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The question of what is to be done in the matter of absconding bank cashiers, county and state treasurers who decamp with other people's money ought to be foremost in the minds of our politicians, preachers and teachers. It seems that bonds and securities will not prevent such crimes, and neither do they make good their losses in all cases. The evil seems to be growing and some means must be devised to call a halt upon such wholesale robbery and breach of trust. It seems that one great need towards this end is to elevate the moral responsibility of the people, and to bring the whole community to a sense of great disgrace and degradation that should attach to such acts. There is too much of a tendency among those who are not direct losers, to laugh at and make light of these defalcations, and too little efforts is made to bring the parties to justice and punishment. The different churches, societies and lodges can do a great deal toward bringing up the public sentiment against these things. Let the schools, lodges, churches all unite in a crusade against dishonesty—in any form, and when such things do occur, let the punishment be prompt, sure and adequate.

A MEASURE known as the Nicholson temperance bill passed the Indiana legislature, the object of which is to divest the saloon business of its various forms of attraction and make it stand upon the simple merit of selling liquor. It provides against music in saloons, forbids the business to be run in connection with any other—a direct blow at the restaurant and bar attachments—does away with screens, and requires all saloons to be operated on the first floor, thus doing away with wine rooms. Whether the restrictions will be more conducive to temperance than the famous "standing ordinance" in Boston, which forbid men to sit down while they take their tipples, remains to be seen.

The silver question will undoubtedly be the leading issue in the next presidential campaign. The people are alive to their own best interests and demand recognition of the white metal at the hands of the government, and the next president of the United States will most certainly be a man in favor of free coinage of silver at a ratio of 15 to 1. It will be impossible to elect to the presidency and advocate of the single gold standard—hence it may naturally be expected from both the old parties to insert in their national platform in 1896 a strong and binding silver plank.

RECENTLY the wife of Mayor Strong, of New York was quoted in the newspapers. She has been accused of dictating either an appointment or a line of policy and her reply was: "I never mentioned politics to Colonel Strong. He runs the mayor's office and I run the house." This old-fashioned division of duties is still prevalent and popular in the great majority of American homes, and it is not likely to lose any of its hold.

THE newspapers of today are the prime factors in cultivating the morbid curiosity of the public, inasmuch as their columns are filled with lurid accounts of every crime that is committed. Crime is contagious, and such descriptions as one continually reads helps it to spread.

THE Boston Herald thus recalls a surprising repetition of events: "Twelve years ago there was a prolonged deadlock over the United States senatorship in Oregon, and it looked as if there would be no election. Finally the 78th ballot was taken but a few minutes before the expiration of the constitutional limit of time for the legislative session, and Mr. Dolph was elected. Now the table has been turned, and Senator Dolph is defeated and another man is elected under exactly similar circumstances. The whirling of time frequently brings about some remarkable coincidences."

THE La Grande Gazette has not yet learned that the Umatilla Indians are American citizens, and as such, entitles them to buy and drink all the whiskey they want or can pay for. In giving an account of an Indian being killed by the train at Pendleton lately, it says, "It is a fact that there is a law prohibiting the selling of whiskey to Indians, but that seems to trouble the whiskey dealers very little and they keep right on letting the poor uncivilized Indians have the deadly 'firewater.'"

THE establishment of full women suffrage in South Australia is in some respects the most remarkable triumph ever gained in the cause. It establishes women's freedom over 196,000 square miles of territory—a region larger than the United States east of the Mississippi river. It is a country destined to become densely populated by the Anglo Saxon race and to dominate the southern hemisphere.

EASTERN OREGON is now shipping potatoes, eggs, etc. to the eastern states, instead of buying them from those states as formerly. Now if we could have a meat packing and cold storage establishment, we could furnish our own bacon, lard, etc., instead of importing them. Athena or Pendleton would be an excellent location for an establishment of this kind.

It seems to us that it would be advisable for the city council to hold its meetings in the city hall instead of the Recorder's office. There are a number of citizens who like to attend those meetings, especially when matters of importance are under consideration, and the Recorder's office is too small to admit many spectators.

It is becoming more apparent every day that diversified farming is what pays. About the only money made by Grande Ronde farmers this year is from their hogs, cattle, fruit and vegetables. Wheat raising has been overdone. Experience only could teach our farmers this lesson.

It is estimated that the agricultural earnings of the United States are \$3,490,000,000; from manufacturers, \$3,330,000,000; from mines, \$480,000,000; from transportation, \$1,550,000,000; from shipping, \$160,000,000; and from banking, \$200,000. The farmers and manufacturers take the lead.

