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A DEPLORABLE SORT OF MADNESS

The daily papers of last Monday contained a dispatch from Pullman, Washington, which is given in full below, and which if true, convicts the management of the Northern Pacific railway of criminal foolishness. It is such acts as this that raises the belief in the minds of many people that corporations, if they had the power, would stop at nothing to crush one or a dozen poor devils who happened to be engaged in some occupation that conflicted with the business of the corporation, or, as in this case, that conflicted with the business of some of the stockholders in altogether another corporation, but who are also interested in and directing the affairs of the railroad company.

"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," and those who are directing the destruction of the farmers' telephone line are afflicted with the worst sort of madness. Following is the dispatch:

The Northern Pacific Railroad company has begun a war on the rural telephone lines owned and operated by the farmers, and a bitter warfare is expected. Yesterday the line between Pullman and Palouse was cut at a point where it crosses the Northern Pacific tracks near the F. L. Titus farm, between Fallons and Pullman. This is the second time this line has been cut by section men employed by the railroad company, the section men claiming they cut the line under orders from the road master.

The farmers are highly indignant over the matter, and an effort will be made to take the matter into the courts and prosecute the section men under the state law, which provides a penalty of not less than \$200 fine or imprisonment for such an offense.

John S. Klemgard, commissioner from the second district of Whitman county, said, "I want you to write up this case and show the farmers what is being done. The railroad company has served notice that it 'owns the right of way from heaven to hell,' and will not allow its line crossed by anything. If this is true, and the road is successful, it will mean the death of rural telephone lines or any lines not controlled by the railroads. We admit they have the 'right of way to hell,' but deny that the right of way extends to heaven. I am urging the stockholders of that line to cause the arrest of the men who cut the line and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. The people in my neighborhood are willing to contribute to the expense of the case, and want to see it carried to the supreme court of the United States if the railroads are able to win in the lower courts."

"The point where the line was cut is at a public road crossing, the road being owned by the county. The line does not interfere with the right of way in any respect. My opinion is that it being a through line between Palouse and Pullman, interferes with the business of the Pacific States Telephone company, which is closely connected with the railroad company. Such an outrage should be severely dealt with and the perpetrators punished to the fullest extent of the law. Otherwise, we had as well bid adieu to our rural telephone system, which has become a great convenience and necessity in the farming districts."

The following, taken from a late copy of the Goldthwaite, Texas, Eagle, where the Editor of the Echo lived for fifteen years previous to coming to Washington three years ago:

"The Eagle has received a copy of the Leavenworth, Washington, Echo, published by Deed H. Mayar, formerly of this city. The paper is very neat in appearance, is well patronized by the merchants of the town and to say that it is well edited would be superfluous to those who

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know Mr. Mayar. There are hundreds of people in this county who will wish for the prosperity of the paper and its editor."

So far there are no contestants for the seat of representative, it being almost admitted that M. E. Field, of Chelan, is entitled to and will be given another term. — Wenatchee Republic.

It is very evident that the editor of the Republic is a new man in Chelan politics else he would not have penned the above. Should Fields be renominated it will be after the battle of his life. Fields is shrewd and is always for Fields, but we believe we can see his Waterloo.—Waterville Press.

You hit the nail on the head there, old man, and the lucky one will not be a democrat, either.—Wenatchee Advance.

So mote it be.

Every community has a class of citizens who are ever ready to complain about the way public affairs are conducted, and as a rule, almost without variation, they are those who decline to take any part in elections. The right to kick grows out of the fact that you did your duty as a voter by exercising that right. If you have not done your duty—if you have not voted, you have no right to complain. Under our government the right to vote carries with it the obligation to exercise that privilege to the best of your knowledge and belief. A school director is to be elected to-morrow. An addition to the school building will have to be built before another term begins and a new corps of teachers selected, and if you want to reserve your right to kick go to the polls and vote.

When people write letters without signing their names they say something they are ashamed

to have anyone know they said, or else they don't know any better. If the first, there is hope for them, if the latter they ought to be forgiven, as ignorance is a misfortune, not a crime.

About a month ago, it will be remembered, C. W. Gibbs had his residence burned, losing his entire household goods as well as his house. On Saturday his many friends decided to give him a kind of tin wedding surprise. Among the many household articles which were contributed was everything imaginable that could be used in a well regulated household. Mr. Gibbs was completely overcome with emotion but he managed to stammer his thanks to his kind and well meaning neighbors.

A few of the young ladies who were invited to the home of Mrs. Spencer Thursday evening organized a club to be known as the Cheerful Helpers. The object of this club is to assist, in various ways, the Ladies Guild. The office elected were: President, Ada Treadwell; Vice President, Zora Abbot; Secretary, Dora Craig; Assistant Secretary, Verna Blair and Treasurer, Rissa Hoed. As we realize that there is strength in number, we earnestly invite the young ladies of Leavenworth to join us. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dalton Thursday evening, March 10, at 4:30 p. m. Let all those who wish to join, come.

Since the mill company's dam is closing up what was once the bed of the restless Wenatchee river and adjoining low lands is fast becoming a great lake. By the time summer comes we will have an excellent summer resort right here at home. With plenty of hotel accommodations there is no reason why we should not have the majority of pleasure seekers that come to Chelan county. We are situated on the railroad, a great advantage over Lake Wenatchee and Lake Chelan. Fishing, boating and bathing will be an every day pleasure of the residents and visitors.

Of course you ought to go to church, if you go at all, from devotional motives, but if that is not strong enough to take you, then go to hear some good singing. On last Sunday evening the writer attended service in the Congregational church and listened to an excellent sermon by Rev. Mr. Gove. On this occasion the choir was composed of Miss Abbot, organist, Mesdames Mackey and Parker, and Messrs. Walker and Gilbert. The song service was remarkably good. With only one church in which there is service every Sunday there ought to be a good turnout.

Just a Few of the Many **GOOD THINGS** WE HAVE FOR THE TABLE

Breakfast Foods

Violet Oats
Yankee Oats
Quaker Oats
Three Minute Mush
Malta Vita
Force

Cream of Wheat
Shredded Wheat Biscuit
Germ Meal
Corn Meal
Flapjack Flour
Buckwheat

Syrups--Syrups

Toboggan Maple Syrup
Old Orchard Maple Syrup
Tea Garden Drips Table Syrup
Hawaiian Drips Table Syrup
New Orleans Molasses in Cans and in Bulk

Fancy Groceries

Asparagus	German Breakfast Cheese	Mackerel
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