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NEWS OF MILTON

MAYOR S. A. MILLER DOWN WITH SMALLPOX.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Arrive Home—Juror Selling Out at Cost—No \$25 Dancing License—New Hotel Spoken of in Freewater.

Milton, Jan. 14.—Miss Jennie Dykes went over to Walla Walla Monday evening and returned Tuesday.

Mrs. C. E. Berry returned home Tuesday from Walla Walla, where she has been visiting for the past week.

Mayor S. A. Miller is down with the smallpox and the city dads are without a head.

John Zell and A. Noblitt's families, who have been quarantined for smallpox for the past 35 days, were released last Tuesday.

Mr. Hull, the watch-maker, has moved in the room one door south of the postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Tassie Stewart went to Helix Wednesday to visit Mrs. Stewart's daughter, Mrs. Frank Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Missouri and attending to some business connected with Mr. Clarke's parents' estate, arrived home Tuesday.

We said in Tuesday's locals that J. W. Arnold's four grandchildren were down with smallpox. We should have said scarlet fever.

Miss Kate Fulton returned home Tuesday from Waitsburg, where she went a few days ago.

Mrs. Anna Forsythe, a sister of Mrs. Black of this city, will leave for an extended visit with relatives near Cambridge and Youngstown, O.

D. J. Phelps has been drawn as a juror at the spring term of court, and has marked everything in his store down 20 per cent since finding it out.

Whether he has a graft on the county court, or marked them down in order to raise money to pay his expenses while there, is a question with his many friends here.

The report circulated in the neighboring towns of Washington and Oregon that Milton's council imposed a license of \$25 for dancing inside the corporation is a false one and without foundation. The report was published in the Spokesman-Review by a gentleman who smuggled a case of scarlet fever through, for fear of being quarantined. It was done for an effect, and the cause has leaked out with the origin of the article. Come over and dance at the opera house Friday night, and we'll pay the license.

Bert Bolus called the doctor Monday evening to see his baby, who had the Friday before cut his chin on a tin can. The baby's chin got quite sore and a high fever set in and it was feared that blood poisoning would result. The doctor said that it had caught cold in the sore, but need not fear anything serious. The baby was resting easy Tuesday evening.

Free-water's correspondent to the Spokesman-Review is going to build a large hotel in the north end of Milton, near the depot, for the accommodation of the traveling public. It's intended as an enterprise for Free-water and a boom (?) for the town. Some time ago she surveyed about one-half of Milton, with an eye on adopting all of the part north of the school house, but only about one out of 10 of the inhabitants in the surveyed part would sign the petition, so that was dropped.

Then she wanted the Milton people to let her have that part of the corporation lying north of the railroad track, so that she could grade a street and have a road to the depot without driving a half mile around to her freight, but failed in that, too. Now,

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they are going to build a hotel and starve Milton's boarding houses out and compel her merchants to come to the sample room to meet the traveling men or buy direct from the wholesale houses.

Just what the outcome will be awaits further developments and Milton is silent.

"IRISH PAWNBROKERS."

Made a Hit in Portland and Will Be Warmly Welcomed Here.

Cordray's was crowded on Sunday afternoon and night. "The Irish Pawnbrokers" being the bill, with Sullivan and Mack and Mazie Trumbull as the stellar attractions, says the Oregon Daily Journal. The audience evinced considerable delight with the hilarious fun of the piece, and laughed from beginning to end. It's another farce comedy, without plot. Individual song and dance and several numbers of that character by half a dozen chorus girls, added to the comedy of Sullivan and Mack and Trumbull, make up the potpourri that is called "The Irish Pawnbrokers."

This attraction will appear at the Frazer Thursday, January 16. Seats now on sale.

GREAT SALT LAKE

WATER SUPPLY STOPPED BY IRRIGATION.

Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Square Miles of Alfalfa Fields Irrigated by the Former's Source of Supply—One and a Half Million Gallons of Water Used in Salt Evaporation.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 14.—The people of this district are in a panic over the possible disappearance of Salt Lake. The water has been gradually lowering for years, but within the last two years and particularly during the year just ended, the decrease has been noticeably rapid. The certainty of the coming time when there will be no lake is of no small concern to the city. Upon it depends the summer rush which annually floods the house and fattens the pockets of the citizens.

Of no small consequence is it just now whether Salt Lake City is the center of Mormonism, very few people would stop to see a Mormon town. Very little consequence is the temple which visitors flock to see. Of small weight is the beauty of the town. All of these attractions are as nothing as compared with the lake, the phenomenal, the life-giving Salt Lake.

