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The small boy had a bad temper. He knew it, and was sincerely sorry that he couldn't control it better. He talked to his father about it, and the father who was fond of object-teaching, said: "I'll see what I can do to help you. Here are some nails and a hammer. Now every time you lose your temper drive one of these nails in that post just outside the door." After a few weeks the boy came to his father with a heavy face, and confessed: "Father, the nails are all gone." But the father only answered: "Well, now, my lad, every time that you get the better of your temper pull a nail out of the post." And so the boy did. And one day he came to his father with a smiling face and said: "Father, the nails are all out." Then a shadow fell upon the boy's face, as he went on in a less cheerful tone, "but father, the holes are there yet." Some of us would give a good deal if we could pull out the holes.—Robert Whittaker.

WRONGFULLY ACCUSED.

The Heppner relief committee has been unjustly attacked by a venomous minded man in a private letter published in the Pilot Rock Record, Aug. 21. The letter accused the committee of misappropriating the public funds received by it, and of other mismanagement in the affairs entrusted to it by the people of Heppner.

Following the publication of the letter in the paper in question, the author of it comes out in the same paper, August 28, with a complete retraction, disclaiming any information on the subject whatever, and saying that he was not warranted in making the libelous statements contained in the communication.

This unjust and damaging attack on the committee has not caused any suspicion in the minds of friends of the gentlemen comprising it, but it has been sent abroad among those not personally acquainted with these men, a damaging and false impression. In matters of this kind one thousand people read the false accusation, where but few will read the denial. Bad news always travels rapidly, while good reports are slow of wing. An injustice, which cannot be undone, has been committed by this criminally inclined man and this thoughtless paper. The people of Pilot Rock and vicinity know the gentlemen comprising that committee and not one in a hundred of them believed the accusations. But the very fact that such a venomous attack could find the light of day, through the columns of the press, leads many strangers to suspect the committee. Not in Eastern Oregon, or any other country, is there to be found a more straightforward, conscientious, honest, faithful and able body of citizens, than that composing the Heppner relief committee. Their characters were advertised to the world by their fellow citizens when they were named as custodians of Heppner's welfare, in that time of dire need. Their actions since that time, and their management of the funds in the relief of the distressed and the improvement of the stricken city, have borne out and strengthened the confidence of the people in them.

The attack was one of those outbursts of jealous and unfounded passion, which always overshadows the actions of men in prominent positions, no matter how faithful their performance of duty. It should not

be noticed, and would not have been had it not found its way into print. Even now, it deserves but a glance of utter contempt. The coward who made the attack, has shown still more depravity, in denying his own statements. In the last issue of the Pilot Rock Record, he says over his signature:

"I wish by this letter to make public acknowledgement that I had no personal knowledge or even sufficient information to warrant such statements as those contained in the printed extract referred to. I committed a grievous mistake in writing such a letter and make this retraction because in justice I owe it to the Heppner Relief Committee and to anyone else likely to be misled by the unwarranted matter published."

The same class of vermin, which would thus besmirch the characters of upright citizens, whose prominence, business ability and sense of responsibility fitted them, especially for the task in which they have been engaged since the day of that horror, would hesitate at no depth of infamy to accomplish an evil purpose. The people of Heppner would be justified in treating a man who would thus willfully rob the living of their reputation, as they would a man who would rob the dead of their trinkets.

The only other case just like the appointment of E. W. Davis to be register of the La Grande land office, in the history of recent politics is that of the appointment of Eugene Ware to be pension commissioner. Roosevelt ignored the entire Kansas delegation and named Ware, who had not been recommended, over the heads of three candidates, proposed by the delegation. Evidently, Roosevelt cannot be bulldozed, even at the peril of party disruption. He will have his man, or no man.

The mistaken report sent out in regard to the killing of the American consul at Beirut, Syria, is one on the cable operators. It would be a good mistake, however, if the American gunboats should not be advised of mistake, until after they had made a few "good" brigands in Turkey.

A MEDIEVAL PSYCHOLOGIST.

Professor Munsterberg of Harvard, whose specialty is psychology, relies to some extent on the point of a good story enforcing his position in abstract demonstration. He has one on the association of ideas that will illustrate.

A mediaeval magician—more ac-

curately called "fakir" nowadays—announced that he had invented and had for sale a magic pot. If certain rather common stones were mixed and placed in the pot, with a certain portion of water, and the whole shaken diligently for an hour, the stones would turn to gold provided that during the hour the operator should not think of a hippopotamus. The fakir sold a great many for fabulous sums, and not one of the purchasers ever demanded a return of the money.

The fakir knew his business. He was in advance of his age in psychology, in his skill in permanently fixing in his customers' minds the association of that old pot and a hippopotamus.—Boston Herald.

Frank Tanghenbaugh, of Seattle, was shot and mortally wounded by Mrs. H. E. Finley, a stenographer, Friday. Jealousy is the supposed cause. Tanghenbaugh was in his own home at the time of the shooting.

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