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### NEXT STEP NEEDED

Now that the library propositions in Lewiston are definitely established and a proper receptacle is furnished for keeping of valuable records The Teller suggests that the time is ripe for the formation of a Lewiston historical society.

It is now forty years since Lewiston was first settled and the prominent events of this nearly half a century are not yet amatter of permanent record, but exist chiefly in the recollections of the pioneers of the early sixties who are going fast under the burden of advancing years and we are losing valuable data every year with hardly a hope for recovering it again.

Not only is it true that information of historical value, unwritten facts, are getting away from us but it is further true that much printed matter in the way of early legal records, newspaper files and clippings, and letters are being lost for want of proper appreciation of their value and care in their preservation.

It is not unlikely that in every household of an early Lewiston pioneer there is one or more of these documents of priceless value to those who care to preserve an authentic account of the first half century of Lewiston history, and a society formed for the purpose of collecting and preserving this data would be able to make a splendid collection, and preserve valuable information for future generations.

The United States commissioners appointed to draft a new commercial treaty with China have arrived in America with a document duly signed which will add millions of dollars to the commerce of this country with China. This is only one instance of the growth of our trade with the Orient. Much of this trade will center at the parts of the Pacific northwest and will stimulate all lines of trade with the interior points.

The sad fatality which occurred in the city last evening carries with it a lesson of terrible significance. This is the second instance within the past few months where a promising life has been blotted out by suicide. The warning signals are being set very thick along the broad pathway that leads to destruction.

A prominent Texas democrat has discovered a new national issue on which he thinks the democrats can win in 1904. He would name Judge A. B. Parker for his candidate and make the campaign against Roosevelt on the latter's snub of General Miles. This is as brilliant almost as Senator Gorman's race issue.

The Tammany victory in New York has had the effect of quickening the republicans who find in it an inspiration for better work. In consequence the state league of New York will be reorganized and republicans of the Empire state will get in good fighting trim for 1904.

General Reyes probably gave President Roosevelt some of his warlike talk and received in reply a touch of strenuous life that quickened his pulses.

W. J. Bryan when last reported was taking in "Gay Paree." His continued silence gives some cause for apprehension.

Prof. Langley can now go way back and join Darium Green with his flying machine. They are in the same class.

Elijah has again come to his own in Zion and the prayers of the faithful have availed.

### STATE PRESS OPINIONS

From the Northern Idaho News:

It might be well for the democrats who are putting up such a howl over the "suddenness" of Roosevelt's recognizing Panama to delve into history a little bit. They might find that President Polk rushed the country into a war with Mexico and that the dilatory man was President Buchanan, whose dilatory acts allowed the south to get the guns and ammunition which enabled it to continue a controversy which ran the country with blood for four long and weary years. Whose example is best to follow, Polk of whom the democrats are proud, or Buchanan of whom they are ashamed.

"The First Offense" and Sentimentalism.

(Salt Lake Telegram.)

The Telegram has been asked frequently of late to suppress stories concerning criminal escapades of several young men. When good reasons were given the requests were granted, but in two instances firm refusals were the answers to young men who called in person to urge that the story of their wrongdoing be kept out of The Telegram.

Both of these young men admitted that the criminal actions in question were not their first offenses. Each asked that the story be suppressed "for his mother's sake."

"How can you have the impudence to ask a newspaper to do something for your mother which you haven't done yourself?" each son was asked.

Each admitted under fire that he used his mother's name simple to conjure with, not out of love for her or a wish to spare her feelings. These two young men are now enemies of The Telegram because it exposed their crookedness.

In another case a young man gave as his reason for newspaper protection that "it was his first offense."

When does a criminal career begin? How many times must a man steal before he becomes criminal? This man speaks of his "first offense"—and he is not alone in such silly sentimentalism—as if it were an accident, because of which he is entitled to sympathy, not punishment. He does not claim that it was done in ignorance that it was criminal. Only that it was his "first offense." Does he not mean that it was the first one that was "found out?"

Clear thinking would show him that his "first offense" was crime as truly as his tenth. Clear thinking would have shown him, if he repented it, he seems to claim that he did, that he must bear the penalty, whereof long distrust is part, till he could "live it down," which hiding it can never do.

The much-pitied "first offense" is the

beginning of criminality, as the Chicago Chronicle says in commenting on the reign of lawlessness in that city. When the youth of the land can be taught this first step in clear thinking about crime there may be hope of decrease in crime. Till then, little or none.

### Secret of Hanna's Political Success

(Collier's Weekly.)  
 If Uncle Mark Hanna owes his faculty of winning election to any one trait, it is to the candid way he has of putting confidence in others. Nobody knows better how to get reportorial favor. At the outset of his tour of Ohio during the late election he called the newspaper men on his private car around him.

"Now, boys," he said, "we'll be together for several weeks, and while we are on board we'll be just like one big family. You are my guests, and you will be treated as though the car was my house. I will have many things to say that are not intended for print. We will form many plans that we do not wish made public. I don't intend to chase you out on to the platform, and I will not whisper. You'll hear every word, and you will know as well as I do what is not intended for publication."

And some of the things said on the car would stir politics from coast to coast is printed, but they will remain secrets.

In a few words at a meeting in a small town in the interior of the state, his answer to a question was one that was a key to his whole character.

"Isn't it true that you got jobs for fifteen of the men who voted for you for senator?" a man in the audience asked.

"That's a lie," was Hanna's answer. "There were more than fifteen, for I never go back on my friends."

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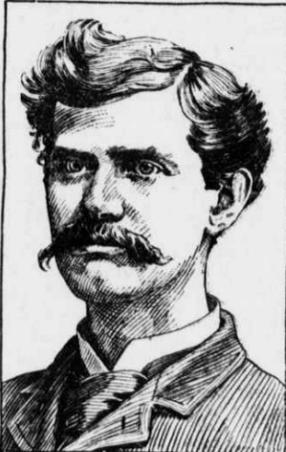
## WILLIAMS OF MISSISSIPPI

New Leader of the Minority in the House of Representatives

John Sharp Williams, new leader of the minority in the house of representatives, who succeeded James D. Richardson, is recognized as one of the ablest men on the Democratic side, on either side of the house for that matter. He is a man of fine education, is possessed of a vast amount of information and has the entire confidence of his party.

Mr. Williams is a native of Memphis, but has resided in Mississippi since his boyhood. His father, who was a colonel in the Confederate army, was killed at Shiloh, and his mother dying soon after, the children were removed to her family homestead in Vance county, Miss. The congressman is a graduate of the University of Virginia and of the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He was admitted to the bar in Tennessee in 1877 and a year later began the practice of his profession at Yazoo City, Miss., where he has since resided. Part of his time is devoted to the management of the family estate, which consists of six large plantations in the Yazoo delta.

This property has remained in the Williams family for generations. It



JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS.

is now held in common by John Sharp Williams and a brother five years his junior.

Mr. Williams was first elected to the Fifty-third congress and has since been regularly returned. He has a reputation for honesty of character and strength of purpose that has made him famous throughout the south. While not possessed of all the graces of oratory, he is a strong and convincing speaker and never discusses a question without imparting information. He is a logician and one of the very dangerous men in congress in debate—not a whirlwind talker, but calm, thoughtful and always well grounded in his subject.

### \$100 Reward

I will pay \$50 for each, or \$100 for the recovery and delivery of both the bodies of Ephraim and Hubert McFarland, who were drowned in the upper Snake river, November 27. If the bodies are found notify the coroner, Clyde J. Vassar, in Lewiston and W. A. TESTERMAN, Nezperce.

Dec. 7-19

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