

The Weekly Chronicle.

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OUT OF THE USUAL.

The sufferers from Sprague's disastrous fire have received a donation of \$133 from the relief committee of Spokane. This is but a portion of that city's liberality, but is especially noticeable as being the last of the funds in the hands of the relief committee organized August 4, 1889, a short time after the fiery cloud had melted the business portion of Spokane to ashes. For several years nothing had been said or done regarding the amount of money still possessed by the committee, and many learned, with a feeling of surprise, that money given to aid Spokane could be turned for the benefit of Sprague. After the committee had finished its labors, for which it was created, there remained a balance on hand of over \$600. All but the portion above alluded to had been spent for charitable purposes within the last two years. In view of the many scandals that have arisen in connection with the distribution of money and aid in the time of great calamities, it is especially gratifying to the members of this committee that they can look back upon a difficult trust so efficiently executed.

Great calamities make uncertain the judgments of men, before considered good; and lavishness takes the place of frugality; sympathy exceeds justice, and charity lessens frugality. But, judging from the final action of the Spokane committee, the members proved themselves faithful servants, who neither wasted nor withheld when needed. People who gave so generously to stricken Spokane six years ago, can feel a double pleasure that their charity has been made to cover the stretch of years, and comes now to Sprague in her time of trouble.

ATTRACTION OF THE POLES.

People who have that infatuation for the frozen north which has led men to court almost certain death over and again, will watch with interest the experiment that is soon to be made from Europe, provided present calculations are carried out. Becoming convinced that all future attempts to reach the North Pole will result as past expeditions have, in utter failure, a distinguished European scientist has conceived the not altogether novel idea of entering the mysterious Arctic circle by means of a balloon. The illustrated papers have published cuts showing the apparatus which is to convey the explorers and their equipment. The scientific papers do not look entirely with contempt upon this new form of Arctic exploration, since in the age in which we are living it is dangerous to say that a thing is impossible simply because we nor our ancestors have accomplished it. But the attitude of scientists, at the best, is merely a passive approval, only waiting to see how the thing turns out. The explorer himself has the utmost faith in his plan of discovery, and declares the mystery of the North is about to be solved.

It is a queer strain in humanity, this desire to reach what the Creator has hid behind impenetrable walls of ice. Year after year men are found eager "to cast themselves upon the frozen ice floes as upon some strange sacrificial altar." The fate of Sir John Franklin, DeLong, and possibly Nansen and Peary, seem to have no effect upon the ardor of succeeding generations, and there will be expeditions start for the poles as long as the brave spirit of the early Vikings remains in human breasts.

The opening of the Astoria regatta is marred by two distressing accidents. Sunday night the steamer Ocean Wave ran down and sunk a pleasure yacht containing five men, two of whom were drowned. The unfortunate men had started in a craft of their own construction for the meeting at Astoria, and had left the little town of Rainier with high hopes and expectations. The other accident happened during the sloop race Monday. Due to the fault of its sailing master, the Monogram, a sloop built expressly for the regatta this year, filled and sank within eight of many beholders. Both accidents were due to the carelessness of the occupants, and read a terrible lesson to those who imagine that the treacherous Columbia does not require skill and watchfulness from those who ride its waters. Every summer the same accidents are repeated, due to the same causes. A single venturesome spirit is often the cause of death to several, and wherever there is

one who lays aside the rules of prudence, danger is brought to all. Only can we hope for a cessation of such distressing affairs when people learn that the water at best is a dangerous plaything and every precaution taken is none too great.

A WOOLEN MILL AGAIN.

Spokane is murmuring because no smelter exists in that city for the reduction of the ores brought from the adjacent mines. Flouring mills, great factories and large mercantile houses have grown to meet the demands of a fast developing country; but with all the increase in mining activity, and the wonderful output resultant, there exists no establishment for the treating of ores. Train loads carrying mineral products pass through Spokane and are sent to points 2000 miles away. The only reason urged is that the railroads are great beneficiaries under the present arrangement, and to have the bulky ores reduced at home would take away a source of much business and profit.

The situation is exactly similar in The Dalles, if wool be substituted for ore. This city, as the point which handles more wool direct from the producer than any other place in the United States, has no woolen mill. We would rather pay the freight on the raw product to Boston, and pay another charge on woolen goods shipped from the East. Undoubtedly the same fleece returns to our midst after a journey across the continent.

A woolen mill in The Dalles would not benefit the railroads; a good many cars now loaded with wool would be idle, but the benefit to a town situated as this is would be beyond estimation, and the saving in freight bills on the raw material alone would give to the manufacturer a fair margin of profit.