THE Baker City Epigram thinks the county court of Baker county in its efforts to be lenient with the taxpayers by putting off the time for enforcing the collection of taxes has caused more dissatisfaction than had they enforced the law to the letter.

THE fellow with money to burn isn't in it with the man who has money to pay the expenses of establishing a new political party.

As a result of the immigration of Swedes and Norwegians, it is said that there are more men trained as sailors in Minnesota than in all New England.

"SWINDLING the state," is put before the public entirely too often. The people would prefer seeing "prompt justice."

GREAT BRITAIN is always willing to arbitrate disputes with nations strong enough to fight, but very seldom with weaker ones.

THE fullest reward to our consciences are the result of the aid we gave to home industries and the poor among us.

COXLEY did not find Philadelphia congenial, so he has gone back to Ohio. He is sore about being left out in all the new party deals.

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A SPECIAL MEETING.

Of the Council in Relation to the Water Works.

The city council convened in special session Monday evening to discuss matters pertaining to the water system, all the members present and Mayor Hollis in the chair. Councilmen E. R. Cox introduced a resolution prohibiting tapping of the mains, until the system is duly tested and excepted by the city. The resolution brought forth some discussion, in which all members except councilman Sharp participated.

Mr. Cox argued that Supt. Cummings, nor any individual, had any authority whatever to go ahead and tap the water mains until an ordinance had been formed and passed upon by the common council creating the office of water superintendent, defining the duties thereof and regulating the price of putting in the water service, etc.

It seems that Supt. Cummings tapped a joint of the main at the Maloney residence at the solicitation of Mr. Maloney, and his reasons therefore as he stated before the council, was that it could be done cheaper before the mains were covered over with dirt, than after the ditches had been filled in. He further stated that he thought by tapping the mains at the present time, it could be done some cheaper, and in consequence be of material benefit to the consumer.

Councilman Kirk was of the opinion that the water service could be put in cheaper with the pipes uncovered than it could be after they were covered, but wanted it distinctly understood that he would not favor the creation of any more city officials than at present existed; but was in favor of the city marshal being instructed to look after the water system.

Councilmen Jones took the floor; was of the opinion that it was all right to tap the mains and put in the water service, so long as the party ordering it payed for it, and was further of the opinion that it could be much cheaper done now than after the mains were covered with earth.

Mr. Cox at this point more minutely explained his resolution, stating that which he wished to convey was that no one had the right to tap those mains until an ordinance was in effect giving some one authority to tap them; defining his duties and regulating the price of putting in the water service; also that "Tom, Dick and Harry" were allowed to tap the mains, the city partially accepted the system before it was tested.

Councilmen Spencer was of the opinion that an ordinance should be enacted immediately regulating the tapping of the mains, but was of the opinion that Mr. Cox's resolution was out of order inasmuch as the system at the present time was the property of the contractors; that they had the exclusive right to tap the pipe, cut it up or do what they pleased with it so far as the city was concerned; that the city had nothing to do with the matter until the time came for the city to except the system, then if any portion of the pipe was not satisfactory the city could reject it.

Mayor Hollis was of the opinion that an ordinance should at once be drawn up, the councilmen thought likewise, and on motion of Cox, the ordinance committee was instructed to draw up an ordinance constituting the office of water superintendent, defining the duties of that official. Also one regulating the price of putting in water service, and governing price of water sold to consumer.

Appointments Made.

All appointments under the new law changing boundary lines of Eastern Oregon judicial districts have now been made. The sixth district has Judge Fee and Prosecuting Attorney John Lawrence; the eighth district has Judge R. Eakin and Prosecuting Attorney J. Rand; the ninth has Judge M. D. Clifford and Prosecuting Attorney C. W. Parrish. Judge Fee and Judge Clifford and Prosecuting Attorney Rand held their offices by virtue of provisions in the bill passed at the last legislative session, and the other officers were appointed by Gov. Lord.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

Mrs. Pete Pamburn Found Dead by the Roadside.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Pete Pamburn came to Athena from her home on the reservation, and proceeded to get drunk, as was her custom whenever she could get the liquor. She went to a restaurant and ate her supper, after which she insisted on going home. She started for home about 8:30 o'clock accompanied by Jerry St. Dennis, jr., whom the restaurant people prevailed on to accompany her, as she was very drunk. When near the bridge across Wild Horse creek, St. Dennis says she declared she was coming back to town to get more whiskey, and began to abuse him because he would not get it for her. Then she started her horse on a run towards home, and he came back to town. That was the last seen of her until her body was found Sunday morning by

Dave Taylor just inside his pasture near where St. Dennis says he left her. The ground looked as if she had fallen from her horse in the road, and had then tumbled into a ditch by the side of the road which contained about two feet of water.

