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The Council meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday nights of each month, at 7:30 o'clock, in the office of the Falls City News.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1915

NEWS AND COMMENT

A BURDENED PEOPLE

According to a count made in the library of congress recently our federal and state legislatures passed 62,014 statutes during the five years from 1905 to 1913 inclusive. Even greater than this multiplicity of laws was the vast mass of decisions of court of last resort, federal and state, which during the same five years reached the enormous total of 65,379 and now fill 630 volumes.

And yet ignorance of the law—does not excuse. In our days of statute making by rapid-fire process, Thomas Jefferson would have found greater reasons than ever for declaring that the country is governed best that is governed least, and for opposing a multiplicity of laws. Not the least discouraging feature of it all is that our statesmen of the "ultra-progressive" variety have countless new laws still up their sleeves, not a few of them revolutionary invasions of the citizens' rights.

Toast to Laughter

Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the leaven of youth, the privilege of purity, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the bead of the cup of pleasure; it dispels dejection, banishes blues and mangles melancholy; for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief; it is what kings envy peasants, plutocrats envy the poor, the guilty envy the innocent; it's the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the water's delight; the glint of the gold of gladness; without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel, for it's a glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the birth cry of mirth, the swan-song of sadness.

"Nothin' Stirrin'"

The Polk County Observer ruthlessly dashed the hopes of Falls Cityans of getting an electric line, in the sometime dim future. The sage of the Observer sternly tells them that these hopes are basely false, that at no time has the S. P. Co., had any idea of electrifying the road. That in solemn conclave with an official of the road it was said that such a thing had never been dreamed of.

The oracle has spoken. Our

metes and bounds are prescribed and beyond them we cannot go. However it might be of some consolation to know if the official who volunteered the information was the porter or a "brakie."

GOING UP!

The constant increase of court expenditures is inexplicable to the burdened tax-payers who have not gone to the trouble of seeking a solution based upon investigation. The trouble primarily is traceable to the legislative mill which grinds out an endless quantity of useless and often harmful laws. Such hodge-podge products of the legislative machinery leads directly to increased court business. Another bad practice of legislative bodies is that of paying more attention to party politics and the spoils incident thereto than to the real business that should have consideration. There certainly should be some plan adopted whereby legislatures will attend to making laws and not to seeking spoils.

Several newspapers speak of the raising of the F-4 as a remarkable achievement in naval engineering. Jesso! But the South Bend Tribune thinks a more remarkable achievement would have been the taking of steps to preventing its sinking. Says the Tribune: "The announcement that the ill-fated crew of the F-4 came to their deaths through chlorine gas generated from sea water seeping into storage batteries of the submarine is confirmation that at the time the inefficiency charge was made conditions in regard to the American undersea boats were not what Secretary Daniels claimed them to be. Judging from his more recent activities, the secretary himself has come to a realization of the fact." Too late, however, so far as the victims are concerned, to do more than give burial with full honors.

Dean Collins and Rex Lampman of Portland wandered into the News office Monday, extended to us the right hand of fellowship and discoursed freely upon the joys and sorrows of the newspaper fraternity. Dean Collins is editor of the Monday Morning Crawfish that graces the Oregonian, and Rex Lampman is editor of the Saturday Evening Alibi in the Journal. Ostensibly they are visiting relatives near Dallas, but Dallas being dry and dusty, they very naturally turn their way, on pleasure bent, to Falls City where vine-clad hills and sylvan groves, rippling rills, and, other accessories that drive away dull care and make life worth living, can be found.

Centralization in government, population, business and wealth, are the inevitable tendencies of today. The greatest menace is centralization of wealth, for all other evils follow. It controls government, whether National, State or Municipal, whether executive, or bureaucratic dictatorship. Let the people of this country insist on a government of law rather than of men. Otherwise popular and representative government will inevitably be destroyed.

Can an officer violate the law, is a question that naturally arises after the verdict of the coroner's jury that investigated the death of Hollaender brothers who were killed in a collision of their motor cycle with that of Officer White's. It was shown at the inquest that

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White was exceeding the speed limit, was running without lights or license tag. Anyone but an officer would have been held for manslaughter.

Mrs. A. M. Varsall of Dallas and Mrs. Eleanor Butler were guests of Mrs. C. L. Hopkins Wednesday.

Fred Belcher of Portland was in Falls City Tuesday.

W. T. Grier and family motored over from Salem Tuesday night.

Last Monday morning G. D. Treat, L. L. Brooks, L. M. Robertson and Pat Murphy left the habitation of man and took to the tall timber in search of game. Nothing has been heard from them since they left, but it is predicted that they will make a killing.

Miss Helen Treat has secured a school at Fir Grove and will begin teaching October 4. Miss Helen is an estimable little lady and her friends wish her success.

Yes!
We do
Job Work.
Compare
our prices
with others
and
see samples.

THE NEWS

FLOGGED BY HIS PEER.

Peter the Great Didn't Hesitate in Making Conditions Equal.

One day a young recruit was standing guard before the door of the entrance to Peter the Great's private chambers in the palace of St. Petersburg. He had received orders to admit no one.

As he was passing slowly up and down before the door Prince Menschikoff, the favorite minister of the czar, approached and attempted to enter. He was stopped by the recruit.

The prince, who had the fullest liberty of calling upon his master at any time, sought to push the guard aside and pass him. Yet the man would not move, but ordered his highness to stand back.

"You idiot!" shouted the prince. "Don't you know me? You'll be punished for this!"

The recruit smiled and said: "Very well, your highness, but my orders are peremptory to let nobody pass."

The prince, exasperated at the fellow's impudence, struck him a blow in the face with his riding whip.

"Strike away, your highness," said the soldier, "but I cannot let you go in."

Peter, in the room, hearing the noise outside, opened the door and inquired what it meant, and the prince told him.

The czar appeared amused, but said nothing at the time.

In the evening, however, he sent for the prince and the soldier. As they both appeared Peter gave his own cane to the soldier, saying:

"That man struck you in the morning. Now you must return the blow to that fellow with my stick."

The prince was amazed. "Your majesty," he said, "this common soldier is to strike me?"

"I make him a captain," said Peter.

"But I'm an officer of your majesty's household," objected the prince.

"I make him a colonel of my life guards and an officer of the household," said Peter again.

"My rank, your majesty knows, is that of general," again protested Menschikoff.

"Then I make him a general, so that the beating you get may come from a man of your rank."

The prince got a sound thrashing in the presence of the czar, and the recruit, who was next day commissioned a general with a title, was the founder of a powerful family, whose descendants are still high in the imperial service of Russia.

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Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Lawyer,
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