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THE VALUE OF A NEWSPAPER

Out of the great west comes this gem of eulogy to modern newspapers. As Boise, Idaho, says newspaper-Tom an old, illiterate and inebriated man named Harry Wharbarton, stole a copy of the Statesman from a subscriber's door. He was arraigned before Justice Davidge for the offense and pleaded guilty. Justice is sometimes peculiarly effected by situations confronting it, and this seems to have been where opportunity for a scathing denunciation and the man "onto his job" met. The petty, miserable man at the bar was perhaps more completely humiliated by the following lecture than he could possibly have been had the limit of the law been given him.

"The offense with which you are charged and to which you entered a plea of guilty, was that of larceny. The punishment under our statute might be a fine of \$300 or six months in jail, or both. The market value, or the actual cost of the article that you stole is most insignificant, but to those who need it and to those who appreciate it, it becomes of great value. It is like a ray of light in a sick room, or a drop of water to a thirsty flower. The modern up-to-date newspaper today is the poor man's friend and the busy man's guide.

We may not be able to teach a man of your age and habits to read it, but we will prevent you and others from depriving us of its benefits. In stealing it you enrich yourself not at all, for you have no comprehension or appreciation of the wide information and friendly greeting and benefits that it brings. For, although a petty, up-to-date newspaper today is the poor man's friend and the busy man's guide.

The newspaper comes to us as a friend; it greets us every morning and every evening and advises us of the news of the day and of the ships that pass in the night. There is no civilization and no happy home in our land today without the newspaper.

The prospector, the miner, the herder, the forest ranger, and even the criminal who is trying to escape justice, will ride for miles and miles over rough mountain trails to get from the little wooden box nailed to a tree the newspaper. It tells him of home and friends and if all are well; it tells him of sickness or of fortune or of the condition of the market. It is food and thought and joy for him; he welcomes it as his teacher and his friend. It gives him and others, every intellectual man, woman and child a set of hand hold on the doings of the day and the pulse of the country. And yet you will steal that little budget of news and sell it, or trade it or exchange it, with all its teachings and benefits, for a drink of whiskey, for that which only blights, destroys, and brings more darkness, and more ignorance and shame.

In all kindliness, Wharbarton, and sincerely hoping that the experience will be helpful to you and others, I will allow you to go your way, for we have no punishment quite commensurate with the offense. As long as money and justice go hand in hand, and this matter presents itself as it does to me, I am going to give you a larger measure of mercy than justice.

I hope your case may serve as a lesson to others, for while you have been let off easy, other offenders will not be dealt with so leniently. This matter of stealing newspapers must be stopped and this court will aid in preventing acts of the nature which has brought you into court.

The learned judge might have gone a little further in his denunciation of this crime, and probably would have, had the case been applicable, looking at the matter in the light he does. The man who takes a paper for a year or so and then refuses it of the postmaster is just as guilty of larceny as was the person who stole it from another's door. He allowed the editor or to spend his time, money and ability in an endeavor to give the reader what he believes he wants, and then without warning comes the postal from the postmaster, with the curt words "Refused." The man who does this is lacking entirely of all sense of honor. After deluding the editor all those months with the belief that he is getting what he wants and is able to pay for, he cruelly jabs in the knife "Refused" without uttering a word of thanks for the service that has been so faithfully rendered him. Of course there is a law that will reach him, but few newspaper men care to go to the trouble of having him arrested for the dollar or two he is owing. They simply put his name on their own private black list, and charge what was coming up to profit and loss.

In these days of electricity, when the simple turning of a switch gives instant light and heat, a glimpse of great-grandfather starting the morning fire would seem the funniest sight imaginable. The night before, the red coals in the fireplace were carefully buried beneath the gray ashes so that they could be raked out and fanned into a flame when the next fire was needed. The old gentleman, in the

Answer This Question

When shown positive and reliable proof that a certain remedy had cured numerous cases of female ills, wouldn't any sensible woman conclude that the same remedy would also benefit her if suffering with the same trouble?

Here are two letters which prove the efficiency of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Red Banks, Miss.—"Words are inadequate to express what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I suffered from a female disease and weakness which the doctors said was caused by a fibroid tumor, and I commenced to think there was no help for me. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me a well woman after all other means had failed. My friends are all asking what has helped me so much, and I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. Willie Edwards.

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We will pay a handsome reward to any person who will prove to us that these letters are not genuine and truthful—or that either of these women were paid in any way for their testimonials, or that the letters are published without their permission, or that the original letter from each did not come to us entirely unsolicited.

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UNDER THE BIG CLOCK.

What Our County Officials Have Done Since Our Last Issue.

CLAIMS ALLOWED

Table listing various claims allowed, including Guy Brothers, C. A. Bamsey, Oregon & Wash Supply Co., etc., with amounts.

PAID, ISSUED AND INDEBTED SOLDIER

Table listing soldier claims, including Dallas Hotel, J. K. Neal, Dr. T. V. Embrey, etc., with amounts.

