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The wheat sales day in Pendleton Wednesday was again a marked failure, as was the previous one. Some 25,000 sacks of wheat was offered for sale, but there were no buyers present to bid on the grain. Today in Athena there is also a sales day, and from indications this morning there will be no bids made on the grain to be offered for sale. For the apparent studied indifference on the part of grain dealers regarding these sales days, there is evidently a reason, which, if they felt so disposed, perhaps could be explained from the head offices at the terminal points. There is evidently an understanding existing between the big wheat shipping companies, and the seller does not need the use of a microscope to see that the understanding is being lived up to. Indications would seem to justify the statement of a leading wheat raiser, when he said that a combine exists and when a market quotation is given out, the different companies will not bid above the price quoted. The general result of this understanding can be nothing more than only the market price will be paid for wheat, whether on a sales day or any other day.

You can always tell whether a man is married or single when you see him go through a screen door, says the Wellington Kan., News. If he is married he approaches the door cautiously, glances around nervously, then takes off his hat and swipes it up and down the door two or three times. He then quietly opens the door about two inches, squeezes himself through and closes it with a quick snap. The length of time he has been married may be determined by the degree of fear and nervousness indicated in his countenance.

The Umatilla Chronicle evidently believes in good fire protection. It says: Does Umatilla want a volunteer fire department? If so, let's have a meeting and organize. It was plainly demonstrated last Friday what could be done by a good bucket brigade if nothing more. What we want is to organize. A great deal could be done even by buckets in the hands of men that were trained. Now let every one wake up and help to organize. In case of fire to save some other man's property is only saving your own in the long run.

Anthony Comstock has done good work in keeping down real offenses against decency, but he is constantly bringing his society into disrepute by such absurdities as the senseless raid on the Art Students' league of New York. A logical extension of this sort of business would be the raiding of hospitals and medical schools and the seizure of works on physiology and anatomy whose illustrations are just as properly "obscene" and "low" as are those of the league's catalogue.

Philip A. Payton Jr., a New York negro, who made \$1,000,000 in Harlem real estate has started the Negro Fifth avenue, near One Hundredth and Thirtieth street. He has organized the Afro-American Realty company, which now owns 30 apartment houses. The whites are moving out rapidly and the entire section will soon be occupied by well to do negroes.

Look out; are our back yards clean? Typhoid fever itself probably does not lurk in the piles of refuse and the damp, ill smelling corners of back yards, remarks an exchange. But such conditions unquestionably have a deleterious effect upon the health of those who live close to them. It is impossible to keep perfectly well when sour smells flow into the windows from ill kept back yards close at hand.

During the coming year 3,300 miles of railroad track will be laid in the United States, the greatest annual mileage in many years with one exception. The Cleveland Plaindealer points out that in Canada about 3,000 miles will be under construction, showing that relatively the railway progress of Canada exceeds that of any other country.

The best political joke of the day has its delicious humor in the serious statement that the "Texas Republicans have had a split." Over what? The right to be worked?

Those Baker City saloon bangers-on who thought the holdup was a joke, probably changed their minds when they went to count their money.

Mr. Kipling's latest poem is a study in geography, dashed with a flavor of stockyards, observes the Portland Journal.

Why doesn't somebody write a song about the good old winter time? Now that hot weather is with us, many of us might be induced to sing it.

A Kentucky negro was tried, convicted and executed in 50 minutes. The unusual delay of 46 minutes is unexplained.

Pendleton finds it necessary to have police patrol at the evening band concerts, on account of the hilarious conduct of the small boy.

THE LAND FRAUD PROBER.

That the work of Assistant Attorney General Francis J. Heney in unearthing the land frauds of Oregon has not been in vain, is shown by the court record in the trials.

