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STICK TO THE ISSUE.

The Spokane Review having been charged with misrepresenting the course of Senator Allen on the dalles improvement for an open Columbia river, reviews the situation, and after fairly representing Mr. Allen says: "The people of the interior, who desire above all other public improvements the opening of the Columbia river, have seen it to investigate the work of their representatives, and they have found, from Senator Squire's statement before the senate committee on commerce, that with the exception of \$10,000 for completing a survey, the Washington senators have not asked for a dollar for that portion of the Columbia river flowing through their state! The engineers estimates called for \$50,000 for the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. The house bill appropriated \$15,000; and the Washington senators not only asked for no increase, but Senator Squire explicitly stated before the committee that more was not wanted! When attention is called to this lukewarm treatment of the Columbia, the Spokane defender of Mr. Allen makes answer that in times gone by the Oregon senators have asked for and obtained all that the Columbia river is entitled to, and that now Mr. Allen must turn his attention to western Washington! Who ever heard a weaker defense of the action of a public official? It is not true that the Review 'speaks for a faction at Tacoma.' It has found that the Washington senators have asked for a sum for the Seattle canal fifty times as great as that they have asked for the upper Columbia, and it has felt that it is high time some one were speaking for the improvement of that majestic waterway. Senator Allen has been neither maligned, misrepresented, nor abused by this journal. His record has been stated with correctness and fairness. If that record is not what his friends could desire, the fault rests at Washington."

Bricklayers in Colfax decided last Tuesday that nine hours should constitute a day's work and quit work on the refusal of the contractors to view the matter in the same light. The strike was of short duration, however. On learning that the estimates had been made on the basis of 10 hours a day and contractors could not afford to be cut down, the men went back to work. It is quite likely that this point will be pressed on buildings to be erected hereafter.

The Spokane Chronicle says the democrats in the house have not offered to repeal the McKinley law because they were afraid the republican senate would reject their efforts! Then why have they passed separate bills placing western products on the free list? The senate and the president are as certain to reject one as the other. The truth is that the democratic party dare not define its position on the tariff question.

The Chelan Falls Leader reports that a big forest fire has been raging for the past two weeks at Deep point on Lake Chelan, which is destroying much valuable timber. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have resulted from the carelessness of campers.

Another stage robbery between Ellensburg and Waunatsee is reported, although information regarding it is meagre. It is said to have occurred last Wednesday, and several thousand dollars being forwarded to the Wenatchee bank was taken.

The Umatilla reservation is over-run with large black crickets which are proving destructive to the grain fields. The amount of damage done has not yet been learned.

Hundreds of pounds of cherries and raspberries are being shipped daily from Walla Walla as far east as Denver.

A pretty serious smallpox scare exists over in British Columbia, at Victoria and Vancouver.

Returned After Seven Years.
About seven years ago the village of Forest City, Pa., was excited over the mysterious disappearance of William Doolittle. One morning William left the house to buy some meat for dinner. During the forenoon the meat was brought to the house by the butcher, but William failed to appear when dinner time arrived. Months went by, but no trace of him could be found. Ever one thought that he had been foully dealt with.
Saturday afternoon Doolittle arrived in Canondale, after an absence of over seven years. His mind had become deranged. The past was a blank to him, except at two or three intervals, when he could for a short time remember something of his house and family. Four years ago he found himself in Omaha, and then for the first time in three years remembered his name and that he had left his home in Forest City to buy some meat for dinner. He could not recall anything that occurred after he bought the meat. His wife and two children, who live in Canondale, greeted him as one from the dead. He left Omaha four years ago, and has been on the road working his way homeward ever since. —Philadelphia Times.

A Bowers Scheme.
"Here you are now, warm your hands—only a penny—warm your hands, everybody—nice warm fire here for a penny." The cry was a little out of the ordinary, even on the Bowery.
A youngster of say twelve years, of no telling what nationality, had inaugurated a unique business venture. It consisted of a big iron pail filled with live coals, arranged to conveniently toast one's cold fingers by, and the young inventor charged "a penny a warm."
"Isn't this something new, Jimmy?" inquired the reporter, after having paid the required fee.
"Yaaa, I gep. Dis is my first night at de racket, and dey ain't much in it. I only got in seventeen cents since 3 o'clock. Ain't many as catches onto it at first."
"Is it your own scheme?"
"Yaaa. Ye see Gippy, the chestnut roaster on the corner here, is allays been sore on de chumps wot stop and warm der dukes at his fire, so I got an outfit and how Gippy sends 'em all over here to me. But dey ain't much in it." —New York World.

Extravagance in Smoking.
Nestor Gianaclis is a bright young Greek who some years ago moved to Cairo and engaged a small army of dark skinned men, women and children to make cigarettes for Americans to smoke.
Mr. Gianaclis is said to be the best judge of tobacco in the world. Last year 2,500,000 of his cigarettes passed through the Boston custom house and during one month 150,000 have been entered there. These cigarettes pay a duty of four dollars a pound and are sold at five cents apiece or forty cents for a box of ten cigarettes.
By actual experiment it costs one-half a cent a minute to smoke an Egyptian cigarette, which makes them probably the most expensive thing in the smoking line. —Boston Herald.

Boston Gets an Egyptian Antique.
The red granite column from the remains of the temple at the site of the Biblical Hanes, in Egypt, procured by the Rev. Dr. W. C. Winslow, of the Egypt exploration fund, from the excavations, has just arrived at the Museum of Fine Arts. The capital is an exquisite palm leaf design, and the total weight is from six to seven tons. Only the British museum has so fine a column among its treasures. —Boston Advertiser.

Manning and Simeoni.
It is worth noting as a curious coincidence that Cardinals Manning and Simeoni were called to the cardinalate on the same day in 1875 and died on the same day in 1892. Furthermore, the last official letter written by Cardinal Manning a few days before his death was addressed to Cardinal Simeoni, the late prefect of the propaganda. —Pall Mall Gazette.

Liked His Books.
Physicians and sufferers from the grip may find a useful hint in the announcement that at a recent reception given to Rudyard Kipling, in Melbourne, a sweet young thing approached the author with this flattering remark: "Oh, Mr. Kipling, I feel so proud to have met you. When I had the influenza, your books were the only things that did me any good." —Exchange.

Coins Under a Glacier.
About 1887 a horseshoe was found under the ice of the glacier Theodul, in Switzerland, which led geologists to the idea that this pass, 3,323 meters high, was formerly not imbedded in ice. This has been further confirmed by a recent find of coins bearing the likenesses of Augustus and Diocletian. —Popular Science News.

An ingenious mail box has been offered for the approval of the government. It is operated by a timelock, which automatically displays a card announcing when the next collection will be made. It also stamps upon each letter as it drops in the very minute when it was placed in the box.

A woman in Asbury Park, N. J., is said to be in a dangerous condition through being poisoned by inhaling smoke from a cook stove filled with green wood. It is thought that the wood in the stove was covered with some poisonous vine or fungus.

Two neighbors in Stamp Creek, Ga., had a dispute about a couple of geese, and the matter was brought to court. After the costs had amounted to seventy dollars, the disputants compromised the matter by each taking one of the fowls.

There's a queer state of things in Richmond, Me., where a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been organized, but nobody will act as its agent.

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