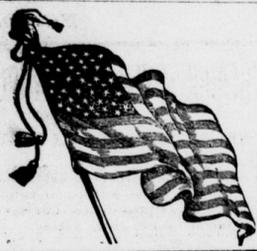


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RITZVILLE, JUNE 15, 1898.

Populist primaries next Tuesday.

Have you got your political fence fixed? Democratic mass convention June 25th, at the court house.

It is said that Crozier, who invented the disappearing gun carriage, got his idea from seeing a Kansas prairie dog jump.

It will soon be United States of Philippines, United States of Porto Rico, United States of Cuba, and possibly United States of Spain herself. The Caroline Islands will also be under our control. Hoop la.—Washington Independent.

Prosecuting Attorney Matthews of Whitman county and ex-Prosecuting Attorney Holcomb of Adams county, as representatives of the state of Washington, plaintiff vs A. J. Symes, defendant, have been served with a notice to appear before the superior court of Whitman county on the 18th day of June, 1898; there to agree with the attorneys for the defendant, and the court, on the statement of facts on which the defendant appeals. We are informed by local attorneys that the meaning of it all is, that the Symes case will again go to the supreme court.

It is amusing to hear two for five cent politicians trying to explain how it happened in Oregon last week. The idea probably never entered their poor little pin-heads that Oregon politics has always been one of the unexplainable things, that even giants in political lore never care to tackle, one of the few conditions that exist apparently in violation of every law of cause and effect and if any one would thoroughly understand the force of the adage, "the way of the politician is hard" he should certainly try a campaign in Oregon. Any old ticket would do but the most unlikely is generally the most successful.

Last week there was held in the city of Walla Walla, Wash., the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. and Assembly of Rebekah of the state of Washington, a portion of whose proceedings necessarily became public almost as soon as enacted. These sessions lasted some three days and hundreds of members searched the Spokane dailies in vain or those items in reference to the work which are always given out for publication and no doubt those members would have been perfectly willing to be deprived of several yards of fake war news and a mile or so of Spokane boom, had the big dailies seen fit to publish just a little of the proceedings, even if they were held at Walla Walla.

THE WHEAT SITUATION.

Wheat seems to be steadily falling in price and the chances are that it will go still lower. The prospect of an almost universal crop of cereals, which means a large surplus, and the probability that the war will be of short duration, tends to make dealers cautious, and while there may be temporary rises now and then, we believe the general tendency of the market will be downward. Local dealers are advised by their representatives on the coast to let loose of what wheat they may have.

WHERE EXTREMES MEET.

The newspaper is a wide field, full of roses and thorns, says an exchange. When you roast the preacher the ungodly smile; when you roast the ungodly the preacher smiles. If you roast the saloon man the teetotaler smiles; when you roast the teetotaler the saloon man sets 'em up. If you swear, you are a wicked man, and if you pray, you are a hypocrite. If you have an opinion you are a fool, and if you don't, you are a nonentity. The preacher knows one thing, the saloon man or the gambler another; but the journalist is expected to know everything. He is the best man and the worst man in the community. Cursed if you do and be cursed if you don't. Flattered and fawned upon by the candidate for office until it is attained, then he don't care a snap for you. The friend of the rich, the guardian angel of the

poor, so long as both can use you to their own advantage. The first in the mind of the country subscriber when they want an errand done in the city, and the last thought of when the subscription account becomes due. Invaluable at birth, indispensable at marriage, and in at the death to pay "fitting tributes" to the departed, which are none the less fulsome by reason of the fact that there happens to be two or three years subscription unpaid that their heirs refuse to liquidate.

"GWINE TO FIT A WAR."

Phil Brown Wants to Join General Fitz Lee in Case of Trouble.

