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SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING.

The Spokesman Review sounds the alarm by telling the progressives they should keep the republican party intact. Of course, it is plain to the most casual observer that the progressives (so-called) as well as the regulars (so-called) hold political existence in the hollow of their hands by standing together.

We do not believe the republican party will haul down its flag and surrender unconditionally to the enemy. It may meet defeat and per necessity be rehabilitated, but it will absorb in the future, as it has in the past, the best elements of citizenship and again march to victory.

THE COLFAX POSTMASTERSHIP

A Washington, D. C., dispatch of the 8th states that Captain James Ewart will be reappointed postmaster of Colfax. Captain Ewart has been postmaster here for 13 years. He decided at one time to retire, but afterwards reconsidered and notified the department that he would accept if reappointed.

This is along the lines of civil service. The postmaster general has made it clear on divers occasions that frequent changes in postmasterships throughout the country, generally at the behest of senators and congressmen, has been one of the causes of the deficit each year in this department of the government.

Captain Ewart is a pioneer of the Palouse country and a civil war veteran. His name is identified with the history of the country. No man is better or more favorably known. The office carries with it a salary of \$2400 a year.

Colonel Roosevelt cleared the political atmosphere when he declared in Spokane: "I am not an aspirant for anything because I have had everything. I am ahead of the game." It would have been better if he had made the declaration before he started on his present speech-making tour, as he would have been better understood and it would have allayed any feeling against a third term which prevailed in many places.

Warden Reed of the state prison at Walla Walla has gone to India, where he went for the purpose of looking over the grain bag situation and arrange for the purchase of jute for the prison mill. The prison board has agreed to change the grain bags as the market fluctuates and has announced an increase from \$6 20 to \$6 50 as a temporary price.

We are told that Abe Ruef, the political highbinder of San Francisco, now serving a sentence of 14 years at San Quentin state prison, devotes his spare

time in reading the Bible, to fellow convicts, explaining to them in detail the wonders of the book of books. He is said to be making progress, changing the line of thought in the minds of many. It is said that Ruef observed that most convicts spent spare moments in reading cheap novels, as well as trashy and licentious stuff, tending still further to degrade their minds instead of leading them out of the slough of despond, hence one reason for reading and explaining to them the Bible. Ruef is a Jew and is said to be well versed in the Bible. On the principle of giving the devil his due the erstwhile hoodler and grafter is entitled to a big credit mark. More's the pity that he didn't practice the truths contained in the good book, though that not steal being one of the commandments.

And now we are told that there is a joker in house bill No. 253 passed by the last legislature and fathered by Miller of Whatcom county, whereby all the state's oyster reserves are wiped out of existence, the state owning no more oyster lands than a jack rabbit. At any rate the matter will have to be decided by the supreme court. The oyster lands are worth millions of dollars, and there has not been a session of the legislature since Washington became a state without attempts being made to juggle things so as to cheat the people out of their own.

Wheat growers of 28 counties of the Pacific Northwest, 9 in Washington, 6 in Idaho and 13 in Oregon, members of the Farmers' Union, have secured a lease on Columbia dock, Portland, for the season and propose to handle their crop from the wheat fields to the ships taking it to foreign markets. The growers will incorporate a transportation company and will try to make a profit in buying and selling wheat for export as well as in handling their own grain.

Portland had a birthday during the past week, being 60 years old. The first municipal election was held April 7, 1851. Then there was but one precinct, now there are 155.

Explosives In Your Body.

The human body contains no fewer than four substances which are so inflammable that in a pure state they will "go off" by spontaneous combustion. For instance, there is phosphorus. The body of a person weighing 120 pounds contains twenty-two ounces of this substance, which, as everybody knows, readily takes fire of its own accord if exposed to the air. It is combined with lime to make the bones, taking the form of phosphate lime. The body of a human being weighing 120 pounds contains nearly one and a half ounces of magnesium, two ounces of sodium and nearly two and a half ounces of potassium. The first of these, a substance of silvery whiteness, is so readily and fiercely combustible that it has to be kept tightly corked in bottles to prevent it from igniting of its own accord.

Hospital Fighters

Into a hospital came two men with battered faces. "Street fight?" said the surgeon in charge.

It was. Under the doctor's directions orderlies moved beds and patients around until the newcomers were separated the length of the ward. "In this case that precaution may not be necessary," he said, "but after a street brawl it very often is. Before we learned the peculiarities of those people it happened more than once that two men who were mortal enemies were brought in and laid out side by side. Each saw his advantage and was foxy enough to keep still until both were left alone in adjoining cots; then they sailed into each other tooth and nail, trying to finish the job that had been interrupted in the street. Once or twice they nearly succeeded. Now chance patients with pugilistic tendencies are placed so far apart that a neighborly interchange of uppercuts is out of the question.—New York Press.

