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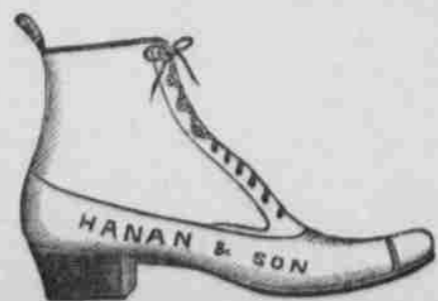
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### AFTER 14TH APRIL, WHAT? WAJ WITH ITALY, OR EXPLANATIONS?

The talk in Rome on the 11th inst. was to the effect that unless the Italian government received a satisfactory reply by the 14th April in regard to the killing of the Mafia, Minister Porter would be asked to leave Rome and the Italian legation permanently recalled from Washington.

Seny. Blaine has been indisposed much of the time since this affair. It was evidently not a slight error on his part to bring the state government of Louisiana into his first reply, when the federal constitution forbids recognition of a state by a foreign power. It is not believed to be good diplomacy to introduce such a quibble. Blaine should have given prompt assurance that the federal government would demand the fullest investigation and reparation.

A Washington special in the Sunday papers foreshadows Blaine's further policy. He will represent the evils of unrestricted immigration from Italy and array the facts as to the number of crimes committed by the criminals Italy has sent to this country. He will also show that dangerous secret societies of these criminals are now existing.

It is to be regretted that both these contentions are not to the point in the case. Italy will not deny these matters. They are not in the case directly. The point Italy continues to make is that four Italian subjects were killed by the mob and that our federal government when asked to bring the leaders of the mob to justice has not acted promptly in demanding that of the local authorities, and has not given a satisfactory reply or excuse for not so doing. The honor of the Italian government is wounded not by the killing of the four Mafia so much as by lack of respectful diplomacy at Washington.

### THE LAW'S DELAY.

This has again hastened into prompt action that element of mob violence that seems to be an instinct of self-preservation in not very highly developed civilizations. Rose and Edwards, once convicted of murdering Jens Fredrickson and wife, on the confession of a son of George Rose, were riddled with bullets Saturday in the jail at Oysterville.

George Rose, the principal witness, whose turning state's evidence had sent the two above named victims of the mob to the gallows, had been forcibly removed from jail and kept hidden away. Having thus disposed of the only person whose testimony could convict, Rose and Edwards induced their lawyers to take their case before the supreme court and a new trial was granted them. It was the granting of this new trial, under the above circumstances, that caused the violent mob feeling to rise. The supreme court of Washington saved them from the gallows to turn them over to the merciless mob.

It is not probable that the supreme court could have taken notice of the removal of the principal witness against the accused, tho' that removal was of a highly suspicious character, and a new trial under the circumstances, with practically no one to appear against them, was virtually to turn loose upon society two murderers and dangerous, reckless men at that. Mob law is deplorable, but the acts of some courts are imprudent if not reprehensible.

### THE DEVIL'S THUMB.

The last West Shore has a picture of this vicious looking mountain that rises out of the glaciers that feed Indian lake in Alaska. The same number also contains a fine illustration of the devil's thumb in Oregon politics. The frontispiece is a picture and sketch of Hon. Cyrus A. Dolph, of Dolph, Bellenger, Simon & Co., corporation attorneys, Portland, and probable appointee as federal judge. These latter facts are not mentioned in the sketch, however. Nor is it stated that he is a brother of U. S. Senator Dolph, and head of the law firm to whom the appointment is conceded, nor that the prospective federal judge for life has been an official of the O. & C. R. R. Co., O. R. & Nav. Co., and Oregon Improvement R. R. Co., the reversionary of which latter great corporation is in the hands of Hon. J. S. Simon, of the firm. Of course, it will be purely meritorious coincidence that Senator Dolph, Receiver Simon, Judge Dolph and corporation President Dolph should be of one firm. But for their politics Judge Bellenger and Barney Goldsmith would probably be in the syndicate too. There is a good deal said about politics being used to protect the interests of corporations. There is

also talk that the federal courts are the bulwark of corporation power against the rights of the citizen. This is the devil's thumb in American politics. Why should not Oregon have a federal judge in whom the producing masses have confidence? But that would not enrich the corporation law firm of Dolph, Bellenger, Simon & Co. All of which is rich political soup. But is it not getting thick?

### THE WAY OF SIN.

Between two women, both older than he, John Curtis, an East Portland bartender, was dragged down to his death. An empty chamber of a revolver showed murderer or suicide—undoubtedly the latter at law. Undoubtedly the former in fact, and the fact divides the responsibility between two women. Both claim to have had promises of marriage. With either, marriage would have resulted in violence or death by the other. Without either suicide was the only alternative. There was a soul hanging over a precipice where decision meant murder, indecision meant suicide. The inexorable fate of evil overtook the young man. His father goes from his country home at Harrisburg, Lin county, to bring home the corpse today.

