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DRAKE'S MAGAZINE for February contains an interesting article from the pen of Maj. T. P. McElrath, entitled "The Evolution of a State." The article relates solely to the Yellowstone valley and relates with as much detail as is possible in a magazine article, the various attempts to open to civilization the *terra incognita* known as the Yellowstone valley. It is written in a rare descriptive vein without exaggeration and is very interesting, particularly so to those who were actors in the later incidents described.

THE person who wrote the special that appeared in Sunday's Independent descriptive of the republican meeting here on Saturday night, is a valuable acquisition as a correspondent. A writer who can lie in a graceful or humorous manner is always readable and sometimes enjoyable; but where ability does not reach beyond bold distortion and malicious misrepresentation of facts, it shows a weakness on the other side that is truly lamentable. The Independent should pay this chap off, as he will certainly lose them what patronage they have here.

GIBRALTAR PASS.

Interesting Features of a Famous Northwestern Highway for Smugglers.

In years gone by so many superstitious and conflicting stories were circulated about Gibraltar pass, formerly Deception pass, that it was difficult to get any truth about it. Even the width was not known, nor even approximated in the calculations, and it was commonly reported that it was but sixty feet wide. To settle this question, George Lynch and Arthur White took two skiffs and a line and measured Gibraltar pass at the narrowest part of the throat, and found it to be 300 feet, and it may be widened forty feet more by a shot of dynamite in blasting off a point of rock. The narrow portion of the pass averages 500 feet in width, and in removing a small island between the pass proper and the narrow channel known as Canoe pass, the width of Gibraltar pass can with but little expense be widened to about 900 feet. The narrowest part of Canoe pass is 80 feet, and the widest part is 200 feet. For a considerable distance Gibraltar pass is already half a mile to a mile and a half wide, with a depth of water at low tide of 100 to 200 feet, and the walls are of solid and nearly smooth rock. There are but few such natural passes for shipping in the world.

Twelve years ago one of the largest scow schooners that has ever navigated Puget sound (being the one that took the lumber to build Dungeness buoy) was anchored outside of the pass for three days. The captain was a very careful man, and wanted to take the tide at its most favorable stage. The third night the tide came while all on board were asleep, and raised the vessel so high that the anchor could no longer touch bottom. When the captain and crew awoke the next morning they were amazed to find that their huge craft had floated through the pass, and that they were lying in the placid waters of Gibraltar harbor. The passage was so smooth that no one knew the vessel was not at anchor outside.

The smugglers who infested these waters since the earliest days have always reported the pass to be a dreadful place. They had an object in doing so; it was to deter the parties in pursuit from entering here. At one time the United States revenue cutter was afraid to undertake to pursue a smuggler's craft through and stopped outside. At that time the head man at the Utsalady mill was the head and chief of a gang of smugglers, and on every island in this great archipelago were the haunts of noted smugglers, some of whom were as wily and as crafty as any such characters that were ever portrayed in works of fiction. One of the number, who now resides on an island in Gibraltar pass, and has a little fleet of sail vessels snugly ensconsed behind said island, out of sight of the daily passenger steamer, tells us that he never smuggled for the profit, but was prompted solely by the love of excitement. He has long since retired from that business, and amuses himself nowadays in fishing. About five miles south of our office is Ben Ure's spit, which forms a part of the southern protection of this harbor. This spit runs out from a claim of 160 acres on Whidby Island, formerly the home of Ben Ure, who recently sold the ranch for $3,000 to the La Conner bank crowd. The name of the former smuggler referred to is Ben Ure. He is a keen, quick witted Scotchman, 60 years of age, eyes wide apart, and indicative of bright perception.

An old acquaintance of Ben Ure tells us that some years ago, when Ben was in the height of his glory, a federal revenue cutter came on him unawares and captured him. The captain of the cutter ran a line from Ben's sailboat to the stern of the cutter, and was towing him toward Port Townsend to confiscate his cargo and imprison the owner. But the captain failed to size up his prisoner when he left him in his own boat. Ben put his wits to work; he decided that he would not go to Port Townsend. The night was very dark. A lantern had been hung on the bow of Ben's boat. This light Ben transferred to the top of a cask that he fastened to the tow line; then he cut the tow line between the cask and his own boat. When day dawned the captain of the revenue cutter was greatly chagrined to discover that he was towing a cask with his lantern on it, and that the contraband cargo and its crafty owner had escaped amid the mazes of the archipelago of this Mediterranean of the New World. Ben had quietly slipped through Gibraltar pass, where the cutter dare not attempt to go, and proceeded to enjoy himself on his ranch.

We are informed by people who live at the pass that there is scarcely a night that smugglers do not sail through Gibraltar pass, taking large quantities of contraband goods both north and south across the British boundary. The government stations revenue officers at Port Townsend and Blaine to intercept smugglers, but it has no one here, where the most of the smuggling is done. The smugglers can not go through Swinomish Slough, because it is almost certain that they would be caught, so they run a regular line through Gibraltar pass.—Washington Farmer.

