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TOOK FRENCH LEAVE.

Eight Soldiers Leave Their Posts of Duty.

Fort Walla Walla is short eight men. Last Tuesday night they took "French leave" and their whereabouts is unknown. Their names are Harry Parker, Peter Flesberg, Otto Hofmeyer, Rudolph Vycinehl, Frederick Hart, Bert Hill, of the 10th battery, field artillery, James Gidion and Ed Volmer, of the 30th battery, field artillery.

Tuesday was pay day and the boys received their money from Uncle Sam for their services and Wednesday morning when the roll call was sounded the above named did not respond to their names and have not been heard from since. This is the largest number of men to desert from the fort at one time since its establishment and no reason can be given for their disappearance other than that they were late recruits and had become tired of wearing the soldier's uniform, preferring rather to risk getting away and being marked as deserters than to spend any more time at the fort, but if they are caught they will be treated as deserters, the penalty of which is anything an army court-martial may direct, from death, in time of war, to a light fine or confinement in the guard house on a diet of bread and water, and the missing, if captured receive heavy sentences although the death penalty is never inflicted in time of peace.

There is a standing reward of \$20 offered by the United States government for the apprehension of soldiers who leave the service without permission and the civil authorities all over the country have been furnished descriptions of these men and if taken they will be returned to the fort and it is a hard matter for a man to get away in this day and age, if any attempt is made to detect him, but, as a rule, there is little effort put forth to apprehend a man who willfully deserts as the service is considered better off when rid of all such.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were recorded at the recorder's office yesterday:

From Harry Hexter to Asa A. McDaniel, lots 1, 2, and 3, block 162, reservation addition to the city of Pendleton.

From Oliver Holcomb to J. C. Holcomb, 80 acres in section 34, township 4. Price \$2400.

From Thomas J. Morris et ux to John F. Temple, four lots in block 165, reservation addition to the city of Pendleton. Price \$400.

From Carrie B. Forbes to Elizabeth Gulliford one-half of lot 1, all of lots 2 and 3, in block 5, Switzer's addition to the city of Pendleton. Price \$700.

What the Chronicle Thinks.

The fact is we are all cowards. In one way or another on the gambling question, says the La Grande Chronicle. It is not the purpose of the Chronicle to impugn any man's motives, but it is a fact, nevertheless that every man in La Grande who is opposed to gambling wants to delegate his part of carrying out the opposition to someone else. Many who declaim the loudest against gambling and who have the opportunity to see it carried on, would run and hide sooner than become a witness in a case of prosecution. No one wants to incur the enmity and opposition of the gambling class by taking upon himself the job of making a complaint and becoming the prosecutor. The question is also a fruitful one for creating bucomb and political effect, and one of the greatest drawbacks in the solution of the vexed question is the insistence of those who profess a horror for such flagrant infraction of the law, but who at the same time do not hesitate to deposit a short bit in the rear of a drug store for a graduate of whiskey, that he knows is illegally sold and immorally drunk.

It may be that some permanent good may be accomplished through the pledges of candidates, but if it were not for the cowardice inherent in everyone, the gambling games could be closed in a day.

We are bold when it comes to decrying the evil, but weak and hesitating when it comes to taking the initiative in prosecutions.

Frogs legs to the number of 600,000 are annually consumed in the city of New York.

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SOME OPINIONS

WHAT LA GRANDE THINKS OF GAMBLING

Some of the Sentiments at the Mass Meeting and the Resolutions that were Adopted.

At the mass meeting held in La Grande, the following shows some of the sentiments expressed and the resolutions adopted:

J. M. Church.

I do not desire to make a speech but I consider gambling the worst curse in the land. Our people know it is an enemy to legitimate business and they are opposed to it and will roll up a large majority against it.