Is not this a hard road to travel? Is not this extirpation of weak characters going on at a fearful rate in our fast modern society, where the homely ways of making a living by honest labor are laid aside by all who can, and success is counted by the accumulation of coin, no matter how it is got?

The juggernaut of vice rolls on. Dissipation prepares the sacrifices, the young, feeble and made prematurely old by sin, throw them selves under its awful wheels. Whether our families shall provide any victims or not, depends on what kind of characters we give our children, and what ideals we plant in their young souls by our lives and conduct. They will walk very much as we walk.

### SUGGESTED COMMENT.

The kindergarten is the growing idea in education.

You are out of the business swim if you are not in it with an ad. in the JOURNAL.

"The Oregon Prospectus" issued at Portland for real estate advertising purposes, is the latest fake of this kind.

The Early Imperial peach of California will ripen two weeks earlier than the Early Crawford and is a yellow free stone.

A German scientist has discovered 140,400 hairs in the human head.—Exchange. Couldn't have been much room for brains in that head sure.

A member of the Salem rod and gun club says he has done all kinds of shooting, but he read of shooting logs the other day and is making inquiries to rig up for that sport.

The oyster is said to be one of the strongest creatures on earth. The force required to open an oyster is more than 1300 times its weight.—Exchange. We have known an oyster that was a little under the weather lift a man clear off the ground—after he had swallowed it.

Rev. J. M. Hogue died at the residence of his son, C. C. Hogue, Esq., in Corvallis, April 7th. He was a native of Tennessee and was 82 years old. He was a graduate from Hanover college and Theological Seminary, Indiana, in 1839, where he was ordained a Presbyterian minister.

Tillamook Watchtower: The prohibition movement gave us Grover Cleveland for president instead of a republican, and it is a well known fact that although democrats may to a certain extent affiliate with other factions; but always, with that one object in view—the defeat of the republican party.

It is said there is a tract of forest trees in southern Oregon embracing about 16,000 square miles, which, if cut and sold at \$10 per 1000 feet, would pay our National debt twice over. It is estimated that the amount of merchantable timber standing will reach 400,000,000,000 feet.—Exchange. We are in favor of paying off the debt in lumber if the holders of bonds will take it.

The brain stands the most abuse of any organ in the body. Its best tonic and stimulant is success. The worst and most depressing thing to it is failure. The most injurious effects come by using stimulants in early life. Young people should never use liquors, tea or coffee. The latter two may not exactly do harm, but they are conducive of no good. They act mostly on the brain and injure its growth very materially. Abundance of sleep is necessary. Eight hours is not more than enough. Sleep is the time of relatively lowered expenditure and increased repair.—Rural Press.

### GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The formation of a gigantic copper trust was begun in Philadelphia, which in extent and importance promises to eclipse even the sugar trust. The scheme was practically consummated at the meeting of the Plumbers' Copper-ware Association of the United States held at the Lafayette hotel and which was very largely attended. It was claimed there had been ruinous cutting of prices lately, so much so that plumbers' copper-ware has been selling at a loss.

A Portlander in the east says: "I never saw so much mud as now covers the streets of Denver. I don't know what kind of pavement they have, and, though I asked some of the oldest inhabitants, none of them had ever seen bottom on those streets. Portland's streets seemed pretty bad when I went away, but I tell you they are like a ball-room floor compared with Denver's mud alleys."

Frank Hafley, the Union Pacific claim clerk, who ran away from Portland about five weeks ago, has returned, and occupies the front cell in the city jail. He returned in company with Detective Joe Day, who went to Denver after him. Hafley has made a full confession, placing the amount of his delinquency at \$500, which he took from time to time in small sums to cover the expense of a life of extravagance. "I did not gamble," said he to a reporter, "but I lived high, and my salary was moderate."

C. P. Huntington, president of the S. P. R. R. is coming west with much caution, pursuing his usual tactics of running by day and side tracking his car, whenever night overtakes him. Nothing can induce him to board a moving car after the sun sets. In fact he never feels safe on a train during the day. He is always predicting disaster and wondering whether the switches will be set right at the next station.

The federal grand jury has resumed its investigation into the charge that Secretary Gibson, of the whiskey trust, conspired to destroy with dynamite Shufeldt's distillery. Government officials served subpoenas for witnesses in Peoria, and when they finished nearly every man in that city who has or ever had any connection with the whiskey trust and Gibson, were summoned to appear before the grand jury.

George B. Markle, of the newly organized Union Power company, of Portland, says that if a suitable site for a power-house can be found at once the company may be furnishing motive influence for its customers within sixty days. The company will furnish power for all the electric street-car lines in the city, but will do no electric lighting at present. Colonel Hammond, the Chicago millionaire, is interested in the undertaking. Part of the machinery for the plant is in the city and the remainder is on the way. In this manner all the street-car lines will be able to dispense with their individual generating plants, and therefore they can operate their lines cheaper than heretofore.

