

Semi-Weekly Herald,

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Not satisfied with the high duties on wool, that are breaking the back of the trade, the Ohio platform insists on still higher rates. From the protective point of view, that the greater the tax the greater the benefit to the country, there is a possible consistency in this platform demand; but Congressmen do not get votes in this way.

MANY years practice has given C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of patents at Washington D. C., unsurpassed success in obtaining patents for all classes of inventions. They make a specialty of rejected cases, and have secured allowance of many patents that have been previously rejected. Their advertisement in another column will be of interest to inventors, patentees, manufacturers and all who have to do with patents.

THE Northwest Journal is in favor of abolishing all laws to collect debts with the precaution that all present standing debts and contracts be protected. It is hard to surmise what effect such a law would have on the business interests of our country. In the main, we think such a law would be beneficial, but in a great many instances it would work a hardship on individuals and trade. If there were no laws in existence for the collection of debts, the lawyers would miss some trade. But, would such a law increase the volume of business? We think not; it is our opinion it would diminish it very much.

THE Prince of Wales, in taking the honorable position of a first-class blackleg, or gambler, has staked all, and lost. England must be very proud of her aristocracy. And since the late development of the high and exalted moral tendency of the Crowned Prince, his natural incline towards high, dignified and governing moral influence, has proven to his worshipful and loving subjects how utterly impossible it would be to have a healthful and honest government without these same conscientious, scrupulously moral and virtuous crowned heads to deal out justice to the people.

Our government has made mistakes; but, thank God, the citizens have always showed a disposition to correct such, and the people is the government.

ALL men are naturally somewhat selfish, and selfishness, like any other trait of character, will, if allowed, grow upon an individual. The development of any tendency of the human character grows in accordance with the will of the individual. That is, if he wills to become more selfish and arrogant, he will cultivate the inclination, until it gets to be a hobby with him, and his own feelings lead him to believe that no living man deserves the notice and applause that should fall to his own beautiful self. A man, though, should weigh carefully his own strong points and weaknesses, being careful to give himself credit for what he is actually worth to the community, without allowing himself to drift into the belief that the world would be a great loser should he die.

Burns is not free from selfishness by any means, and there are persons here who think our town would "go up the flume" in an incredible short time without their aid and assistance.

A Double Explanation.

The true story is told of a Lewiston man who several years ago was divorced in the west, came east and married a woman who was also divorced. They traveled south and there, as they sat on a hotel veranda, the Lewiston man bowed coldly to a lady who passed them, hanging on the arm of a gentleman. Curiously enough his wife also bowed to the couple.

She said: "To whom did you bow?"

"To the lady," replied the Lewiston man, with a flush. "She was once my wife. To whom did you bow? Did you know her?"

"No," said she, "I bowed to the gentleman. I had the misfortune once to know him intimately. He was my husband."

And this was their wedding journey.—Lewiston Journal.

Altitude Above Sea Level.

Express ranch is 2750 feet above the level of the sea; Huntington, 2240; Snake river bridge, 2225; Weiser, 2250; Payette, 2260; Ontario, 2280; Harper ranch, 2550; Skull springs, 4190; Star ranch, 4800; Crowley ranch, in Barren valley, 4020; Burnt ranch, in Barren valley, 3865; Juniper lake, 3950; Alvord, 4000; White Horse ranch, 43000; White Horse valley, 4050; Anderson valley, 4240; Harney City, 4075; Drewsey, 3600; Malheur Indian agency, 2925.

A Cruel Mother.

ELGIN, Ill.—George E. Bowen is under arrest for breaking an ice pitcher over his wife's head. He is the son of a millionaire, George S. Bowen, president of the National Electrical Society and a well known railroad man, who operated in New York state. The wife is the daughter of a Chicago board of trade operator named Creighton, who owns an elegant country seat here. The couple were married with elaborate ceremonies about three years ago. Domestic differences began before the honeymoon was ended. Mrs. Bowen had been accustomed to keep her child in a yard made of wire netting while she attended to her society affairs. The neighbors say she occasionally kept her infant there all night. Divorce proceedings are in progress.—East Oregonian.

A Terrible Fight to the Death.

Chief Mate Lowell, of the steamship South Portland, from Jamaica ports, tells a story of a horrible fight at Port Mare he witnessed. Four coolies, all natives of the town, had been involved in a bitter feud, and decided to fight to death in the center of a green enclosure, roped off. At each corner stood one of the men. They were stripped to the waist, and each man grasped in his right hand a knife, with a blade seven inches long. For a moment the men stood glaring at each other. Then the word was given and the fight began. It was a case of every man for himself, with a vengeance. Lowell says, without any exception, it was the most fearful sight he ever saw. I five minutes it was all over. When the police arrived three bodies, hacked almost beyond recognition, lay inside the ropes. The fourth man was so crazed by his wounds that before the police could lay hands on him he drove his own knife through his heart.

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