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to believe that any of the officials are in on the deal to receive any bonus for protection to the violators of this law. But as we foresaid it creates a bad impression, and gives room for a howl all along the line, and if this system is to continue we verily believe the city should receive revenue for it, and then no suspicion for graft could possibly exist.

POLITICAL SNAP-SHOTS.
 LaCroix's record as County Attorney, when put in print (as it will be) will not add any lustre to his record in that position, but on the contrary we verily believe will show his stewardship of that important position to be not only lamentably weak, but an ignominious failure.

It is the consensus of opinion all over the State that W. A. Clark is not sincere in his declaration that he is out of the senatorial race.

Hon. Lee Mantles, supporters for the U.S. Senatorship are legion, and there is no question but that he will be the leading candidate of the republican party for the coveted plum.

C. A. Spaulding, it is stated on good authority, will contest LaCroix's claim for a second term, as a lawyer, Spaulding lays it all over LaCroix, and he should have no trouble in defeating him for the democratic nomination.

The doughty and energetic alderman from the First Ward, John Wendell, is laying awake nights for a feasible plan for the people to secure a proper supply of water at the lowest possible rate, for which, if he succeeds, they shall be under lasting obligations.

Longmaid is the chief kicker in the council; he objects to almost everything except Longmaid.

The very efficient County Superintendent, Miss M. V. Smith, has been indefatigable in her efforts to make the Lewis and Clarke County schools second to none, and the splendid conditions which maintain all over the county show how well she has succeeded.

In starting on his campaign for a renomination we wonder if LaCroix will remember the severe reprimand which Judge Clements gave him.

Police Judge Horn, when shown a copy of the PLAINDEALER, containing the Law on gambling, turned it loose as he would a red hot potato, and then said, "I do not believe that there is any open gambling going on."

The County primaries will be held late this month or early in September.

Mr. D. A. Corey, who has made one of the best commissioners Lewis and Clarke County ever had, is serving the people at the sacrifice of his private business. Mr. Corey is a splendid gentleman, and no doubt could be elected hands down this fall for that position if he would consent to run.

Hon. Thomas H. Carter will be the principal speaker at the Sweet Pea Carnival to be held at Bozeman on the 11th.

POLICE OFFICIALS

PAY NO HEED

TO VIOLATION OF ANTI-GAMBLING LAW.

Gambling in Helena Still Running Wide Open.

Notwithstanding the fact that the PLAINDEALER has called the attention of the proper officials through the columns of this paper to the fact that gambling which had been or supposed to have been ordered closed in this city, was again being conducted openly and no move that we can discern has been made to investigate the charge; in fact the Police Judge told a representative of this paper that he did not believe there was any open gambling going on in the city.

THE CITY SHOULD RECEIVE THE REVENUE.

Now the PLAINDEALER is interested in the proposition to the extent of a matter of news, and its position is against graft, and we, of course, investigated far enough to find out that the city is getting no revenue. The question then naturally arises, Who is?

If it is the sense of the present administration to countenance crime and protect violators of the law. The city should get the money because it is hard to convince the average layman that if these games are being allowed to run, that someone is not getting something for it.

PAY THE CITY.

If gambling is to be allowed to run, would it not be better for all concerned that the same old way of levying fines prevail? And then there could be no suspicion of graft or political favoritism toward anyone. In the present system of gambling wide open the people wonder and ask where's the GRAFT? Who's getting the money for protection?

IN A BAD LIGHT.

And then it puts the city in a bad light as it were,—a hypocritical pretense of hewing to the line, it falters and falls in the mire. We shall continue to call the attention of the officials to this matter as long as these violations continue.

SMALL BEGINNING SOMETIMES A LARGE ENDING.

Of course they may say, "Oh, that paper is of no consequence; but that may be where they err. In Antideluvian times they said Noah was a fool and did not amount to anything, but the flood came just the same and they all perished."

They said John Brown was crazy, that his raid on Harper's Ferry would be of no avail, but he kindled a spark which swept over and devastated a nation and destroyed human slavery.

The PLAINDEALER in its mission of Peace, Prosperity and Union, in its humble capacity can only warn the people and we shall have the satisfaction of knowing we have performed our duty.

In the meantime if sworn public officials can disregard their oaths all well and good it is with them and their God. And NERO still FIDDLES while ROME BURNS.

Spirit of the Negro Press.

Secretary Taft must have forgotten something during his recent trip to North Carolina to address the Republican State Convention. Surely he didn't connive at that remarkable deliverance, outbidding the Democrats in the matter of Negro disfranchisement. Or can it be that Taft was onto the scheme and contemplates a plank of this kind in his own platform should he be a candidate for the presidency.—FREEMAN.

Knocks of a Newspaper Man.

"If a newspaper man knew how many knocks are received behind his back he would adopt another calling," remarked a citizen the other day. The citizen is mistaken. The newspaper man who has the elements that make success to him expects to be maligned by every law breaker, swindler, hypocrite and carping critic who loves notoriety, and is ignored, and in fact, by all who do not agree with him on public and private matters. The newspaper man who expects to go through life without being misrepresented and unjustly censured should make arrangements to die young.—Ex.