Novel Cure for a Rat Bite.

Mrs. Inaba, who lives in Iyo province, was bitten by a rat twenty years ago, which nipped her toe one night while she lay asleep. For sixteen years she felt the effects of this bite, and at times the wound would swell and fester. Recently she suffered acutely, and her leg swelled up to a great extent. Just then she heard that for a bite of a rat there was no better remedy than the flesh of a cat. She at once ordered one of her servants to go into the village and catch the first cat she came across. This done, it was cooked, and Mrs. Inaba set to work to eat it. Next morning she was much better, and in two or three days the swelling had gone down and she was quite well again.—Osaka (Japan) Mainichi Shimbun.

Summons.

In the District Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Montana, within and for the County of Custer.

Mary E. Ehorst, Plaintiff, against Henry E. Ehorst, Defendant. — Action brought in the District Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the County of Custer, and the complaint filed in said County of Custer, in the office of the Clerk of said District Court.

The State of Montana sends greeting to Henry E. Ehorst, Defendant:

You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiffs, in the District Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the said County of Custer, and to answer the Complaint filed therein, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county or, if served out of this county, but in this district, then within twenty days; otherwise within forty days—or judgment by default will be taken against you, according to the prayer of said complaint.

The said action is brought to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between this plaintiff and defendant, on the ground of desertion, and for cause states: That the defendant on or about the first day of May, 1888, without reasonable cause and against the wishes of this plaintiff, deserted and willfully abandoned this said plaintiff, and departed from the then territory of Montana, with no intention of returning, and has not returned, as will more fully appear by reference to the complaint on file herein.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, as above required, the said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint and for costs of this action.

Given under my hand and the seal of the District Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the said County of Custer, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety

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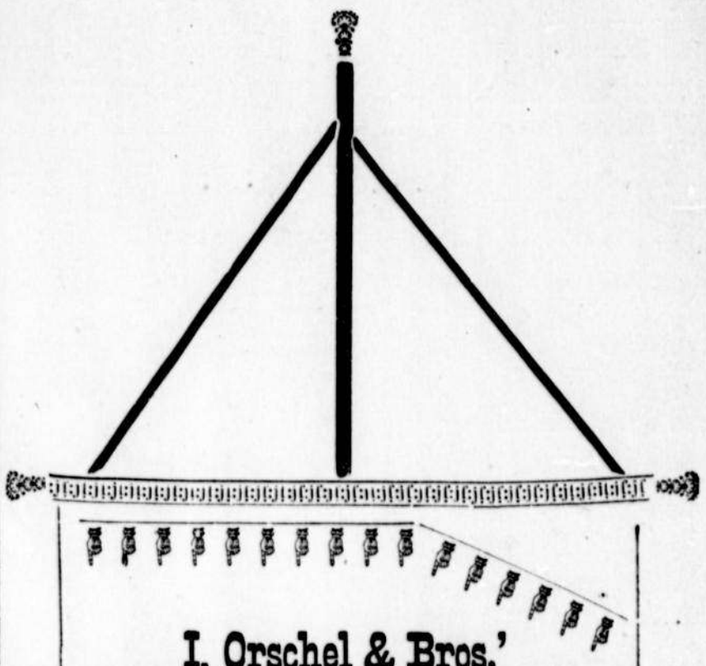

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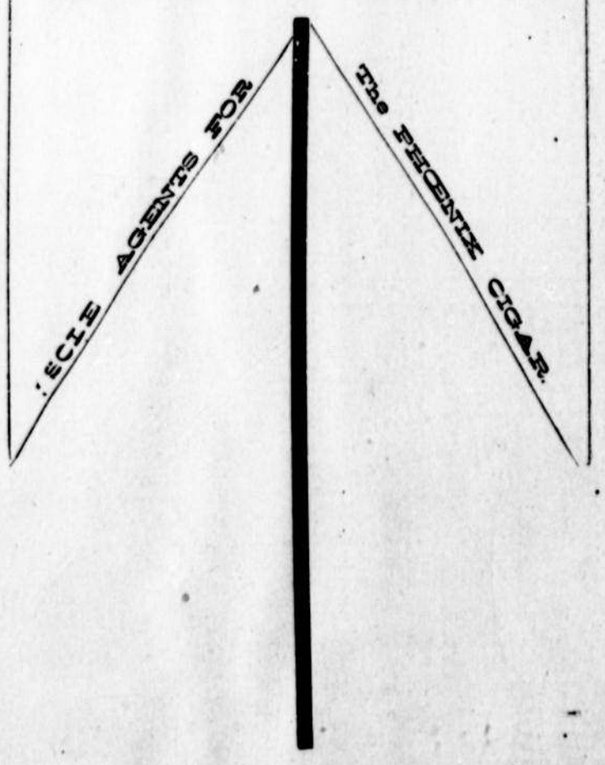

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