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Results—that's it

MUCH IRRESPONSIBLE TITTLE TATTLE.

For some time many of our people have been indulging in a lot of loose talk respecting the Fairview Reservoir. Now the whole trouble is that so much of it is without foundation, and is the result of people talking on subjects they know nothing about.

Along comes R. H. Thomson, an authority on reservoir construction, and says that everything is practically O. K. and no reason for censure or alarm. This should certainly silence all haphazard criticism, and put an end to the dismal croakings of the omnipresent knocker. It is time to condemn only when thorough investigation and authoritative information is at hand, and the facts justify the censure. Too many of our people are ready to go off half-cocked and give vent to half baked information and spread rumors which are without foundation. It is a very bad habit.

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

This question is growing in bulk and importance every day. It will grow and finally become law in this city. It will come simply because it is the only form of government which will extricate us from the grotesque condition of affairs now existing. Of course, a little loud-mouthed bunch who have their bellies close up to the pie counter will raise an awful howl, but nobody with an atom of brains will be deceived by them.

Every form of advancement has to be fought for, and any desire to introduce a better order of things will be opposed by those who profit by the old conditions. First we will have Commission Form of Government, and by the time our city reaches the 20,000 mark, we shall be ready for a City Manager. This is the intellectual and logical course of events.

WHO AM I?

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the world.

I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of siege guns.

I steal, in the United States alone, over \$2,000,000,000 each year.

I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and poor alike; the young and old, the strong and weak; widows and orphans know me.

I loom up to such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor from the turning of the grindstone to the moving of every railroad train.

I massacre thousands upon thousands of wage-earners in a year.

I lurk in unseen places, and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not.

I am relentless. I am everywhere; in the home, on the streets, in the factory, at railroad crossings, and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death, and yet so many do no avoid me.

I destroy, crush or maim; I give nothing but take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I AM THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

A CHANGE IN OUR BUSINESS.

Mr. A. E. Ott, who has been in charge of the mechanical department of The Herald, has sold out his interest to Jno. A. Stimson and left for Denver, his former home, last night, to assume the assistant foremanship of a large printing concern there.

A deal has been consummated wherein Mr. W. G. Newton has purchased an interest in The Herald and will take active management of the mechanical end of the concern. Mr. Newton is a man of wide experience and enjoys a thorough knowledge of every phase of the printing business.

To "lie down" and let the other fellow get the business is financial suicide.

Keeping everlastingly at it is the secret of success.

PERSONAL PRATTLE

BY JOHN J. CARNEY, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Preparedness Without Frenzy. To use the object lesson afforded by the European war wisely is probably the greatest problem ever faced by the people of the United States, a problem that requires cool headedness instead of frenzy to solve. The coming session of congress will have to decide between the passionate and insanely fearful apostles of preparedness, who would have us tax, labor and borrow to make this the most powerful nation in the world, and the eloquent and estimable enthusiasts who are in substance demanding that we discard the navy, abandon the standing army and notify the world that under no circumstances will we fight.

There is room for no doubt that congress will steer a wise course between the warlike alarmist and the enthusiastic peace lover. It is a problem that calls for solution by patriotic statesmen not party politicians, and any attempt to make party capital out of the situation should meet with the prompt condemnation it deserves.

While all hope that we will never become involved in war, we know that international disputes may arise which can not be adjusted otherwise. The present struggle in Europe has revolutionized methods of warfare to an extent that demands recognition, so that it would appear criminally foolish to fail to place our army and navy in a position to adapt the new methods.

Yet the apparent haste of the frenzied advocates of preparedness does not appear justified by the existing conditions. Cool judgment sees that no nation will be in position to make war upon the United States for a number of years after the present struggle ceases, so that wasteful haste may be avoided. The present war shows clearly that the world is not yet sufficiently civilized to adopt the theory of universal peace, but the cost of this war, in men and money to the nations involved gives assurance that we need not look for aggressive war with those nations for a number of years at least.

I can do no better along this line than quote the following extract from an article in the current number of the American Review of Reviews, by United States Senator Cummins, of Iowa:

"I am a firm believer in preparedness, but I am unable to perceive the necessity of rushing headlong into extraordinary expenditures. While we ought to go steadily forward in the direction of preparedness, there are many reasons which incline me toward deliberation. First, if we are drawn into the present war, which seems most unlikely, there is substantially nothing we can do to prepare for it. Second, the conflict in Europe will end in complete exhaustion, and there is no likelihood that in the near future any great nation will attack us. Third, we ought to study with exceeding care the lessons which the war will teach concerning ocean fighting, and profit by the experience of the unfortunate powers across the sea. Fourth, it may happen, and I fervently hope it will happen, that peace in Europe will be accompanied with at least partial disarmament and an approach toward the freedom of the ocean."

There is always a brick to throw at public officials when they are thought extravagant; when they are otherwise, bouquets are in order. The officials of Grays Harbor county, having effected a saving of \$35,000 in the current expense fund in the past year, should receive the merited commendation.

The Innocent Bystander.

Statistics that have been carefully prepared show that it is more perilous to be an innocent bystander than it is to engage actively in whatever may be going on at the time. The scrapper either licks his opponent or is himself beaten up, and that is all there is to it. He then goes on about his business before the arrival of the police. If any shots are fired, however, the bystander is sure to stop the bullets, and it is for him that the ambulance is called.

The bystander is a man who refuses to take any part in politics and the next thing he knows his taxes are piled so high that he sheds scalding tears when the time comes to pay them. About that time he realizes that he has been standing still and that others have had their hands in his pockets.—Richard S. Graves, In Judge.