The following amusing letter is self explanatory:

Richmond, Va., Feb. 28, 1898. Mister Gin' Lee, Havana, Cuba:

My Dear Gin'—I hya, you is gwine fer to fit a war in Cuba. Zou remember I driv' a wagon fer you in the Jeff Davis war, an' if you is gwine to fit a war down thar, I wan's to cum an' drive fer you agin. I se now livin' wid Mr. Doctor Davis on wes' Grace street Richmond, so you kin fin' me sho' when you wants ma. You remember I shuck han's wid you at the las' parade you had on Shekoe Slip, Gin', of you wants me, please rite at wunce to your old servant.

PHIL TAYLOR.

"Phil" is an old Richmond darkey, now in his sixty-eighth year, who formerly belonged to Colonel D. Lee Powell. Phil served during the whole four years of the war as a wagon driver in General Fitz Lee's wagon train. After the war Phil drove for Captain Cyrus Bossieux for fifteen years, and was only retired from active service on account of old age.

General Fitz Lee had not seen Phil since the war until the unveiling of the Lee monument and when Phil saw him in the crowd he pushed his way up and shook hands with the general, who knew him at once and saluted him with, "How are you, Phil, old man?" And there wuz a prouder nigger in the land than Phil when his old commander greeted him.—Richmond Dispatch.

AN APPEAL TO PUBLIC OPINION

In Behalf of Public Morality and for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic in Our Midst.

There are certain evils in our community that are a menace to our homes, our churches and our fair city and therof we believe that those evils should be immediately suppressed. We appeal to public opinion in behalf of the boys and girls, the young men and maidens, the old men and women whose existence is threatened and whose happiness and comfort is imperilled by those evils, to assist us in crushing and pulverizing those evils. We hold that the saloon is a public nuisance and should therefore be abated. The saloon is diametrically opposed to the church, home and a good government. It is an unmitigated as well as an unnecessary evil, and should be exterminated root and branch. But why is the saloon tolerated in an intelligent community like this? We make bold to answer because the saloon is a political factor, and because it yields a tariff for revenue. But does it pay to license an evil? How much blood money does our city fathers receive? Perhaps \$1000 would cover the whole amount, and we may naturally manifest a curiosity as interested citizens to know how all this money is applied. Well, we presume that a part is applied as follows:

1st The erection of a bran splinter calaboose or city jail.

2nd On the salaries of officers sworn to execute the law as conservators of the public peace and guardians of the majesty of the law.

3rd A part of this blood money is expended in making arrests of drunken sailors, hobos and saloon bums and in feeding clothing and punishing the offal of the saloons.

How much profit therof does our city get from the saloons, and does it pay? No. Commercially it does not and morally it does not. A business that has more notoriety on statute books and in jails, penitentiaries and on scaffolds than any other business on the face of the earth except the sheriff's, does not pay and is not a respectable business and should be outlawed.

Who is responsible for this state of things? We answer, the public, as well as the city officials. If we would only vote as we prayed, or resolved, or swore, or shot, very few saloons would be in existence to tell the story. When twelve citizens of a precinct or municipality, representing a very small minority of the population of a city, can so far ignore and overawe the wishes of a vast majority of the people by granting licenses to saloons, it does look as though there was no resource except to the legislative or judicial power of the state.

But let public opinion crystallize in favor of the revocation of saloon licenses, and let us away with this modern Judas and Burrohis, and crucify it as a public malefactor. God speed the day.

Yours in the interest of humanity and a decent city government, B. L. HICKS.

GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.

Fully 400 Delegates Were in Attendance at Walla Walla.

The grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the state of Washington convened in the Armory hall at 8:30 a.m. June 7, 1898. The grand degree was conferred on about 100 past grands and representatives. Committees on credentials and other matters were appointed to inspect the I. O. O. F. home. It was decided to dedicate the home at 7 o'clock on the following day and the Rebekah assembly was invited to participate.