Those tried, convicted and sentenced for conspiracy in the land frauds to date are as follows:

- Henry Meldrum, 1080 days on McNeill's Island, \$5,250 fine.
- S. A. D. Pater, two years in jail, \$7,500 fine.
- Horace G. McKinley, not yet sentenced.
- Emma L. Watson, not yet sentenced.
- D. W. Tarpley, not yet sentenced.
- John H. Mitchell, six months in jail, \$1000 fine.
- J. N. Williamson, 10 months in jail, \$500 fine.
- Van Genser, five months in jail, \$1000 fine.
- Marion R. Biggs, 10 months in jail, \$500 fine.
- Willard N. Jones, one year on McNeill's Island, \$2000 fine.
- Thaddeus S. Potter, six months in jail, \$500 fine.
- Charles Nickell, 13 months in McNeill's Island.
- Martin G. Hoge, four months in jail, \$500 fine.
- Hamilton H. Hendricks, to be sentenced 9:30 a. m., August 15.
- Charles A. Watson, to be sentenced 9:30 a. m., August 15.
- Coe D. Barnard, to be sentenced 9:30 a. m., August 15.
- Frank H. Walgamott, not yet sentenced.

- Harry W. Miller, one year at McNeill's Island.
- Frank E. Kincart, one year at McNeill's Island.
- S. A. D. Pater, Multnomah county jail.
- Martin G. Hoge, Multnomah county jail.
- Harry W. Miller, McNeill's Island.
- Frank E. Kincart, McNeill's Island.

HIS OWN CASE AN EXCEPTION.

Spokesman-Review. Shall a man who has constantly and vigorously denounced divorce be debarred by the public sentiment from marrying a divorced woman? This is the problem which has created a sensational riot in a Chicago Congregational church. The pastor, a widower with three grown children, has announced his engagement to the woman who for some time past has been his secretary. This woman secured a divorce from her husband last June because of incompatibility. The friendship between the pastor and his secretary was noticed by members of the church, but no one seems to have thought that it would lead to a marriage.

Now that the announcement is suddenly made public, many of those who have listened to the pastor's frequent and emphatic denunciations of divorce are shocked that he should apparently contradict himself in marrying a divorced woman. The fact that the woman is a daughter of one of the trustees of the church and of estimable character does not tend to lessen the objections of that portion of the church membership which has imbibed to the full extent the doctrines of the marriage relationship expounded from the pulpit. It would seem that the pastor has preached too well against a recognized evil, not realizing the peculiar circumstances that might arise in his own case.

He may argue that, as there is no rule without an exception, his case may reasonably be accepted as a proper exception to the general line of conduct which he advocates for others. At all events, he does not propose to be swerved from his present intention of marrying, even if he has to resign his pastorate in order to prevent a split in the church. It is something to his credit that he has affected a

degree of earnestness as is now being shown, but it is the privilege of any man to modify his views in subjects under discussion, and if this preacher sees good reason to believe now that all divorcees are not as open to censure as he has heretofore contended, he can not be blamed.

IN THE HALL OF FAME.

By Wex Jones. "Angie" Belmont is fond of horses. They bring him lots of coin from the public.

Prophet Lije Dowie believes that it's easier to prophesy than to profit. France is a fine country, says John D. Rockefeller. Most of the people there, he adds speak French like natives.

Czar Nicholas of Russia is obdichfully afraid of bombs. The explosion of one in his vicinity makes him extremely nervous.

J. Pierpont Morgan is said to hate money; hence his efforts to gather it all and hide it away somewhere.

King Alfonso of Spain frequently declares his intention of becoming a bull fighter. He knows that there is no danger of the court letting him carry out such a mad desire.

William Waldorf Astor likes to have his trousers turned up. He says it helps his English accent.

The Geakwar of Baroda, who thinks American girls are not pretty, has gone back to India, where the women are kept in zenanas on the principal that what you don't see won't jar you.

Vice President Fairbanks retains an old fashioned hatred of toothache.

An English Earl, well known on this side of the water—to three or four people—says that it's easier to be an earl than an engineer.

Marie Corelli, the novelist, is about to publish her photograph—to avoid publicity, she explains.

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