She had doubtless crawled out of the ditch and under the fence into the pasture and stretched out in a drunken stupor.

It rained heavily all night and the belief is that she chilled to death.

Coroner Kimery came up from Pendleton Sunday and held an inquest over the remains. The jury was of the opinion that death was caused by dissipation and exposure.

A Jailor in Limbo.

Saturday evening at Pendleton, Old Wolf, the official keeper of the Indian jail at the agency while under the influence of liquor, fired a shot in the bar room of the Transfer house which fortunately lodged in a wall, missing a human target. Upon complaint of Indian Joe Creig, Old Wolf was arrested and deposited in the city jail. The key of his prison was taken from him and he was left to spend the night in company with several fellow comrades, who were afterwards imprisoned for participating in their customary Saturday night revels.

BIMETALLISM ASSURED.

England, Germany and France to Join With the United States.

President Hill, of the Great Northern, has just reached home from an extended visit in Europe and the Eastern states. He said:

"I found that there was a great depression in some of the countries of Europe, particularly in Great Britain, and most particularly in the cotton and iron industries. The United States is England's best customer, and our imports have been largely reduced, to the advantage of this country and to the corresponding disadvantage of Great Britain. The English manufacturers and landlords owning agricultural lands are taking active interest in bimetallicism and the greater use of silver. They are realizing that Argentine, Australia, the East Indies, China and Japan, who are on a silver basis, forcing their labor to accept silver, which they buy for 56 per cent on the value of gold, have a margin on labor alone that enables them to undersell the English farmers and manufacturers in the market which England has heretofore controlled. England is either compelled to give up a large amount of the world's trade or increase the use of silver in the world to such an extent that it will not be possible for her competitors to take advantage of the lower cost of their labor growing out of the difference of gold and silver."

"If the silver men in the United States will only let congress alone and leave the matter to be worked out by the commercial profit and loss account of Great Britain, the latter nations will be compelled to join with Germany, France and our own country in bringing about a condition of things that will enable the English people to meet the competition of our nations on something like an equal footing. The low prices of wheat have already found during the past year a new market for the product. The California and west coast wheat, that has heretofore gone to Europe, is now going in shiploads to China in the form of flour, where it is taking the place of rice, formerly used by the Chinese."

"Has your opinion changed regarding the ratio of gold and silver?"

"That is immaterial. The proportions of gold and silver, taken for 1000 years—as long as we have history upon the matter—remains practically the same. For a period of ten years or more, one or the other may show a slight change, but the ratio remains 15 to 1 or 16 to 1, and if gold and silver were interchangeable for so many hundreds of years in the past, it is difficult to see what has occurred to prevent changeability now, providing all the nations are willing to receive it."

CONFERENCE FEELING.

"What did you find the feeling regarding an international monetary conference?"

"France and Germany are willing and the land owners and manufacturers of England are now waging an active campaign to bring the British government to realize the necessity of enhancing the value of silver, not so much for the reason that they like silver any better, but that they desire to increase the cost of silver paid to labor in other countries, and in that way to increase the cost of production of the many commodities that England is interested in supplying the world with, and in restoring the value of her own agricultural lands."

"Why cannot the other nations act independently of England?"

"Simply because London is the financial clearing house of the world, and all commercial balances are practically adjusted through the medium of sterling exchange or British credit."

Lost Half His Face.

Geo. Chulinski, aged 28, had a difficult operation performed on him Saturday in St. Joseph's hospital in Baltimore, Md. He was suffering from a cancer of the bone in the right side of his face, and the entire upper portion of his face and jaw bone was removed. In order that he might breathe while the operation was going on, a tube was placed in his windpipe. The whole right side of his face was taken away, with the right half of the mouth, also the teeth of the affected side. He will recover.

More Potatoes Going East.

From Pendleton several cars of potatoes have been recently shipped to Eastern markets. Oliver & Co. sent out one car for St. Paul yesterday, and two more from the same firm will be shipped to Omaha today. Orders for five more cars have been received at the O. R. & N. depots from other shippers of the same commodity. Each car contains 30,000 pounds and upwards of potatoes, from 300 to 500 sacks, weighing at least 100 pounds each.—Tribune.

Tax Law in Danger.

Though it is impossible to ascertain the source of rumors concerning the action of the supreme court on the income tax, the belief is growing in official circles that the court will declare the law unconstitutional. These fears may prove to be groundless, but it is sufficient that apprehension exists in the department of justice, that the court is likely to stand five to three against the constitutionality of the act.

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