J. W. Scriber.

In response to calls, stated that for several years he had been a member of the city council and that he knew how easy it was to receive censure and too often little praise. That the laws of the state of Oregon and city ordinances of La Grande against gambling and the regulations of the saloons were simple and good, the fault of these non-enforcements was not through the officers but through the people who failed to furnish evidence, that a marshal might see the tables, men sitting around them and money in sight, unless he had witnesses he could not furnish sufficient proof to secure conviction. That the people as a whole must back up their officers or the laws would not be enforced. He cited the recent law abolishing the slot machines, for a few weeks they were all stopped, but the people demanded them and they opened up unmolested.

C. D. Huffman.

C. D. Huffman being present was called upon. He stated that while he did not live in the city he represented a large class of people in this county who were very much interested in this issue. The question of giving their families an education was one that interested many farmers. Many expected and desired to send their sons to our schools and that he was seriously considering that question at this very time. He had a son fifteen years old and that whether or not La Grande was to be a clean city was a question which every parent who expected to educate their sons in La Grande would carefully consider.

Mayor McWhirter.

Mayor McWhirter stated that upon his administration he instructed the marshal to close all gambling which he did the first few months, but finally the marshal came before the council is asked to be backed up, and that a motion was made to the effect that it was the desire of the council to enforce the gambling ordinances. A ye a and nay vote was called and the motion was lost.

The chair appointed Scott Goodall, J. M. Church and J. W. H. Miller who retired and submitted the following which was unanimously adopted:

Platform.

We, the citizens assembled, believing that gambling is demoralizing in its influences and detrimental to the business interests of the city.

Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the state and city laws against gambling be enforced in the city of La Grande.

Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that a meeting be called at some future time to be designated by the committee for the purpose of nominating a full city ticket that will carry out the sentiments of these resolutions.

CHINA MEN END THE CELEBRATION OF NEW YEAR.

Dissonant Roars and Clangs and Music (?) Ceases for Another Twelve Months.

Amid the roar of firecrackers and the sounding of gongs, Chinese New Year ended at midnight last night. For two solid weeks the Chinese of Pendleton have made life hideous at night and kept up an almost incessant roar of noise produced by beating of tin cans, firing of firecrackers and playing what they call music which has been nothing but the worst kind of discord to the ear of the whites who have been compelled to listen to it. There are not a few who live in close proximity to Chinatown who will draw a long breath of relief upon learning that their almond-eyed neighbors have run out of wind and will for another 12 months let peace reign in Chinatown.

There was another "big feed" with invited white guests in attendance last night and some of our citizens who never attempted to appease the

WOOD FAMINE DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

A Meacham Logger Tells About the Cutting of Fuel in the Mountains.

Had the past winter been a more severe one, wood would have been scarce in the cities tributary and dependent for their supply from the mountains around Meacham, southeast of Pendleton. As it was, there only being a few weeks of real winter, the supply did not run short here and the price was not very much above what it usually is. Local dealers charged only from \$5 to \$6 per cord for good mountain wood and there has been all that was needed to supply the demand. It was thought in the fall that the price would be much higher. A famine was looked for and would no doubt have materialized had there come a few months of severe weather.

However, according to advices from the wood regions of the mountains-tributary to the transportation line, there will be no shortage for next season. The snow is about gone from the hills and preparations are already started for wood-cutting on large scale during the coming spring, summer and fall than for several seasons past. The sound of axes can be heard daily around Meacham and Huron stations. In speaking of the conditions and outlook for the coming season in the hills, Frank McCandless, who wintered at a logging camp in that country, said to an East Oregonian reporter, while in Walla Walla recently:

"All winter there has been more or less work going on in that section. One of the main difficulties is the fact that trees are felled for a considerable distance back from the railroad and the cost of getting them to rail is greater than before. It is thought probable this will be changed during the coming summer by the building of a short railway spur into the mountains from the main line somewhere near Meacham. It would not be necessary for the trains to make more than one or two trips a week over the spur, a sufficient number of cars being left each time to be loaded in readiness for the next visit of the locomotive. If this is done there will be a perceptible cheapening of wood.