San Francisco is again wide open; that is to say, she is permitting vice in every form to run riot. So sinful was the city for years that Christian people frequently predicted some awful visitation of destruction to befall her, and so it did, but the scenes and sorrows of that terrible visitation are soon forgotten, and the city is at it again, even worse than before.—SEATTLE REPUBLICAN.

George Carliss, an Afro-American, head tanner for the Miller Brothers Company, is said to be the only man who knows how to make patent leather that will not crack. At any rate, his firm guarantees the leather he makes not to crack. This process is the invention of Mr. Carliss, who keeps it a dead secret. It is said that even the firm for which he works does not perfectly know how he does it. Three years ago a rival firm tried to steal the secret. A spy was sent to investigate the Afro-American's chemicals, and while monkeying with them got blown up for his pains.—COLORADO STATESMAN.

Columbus and Greenwood Negroes are operating in the State of Mississippi, twelve banks, two each at Jackson and Vicksburg, and one each at Indianola, Hattiesburg, Natchez, Mound Bayou, Greenville, Yazoo City, Columbus and Greenwood. These banks, of course, must meet the requirements of the Mississippi State laws, and all of them appear to be doing splendid business. (The last two named have not opened for business yet.) All these banks, except possibly two, have been opened for business during the administration of the famous Governor Vardaman. It would ap-

pear that all of the Negroes of Mississippi are not of the governor's liking.—COLORADO STATESMAN.

The tenets of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks must be something like that of the Southern Christian Church before the War, which said to the slave, that there would be a kitchen in Heaven for him if he would be obedient to his master. In other words, it believes that clarity and morality are distinctly white virtues to be held above the reach of Negroes. In no other way can the action of the Elks' grand lodge be looked upon in appropriating money to fight colored Elks. Such action is convincing proof of the shallowness of whatever professions they make toward what are admitted to be Christian practices.—STATSMAN.

The Jim Crow Exhibition at Jamestown.

There is not a person possessed of the smallest grain of common sense, who does not know of all the preposterous proclamation and pretension about the desirability of special exhibits by Colored people at the Jamestown fair at Norfolk and Hampton Roads, misleadingly denominated Jamestown, emanate from and are encouraged by the chief advocate and promoter of race separation and class distinctions, who seizes all such occasions for booming himself. Whether at Atlanta, at St. Louis, or at Norfolk, the story is the same. How will it help me fool the people. We take occasion to say that we are opposed to all race and color discrimination, and distinction of every name and nature between citizens of this republic. We want the men in public authority the servants of the people, from the President of the United States down to the most insignificant to understand this and lay it well to heart.

Giles B. Jackson, the ready pliant creature of the hour, has no conception of the right relation of the citizen to his country, or of the country to the citizen, and is not accountable for his consummate folly in asking and being willing to be set apart from the rest of the American people, whether under the august and unequal laws of Virginia, or under some equally improper and un-American enactment of Congress, but it is scandalous to hear agents of the United States Government announce that money is to be spent for this Jim Crow exhibition under governmental oversight, authority and approval. Nothing could be more objectionable, no matter how considered.

The achievements of Colored men in this country is in whatever field of endeavor as the work of Americans, ever loyal, ever patriotic, and should be so regarded without qualification of any sort. Let us have an end once and for all of this relic of barbarism and slavery which refuses at this late day to look beyond color to the man behind it.—BOSTON GUARDIAN.

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PEACE! PROSPERITY! UNION!!!

We have no faith in the politician whose contortions can be exceeded by his hypocrisy.

A city that can live only by maintaining crime is only sowing the seed of anarchy, and will someday reap the same.

It is said of Bishop Grant, who lectured in Helena on the 13th, his preaching is so spiritual powerful that he has never preached a sermon that some soul has not been brought to Christ. A pity that his sojourn here in Helena will be of such short duration, as the field is sadly in need of spiritual food from the most humble citizen even up to our public officials.

Our gambling exposures of course have queered us with that eternity, and we do not know what the officials whose negligence we also exposed are also doing; but that does not hinder or deter us from showing them up, and our fight against crime and official negligence in public positions have only just begun.

It is very evident that the Roosevelt and Folk idea of civic duty and integrity have no abiding place with the men who are running things in the capital city. The PLAINDEALER, which has a general circulation in the city and will continue, however, to remind these officials of the direction of the official oaths and obligations.

The principal object sought by the PLAINDEALER in its exposure of open gambling which is tolerated by the city officials, is, Who is getting the revenue? If gambling is going to be allowed, the city should get the revenue. As it is, it is a man up the true it looks like GRAFT.

In dealing out misery to J. H. Tucker the authorities need not think for a moment that they are taking any measure affecting the PLAINDEALER, as he had no connection with this publication whatever, only as a workman in the employ of the proprietor. The name which appears at the head of the editorial column is responsible, and will stand by everything that appears in these columns, and we shall continue to be a flea in the bonnet of those public officials who are direct in the performance of their duty.

AS TO THE GAMBLING PROPOSITION.

That the flagrant violation of the Anti-gambling law is in vogue in this city at the present time is a well-known fact; that the same gives vent to the impression that someone is getting something out of it, is equally as strong a fact, and it naturally creates a bad impression. Now as to the facts, we do not know, and we are loathe