At 1:30 the lodge met after an adjournment for lunch. The business of electing officers was immediately proceeded with and occupied the greater portion of the afternoon. The following grand lodge officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Grand master, W. H. Ward, Snohomish.
Depu y grand master, J. W. Davis, Tacoma.
Grand warden, S. G. Cosgrove, Pomeroy.
Grand secretary, Jerry Fortain, Seattle.
Grand treasurer, John B. Krainbull, Spokane.
Grand representative, C. F. Williams, past grand master, Seattle.

Wednesday, June 8th.

The second day's session convened at 9 o'clock in the Armory and proceeded with the regular work of the session. Committee reports were received and acted upon and a number of resolutions were introduced.

Grand Representative O. C. White of Olympia and Past Grand Master A. G. Ansel of Spokane exemplified the secret work of the order. The following trustees of the Odd Fellows' home were elected: E. S. Isaacs of Walla Walla, for three years; J. C. Taylor of Orting, for two years; Zell M. Beebe of Colfax, for one year.

Tacoma was decided upon as the next place for the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Home Dedicated.

At 7 o'clock a procession was formed in front of Armory hall to march to the Odd Fellows' Home. The column was headed by the Walla Walla band, followed by the members of Rebekah Assembly, the Grand Lodge and other Odd Fellows.

When the Home was reached Grand Master Wallace Mount took charge of the ceremonies and introduced Grand Warden-elect S. G. Cosgrove of Pomeroy, who delivered the dedicatory address, at the conclusion of which the Home was formally dedicated according to the ritual by Grand Master Judge Mount of Spokane.

Thursday, June 9th.

The third day's session convened at the usual hour and place. Committee reports were all received and action taken by the lodge by 11 o'clock a.m. The Grand officers elect were duly installed. The Grand Lodge listened to an eloquent and earnest closing address by retiring Grand Master Wallace Mount, which was most enthusiastically received by the members.

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the state was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

FOURTH OF JULY AT RITZVILLE

Speaking, Horse-Races, Foot-Races, Base Ball and Numerous Other Sports are Promised.

The day's amusements will begin with a grand street parade, composed of the different secret societies, old soldiers, citizens, etc., led by the Ritzville and Rocky Coulee bands.

Exercises at the pavilion will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Hon. S. G. Cosgrove of Pomeroy, Wash., will be the principal speaker of the day. There will be music, reading of the Declaration of Independence, etc., etc.

A grand pyrotechnic display will take place on the hill overlooking the town in the evening, followed by a ball at the pavilion, where all may "trip the light fantastic toe" to their heart's content.

Following is a partial program of the sports of the day:

- HORSE RACES.
First Race—1/2 mile, 3 heats, 5 horses to enter; \$5.00 entrance fee. First prize \$50, 2d \$15, 3d \$5.
Second Race—1/4 mile dash, 3 horses to enter; \$2.50 entrance fee. First prize \$20, 2d \$5, 3d \$3.
Races 1 and 2 are open to all horses in the state.
Third Race—Saddle Pony Race, less than 80 lbs.—1/4 mile dash; \$1.00 entrance fee. First prize \$5, 2d \$3, 3d \$1.
Fourth Race—Saddle Horse Race, all weights—1/4 mile entrance fee. First prize \$20, 2d \$5, 3d \$1.
Fifth Race—Slow Horse Race—Free for all; prize \$2.00.

BASE BALL.

Ritzville vs. ... winners to get \$20. Game to be called at 10 a.m.
Wheelmen's Race—1/4 mile. First prize, \$5, 2d \$3, 3d \$1.
Slow Bike Race—1/4 mile. First prize \$2, 2d \$1.
Men's Foot Race—100 yards; prize \$5.
Fat Man's Foot Race—must weigh 200 lbs.; prize \$3.

Boys' Foot Race—16 years and under—75 yds.; first prize \$2, 2d \$1.
Boys' Foot Race—10 years and under—50 yds.; first prize \$2, 2d \$1.
Girls' Foot Race—12 years and under—50 yds.; first prize \$2, 2d \$1.