Chinamen Are Useless.

"It is true there was less wood cut in the mountains last year than for some years before. This was not the fault of the logger bosses. They realized there would be a greater demand for wood by reason of the increased population but there was little use in advertising for help, as men preferred to work in the bar-yest field, where the wages were as good and the chance for getting to the city once a week better. From this cause the crews in the logging woods were short handed and I believe the same thing will, to a great extent, be true next season.

"An effort was made last year to utilize Chinese help in the woods, but after a few trials it was given up. A Chinaman handles an ax like a woman. He cannot get the free swing to it that comes to a woodman, and as a consequence can never strike twice in the same place. He is a handy man to have in the kitchen and can wash pots better than a white man, but when it comes to ax play, he is not in it."

Cannot Advertise for Men.

Asked if he did not believe the excess of work on this coast last season would bring more laborers west during the coming spring, Mr. McCandless said: "It may, although I hardly expect to see it do so. The fact that laborers were needed here, if advertised in the east, might do a great deal of good, but that would hardly be fair, for the reason that it would then bring more than were wanted and a hardship would be worked both on those who came and could not secure work, and upon those who were forced to labor for less wages rather than see their positions taken from them. Then even the wood bosses can never tell what they actually want until the times, and it would not do for them to promise any great number of positions even now. But there is certain to be a great deal of wood cut during the coming summer."

BENNETT SEES HOPEFULLY

Dalles Warhorse Talks of Democratic Possibilities.

Judge A. S. Bennett, a well known attorney of The Dalles, arrived in Astoria yesterday, says the Astorian. He is associated with George Noland for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs. Ella Scott vs. the A. & C. R. R. The case is to be called tomorrow. Judge Bennett is a democratic warhorse. He says the republicans of his county are making such a hard sectional fight that democratic efforts are lost sight of. He believes

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formerly controlled by Wakefield & Failing are to be closed out by March 1st. All pianos in stock are to be sold regardless of cost. We will willingly show our cost prices and discounts and charge you for freight, stool and scarf and the piano is yours. Sold on any reasonable time proposition. This is the chance of your life to get an instrument. Remember they must be sold and the store cleared of this present line by March 1st.

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If you have the first symptom of failing health, if you are conscious that something is wrong, that you lack strength, if the buoyant feeling of perfect health does not return after each night's sleep, it is time to give the nerves and blood the food that nature requires. Paine's Celery Compound is rightly called nature's medicine. It purifies the blood, restores the healthy ac-

tion to every function, remedies the depression and languor, strengthens the kidneys to perform their work, allays indigestion and gives tone to the whole system.

The remarkable increase in the demand for Paine's Celery Compound in the last few years is due to the one fact that every person who has tried a single bottle of this greatest of restoratives has found that the remedy accomplishes what no other remedy does. It accomplishes all that is claimed for it. A sample trial will convince the reader.



George H. Chamberlain will poll more than the party strength east of the mountains, should the republicans nominate either Governor Geer or W. J. Forsyth. Judge Bennett believes the democratic outlook is becoming brighter in Oregon.

Saved Him From Torture.

There is no more agonizing trouble than piles. The constant itching and burning make life intolerable. No position is comfortable. The torture is unceasing. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles at once. For skin disease, cuts, burns, bruises, all kinds of wounds, it is unequalled. J. B. Gerall, St. Paul, Ark., says: "From 1864 I suffered with the protruding bleeding piles and could find nothing to help me until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes completely cured me." Beware of counterfeits. Tallman & Co. and Brock & McCampbell, Co.

The Bill of Rights.

Washington, Feb. 21.—In the supreme court yesterday, the chief justice, quoting from supreme court decisions to uphold his contention that the bill of rights has been constitutionally withheld from the Philippines, Senator Patterson challenged the right of the Philippine commission to enact such laws as to abridge the rights of free speech and a free press.