

HOW TO SETTLE DELINQUENT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

There are few classes of book accounts in the world that contain as large a relative amount of bad debts as the subscription lists of a country newspaper. Why this is so it is not our present purpose to inquire. Our object is to call the attention of our brethren of the country press to an infallible method by which a settlement of all delinquent accounts may be obtained with scarcely any trouble and without any expense. We can commend the method all the more heartily since we did not discover it but are indebted for the "pointer" to an old account book that was recently discovered among a lot of trash and lumber while workmen were clearing out an old store room connected with the office of the collector of internal revenue at Portland. The book bore internal evidence of having belonged to a practising physician of some forty years ago; and a man of some note withal, as the list of names in the index and accounts show that his patients were among the best families of the Portland pioneers. The doctor's name is not found in the book but old-timers strongly suspect that it belonged to one long since gone to his rest, who bore an honored but decidedly Celtic patronymic and had a large share of the wit and humor of his race.

The doctors of forty years ago, we it remembered, might not have had as many patients as their successors do now, but they made up for the lack by bleeding more freely what they had. Thus the book shows that a charge of \$3 was demanded for a single call upon the sick. In the particular case which furnishes the inspiration of this article the usual charge is registered against a certain individual for a visit to his sick wife. An extra charge of \$1 is made for the prescription and when the items are carried out the total is made to read \$4.50.

Our brethren of the country press will not fail to note the doctor's admirable method of addition. Not that it is absolutely new, as any man who has ever run a butcher's account can testify. The account is ultimately settled, however, in a most remarkable manner—and this is the point of our story—by a simple entry which says: "Credit, by debtor's running away, \$4.50." Thus without cost and with no more effort than the scratch of a pen the entire debt is canceled and declared paid.

NOT ALL OREGON REJOICES.

"All Oregon is rejoicing," says the Baker City Republican, "at the fact that the O. R. & N. has secured two of the largest steamships ever yet sailed on the Pacific for its new Oriental line from Portland."

Not quite "all Oregon," alas, that it should be said, for the Astoria News frets itself in this wise: "If the O. R. & N. Company has really chartered those steamers, it is indeed too bad, for they will never be able to get to Portland. A 22-foot channel cannot be made to accommodate 25-foot ships, and if those vessels come here they will have to load at Astoria. This Portland story sounds remarkably fishy."

It remains true, however, as a Baker City business man expresses himself to the Republican, that the news is "particularly gratifying to the Inland Empire, because it demonstrates that the Columbia river will be kept open to navigation; that ships will continue to come as far inland for cargo as possible and that we can still expect to see the largest ocean vessels, which are the cheapest carriers, take our products 100 miles inland. Oregon for Oregon, and the Inland Empire for its best interests."

The Lewiston Tribune declares the disgruntled citizen who is on the

lookout for a new party need not despair if he doesn't get one. "The chances are he would fall out with the new one on its first failure to meet his individual ideas and the country would have to be saved without him anyway."

By the time Washburn, Bryan, Pettigrew, Hearst and perhaps Hill each get a "new democracy" organized, there will not be many rag-tag and bob-tail fag ends to gather up to reorganize the New York World's "old democracy," says the New Whatcom Republican.

MONOPOLY IN CAMPHOR GUM.

The Entire Trade of the World is Now in the Hands of a Strong Syndicate.

Within a year the camphor trade of the world has become a monopoly. The trees which yield this fragrant and useful gum are to be found all over Asia and the East Indies, but the principal production from them is confined to the island of Formosa, which belongs to Japan. China was never able to furnish more than 200,000 pounds a year, and Japan now produces about 300,000. But Formosa's annual output for several years past has been between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 pounds. Little is to be had at present from any other source and there is no prospect of any change in the situation for a long time to come, says the New York Tribune.

In deciding to exercise control over the production of camphor Japan has been actuated by two motives. In the first place she wants to obtain revenue therefrom, as France does from the match and cigar industries. But she also seeks to avert the killing of the goose which lays the golden eggs for her. In other words, she has undertaken to protect the camphor forests, which were in danger of extinction. A recent consular report from Tamsui declares that no fewer than 1,500 armed guards are to be placed on duty on the edge of the forests. In order to enforce regulations which have recently been adopted. The destruction of young camphor trees and of shoots from old stumps has been prohibited by law. The gum is obtained by felling the larger trees, splitting them up and boiling the wood. In the past it has been common to cut down young trees for fuel, but this practice is now to be stopped.

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