Three-legged Race, Potato Race, Wheelbarrow Race and Bun Eating Match; prize in each, \$1.
Running Jump—Prize \$2.
Standing Broad Jump—Prize \$2.
Sack Race—50 yds.; prize \$3.
Greased Pig Race—Winner to be presented with the pig.

In all races where entrance fee is charged, all entrants must be made by 1 o'clock p.m. July 10th. The books for the purpose will be found at H. E. Gritman's drug store.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUMMONS. In the Superior Court of State of Washington, County of Adams:

A. F. ZINTER, Plaintiff, vs. LOUISA ZINTER, Defendant. Summons by Publication. The State of Washington to the said Louisa Zinter, Defendant: You are summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: with sixty days after the 15th day of May, 1898, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer complaint of plaintiff, A. F. Zinter, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you accordingly to the demand of the complaint which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This action is brought to obtain a decree of divorce, dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between you and the above named plaintiff; and to obtain possession and control of the infant children, the issue of said marriage, to-wit: Wilhelm Frederick Zinter and Bertha Anna Zinter. D. H. HARTSON, Plaintiff's attorney. P. O. Address, Ritzville, County of Adams, State of Washington. Date of last publication, June 15, 1898.

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SOCIETIES.

K OF P.—Prairie Queen Lodge No. 36, Knights of Pythias, meets Wednesday night of each week in the Pythian Castle. Visiting brothers are invited to attend. W. H. GIBSON, W. M., J. A. THOMPSON, R. K. & S. E. R. LEHMAN, K. of R. & S.

I O O F.—Ritzville Lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in the Greene block. A cordial invitation and a fraternal welcome is extended to visiting brothers. J. A. THOMPSON, W. M., G. E. D. GILSON, R. K. & P., Secy.

P AND A M.—Ritzville Lodge No. 6, A. M. No. 101, meets in regular communication on the second and fourth Saturdays in each month at 7:30 p. m. All brethren cordially invited to be present. O. H. GREENE, W. M. I. WATSON MYERS, Secy.

G A R.—W. B. Hazen Post, No. 46, meets first and third Saturdays of each month at Greene's hall. D. J. ZENT, Commander. H. ZIMMERMAN, Adj.

L O T M.—Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month at Greene & Son's. LADY IDA DESPAIN, R. K. LADY TINA HARTSON, Com.

K O T M.—Defiance Tent No. 11, Knights of the Maccabees, meet first and third Saturday evenings at 7:30 sharp. All visiting Sir Knights welcome in extended to soliciting brothers. E. D. GILSON, R. K. C. O. GREENE, Com.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—Devotional services every Sabbath at 6:30 p. m., at the M. E. church. B. L. HICKS, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL Church—G. H. Newman, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.

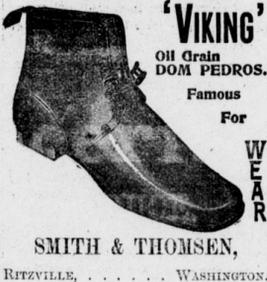
GERMAN Evangelical Church—Rev. Gillman, pastor. Services every other Sunday in each month at 11:30 a. m. Sunday school every Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. All German speaking people invited.

GERMAN Congregational—Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m. All German speaking people are cordially invited to attend. Others are welcome. GOTTLIEB SCHUBERT, Pastor.

METHODIST Episcopal Church—Preaching service every Lord's Day, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sabbath at 10 a. m. Mid-week prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Choir practice after prayer meeting. All are invited. Griffith's Corner. Preaching services every second and fourth Sunday at 3 p. m. Willis—Preaching every first and third Sunday at 3 p. m. B. L. HICKS, Pastor.

Ladies, Take the Best! If you are troubled with constipation, sallow skin, and a tired feeling, take Kahl's Clover Tea. It is pleasant to take. Sold by the Ritzville Drug Store, Olmstead & Rosenoff, Props.

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