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EXTENDED SYMPATHY.

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," is sympathetically shown in the following lines, the presumption being that sympathy is born, or akin to pain or sorrow. "Gentlemen—Please send Krause's Headache Capsules as follows: Two boxes to Flora Seay, Havanna, N. Dak. Two boxes to Lillie Wilcox, Brookland, N. Dak. I have always been a great sufferer from headache and your Capsules are the only thing that relieves me." Yours very truly, FLORA SEAY, Havanna, N. Dak. For sale by Chas. Rogers, Astoria, Or. sole agent.

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ASTORIA NEEDS STREET GRADES

Now is the Time to Establish Permanent Grades for Business Streets.

INVESTORS SCARED AWAY

Because There is No Assurance That After Substantial Buildings Are Erected, the Grade of the Street Will Not Be Lowered or Raised.

Considerable discussion is being had just now, amongst leading business men and members of the city council of the question of raising the grade of Commercial street two feet. City Engineer Bell is heartily in favor of the move, as is every thinking business man. The history of the past few years of this city, shows that from time to time the base of grades of city streets has been changed with little or no warning, and attention is directed to the fact that matters stand at present, the city engineer says that it is impossible for him to give any definite assurance to prospective builders as to just what the grade of any particular street will be. And in fact, it is difficult to tell just what the grade will be at present. Mr. Bell says that recently he has had applications from a number of capitalists for a statement of the exact grade on prominent business streets, and some assurance that it will remain as at present fixed. He has been compelled to reply that he can give no such assurance. Many of these gentlemen have become disgusted, and it is well known, amongst real estate men, that a number have left the city refusing to invest on that ground.

Astoria is a peculiarly situated city. Almost its entire business portion is over the tide lands, built on piles, while its residences are situated, many of them on high hills and bluffs of difficult access. Enormous sums of money have been spent in grading down some of these hills and grading up others. With all in many places that even a four-horse team can scarcely haul an ordinary load of wood to the top of the hill. On the other hand, the business streets are located so low over the water, that there is no room for a basement in the business blocks, and Astoria can boast of a building used for business purposes having a cellar or basement of any utility. Modern heating apparatus elevators, and such like conveniences are unknown in the city. Hotels and public buildings are run upon old-fashioned plans of fifty years ago.

An up-to-date business man, who has only recently settled in Astoria, when interviewed yesterday upon the subject of an Astorian representative stated: "I can see, in the condition of grades of streets in the city of Astoria has in the past been a great drawback if not a complete obstacle to the erection of substantial business buildings. I know now no one is warranted in putting up a brick block or building, for it may be but a short time before the grade is changed, and such like inconveniences are three feet below the line. To raise a brick or stone structure can only be done at large expense. There are but few such buildings now in the city, and upon the eve of a new town here, this is the time for the citizens to wake up to the situation, establish a permanent grade for their business streets, and pave the way for capitalists to come in and put up such structures as will be monuments of beauty and utility. In my opinion, and your city engineer, Mr. Bell, agrees with me, as do also some of your local capitalists, the grade of Bond street should be raised to the level of the city engineer would make that grade permanent for at least fifty years. All the buildings which are now standing in the city, could be easily raised, and with very little expense. From Bond street the grades should be established back towards the hill at a slight rate, and you would then find that the avenues to the higher grounds would have their grades so reduced that access to every part of the city would be easy. The surplus earth upon these hills could be washed down by hydraulic means and thrown under your present board streets, filling out even to the proposed grade, and a deep channel line, and before you know it, your business blocks would be resting on solid ground. Let this be once accomplished, and your insurance, which is now at a rate of about nine percent, would be reduced to one and one-half or two per cent. The difference in rates of insurance alone for a period of only a few years, would not only pay the expense of raising your buildings, but would in a large part, defray the cost of the hydraulic grading.

"It has happened within my personal knowledge that an Eastern capitalist within the past few days left this town in disgust because he could not find a stable site on which to erect a large hotel. Your city engineer would give him no assurance as to what would be the street grade, and he refused to plant his capital on such uncertainties. This is but one of many such instances which have occurred, and many more are bound to happen in the future. Does Astoria want substantial buildings, or does she wish to remain a city of tumble-down shacks? I am satisfied that every citizen will agree with me that if the city is ever to amount to anything she must have respectable buildings, and that now is the time to lay the foundation for them by establishing permanent street grades and showing outsiders that we ourselves are willing to do something towards the building up of such a city as the natural advantages of this location demand."

FOR PLENCY OF SILVER.

Tacoma Democratic Convention Endorses President Cleveland.

