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SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITY.

In the matter of assuming responsibility there is a degree of weakness in the average man or woman. In some instances this weakness is much more marked than in others, and particularly is this true when justice, truth and duty require that we take a stand in opposition to some one who has been guilty of disobedience to law.

Most people like to see obedience to law and order, and dislike infractions, but how slow we are to take the initiative and how apt we are to desire some other person to shoulder the responsibility. For instance, a neighbor has committed a nuisance; he knows that he has violated a law; not only that, but he persists in pursuing his course to the discomfort of his neighbors; what shall be done in the matter? Whose duty is it to complain?

If it be in a town many people presume that the marshal should be the one to act; if outside the corporation then the constable or sheriff is had in remembrance.

Well, let us examine the presumption. John Doe saw Bill Takem stealing chickens; he wants Takem punished, so he goes to the city marshal and wants him to arrest Takem; the matter drops there. What should Doe have done? If the marshal had seen Takem get the chickens, then his duty was to arrest him and swear out a warrant afterward, but since it was Doe who saw the crime committed, whose duty was it to take out the warrant?

Some persons are letting their chickens run at large and it proves destruction to their neighbor's gardens. Who should move in the matter? A very humane and conservative way would be to request such persons to keep their fowls up, in accordance with law, making such request in the most conciliatory manner possible, having regard for the interests of such persons; then if they persist in violating the law, swear out a warrant against the violator and then the marshal has authority to act and you will hardly have cause to say that he is slack in his duty.

Too often we blame the officers of the state, county or city for not acting, when they have nothing to act upon. Where a heinous crime has been committed it becomes the duty of the officers of the law to look into it as far as duty and the evidence at hand warrants, but officers are not expected to rush up and arrest some person unless such officer is a witness to the act, and in many cases where such officer is a witness of an infraction of law, it is best to obtain a warrant before making an arrest.

Now, in conclusion, when you

want the laws enforced, the first thing to consider is the evidence at hand; is it sufficient to bring conviction? If it is, who has such evidence and who should proceed in the matter?

If we will consider these matters properly we will have better understanding and more charity for the executors of the law. But in most cases, especially the lesser transgressions, first try to win the transgressor from his course.

WHERE IS THE SERPENT?

Prof. Charles Hallock, an archeologist connected with Harvard University, has located the city of Enoch, which Cain built, on the shores of Klamath Lake, Oregon, and Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, has fished the Garden of Eden out of the Pacific ocean, where Hallock had sunk it, and has dropped it down just west of Cottage Grove, where he reports a descendant of the fig tree, which clothed Adam and Eve, to be still in a flourishing condition.

However, both parties have failed to mention the sword which was placed to the east of the garden, which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of Life, and which weapon we suspect was "truth." Neither have these writers said aught of the serpent which had access to the first abode of man, and this fact naturally excites thought, and the inquisitive mind is very prone to wonder if the spirit of that old deceiver has not found an abiding place in the tenement of these writers.

The governor and members of the legislature, at Salem, have been at swords points, so to speak, during most of the time the past six weeks, and now comes the information that the legislators will return after a recess of five days to pass on the vetoes in case the governor does not sanction the bills which have been passed. The HERALD does not presume to know which party is in the right or which is most glaringly wrong, but it does know that where the game of politics has been played, and animosity exhibited as has been done during this session of the legislature, the best interests of the people are lost sight of. Politics are all right to get into office on, but should be dropped when the threshold of the capitol is crossed and the state's best interest taken care of.

It is said that there will be no donkey in the inaugural parade at Washington next week, that the long-eared emblem, so often used to denote Democracy will be left out. Well, perhaps it is best so, but, there will be no elephant nor bull moose there either, so don't worry over their absence.

Work Done on the 1915 Exposition.

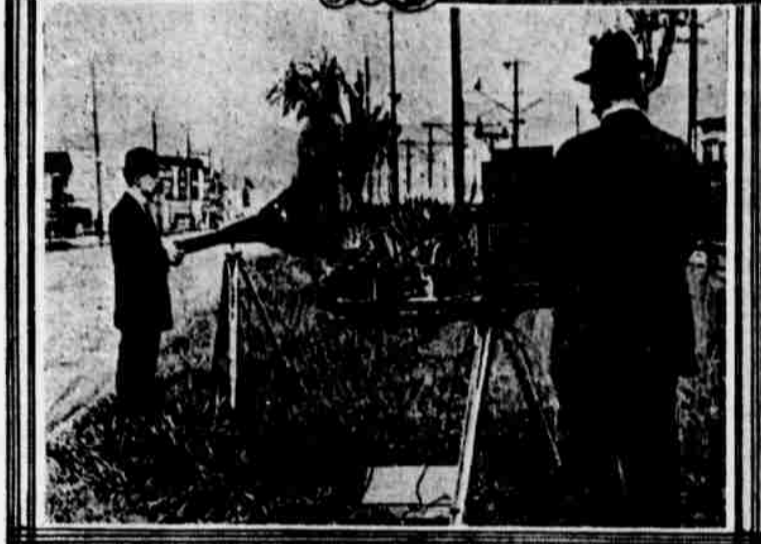
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26. — Following is a resume of work done on the Panama-Pacific International Exposition site:

Reclamation of Harbor View lands and Presidio completed. More than 1,500,000 cubic yards of bay sediment used.

Construction of sea-wall completed along water front of the grounds.

About 90 per cent, or two miles

E. H. Amet Rivals Edison In Inventing Talking Movies



THE distinction of being Edison's rival in attempting to perfect "talking movies" makes E. H. Amet of Berkeley, Cal., a man of the hour in the invention world. Our illustrations show him in his laboratory and the method by which he secures moving pictures and sounds at the same time. For nearly five years he has been working at the idea. Now he has invented what he calls the auto-moto-photo. He claims he can register sounds coincidental with motion and reproduce them just as exactly and successfully. He claims his invention will revolutionize the rapidly growing moving picture business. Edison has claimed the same thing.

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of site fenced.

Service building first exposition structure, completed and occupied.

The greenhouses and potting houses for exposition shrubbery and plans completed.

Asphalt roadway through Fort Mason reservation built.

Four oil tanks have been removed, besides scores of smaller structures.

Gas retort house removed.

North service sewers, 3,000 feet long, completed.

Sanitary and storm sewers, forty miles long, in foreign and state pavilion sections, under construction.

Service sewers in foreign pavilion site 3,000 feet long, 95 per cent completed.

South Garden sewers 95 per cent completed.

Wharves and bulkheads nearly half completed.

Contract let for ten miles of high pressure water lines for fire protection.

Contract let for service water system.

Rich loam from Sacramento Valley—6,000 cubic yards—unloaded at grounds for shrubbery and plants.

Contracts awarded for erection of ferry slips, hydraulic plant and steel apron.

Contracts awarded for grading

for Machinery Hall and its construction.

Contract let for construction of sewers in main roadway of concession district.

Construction of sunken gardens more than half completed.

Contract awarded for grading for Automobile Building.

Questions for the Editor.

Oh, tell me, does the setting sun e'er feel a sinking pain? Why is (inform a "Puzzled One") a weathercock so vane? Do stars require a gun to shoot? What makes a bucket pail? What tailor makes the chimney's soot? Who writes the comet's tail?

And why are dogs so lovable, however much they whine? Pray tell me, Mr. Editor, what makes the fir-tree pine?

Why is a vessel's hind part stern? Who sings an old hen's lay? Please, tell me, for I'd like to know, who wears the close of day?

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