The Word "Chap."

"Chap" is simply an abbreviation of chapman, the merchant of former days, and is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "ceap," a bargain. The word almost brings before us the loud voiced "cheap Jack" as he cries his wares in the cheeping or market. Chap seems to have come into common use at the end of the sixteenth century and is rarely mentioned in books before 1700. Johnson does not recognize it, though Steele uses it in 1712 in the Spectator ("If you want to sell, here is your 'chap'"), and it is found in Bailey's Dictionary, 1731. Its original meaning of a buyer or seller still lingers in the dialects of many counties. Coupled with the adjectives old, young, little, poor, it was and is used in familiar language, as in its relative, a queer "customer." Todd, 1818, affirms that a good chap meant one to whom credit might be given, whereas not qualified by good it was a term of contempt.—London Standard.

Life.

Life is not made up of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, of which smiles and kindness and small obligations given habitually are what win and preserve the heart.

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BLUFFS AND PLAYS DEAD.

But There's a Fatal Flaw In the Hog Nosed Snake's Acting.

When you find a hog nosed snake flattened out upon the soil in his anxiety to absorb all the sunshine that he can he immediately adopts a policy of "bluff." He first inflates his body by a deep draft of air. Then he flattens his head and expands his neck to three times its proper width. Next he strikes angrily toward the intruder and hisses with malignant fury. The average pedestrian naturally retreats with a feeling of gratitude for the danger signals so unmistakably imprinted by a kindly Providence upon the deadly members of the reptile race.

But this clever acting has one fatal flaw. If you place him on the ground with the belly downward he will twist over on his back again. He has such a fixed idea that "belly plates skyward" is the correct pose for a serpent's corpse that, although supposed to be lifeless, he will turn over on his back a dozen times if you as perseveringly persist in laying him on his crawling surface. His zeal for the perfection of mimicry blinds him to the obvious truth that dead snakes stay where they are put.—Century Path.

TWO DUELS.

The Second One Was to Avenge the Victim of the First.

A certain English gentleman who was a regular frequenter of the greenroom of Drury Lane theater in the days of Lord Byron's committee and who always stood quietly on the hearth rug there with his back to the fire was in his usual place one night when a narrative was related by another gentleman, newly returned from the continent, of a barrier duel that had taken place in Paris.

A young Englishman, a mere boy, had been despoiled in a gaming house in the Palais Royal, had charged a certain gaming count with cheating him, had gone out with the count, had wasted his fire and had been slain by the count under the frightful circumstances of the count's walking up to him, laying his hand on his heart, saying, "You are a brave fellow—have you a mother?" and on his replying in the affirmative remarking coolly, "I am sorry for her," and blowing his victim's brains out.

The gentleman on the hearth rug paused in taking a pinch of snuff to hear this story and observed with great placidity, "I am afraid I must kill that rascal."

A few nights elapsed, during which the greenroom hearth rug was without him, and then he reappeared precisely as before and only incidentally mentioned in the course of the evening, "Gentlemen, I killed that rascal."

He had gone over to Paris on purpose, had tracked the count to the same gaming house, had thrown a glass of wine in his face in the presence of all the company assembled there, had told him that he had come to avenge his young compatriot and had done it by putting the count out of this world and coming back to the hearth rug as if nothing had happened.

Russia's Butterfly Belief.

Small boys and girls in Russia often do not have the joy of butterfly chasing or collecting, for the popular and pretty belief of the peasants is that these swarms of fragile, lovely insects are the earthbound souls of the dead, compelled to linger for some minor expiation of sin. As the nurses of the children of all below royalty are from the peasant class, they impress on them at an early age how wicked it would be to catch and torture a soul and thus imbue them with a superstition that lasts until they are well grown.—New York Tribune.

Exhibiting a Poet.

Matthew Arnold was sitting in his study one morning when the butler showed in an American lady and a small boy. The lady said: "Glad to make your acquaintance, Mr. Arnold. I have often heard of you. No, don't trouble to speak, sir! I know how valuable your time is!" Then, turning to the boy, she said, "This is him, Lenny, the leading critic and poet—something fiesher than we had been led to expect!"—A. C. Benson in Atlantic.

Coleridge—The Last Phase.

Professor Blackie in his autobiographical sketch entitled "Notes of a Life" tells of a visit he paid to Coleridge, then living at Highgate, of whom he remembers only two things, "(1) that he was an old, infirm, downhearted man; (2) that he told me he had thrown overboard all speculative philosophy, finding perfect satisfaction in the first chapter of the gospel of John."

Business and Pleasure.

The man who makes his business a pleasure is likely to live a good deal longer and get a good deal further than the man who makes his pleasure a business.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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