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A FEW MORE MEMBERS NEEDED

Management in expending the money subscribed. But, manage it the best they can, they will be short from \$200 to \$300 of the amount of money that seems absolutely necessary to provide, even, the most meager equipment. At the present time about all the labor subscribed has been paid; yet the stock sheds and pens are yet to be provided.

When the Fair was first proposed, it was deemed that it would require \$2000 to bring it to a successful conclusion, in this the initial year. A citizens meeting, however, decided to make the attempt when half that amount was subscribed. Something near \$1400 has been subscribed in cash and labor. With close management, this will pay all expenses, except provide a grand stand and two exhibit tents 30x70 feet each in size. Now these are badly needed, for the comfort of the visitors and for the protection of the exhibits. If some 30 more of our citizens will come forward and subscribe each a membership, the difficulty will be overcome.

Now there is no question but what the Fair will result in great benefit to this section of the country. Even the knowledge that the Fair is a surety, has resulted in benefit already. It has caused property to advance in price somewhat, has caused many of our farmers, dairymen and stockmen, to talk of improving their stock herds, and has caused Scio to be talked about as never before. In fact, it has placed Scio upon the map.

Ten dollars is not a very large sum of money to devote for such a laudable purpose. A calf or a fat pig, or even a good sheep, will pay the bill. Every farmer in the Forks of the Santiam, can well afford the expense. Remember, it is not a matter of charity; but an investment that will give you a ten-fold return. It ought not require much argument to persuade any one who is interested in this section, to assist in a measure of such moment and benefit. In urging you to assist the Fair, the NEWS believes it is simply urging you to do something that will result in benefit and profit to yourself. What ever tends to build up and make better a community as a whole, is beneficial to every individual in that community.

Undoubtedly a few people in Scio will reap a direct pecuniary reward from the Fair; but most persons will be benefited, only as the community is built up and the property is increased in value. Whether you will receive direct benefit or not, the Fair is a meritorious proposition, and being a public enterprise, with the worthy purpose of encouraging all agricultural and stock interests, all should give it some small assistance and their best wishes.

CRAVEN AS WELL AS CRIMINAL.

Abe Ruef, the king of San Francisco grafters, has confessed his guilt as an extortioner. This act, if possible, makes him the more despicable, in that he has shown himself to be a cowardly craven, in addition to his guilt as an extortioner, grafter and debaucher of men. While brave men are not, as a rule criminals, occasionally there is one who will commit crime. But when he is detected and brought to book, he never confesses his guilt in order to escape the consequences of his criminality. On the contrary he meets and accepts the consequences of his act, with a stoicism and fortitude, that would attract admiration, if the crime committed did not over shadow it. Especially will he not endeavor to shift the consequences of his crime upon some one else. He will escape punishment if he can, but not at the expense and suffering of another.

Abe Ruef is not a criminal of this class. He would escape the consequence of his crimes and enjoy his illgotten gains, no matter whether some other person suffered in his stead or not. While we can condone, in some measure, the crimes committed by the San Francisco supervisors, seeing that they were but cats paws in the hands of Mayor Smith and Ruef, people can not, nor will not look upon these two men as being worthy of any leniency whatever. They have been the instigators and manipulators of a system of grafting and extortion, that is simply colossal. Nor will the people be satisfied for them to escape one iota of the consequences of their criminal acts.

A manifest necessity exists for a new law for the punishment of the grafter and extortioner. As the law now is, a few years in the penitentiary or a paltry fine is the only punishment inflicted.

Having served out or paid the penalty exacted, they are at liberty to enjoy their illgotten, in this case, millions. The law ought to be so construed and administered, that all the property of the grafter or extortioner should become forfeit to the state while he, the criminal, should be confined in prison at hard labor during the remainder of his life. The punishment should be made so severe that men would not dare to even think of grafting or levying extortion.

Ruef confessed his guilt with the hopes that his punishment might be less severe. When Smitz is brought to trial he, too, will probably confess his guiltiness. It is simply what all men who commit that class of crime, may be expected to do. They figure, of course, upon not being found out. If detected, they can well afford to spend a year or two or three behind the bars; providing they are not dispossessed of the proceeds of their crimes. The disgrace of being branded a criminal before the world, and a short term in prison or a fine, is a factor of but small consideration with such men. But if they are to be punished, they should be punished in a way that will be a deterrent to others. If they are to be punished, they should be punished in a way that will be a deterrent to others. If they are to be punished, they should be punished in a way that will be a deterrent to others.

