

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Oysterville, Wash. Feb. 11, 1903. To the Editor: There was published in your issue of the 10th a statement made by Thomas Cooper, of South Bend, in which he tries to whitewash over the most disgraceful affair that ever occurred in this country. As he denies the truth of the report previously furnished you we feel it our duty to reply to a few of the statements he has made that the public may not be deceived.

Mr. Cooper objects to the crowd that came to Oysterville from South Bend on that fateful Sunday being called a "mob." He says it was composed of the "best citizens of South Bend." If it was not a "mob" it had all the characteristics of one. Had Mr. Cooper himself been present, which he was not, he would have a different opinion of the affair. Staying in he does not see the information of those sent here to steal the records of the county, he has been deceived. South Bend is a little place of about one thousand inhabitants, situated a few miles up the Willapa river, and Mr. Cooper is mayor of this little town. Besides being mayor he is working for a land company that is trying to boom the town in order that it may unload its property on men who have more money than brains.

South Bend received a majority of the votes cast at the November election on the county seat question and was declared by the Board of County Commissioners to be the county seat after Feb. 4, 1903, but since the election the people of the southwestern part of the county have had good reasons to believe that they were not given a fair count, and have applied to the court for a recount of the ballots of said election. For reasons best known to themselves, South Bend seriously objects to having a recount. The court granted a restraining order to prevent the auditor and board of county commissioners from removing the records of the county to South Bend until after the case was settled in court.

When the South Benders came to Oysterville the auditor had no knowledge whatever of the restraining order being dissolved and he refused to remove the records of his office. This information could not be given him until Monday morning. In his absence the "best citizens of South Bend" proceeded to break down the door of his office and steal and carry away everything in sight. However, the ballots were not in sight; they were carefully locked in the vault. When the auditor arrived on the scene the "best citizens of South Bend" slunk away and out of sight like all men do when caught in the act of committing a crime.

Perhaps the most disgusting part of the affair was to see the prosecuting attorney, M. D. Egbert, of South Bend, present, and urging men to do that which he knew to be a crime. The course pursued by South Bend from the beginning of the county seat fight has been anything but a credit to themselves, and now they seek to shift the blame upon other parts of the county.

Yours Respectfully, J. M. McINTIRE. THOUGHT HE WAS A GHOST. A Surgeon, Body-smashing, Terrifies a Old Sea Captain. Sir Richard Owen used to relate a remarkable ghost story. In his early days when he held the post of surgeon to the prison of Lancaster, a negro died in the jail, and a post mortem, as well as an inquest, was necessary. After the inquest the young surgeon saw the body put in the coffin and the lid screwed down. Owen had at the same time been already attracted to the study of comparative anatomy, and negroes' heads were not then stiff, as he made up his mind that there should not be lost to the cause of science. In the evening he returned to the prison with a black bag containing a brick; from his official position he had difficulty in getting admittance to the mortuary, where the coffin lid was unscrewed and screwed down again.

During this process the brick and the negro's head changed places. The ground outside the principal entrance to the jail had a considerable descent, and the time being winter with snow and frost, Owen had scarcely passed out when he slipped, and fell all his length—the bag went from his hand, and the head tumbled out and rolled down the paved way. He jumped up caught the bag and followed the head clutched it just as it finished its career in a small shop where tobacco was sold. Pushing it into the bag again he vanished out of the shop with all the speed he was capable of.

Next morning when Owen was going to his usual duties at the prison he was called in by the woman in the shop, where the accident had occurred the evening previous. She wished him to see her husband, who was very ill. He had had, she said, a fright the night before that caused him to look wild and dazed like The man it turned out, was a retired sea captain, who had been in many adventures among the West India Islands, when many deeds were done that at that time did not require to be accounted for. Among these had been the killing of a negro, in which he had had a hand, and the transaction had left a touch of trouble on his conscience. After giving these details, the old captain told of the horrible event that took place the night before. He was sitting in his shop, all was quiet, and it so chanced that he had been thinking of the negro, when suddenly he saw his very head roll into the shop in front of the counter, and it was followed by the devil, all in black, with a black bag in his hand, and both disappeared through the earth like a flash of lightning. The description was perhaps not quite complimentary to the young anatomist, but it was satisfactory so far that it showed that his identity had not been recognized.—London News.

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They Own Some Portland Property.