There is no question about it, Salt Lake is one of the phenomena of this country and everyone who goes near or through the city stops to view it. Every train which runs across the country, either east or west, if it passes through Salt Lake City stops there. Several hours at least are given the travelers and a bath in the lake is advertised as the feature of the city. Therefore you will find that the average traveler, whether he has had time to see the temple or not, whether he has even had time to lunch, has bathed in the lake. Of no small consequence is this lake treasure to the city.

Farmers Are Robbing Lake.

But the country people? There lies the seat of the trouble. It is they who are robbing the lake. The farmers have no use for tourists, they gain nothing by them. It is their fields that they think most of. And those fields, except for the irrigation ditch, would be desert. The government, when it put in the big irrigation ditches and cut off the supply waters of the lake did not, perhaps, realize what the result would be on the lake. The ditch has served its purpose well, the desert now blooms with peach and plum trees; it is green with alfalfa, and a country which was once uninhabitable is now dotted with comfortable farms and cozy farmhouses.

As it stands the contest lies between the city and the country, the lake and the alfalfa field. Shall there be a lake or shall there be a field? It has become evident that there is not water for both. Ever since the ditch was built there has been very little water running into the lake. Except for some hidden springs which supply it, no one knows how many or how large they are, the lake water is unchanged. Yet while no water was coming into the lake thousands of gallons were constantly being drawn off. The great salt refineries, which produce 150,000 tons of salt a year, draw off 15,000,000 gallons of water in the same time. And busy old Sol shining down day after day, summer and winter, has piled himself with a multiplication of those figures.

Enterprise of Salt Refiners.

Although there has always been a greater or less amount of refining done it is only within the last few years that the salt industry has brought Salt Lake into the open market. The process now employed is to pump the water some 14 feet above the lake level and carry it through flumes three miles back to the evaporating ponds. The ponds cover 1,400 acres of ground and 14,000 gallons of water pours over them every minute. It is, however, only during the summer that the work can be carried on for sun heat is used for evaporation. Early in August,

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when the ponds are like great fields of salt, car tracks are laid over them and the salt is dug up and carted away for refineries.

The district of farm land which is watered by the streams which formerly loaned their torces to the great lake covers 210,000 square miles. It spreads over the Western half of Utah, the greater part of Nevada, and a part of Eastern California, South-eastern Oregon, Southeastern Idaho and Southwestern Wyoming. This vast territory has been fed at the expense of the lake and in the last 15 years the lake surface has fallen 10 feet.

Lake Brings Prosperity.

As an evidence of the prosperity the lake brings them the people of Salt Lake City quote the 160,000 visitors who visit them annually. They point further to the handsome bath houses which have been built, their great hotels and splendid public buildings. The city breathes prosperity and happiness and wealth and the citizens attribute it all to the proximity of the lake and the thousands of people and consequent thousands of dollars which it brings to them.

They point with pride to the big bath house, which is built out into the lake a distance of 4000 feet. The water is very shallow and the great salt banks which surround it are an annoyance to the visitor. To overcome this a pier was built out into the water, with a railroad running the length of it, and a veritable city at the far end. The water even here is but waist deep and series upon series of stairs lead into it from the pier. The central bath house is a low egg-shaped building and the shower baths and dressing rooms stretch in long rows from each end.

A shower of fresh water is an absolutely necessary accompaniment to

the lake bathing. The moment the bather leaves the water he is covered with a crust of salt, which hardens as it dries until it is like a suit of armor and almost as heavy and uncomfortable. The moment the bather leaves the water he runs for comfort to the shower. There is no stopping to sun one's self or to gossip with friends.

Water is Heavier with Salt.

With the lowering of the lake's surface it is said that the brine has become briner, if possible, than it was before. Chemists find by analysis that the water is heavier with salt than it used to be, and there is a noticeable difference to the bather. Although there is absolutely no danger of drowning in such water, the life saver must be on hand, for strangulation is frequent. The bather who gets that water into his nose and the entries to breathe is in great danger, and there is yearly a series of fatalities of this sort. The visitor is warned of this by the attendant at the bath houses and people are usually careful to remember it. The sight of hundreds of bathers with their heads and necks poking out of the water like turtles is funny enough and the onlooker at the baths has quite as much fun as the bather. People struggle in vain to keep under the water, yet in spite of all they can do their heads go up, and if they are not watchful their heads will bob down. The only way to make any progress through the water is by paddling. The bather sits in the water as though he were in a chair and his head and shoulders and arms will stand out well of the water. He then uses his hands as paddles and by a slow and steady motion moves carefully about. It is next to impossible to swim in the water—indeed, no one tries it—and the small boys of Salt Lake City are no better swimmers than their country friends.

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