The excuse that Ruef gave as the cause of his confessing his guilt, is frivolous. What do such men care for parents, wife or children? When a man sets out deliberately to debauch men from the path of honesty and rectitude or when they will become partners in the proceeds of disorderly houses, it is safe to say, there if but little parental love in their makeup. If the causes he gave induced him to confess his guilt, why did he wait until he had exhausted every available legal technicality and a sure conviction staring him in the face, before he remembered that his criminal actions were causing his parents and sister grief and suffering? No. The true and only reason was, he hoped that a confession, even at so late an hour, might mitigate his punishment somewhat.

Of the two grafters and extortioners, Ruef and Smitz, Ruef is generally thought to be the main instigator and planner. Smitz has, of course, received his share of the spoils; but Ruef was the master spirit to engineer the infamous grafts and extortions, and should be made to pay the penalty to the fullest extent.

What a travesty upon the name of religion it is to have such human friends as Harry Orchard, the assassin of ex-Governor Steunenberg, assert that "Religion sustains him." While it is never too late to repent for wrong doing, a repentance that is brought about by the shadow of the gallows ought to avail but little in earthly courts and will certainly avail nothing in the Heavenly Courts.

This week the time expired for filing referendum petitions with the secretary of state. Three measures, the "University appropriation," the "Compulsory pass" and the "Militia armory" bills, were the subjects of petitions. Chairman Palmer reports that an abundance of signatures have been obtained to cause the university measure to be referred to the people. While it is probable that enough of signatures have been obtained to cause the other two measures to be referred, the NEWS is not advised of the fact at the present time.

Gradually the facts are being brought out that the Idaho authorities, are doing much more than to insure the prisoners, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone a fair trial. They seem determined that the prisoners shall be convicted, whether or not a conviction would be just. Governor Gooding, evidently, will leave no stone unturned that will contribute to bringing the defendants to the gallows. He seems inclined to bring every possible influence to bear, fair or foul, in order to secure a conviction. The people will not endorse anything but a fair trial and Governor Gooding ought not to desire more than a fair trial. If Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are guilty, they would pay the fullest penalty. But they ought not to be convicted simply because the mine owners wish it.

Some time ago an itemized financial statement of the county's financial management, was promised. This statement was due in April. The people have a right to know how their tax moneys are being expended.

Abe Ruef announces that he will now endeavor to undo his wrong acts of the past by restoring the tribute he has extorted. He evidently expects to live to be a very old man, unless he works overtime in the rectifying business.

It is especially gratifying to note the interest that people are manifesting in our coming stock and agricultural Fair. New members are being added to the association with out solicitation. When the grounds are completed and all the work subscribed has been paid, it is the purpose of the NEWS to publish the names of all the members who have subscribed and paid for their memberships; also those who subscribed and refuse to pay, either in work or money.

OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

(Special Correspondence)
Portland, Or. Jan. 24th, 1907.
The Oregon Development League will hold its next convention Friday and Saturday, June 21st and 22nd in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club, second floor, Sixth and Alder streets. This date meets the approval of a number of persons who want to be present and is made for the special convenience of newspaper men who are anxious to be present.

Every newspaper man in Oregon is a delegate, and the President has a right to name such delegates as he desires.

Every county judge in the state is a delegate and has authority to name two others, and the same is true with regard to the mayors of the cities and towns. Oregon must get full benefit of the colonist rates during September and October and one of the chief features of the convention will be a discussion upon the lines of how we are going to get the best out of this great Northwest territory. There will be a number of speakers present and questions vital to the development of this state will be discussed but the central idea of the gathering will be how to make practical and effective the work of modern advertising; in other words, the best possible plan upon which we can work in harmony to add to the population and wealth of Oregon.

As soon as delegates are appointed a list should be sent to the local papers and then forwarded to Secretary Tom Richardson, at Portland.

The business men of Portland who participated in the excursion to thirty-three Oregon and five Idaho cities, and whose report such an excellent time that they are planning similar trips in other directions.

The high price of wheat will put many hundreds of thousands of dollars into the hands of the wheat growers of the inland Empire, and the crop outlook is fine.

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| Eggs, per dozen | 15 |
| Chickens, per pound | 12 |
| Chickens, per pound, young | 20 |
| Geese, per pound | 27 |
| Turkeys, per pound | 12 |
| Ducks, per pound | 15 |
| Beef, per pound, live weight | 10.50 |
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