Tacoma, April 14.—The silver men in the Democratic state convention made an all-day fight for a silver platform and a silver delegation instructed to vote for a free silver candidate for president. They did not even propose to give the administration the usual compliment of endorsement, but the administration forces, led by Committeesman Hutch C. Wallace, finally procured an unqualified endorsement of Cleveland late this evening and divided the delegation to Chicago. The free silver resolution was adopted, but the delegates were not instructed. The platform is as follows: "Recognizing that honest men may differ on questions of party policy and principles, we differ from the president on financial questions. We commend the administration of President Cleveland as honest, able and fearless, and we now reaffirm our unshaken confidence in the integrity, Americanism and patriotism of the great chief magistrate of this nation. We believe in the Monroe doctrine as interpreted by Cleveland and his able secretary of state, Richard Olney. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the rate of 16 to 1, without waiting for the intervention of any other nation. The delegates to Chicago are Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma; R. C. McCroskey, of Whitman county; W. H. Wilton, of Clatsop; J. E. Fenton, of Spokane; J. P. Olton, of Chelan county; Thomas MacLennan, of Port Adams; John I. Sharp, of Walla Walla; Charles A. Loring, of New Whatcom. Alternates, J. J. Brown, of Pacific county; R. G. Simpson, of Mason; George Elliott, of Stevens; Augustus M. Smith, of Yakima; Del. Carey Smith, of Jefferson; M. E. Logan, of Spokane; S. G. Chadwick, of Whitman; and R. H. Simpson, of Lewis. Tonight a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the Cuban insurgents and the hope that the United States will soon recognize them as a nation.

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MAYOR FAWCETT.

Tacoma, April 14.—The council tonight elected Fawcett, the citizens' candidate for mayor at the recent election.

WAR IN BRAZIL.

So Many Men Sent to Cuba That It Is Difficult to Secure Farm Laborers.

Madrid, April 14.—An article in the Imperialist weekly the Spanish government for lack of spirit against the attitude of the American congress. It asserts that although the United States is in sympathy with the Cuban insurgents, it is in no way prepared to make any concessions to them.

More than ever the effects of the Cuban insurrection are severely felt in the various districts where, at the present time, it is hard to engage laborers. Mr. Burnett, manager of the Peninsula Company's big buildings at Macao, says he found it most impossible to secure a sufficient force to work his land, so many young men had gone to Cuba.

Another gentleman who owns a large tract of land said that one of his hands twelve had already gone to the war. Anyone who takes a trip through the agricultural districts will be convinced beyond a doubt that the present strain upon the country is terrible and one which Spain cannot stand without serious injury for any length of time.

NO BALM IN GILEAD.

Pastor Cleveland, the President's Brother, Severs Relations With Him.

Watertown, N. Y., April 14.—The presidency of Mr. Cleveland this afternoon voted to dissolve the relations existing between Rev. Wm. N. Cleveland, of Champlain, a brother of President Cleveland, and the president of the United States. The action of the committee, but entered a protest. There was a warm discussion, at the close of which the assembly voted unanimously as indicated above. The president has not answered for more than a year to harmonize the troubles existing, but without permanent success.

HOTEL MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Annual Election of Officers Held in Los Angeles, Cal.

Los Angeles, April 14.—The election of officers of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benevolent Association was held in Kings hall today. George W. Larch, of the hotel Florence, San Diego, was elected president; Walter Barnes, of Chicago, secretary; and Treasurer, G. H. Booker, of Boston, vice president. Barton was selected as the next place of meeting. At noon today an Al Franco lunch was given to about 70 people, including the hotel men, the house of John S. Silvers. There are twenty-two millionaires in the crowd.

TO MEET AT BERBER.

Cairo, April 14.—Information has been received here that the Khalifa does not intend to leave upon Kassala, but he intends to concentrate the Derwish forces at Berber.

The Abyssinian envoy who recently arrived here, bearing a letter from King Menelik to Lord Cromer, the British diplomat agent here, in regard to the Donkolsa expedition in its effects in strengthening the position of the Italians in Abyssinia, has started on his return, conveying Lord Cromer's reply to the king.

RETREAT OF ITALIANS.

Rome, April 14.—A dispatch from Massowah, dated April 5, says that on Friday last Colonel Stovazza attacked the Derwish entrenchments in the vicinity. He won a partial success, and proposed to renew the attack on Saturday, but General Baratieri, the commander-in-chief, ordered him to make no further attack and instructed him to evacuate Kassala and Agordat. These orders have been complied with.

MANY IMMIGRANTS COMING.

Rome, April 14.—Fifteen thousand immigrants are about to leave for New York from Naples.

EFFECTS OF THE BICYCLE BOOM.

One of the most notable results of the phenomenal popularity of cycling is the marked effect of the bicycle industry on allied trades, and even upon trades that would seem, at first glance, to be wholly outside of any such influence. The nucleus of one of the large bicycle works in this country was a sewing machine factory, where wheels were made in one corner of the shop on a very small scale. Soon the making of cyclometers, and is having difficulty to keep up with the orders.

Another manufactory devoted to the making of knitting needles is working night and day turning out nothing but bicycle spokes. The manufacture of pneumatic tires has become a separate branch of the rubber business, and several former hose factories have devoted their energies to it exclusively.

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