The Post of New York, in a financial article says the unexpected taking of \$2,250,000 in gold for export before 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, notwithstanding the easier condition of the exchange market was a surprise to the street, and gave the whole stock market a set back which left a majority of active stocks 4 to 5 per cent lower at 11 o'clock than they closed last night. Inquiry at the various gold exporting houses shows that at present rates of exchange, the export of gold would not yield a profit on the regular and usual basis. In short, it appears that as all this gold goes either direct to Germany, or else goes there via Paris. Germany is paying something of a premium to accumulate a few millions of gold. Just what the incentive is for this accumulation is not quite clear even to the bankers, who are sending. The possibilities of war may have some influence in that direction, but it is also believed bankers and financiers in Berlin are strengthening themselves in view of the still unsettled condition and confidence in financial affairs in Germany generally, which has grown out of Argentine and other losses.

The government of Alsace-Lorraine has so far relaxed the passport regulations as to permit French farmers to come in with poultry and farm produce, providing they cross the frontier again before dark after undergoing inspection by a German officer. If the peasants have paper or pencil, or anything to take notes with, they are obliged to surrender it, and they are not permitted to make purchases except for food in Alsace-Lorraine. As to all others, the restrictions remain in full force. According to a Strasbourg correspondent, whose identity is concealed, the Kaiser was deceived by the deception which visited him as to the loyalty of the annexed provinces to Germany. The correspondent states the people are as deeply as ever in France, and await with impatience the opportunity to show their devotion to that country. The writer also states that in the event of war, Germany would find that the Alsatians had not forgotten to fight since 1870.

### TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

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### MISCELLANY.

FREDERICKSON MURDER AVENGED. ASTORIA, Or., April 12.—The brutal, coldblooded murder of poor Jens Fredrickson and his fair, young wife, who has been avenged, and the dead bodies of John Rose and Jack Edwards, riddled with the bullets of a mob are lying in the jail at Oysterville. Ever since the supreme court reversed the decision of the Pacific county court and granted a new trial to the men who were sentenced to be hanged last November, there has been a muttering of discontent among the friends of the murdered man. This sentiment came to the ears of Rose's attorney's and they immediately took steps toward having the men removed to a place of safety. Judge Hunter went over on the boat Friday and it was the intention to remove the prisoners to Chehalis county yesterday. When this fact became known the air was full of rumors to the effect that Rose and Edwards were to be lynched.

### FULLER DETAILS.

SEALAND, Wash., April 12.—At 1 o'clock yesterday morning thirty or forty masked men appeared at the county jail, and demanded admittance. The guard, William Brown, refused to open the door when the leader of the crowd threatened to throw a dynamite bomb into the jail. He then became frightened and opened the outside door, first firing the pistol to give the alarm. He was then taken by five men into the woodshed and detained until the tragedy was over.

Nothing can be learned except from his story, which is that seven or eight shots were fired, and John Rose and George Edwards, the Fredrickson murderers, were found dead after the crowd had retired.

The affair did not take over twenty minutes. No attempt was made to force the cage, although a sledgehammer was found in the jail where it had been left.

The sheriff and coroner have just passed through here. Everything was conducted in a quiet and orderly manner. The opinion of many prominent citizens here is the wonder that the lynching did not happen before. The coroner's jury was empaneled as follows: W. B. Taylor, William Rathbone, R. A. Hahersham, Frank Jewitt, R. H. Eddy, Isaac Wheldon. They will await the arrival of Prosecuting Attorney E. G. Bert, from South Bend, who could not get here before today.

Edwards was killed by a bullet entering the left cheek, coming out back of the neck, severing the vertebra. Rose received four wounds, one through the hip, one through the chest from the front, one through the top of the head, and one through the chest from right to left.

### GEORGE ROSE'S WHEREABOUTS.

ASTORIA, Oregon, April 12.—Last evening's Astoria Bulletin published a special from Oysterville saying that a clue had been obtained to George Rose's whereabouts, and that officers were hot on his trail. The dispatch stated that he had been traced to the steamer Dolphin, and had taken passage on her for Astoria, disguised as a woman.

John Rose, at the time the trial began, was credited with being one of the richest men in Pacific county, but his fortune has melted away in a fruitless endeavor to save his worthless life, and he died like a dog, leaving few, if any, to mourn his death.

The feeling in Oysterville, Ilwaco and this city, is one of evident satisfaction. "All the same mafia" is the universal remark. During the past twelve years no less than five men have mysteriously disappeared in the vicinity of the Rose ranch, and while no positive evidence could be found against the family, there was always a suspicion that they had a hand in these disappearances and the career of crime of the Red Rose gang will go down to history along with that of the Bender family.

There is a feeling of doubt in this city as to the guilt of Edwards. While living here he was always looked upon as an innocent sort of a fellow who made a fool of himself by doing an extravagant amount of talking whenever he got drunk. This latter habit, an old companion of his stated tonight was what had brought him to such a terrible death, as it was a remark that he made while intoxicated which first caused suspicion to rest on the Rose gang.

### RAILROAD DEAL.

ST. PAUL, April 12.—A Hoquiam, Wash., special to the Pioneer Press says: A big deal was recently made with the Northern Pacific directors in New York, whereby the Northern Pacific railroad now in operation from Centralia to Montesano is to be