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A Turrible Surgical Operation

A FATAL MISTAKE.

THE *Cleveland* (Ohio) *Press*, of February 23d, 1883, published an account of a fatal surgical operation which caused a great commotion among medical men throughout the whole country, Dr. Thayer, the most eminent surgeon in Cleveland, pronouncing it scandalous. It appears that a Mrs. King had been suffering for many years from some disease of the stomach, which had resisted the treatment of all the physicians in attendance. The disease commenced with a slight derangement of the digestion, with a poor appetite, followed by a peculiar indescribable distress in the stomach, a feeling that has been described as a faint "all gone" sensation, a sticky slime collecting about the teeth, causing a disagreeable taste. This sensation was not removed by food, but, on the contrary, it was increased. After a while the hands and feet became cold and sticky—a cold perspiration. There was a constant tired and languid feeling. Then followed a dreadful nervousness, with gloomy forebodings. Finally the patient was unable to retain any food whatever, and there was constant pain in the abdomen. All prescribed remedies failing to give relief, a consultation was held, when it was decided that the patient had a cancer in the stomach, and in order to save the patient's life an operation was justifiable. Accordingly, on the 22d of February, 1883, the operation was performed by Dr. Vance in the presence of Dr. Tuckerman, Dr. Perrier, Dr. Arms, Dr. Gordon, Dr. Capner, and Dr. Halliwell of the Police Board. The operation consisted in laying open the cavity of the abdomen and exposing the stomach and bowels. When this had been done an examination of the organs was made, but to the horror and dismay of the doctors there was no cancer to be found. The patient did not have a cancer. When too late the medical men discovered that they had made a terrible mistake; but they sewed the parts together and dressed the wound that they had made, but the poor woman sank from exhaustion and died in a few hours. How sad it must be for the husband of this poor woman to know that his wife died from the effects of a surgical operation that ought never to have been performed. If this woman had taken the proper remedy for Dyspepsia and Nervous Prostration (for this was what the disease really was), she would have been living to-day. SHAKER EXTRACT OF ROOTS, or SEIGEL'S CURATIVE SYRUP, a remedy made expressly for Dyspepsia or Indigestion, has restored many such cases to perfect health after all other kinds of treatment have failed. The evidence of its efficacy in curing this class of cases is too voluminous to be published here; but those who read the published evidence in favor of this dyspeptic remedy do not question its convincing nature, and the article has an extensive sale.

More Canneries for Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The Northern Packing Company incorporated yesterday. It proposes to catch and pack salmon at Kenai, Cook's Inlet, Alaska.

Another company of the same character styles itself the Nushagak Cannery Company, and proposes to engage in salmon fishing and packing at Nushagak, Bristol bay, Alaska, with $100,000 capital stock.

The much talked of dry dock is about to materialize. It will start with a $50,000 capitol, and will occupy blocks 28 and 29, of Hasting's first addition—on the front west of the business part of town. Westward the star of Port Townsend's empire seems to be taking its way.

The I. O. O. F. ball at Baker City, Tuesday night, was an immense affair, there being about 300 numbers sold and about 1500 people in attendance. Those who attended from Union speak in high terms of the treatment received at the hands of their brother Odd Fellows.

Baker City Democrat: The grocery house of Messrs. Lawrence & Shockley made an assignment last Thursday for the benefit of their creditors, mostly of Portland. Liabilities, $1500; assets, $2000.

A DIVIDED GRAND JURY.

A Split in Portland Over Incompetent Policemen.

PORTLAND, Or. January 5.—A sensational scene occurred to-day in the state circuit court when the grand jury came in to make their final report. The foreman presented the report, but five jurors declined to approve the document. The prosecuting attorney stated to the court that the grand jury had completed its labors, whereupon Judge Stearns discharged them. Several jurors declined to be discharged, stating they did not endorse the foreman's report, which had been filed; besides they had not concluded their labors. The court, however, persisted in discharging the jury. A very lively scene followed, the five members urgently insisted upon being heard. It is claimed that indictments were found against Chief of Police Parrish and other members of the police department for bribery, but the district attorney had refused to draw up the proper papers when requested to do so; also, that when Judge Stearns' attention was called to the matter in an official way by grand jurors, the court treated the affair with indifference and coolness.

The report of the foreman severely censures the police department for want of prompter vigilance, and charges its members with general inefficiency in suppression of all kinds of vices. It also calls attention to the frequency of murders and other bold crimes, and says none of the perpetrators have been detected or brought to punishment. The report asserts that but little effort is made to supress gambling, which is carried on here openly and with impunity. Six of the grand jurors are severe in their denunciations of Prosecuting Attorney McGinn for refusing to draw bills of indictment, as is his serious duty. The whole matter occasions much public comment, and more developments in official chicanery are expected soon.

STOCK YARDS.

To Smash the Portland Beef Ring.

The absence of stockyards at Portland is a serious obstacle to the farmer. A few wholesale butchers with plenty of capital have fixed the price they will pay for beeves, and if the produer will not accept it he may go to Jericho with them, as he cannot sell to retail butchers, because they dare not buy. If the retail butcher buys a few head of beef from the producer direct, the Oregon City Courier, that must have means of knowing, says, he is informed by the wholesale beef ring that if he does so again he cannot buy any more from them. As he is financially unable to buy bunch grass cattle by the carload in the winter time, when fat cattle are scarce in the Willamette valley, he submits to the tyranny of capital. The beef ring fixes the price the retailer must pay so high that he cannot make over a bare living even when charging consumers eighteen cents a pound for porterhouse steak and thirteen cents for roast, as was the case last winter. The citizens of Portland are systematically robbed by the beef monopoly and as long as there is not a stockyard to compete with it so long the ring will rob the farmer and rob the eater of meat.

The Manitoba.

It is stated on good authority, that Jim Hill, of the Manitoba system, has signed bonds to complete the construction of that road from Helena to Puget Sound as fast as men and money can do the work. It is also reported that the route probably to be taken is via Sprague, and by a low pass in the Cascades to Seattle or some other point near there. The N. P. have put parties of engineers in the field with the object of gaining posession of eligible surveyors, thus striving to obstruct or totally disable the Manitoba road. The same was tried in endeavoring to prevent Hill building into Helena, but without success.—East Washingtonian.

A Little Superstitious.

Wife (to husband)—There were two hats I like, one for $13 and one for $18.

Husband—Which did you finally decide upon?

Wife—The $18 one. I'm a little superstitious of the number thirteen.—New York Sun.

Please Pay Up.

ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMselves to be indebted to me are requested to come forward and make immediate settlement.

L. A. JOBE.

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