Relatives of Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British minister at Washington, are interested in a judgment of the state circuit court, ordering the sale of block 60, Stephens' addition to East Portland, valued at \$20,000, and the division of proceeds among the lawful heirs of Henry John Phillips. This property was devised to Mrs. Louisa Pauncefote, sister-in-law of Sir Julian, and her daughters, Clara, Eleanor, and Evelyn Pauncefote, by Dr. Henry John Phillips, captain in the United States army, who died in New York city in 1870, leaving an estate valued at about \$30,000. In his will which was admitted to probate in the surrogate's court of the state of New York, he bequeaths about \$60,000 to friends. The remainder was left to Mrs. Pauncefote, his sister, and her daughters, his nieces. The executors under the will were Richard D. Charter and Samuel S. Jones, of New York. As both were non-residents of this state, Hon. L. B. Stearns, the county judge, appointed William M. Ladd administrator, with the will annexed, of the state of Oregon, 1882. Mr. Ladd filed his final account in 1883, and after that very little was heard of the matter. Meantime, Eleanor Pauncefote had married a Mr. Inglesfield. She died some time afterwards, leaving two children, Lionel Dalton Croove Inglesfield, aged 11 and 9, respectively, who reside with their paternal grandparents, Colonel and Mrs. Samuel Inglesfield, at John's Wall, Parson's Town King's county, Ireland.

About a year ago Judge Moreland received a letter from Mrs. Pauncefote, inquiring about the value of the property, and in what manner she could obtain an abstract of title. Last July the case was placed in the hands of Stott, Boise & Stott, who were instructed to bring suit against the Inglesfield boys as heirs of Eleanor Pauncefote, for sale of the property and a division of the proceeds, one-fourth of which to go to Mrs. Pauncefote and her daughters, and one-eighth to her nephews. In this suit Mrs. Pauncefote, her husband, Bernard Pauncefote, Clara Pauncefote, Evelyn Pauncefote Baker, and her husband, William H. Baker, appeared as the plaintiffs, and the Inglesfield boys as the defendants. An amicable agreement was reached, and defendants consented to the sale. Accordingly Judge Hale, sitting in department No. 2, state circuit court, appointed S. R. Mason, Jr., referee, with authority to dispose of the property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in the same manner and upon the same terms as real property is sold under execution. Mr. Mason has filed his undertaking in the sum of \$100,000, with Louise H. Hawthorne and Catharine Hawthorne as sureties.

Dr. Phillips was an army surgeon and lived in East Portland in the 70s. He went east in 1878, and left his property in charge of Ladd & Tilton, and it was at his heirs' request that Mr. Ladd was appointed administrator. His sister, Mrs. Louisa Pauncefote, lives at Nantes, France, where her husband represents the British government. Mrs. Pauncefote's daughters also reside in France.

Sonoma county, California, will send a unique exhibit to the World's Fair. It will be a representation of the geysers, one of the great natural curiosities of the state. The model will be thirty-two feet long, twenty-eight feet wide and eighteen feet high. One of the great spouting columns of steam will be represented by hot rock and imitation in staff, while a background will be painted to represent the most picturesque part of the canon, from which scores of geysers rise artificial lights of various colors will reproduce the peculiar play of color seen in the gorge. The semblance of the hot springs is to be made by the use of steam pipes. In the foreground will be placed a huge allegorical figure of "The Demon of the Geysers," modeled by Rupert Schmid. The installation of exhibits in the various buildings at the World's Fair is now actively in progress. Scores of freight cars are being run into the grounds and switched to the different buildings. Wagons loaded with packing cases are to be seen going in all directions. Soon these busy scenes will be multiplied many times over, for hundreds of cars of exhibits will arrive where now there are scores. The majority of exhibits which have arrived thus far are foreign.

Prof. Edward H. Thompson, of the department of ethnology at World's Fair, has in course of preparation a remarkable reproduction of the ruins of Yucatan. Prof. Thompson has spent some eight years in making a careful study of the country, personally, and the natives and their customs.

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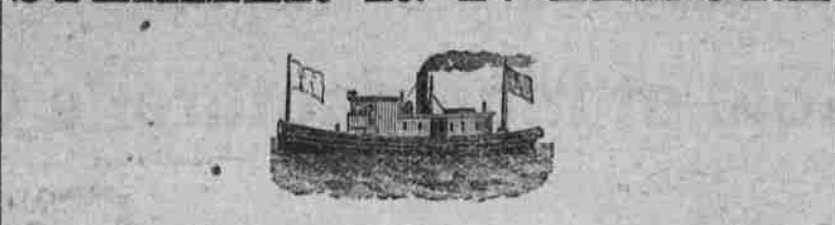
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