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THE SPOKANE MUDDLE.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review resents the criticism of Spokane made by the Mail Tribune for the treatment accorded the I. W. W. members who are held prisoners for violating a city ordinance and speaking in the public streets, and says that the writer must be an anarchist. This is characteristic of the Spokane attitude—anyone that doesn't agree with the ruling silk stocking aristocracy must be an anarchist.

This paper does not advocate the ideas of the I. W. W. or champion the actions of its members, but it does believe in fair play and thinks the treatment accorded these men, not only in imprisoning them for such a petty offense, and maltreating them during their incarceration, but in confiscating and destroying their newspaper, unjust, unfair and un-American.

Spokane has an ordinance preventing public speaking on the streets in the business district, but it takes a very narrow view to construe its violation into such a heinous crime as it has been construed in Spokane. And there is absolutely no justification for the suppression of the socialist newspaper, as free speech and a free press are the safeguards of liberty.

Spokane's treatment of these men shows a deplorable lack of tact, judgment and common sense. A mountain is made out of a molehill by a bigoted ignoramus who wears the livery of chief of police, whose record as a police official for many years showed him a biased, partisan and malignant prosecutor, whose great aim was to inflict punishment, regardless of justice. His intolerance is backed up by a "reform" mayor, anxious to make a record, by a get-rich-quick element, always ready to raise the cry of anarchist against anyone differing from them, and by a toadying press, whose reporters are kept busy magnifying the mouthings of the prisoners to manufacture a public sentiment that will sustain the prosecution.

In any other city in the country the matter would have been quietly and decently handled, instead of being enlarged to the dimensions of a clash of the classes, with a reaction that is bound to spread the ideas that Spokane would suppress. Bigotry and intolerance never yet suppressed an idea, and whether the socialistic propaganda is right or wrong, unjust persecution will only spread it.

GOOD ROADS TWENTY CENTURIES AGO.

Lest those of us who are wrestling with the problem of adequate highways imagine that it is one indigenous to our time, it is of interest to reflect that our predecessors in the misty beginning of the centuries were confronted with much the same quandary, says the Atlanta Constitution.

There is, for instance, the great Appian way, which still stands in places, a monument to that stability and permanence we are striving to introduce into roadway improvement in Oregon.

Discussing this wonder of the old world, the New York American recently said:

"The famous Appian Way was constructed by digging two parallel trenches, three feet in depth, at the bottom of which were placed two layers of flat stones in mortar, upon which a layer of cobblestones was placed, also laid in mortar; then came a course of pebbles in concrete, over which were placed large, flat blocks of smooth lava, well joined together, forming an even, uniform surface. It was primarily a military road, and extended from Rome to Brundisium, a distance of 350 miles. So perfect was the construction of this celebrated road that it still exists in places as good as ever, notwithstanding it was made more than 20 centuries ago."

It is not likely that highways in Oregon will attain the rugged and lasting composition given in that early era of good road construction.

But the thoroughness and energy of the Romans furnish an excellent lesson to our road engineers of the 20th century.

Just as they built nearly two thousand years ago "for keeps," so we can build now with a view to abiding rather than temporary results.

We will be doing fairly well, too, if even five centuries after we have passed over the land to the citizens of the future they can comment with admiring emulation upon the foresight and the foresight of their ancestors.

PROPOSED STATE OF SISKIYOU

(The Spokesman Review.)

From the Columbia on the north to the Mexican line, 1000 miles as the crow flies, there are only the two states of Oregon and California. Many of the people of southern Oregon feel that they are too remote from their state capital and commercial metropolis of Portland, and others in northern California have felt that their political and commercial interests would be bettered if a new state could be carved out of southern Oregon and

northern California. This idea took definite expression at a recent meeting at Medford, Or., of the Jackson County Press association, when a resolution was adopted unanimously approving the creation of the new state of Siskiyou, and a committee appointed to co-operate with the press and the people of the affected territory. While a way is provided by the Constitution of the United States for

TULL IS ACQUITTED OF GAMBLING CHARGE

Jury Brings in Verdict of Not Guilty After Only Few Moments of Deliberation.

Charles E. Tull was acquitted of the charge of gambling Tuesday afternoon in the circuit court. The jury was out but a few minutes.

In the case of the state vs. Henry Bauten, selling liquor without license, the defendant pleaded guilty.

In state vs. John W. B. Morris, assault, demurrer to indictment sustained and indictment ordered re-submitted to grand jury.

State vs. Ernest Elliott: selling liquor to minor; on trial. The jury: John Summerville, E. Fox, Charles Fields, Lee Black, Wiley Turnbaugh, E. Walron, C. M. Boardman, John A. Wright, Aaron Pech, Ralph Billings, H. D. Kubit, J. C. Brown.

The erection of new states carved out of the territory of existing commonwealths, the task is not an easy one. The Constitution provides that "now new state shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other state, nor of two or more states or parts of states without the consent of the legislatures of the state concerned, as well as that of congress."

There is only one precedent, The Spokesman-Review believes, of the creation of a new state out of territory cut away from an old state, and in that instance the act was somewhat outside of the Constitution, Virginia having adopted an ordinance of secession, the western counties of the state, largely peopled by loyal unionists, refused to be bound by the seceding legislature, and the new state of West Virginia was set up and recognized by congress.

In many instances, no doubt, a feeling of state pride has caused the people of sections of states to acquiesce in the existing state lines against their own best interests. This is notably true in the Inland Empire, where the northern counties of Idaho would have been benefited immensely by annexation to Washington. Undoubtedly if no state lines had been established, and the people of the Pacific northwest were just now undertaking the work of forming states, the people of the Inland Empire would be overwhelmingly in favor of a new state that would include eastern Washington, northern Idaho, western Montana and probably a part of eastern Oregon.

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The Medford band is one of the institutions of which Medford is justly proud, and is a source of wonder to strangers, who are surprised at seeing a really metropolitan organization in a city the size of Medford.

The subscriptions so far are not sufficient to support the band until June, hence this benefit. Its a worthy affair so lend it your hearty support, ye Medford boosters!

Be sure you are right before you go ahead, is good advice that applies to the light business as well as other business. Electric light has stood the test of time as the safest and most economical light and before considering cheaper lights get the experience of people who have used them several months at least.



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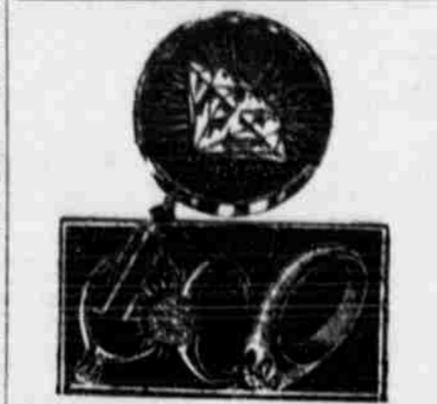
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