Throwing the Dictionary.

The Grays Harbor Post scores in the discussion of the Commission form of city government with these columns by throwing Webster's International Dictionary at our devoted head. The Post disposes of all the argument adduced in these columns by defining the word "Prattle," used in the caption of these articles, leaving me without words with which to reply.

If my esteemed contemporary will now give the definition of "Piffle" it will find a perfect fit for the twaddle it has been dealing out in opposition to a proposition to make for a more efficient and economical administration of the affairs of the city.

The attitude of the Post recalls a saying of Nellie L. McClung, the well known writer on Home Economics, as follows:

"Even yet new ideas blow across some people's souls like a cold draught, and they naturally get up and shut the door! They have even been known to slam it!"

"Disturbers are never popular—nobody ever really loved an alarm clock in action—so, matter how grateful they may have been afterwards for its kind services!"

Not Dead, But Sleeping

"What has become of Col. Carney's commission form of government in Aberdeen? The time for filing the petition in order that the election might be held the 4th day of next month has expired."—Washingtonian.

For the information of the Washingtonian and the general public, I will say that the petitions calling for an election to adopt the Commission form are nearly ready for filing. The delay in presenting them has been because it was learned that the election could not take place at the school elections December 4. The school elections have polling places only in each ward, whereas a special city election calls for a polling place in each voting precinct, some wards having three polling places.

TACOMA WOMEN MOVED TO STUDY ROSS TROUBLES

Civic Organization Will Send Two Members to North River to Investigate Conditions There

The troubles of Mrs. Margaret Ross and sons are to be investigated by the Monday Civic club of Tacoma. Mrs. T. J. Hamilton and Rev. Abbie Danford were appointed, last Monday, as a committee to journey to Pacific county with the object of ascertaining what merit there may be in Mrs. Ross' charges that her sons, Earl and Frank Ross, are illegally held in the Pacific county jail, where they are serving six months' sentence for assaulting A. A. Bradley, an aged rancher of the North River country. Mrs. Ross appealed to the Tacoma club, one of the most important women's organizations of that city, following Governor Ernest Lister's suggestion that, if women believed the Ross boys had been wronged, they should investigate the case. The governor has refused to pardon the young men.

SAYS HE DOESN'T HAVE TO PUT UP LICENSE MONEY

Whether the state can collect a full year's liquor license when that license will be of no value after January 1, is a point to be threshed out in the trial of Joe Leybold of Elma, arrested on a charge of failure to pay his license. Demand has been made by the state upon Leybold for the \$25 license, and he refuses to pay.

EFFICIENT MAIL SERVICE

Quick Delivery of Mail Matter Rests Largely in the Hands of Patrons

As the holiday season approaches it may be well for patrons of the post-office to be made aware that they can materially assist in the quick delivery and dispatch of mail matter, with very slight effort. For instance, many letters are held over from one carrier delivery to the next because the street address is not given.

No matter how well a person or firm is known, it is advisable to give the street address where prompt delivery is desired. When this is not done, the directory must be looked up before the distributing clerk can tell to which carrier the letter or parcel should go, and as much time is consumed in this way as would distribute a hundred letters fully addressed.

All letters should have the name and address of the sender in the upper left hand corner of the envelope. This slight trouble will insure the delivery of the letter or its return to the writer and prevent its being sent to the dead letter office.

JNO. J. CARNEY, Postmaster.

CLOTHING BADLY NEEDED

Response to the appeal of the school board for clothes to be made over for destitute children, and adults as well, this winter, has been lukewarm, says Mrs. Margaret C. Dunham, board secretary. The clothing is needed as badly this year as last, and women are ready at the high school to sew the garments.

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FOOTBALL GAME ON THANKSGIVING

High School Teams Decide to Forget Squabbling and to Furnish Fans Real Contest

Grays Harbor football fans are to have a game, Thanksgiving Day, after all the squabbling and bickering of the past few weeks between champions of Aberdeen and Hoquiam high school teams. The public doubtless hails with relief the decision of the local team to abide by the agreement entered into by members of the faculties of the two schools, even though Aberdeen seems to have a shade the worst of the deal. A game between the Aberdeen and Hoquiam teams should draw a large crowd out to Electric park, particularly in view of the fact that the teams did not meet last Thanksgiving.

Game Tomorrow. Football teams of Aberdeen high

school and Columbia college tomorrow will meet on the gridiron, game being called at Stewart park at 2:30 o'clock. A hard struggle is expected.

Hoquiam Beats Central a Hoquiam high school's football team last Saturday defeated that of the Centralia high school, 32 to 0, in a game played on Heermans Field, Hoquiam.

FIVE CENT FARE TO COSMOPOLIS

Cosmopolis gets a five cent fare over the Grays Harbor Railway & Light company's cars, to Aberdeen, even after the cars shall go over the West bridge, as the result of the finding of the state public service commission. The old fare, before the accident to the West bridge, was 15 cents. Jitneys, which now charge 10 cents, likely will have to reduce to 5 cents.

Want National Park

Many organizations seem to be behind the movement to make the Olympic national monument into a national park. Secretary Victor H. Street of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce almost daily is in receipt of circulars, from various industrial organizations, recommending the change.

FIRES EAT HOMES

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elderkan at 108 Lovett street, South Aberdeen, was totally destroyed by fire, last Friday night. The blaze, supposed to have been caused by a defective flue, started while the family was at the theater. Loss was covered by insurance.

Says I to myself: "The Aberdeen Herald is the paper to buy, says I."



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