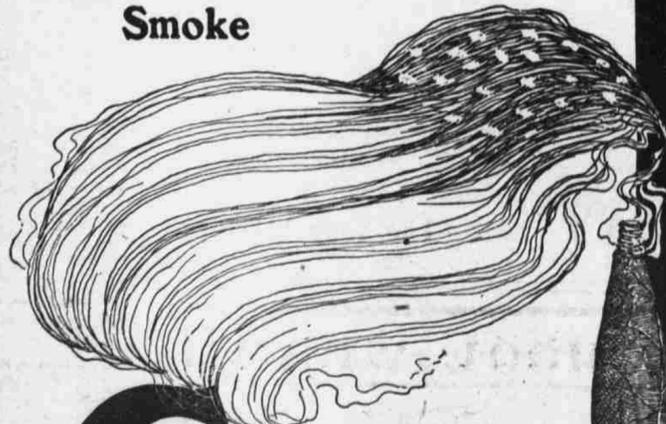
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