A tragic fate seems to have followed the life of Peter Gumry, the owner of the Denver hotel recently destroyed, and who perished in its ruins. When a babe he was rescued from a wrecked ship off the banks of Newfoundland and given, as a sad reminder, the name of the vessel. His parents perished at the time, and his identity was lost. Fifty years later his own life was destroyed in a disaster on land equally as great as the previous one on the sea. He never had parents that he knew, no name or relatives, and now no grave that can be called his own. Few lives have been marked by such a striking example of lonely fate. The only case that approaches in similarity was that of Eva Burbank, who was drowned at North Beach some fifteen years ago. The place along the Cowitz river where she was born was washed away by a flood, carrying with it the ground upon which stood the house. A few years later the unfortunate girl was drowned while bathing at the seashore, and the body not being recovered, she had neither birthplace nor burial spot upon the earth.

Much of the editorial space in today's issue is given up to a communication, regarding Mr. Taylor's arrest, from one who does not wish his name made public. The space is given in order that all may have a fair hearing, and state their grievances to suit themselves. The writer claims that injustice has been done by THE CHRONICLE, and yet he does this paper injustice in saying it attempted a justification of Mr. Taylor. No one could draw such a conclusion. As to whether or not the editor of THE CHRONICLE is a confidence man, and for that reason is in sympathy with Mr. Taylor, we will not take the trouble to deny. The whole matter of Taylor's arrest has been fully discussed, and if wrong has been done, as is claimed, the manifesto elsewhere is intended to set it right with the world. Further than wishing to treat all fairly, THE CHRONICLE has no interest in the matter, and will leave Mr. Taylor and his troubles to the courts, the only place where the present complication can be intelligently discussed.

As the time for the presidential election comes apace, courageous democrats proclaim belief in the success of their party in the next great contest. They give full credit to the policy of the democratic party for the present appearance of returning prosperity, and loudly proclaim the vindication of free trade principles. One mistake the democratic leaders have always made is that they underrate the average intelligence of the American people, and forget Lincoln's maxim that "you can fool all the people a part of the time, or a part of the people all the time; but you can't fool all the people all the time." The American people were fooled once, and badly fooled, but the bitter school of experience has brought home to them truths which eloquence and argument could not impress. The only political contest next year will be in the republican convention.

The democratic party is seeing itself to death. Ohio democrats declare for the gold standard and Cleveland's administration; Mississippi democrats are on the other track, and they have the pull so far as influence in the party is concerned.

Klickitat county has taken hold of financial matters in earnest, and the inevitable result of the present policy, if continued, will be to place the county upon a sound financial basis. We heartily wish them success.

IMPROVE THE ROADS.

The Dalles will be the best wheat market in Eastern Oregon and Washington, as it has been the best wool market. The price of wheat is so low that a few cents more per bushel will induce farmers to haul a longer distance for the slight gain, and the result will be that a larger percentage of the wheat crop will be marketed here than ever before. Had we good roads from the interior—roads which would stand the wear of the traffic over them—we would have a perceptibly larger trade. Nothing is more detrimental to a city than bad roads leading to and from it. We cannot boast of good roads, and those most traveled by wheat teams will become very rough before the fall rains. A little work upon them, done at once after the first rains, would be of great assistance. Farmers and road supervisors are too busy to give them attention.

Can't someone be found to undertake the work for a small subscription. It would be worth almost as much to the city as a free ferry to have a hard smooth road from Floyd's and from the old Thompson place into town. Two men and a good team employed for sixty days could do the work.

NEWSPAPER TRIALS.

The trial of criminal cases in the press before the courts have reached them contributes more to the contempt in which courts are too often held than anything else. This fact is illustrated by the Durrant case, which is dragging itself to death in San Francisco. Every particle of evidence, and a vast amount of stuff which is not evidence, has been embellished and dealt out to the public in the most sensational manner. Statements, like the finding of the bloody knife or the attack of Durrant upon a young lady, are sent abroad one day to be talked about, and then reported to be without foundation. The latter report, however, is never heeded. Citizens read the discussions in the press and disqualify themselves to sit as jurors and the public become disgusted because qualified jurors cannot be found.

Criminal cases can best be tried in the courts. The publication of the evidence before it is produced in court is prejudicial to the fair administration of justice, and of no benefit to the public, but rather a detriment. The press of San Francisco should be more censured than the court.

Article 13 of the constitution of the state provides as follows: "The governor shall receive an annual salary of \$1500. The secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of \$1500. They shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with their respective offices." Section 2337 of Hill's Code reads as follows: "The fees of the secretary of state shall be as follows:" Then follows a list of fees. The language of the constitution seems to be plain, but evidently either it was misunderstood by the legislature, or the legislature intended that the fees collected by the secretary of state should be turned into the state treasury. Can some of the great constitutional newspaper editors of the state enlighten us on the subject?

