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#### SUNDAY CLOSING.

The closing of the saloons and bar rooms yesterday was complete, so far as the front doors were concerned, and in one respect, at least, The Dalles resembled New York. The matter caused much discussion, and opinion seemed to be considerably divided as to the wisdom of a Sunday closing law. There was, however, a very general opinion among those who neither own or regularly patronize bar rooms, that the law should be enforced so long as it stands as a law.

As THE CHRONICLE has heretofore urged, there is nothing so conducive to contempt of the law as the retention of one which is enforced, if enforced at all, at the caprice of police officers. Officers exercising police functions are appointed and sworn, not to legislate for the community, but to enforce the law as enacted by the legislative power. It is an extremely dangerous power to give to police officers. To enforce the law is not at their discretion; and yet that is exactly the power which is assumed by police officers in most cities, and is left in their hands through the indifference of citizens. There is no reason why the law, as it stands, should not be enforced in The Dalles. If it is a law which a majority of the people do not wish, and the question is one of policy only, it should be repealed. This is a country in which the majority rules, and we should assume that a law once enacted is the will of the majority until it is repealed. If the majority will not enact or maintain laws which are for the general or moral welfare of the community, then there is work for the educator, and when the educator has accomplished his work the beneficial law will follow. The liquor traffic is a peculiar one, requiring, according to the consensus of opinion of most communities, cities and states, to be restrained and regulated by law. We have laws regulating it, and until they are repealed they should be enforced, and those whose business it is to enforce them have no business to question anyone whether the law should be enforced or not; it is their duty to perform the duties of their offices. We heartily commend the officers, who ever they may be, that have in this city taken up the work. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt's example is a most excellent one to follow.

#### THE CHAUTAUQUA MOVEMENT.

No educational movement in recent years has reached the wide celebrity and success that the Chautauqua movement has attained. Begun on a small scale, with no intention of passing beyond the local limits of a small circle, its influence has pervaded the intellectual life of the world. The need of this work was strongly impressed upon Dr. Vincent, and with Lewis Miller of Akron, Ohio, as joint originator, the plan was made public August, 1878. Dr. Vincent believed thoroughly in its power to uplift and enrich multitudes of men and women, and he presented it in an address which powerfully moved and astonished his audience. His plan seemed so clear and practical as he explained it, that people, who for years had accepted with dull resignation the narrow limits of their intellectual lives, were startled into recognizing that it had been their own inaction that had been binding them, and that after all the world of knowledge and thought might be for them.

This address, in its leveling effect, is spoken of as amusing, as well as pathetic. Young and old, college-bred and untrained, rich and poor, busy and idle, joined the circle with one accord, seeming to comprehend that the pursuit of knowledge and culture is independent of all conditions. Seventeen years successful work have proven that whatever defects were embodied in this system, time and effort can remedy; and it is already well proven that for those who are too old, too poor, or too busy to go to school, mature life and old age can be turned into youth; shop, railway car, kitchen or forest, can be turned into a school, and life made richer and more beautiful thing.

#### A JAIL FOR WOMEN NEEDED.

There is urgent need in this city for a jail exclusively for women. The only excuse for the existence of a jail is that it is a necessary means of preventing the violation of law—restraining, punishing and reforming violators of the law. There have been recently several occasions in the county and city for the ar-

rest and incarceration of women. There is no convenient separate apartment in which to place them, and the officers are compelled to place them under lock and key in the common jail, where they have only the society of the men accused of crime; not a desirable class for men to associate with, and often not decent associates for women.

The women who are arrested may not be worthy of good society, but the presumption is that they are as good as any. There is no reason why innocent women, as well as innocent men, may not be arrested and kept in jail. Anyway humanity and decency demands that the unfortunate women, who must be kept in jail, should have apartments separate from men. The demand is imperative in the case of decent women, and possibly more so in the case of immoral women.

We understand that the county jail now contains a female prisoner, and yesterday an insane woman was placed in the city jail.

Newspaper discussion of the Durrant trial is tiresome. The press dispatches now say that if he is freed it will be by proving his innocence and not by technicalities. This will be a disappointment to the newspapers of San Francisco, because they will then have no excuse for sensational abuse of the court and jury after the trial. We wonder when the law was changed so that accused persons are required to prove their innocence. It used to require the accusers to prove guilt, and presumed the innocence of the defendant until his guilt was proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Kincaid has said that the state will pay the costs in the case brought to test the constitutionality of the railroad commission law, and the legislature will be called upon to pay his attorneys. The state furnishes Mr. Kincaid an attorney. That attorney advised against the case, and the wise secretary of state disregarded the advice of the attorney-general, and hired his own lawyer. He ought to pay the costs and attorney's fees out of his salary, not out of the fees which he collects and puts in his pocket.

#### Accident This Morning.

A sad accident happened today, which has maimed a strong young man for life. This morning about 8:30, Martin Engman had both his hands crushed in a hay baler. He was working for Mr. Henrichson on A. W. Whetstone's place and was just putting a board in to cover the hay, when he miscalculated and reached too far. The heavy press came down on his hands, crushing them terribly. The injured man was placed in a wagon and rapidly brought to town. Drs. Logan, Doane and Sutherland held a consultation and saw that amputation of the entire left hand was necessary and one finger from the right hand. The young man had rare grit, and laid down upon the operating table as if going to sleep instead of parting with one of life's dearest treasures. The operation lasted about three-quarters of an hour. Mr. Engman came to this country from St. Paul and had lived in Portland about a year before coming to Eastern Oregon. He is unmarried. A short time ago he was the possessor of an accident policy, but unfortunately had allowed it to lapse. Last night he had a dream that something serious was to happen and two or three times was on the point of telling Mr. Henrichson he did not want to work today. He is a strong, healthy farmer, and to look at him in his sad condition would melt a strong heart to sympathy.

Reliable reports from different portions of the county indicate that the wheat yield is turning out much better than expected. The yield in Klickitat is very large, and Sherman and Wasco counties will be on hand with large harvests. Next month will see lines of wheat wagons wend their way along the roads leading to town. The Dalles is going to be the great wheat market this year, as it has been the wool center earlier in the summer.

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