CIRCUIT COURT, DECEMBER TERM

Table listing court cases, including J. L. Stevens, H. D. Mayo, Clyde Wilson, etc., with amounts.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

Table listing miscellaneous expenses, including Glass & Prudhomme, Independence Enterprise, etc., with amounts.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Table listing real estate transfers, including David S. McDonald to Muir & McDonald, etc., with amounts.

JURY LIST FOR 1909.

Table listing jury members, including Ralph Adams, W. A. Adams, G. R. Adams, etc.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Cloudy.

New Books at Library.

Merry Hearts, Allen; Hero Tales, Baldwin; Captain of the Crew, Harbour; American Boy's Handy Book, Burt; Famous Leaders Among Women, Eaton; The Training of Wild Animals, Bostock; Bernardo and Laureto, Bouquet; Asia, Carpenter; The Courtiers, Clapp; The Prince and the Pauper, Clemens (Mark Twain); A Primer of Evolution, Clodd; John Halifax, Gentleman, Craik (Mabel); Mr. Isaacs, Crawford; Choice Readings, Cumcock; Old Chester Tales, Delle; Donald and Dorothy, Dodge; Cattle-Ranch to College, Doubleday; Dr. Greenleaf's Parish, Duncan; The Graysons, E. Eggleston; The Week of the Red Bird, G. C. Eggleston; The Mill on the Floss, Elliot; Methods of Industrial Peace, Gilman; Black Rock, Gordon (Connor); American Leaders and Heroes, Gordy; The Story of the English, Guerby; The Potterskin Papers, Hale; Gold Elixir, John E. Marlett; Little Red Riding Hood, Lang; Lewis and Clark, Lighton; The Snaker Eaters, O'Higgins; Six Nursery Classics, O'Shea; Snowland Folk, Peary; Among the Forest People, Pierson; Primer of Forestry, 2 volumes; Pinchot; The Story of the Forest, Taylor; Calumet, K. N. Taylor; Tales From Baron Munchausen, Rabe; Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, Rice (Hejan); Three Margarets, Richards; Forty-One Years in India, Roberts; Oliver Cromwell, Roosevelt; My Ships, Santos-Dumont; Beautiful Joe, Saunders; Tom Grogan, F. H. Smith; Jolly Good Times, M. P. W. Smith; Deep Sea Vagabonds, Sonnichsen; In India, Stevens; Monsieur Beaucaire, Tarkington; The Story of Kennett, Taylor; Calumet, K. N. Taylor; Nativity Biographies, Weed; Her Ladyship's Elephant, Wells; Choice Literature for Primary Grades, book one; What Knew I? A Story (Susan Coolidge); Report for December; Number of fiction books 444; non-fiction books 110; children's books 219; total 773; number of callers, 1539; borrower's cards issued 24.

IT IS UP TO YOU.

management, and some other things of a like nature on which to base an estimate of its probable worth to the city. It has simply stated the facts, and will leave the matter to the advocates of a municipal system.

Many towns in the valley, probably a majority of them, own their own plants and have them in successful operation. What other towns have done Dallas can do. That is a certainty, but will it end justify the expenditure? We are not prepared to say. Corvallis bonded itself for \$75,000 to put in a work last year that had to be made up. The court adjourned this morning to meet again next Tuesday and further consideration of the work outlined for the coming year.

Probate Court.

Estate of Ashbury Shultz, deceased—Emmie Haver, appointed administrator; bond filed and approved; J. D. Smith, H. G. Campbell and John Richter appointed appraisers; inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

PORTLAND HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Thursday: J. L. Crider, Dallas; B. F. Jones, Independence.

Friday: J. L. Castle, Dallas; J. E. O'Brien, Dallas; Mrs. O'Brien, Dallas; A. W. Bergent, Lincoln; Mrs. Bergent, Lincoln; J. K. Neal, Black Rock; W. D. Campbell, Dallas; C. L. Hawley, McCoy; K. C. Eldridge, Independence; G. O. Holman, Dallas.

Saturday: M. A. McLaughlin, Falls City; G. B. Davidson, Buena Vista.

Sunday: J. E. Weir, Airlie; F. D. Pomeroy, Independence.

Monday: W. L. Tooze, Falls City; Mrs. Tooze, Falls City; Hal Schultz, Falls City; R. E. Williams, Dallas.

Tuesday: N. McKinzie, Falls City.

Wednesday: G. B. Masters, Black Rock.

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Quarter Block is Sold.

A sale has been made of the quarter block on the corner of sixteenth and Thurman street, to F. S. Belcher, Graham A. Griswold and two other Portland capitalists. Messrs. Belcher and Griswold are connected with the Falls City Lumber Company. They are prominent timber men from Michigan, who located here several years ago, and during their residence in this city have made large investments in timber lands and Portland realty. They will in the near future improve the property with a workingmen's hotel or apartment house.—Oregonian.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK.

Glen Butler, Butler; W. H. McKee, Perrydale; W. T. Butler, Monmouth; Louis Teitelmeier, Airlie; John Holman, Dallas.

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