Regarding O. D. Taylor.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:—The account of the arrest of Rev. O. D. Taylor, published in your Monday issue, is somewhat misleading. In fact, outside of stating that an attorney was called in as counsel, and some comments on the conduct of the officer, it was more of justification of Taylor by contrasting him with those he roped in, than an account of what happened. There can be no objection to individual or editorial indorsement of Taylor's transactions; all phases of society have their standard of morals. The confidence man sees nothing wrong in the methods of other confidence men; but as the newspaper enters the homes of all, it is only fair it should state the facts in its news columns, so that readers can form an unbiased opinion, and reserve its comments and opinions for the editorial column. As your issue of Tuesday is misleading again on the same subject, a brief statement of the facts will doubtless be best for all concerned.

Parker Owen, the officer sent here from Michigan, came with three requisitions on the governor of Oregon. The requisitions are in duplicate. To the original is attached the complaint, evidence and exhibits, and from this the governor determines whether he will honor the requisition by issuing a warrant for the arrest of the person charged with crime. If the warrant is issued the duplicate requisition is returned, with the warrant, to the officer, and establishes his complete authority. Parker Owen is a Knight of Pythias, and so is the governor's private secretary, Mr. Duniway. As the business was being closed Mr. Owen asked that he join him in a midnight dinner. In the hurry Mr. Duniway omitted to enclose the duplicate requisitions, and Mr. Owen did not discover the oversight until he presented the papers to Deputy Sheriff Kelly of The Dalles. It was then too late to call a halt, and he decided to run a bluff. The warrants were regular and good, and when he asked Mr. Kelly to make the arrests that official was obliged to act, and he did so. In making the

arrest on the warrants and without the requisitions no wrong was done. The papers were good and regular, but simply scattered a little. If objections to their legal form had been raised, Owen realized he could be detained here for a week or more.

Taylor was held in the jail for an hour. Meanwhile an attorney was called as his counsel and asked to examine the papers, and did so. Having pronounced them all right, he informed Mr. Taylor that he didn't see as anything could be done; whereupon Mr. Owen departed, and charged not on the order of his going. The charge that Owen went to a saloon to brace up with liquor is a mistake; and if it were true, it could not affect the merit of the charge against Taylor. But as a matter of fact Owen is a total abstainer. As to the outrageous treatment in hustling Taylor away, unborn and unwashed, Owen had but one excuse. Delays were dangerous, and with one gauntlet run, it behooved him to get out of the county by the nearest route. While it is not customary with officers making arrests to give indefinite time to prisoners to perform ablutions, arrange business matters, and to otherwise trump up delays and technicalities to defeat the operations of the law, and while the ordinary transgressor is shoved into the cell without anyone caring how or why, there is no doubt that in the case of Taylor, had circumstances been a little different, Mr. Owen would have given no occasion to complain of neglect of courtesy. As to his being a greenhorn: "He laughs best who laughs last."

In the language of a departed, but respected, pioneer of The Dalles, Col. McArthur (substitution of names excepted):
"If Owen should arrest you,
He will surely hold you fast;
And you cannot get your corpse
With a writ of Habeas Corpus."
COMMUNICATED.

Letter of Thanks From Co. A.

Last 4th of July Co. A of Wasco and Co. G of The Dalles held a competitive drill, which, after a warm contest, was won by Co. A, under the captaincy of V. C. Brock. The committee ordered a gold medal to be prepared and when done it was forwarded to the successful militia boys. The people of The Dalles greatly enjoyed the visit of their Sherman county friends and as long as the medal must go away from our own boys there is nowhere we would rather see it go than to Co. A of Wasco. Following is the letter of thanks.

Wasco, Or., Aug. 22, 1895.
To the 4th of July committee of the citizens of The Dalles, Oregon.

Sirs:—At the last regular meeting of Co. A, 3d Reg't O. N. G., I had formally presented the beautiful gold medal you had prepared for the company, and it was received with enthusiasm. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the committee and I was instructed to express the sincere gratitude of our company to yourselves and the citizens of The Dalles for your generous and courteous hospitality in our visits to your city. Company A will earnestly endeavor to merit your generous reward and see that no act of hers shall ever tarnish the brightness of the jewel won.
Yours respectfully,
V. C. Brock,
Captain of Co. A, 3d Reg't O. N. G.

You cannot say that you have tried everything for your rheumatism, until you have taken Ayer's Pills. Hundreds have been cured of this complaint by the use of these Pills alone. They were admitted on exhibition at the World's Fair as a standard cathartic.

Another Destructive Fire.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 22—McPhee & McGinnity's planing mill was burned this morning. Loss, \$65,000; insured two-thirds. A queer coincidence is the fact that exactly two years ago today the mill was burnt.

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