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THE FIRE DREAMER

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Sittin' by the fire, with Molly stirrin' round,
 I dream the old dreams over in Recollection Town;
 Outside the frozen winter, with the fallin' of the snow,
 But I'm with the old-time sweethearts that loved me long ago!

The first sweet flowers she gave me—the loved fair place I see;
 She leaned and kissed the violets as she pinned 'em on for me;
 The peaceful paths an' pleasant—the valleys an' the hills
 Where hand in hand we listened to the wild, sweet whippoor-wills!

Settin' by the fire—ah, well! I'm gettin' gray;
 Too old to be a dreamer—to reap the flowers of May;
 The lights an' shadows 'round me like friends of old times seem,
 While the fire does the talkin' an' I listen an' I dream!

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THE CITY'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

In giving earnest study to the subject of the police department the new city administration is moving along good lines. There is a tendency to do the same thing in other places all over the land. There is necessity for this. Never before has there been so much criminal activity as at present. Never has there been greater need for energetic service on the part of those who are sworn to uphold the law. It is scarcely necessary to recall these facts to local people. They have seen at close range the fruits of criminal violence. We recently lost an extremely valuable officer and he was murdered by men whom he had arrested for local crimes. He had risked his own life to capture two of those men and in the manhunt which followed the Taylor murder hundreds of citizens worked hard in a nerve wracking hunt that was full of peril.

No one has forgotten the murder of our sheriff nor are people asleep to the fact that forgeries, robberies and other crimes are frequent here, due in large measure to the fact this is a point where transient men gather and there are sure to be criminals and would be criminals among them.

There is need of protection and the people want it. The new sheriff and his deputies will do all they can. This is no reflection upon them. But a town the size of Pendleton must place its main reliance upon its police force. The police are the men immediately on the job and they must be looked to as the first line of defense. Pendleton needs the most competent, wide awake police department obtainable and should have it. The safety of the homes and business houses of the city is at stake and this is no time to take chances.

The new city administration has an opportunity to be of considerable service to the city in connection with this subject and other subjects. This is a forward looking town and if the new mayor and councilmen can make betterments they will not find people lacking in loyalty or appreciation.

THEY WISH TO KNOW WHEN

SOME rather interesting comments on the wheat situation are contained in a current bulletin by the National City Bank of New York. They are here given for what they may be worth:

"The fluctuations in wheat have been violent, export sales bringing sharp rallies, while the general business situation, price declines in other commodities, European exchange rates, and progress of the crops in the Southern Hemisphere, exerted a steady influence against prices. Exports have continued at a good rate, the total for wheat and flour counted as wheat from the United States and Canada, from July 1 to November 25, being 203,012,972 bushels, against 133,806,825 bushels last year. That looks well, but those two countries have as much more to spare between now and July 1 next, and Argentina and Australia will soon be shipping. There has been no change during the past month in the reports as to their probable surplus, but there is news of threatened drought in India. However, nobody has counted much on India.

"There is no big surplus of wheat in the world. Allowing for the uncertain character of all crop estimates, for even the figures upon our own crops are only estimates, and allowing also for uncertainty about European consumption, the margin of safety is small. Nobody will really know until about next May or June whether all our wheat will be wanted or not. Meanwhile, the question with each holder or prospective purchaser is whether or not he wants to carry wheat over into the next crop year. The answer to that question determines his attitude. Market opinion is shown by the fact that wheat for March delivery is still about 5 cents per bushel below the December delivery."

Naturally no farmer wants to carry his crop over until after next harvest. What he wants to know is when to sell in order to obtain the highest price that will be obtainable during the spring. The answer may be known to the ouija board but it is a point on which many people are in doubt.

Umatilla county is not only the largest county in Eastern Oregon in population, wealth and taxpaying power, but it has bonded itself more heavily than any other county for highway purposes. However, in seeking to secure the appointment of a local man upon the road commission our people are not working for this county alone. The interests of Union and Baker counties on the road subject are identical with our own.

For a great many years past the taxpayers of Umatilla county have had the benefit of patient, painstaking labor from Assessor C. P. Strain and A. C. Funk, head of the tax collecting work in the sheriff's office. Those men will be missed at the court house

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

VINCENT RICHARDS WINS INDOOR-TENNIS HONORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Vincent Richards, national junior indoor tennis champion, came through today in both the singles and doubles semi-finals of the U.S. Junior Indoor tournament. In the singles Richards had no difficulty in defeating William A. Aydelotte, formerly of California, and now of New York, 6-1, 6-1. Jerry Lang of New York, won the other semifinal from Harry Pickells of Flushing, Long Island, 6-0, 6-2.

In the doubles, Richards and Paul P. McFarquhar of Yale, defeated Aydelotte and J. T. Tucker, New York, 6-1, 6-4,

and A. K. Glors and Ernest Kuhn of New York defeated William Elsmann and G. Acker of Jamaica, N. Y., 3-6, 7-5, 7-2.

The national boys' title went to Elsmann by default today when it was found that his opponent, for the final was over the 15 year age limit.

Radicals' Deportation Planned

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Another deportation of alien radicals is planned by the department of labor for January 15. It will include persons detained or on parole at this port and New York.

Not So Foolish

Maud—Jack is telling around that you are worth your weight in gold.
 Edith—Foolish boy! Who's he telling it to?
 Maud—His creditors.

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