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HOW GOOD GOVERNMENT SAVES

The state accountancy board, of which Fred Leghorn of Spokane is a member, is making war on the loose business methods found in many counties of the state. Startling disclosures have been made in some counties.

Fred Leghorn, from his knowledge of the way business was conducted in Spokane county for years, knew the ins and outs of the schemes employed by commissioners in squandering the money of the people. All these matters are being gone into by the board, which in addition to providing proper systems of accounting, is authorized to exercise a supervision over county offices.

The manner in which careless or dishonest boards of commissioners can squander public funds is shown in the records of Spokane county, where vast sums were levied every year for almost a generation without hardly anything tangible to show, except barely what the commissioners were forced to give the public. When a new and honest board of commissioners went into office, in this county, on the heels of an improvident lot of commissioners preceding them, they managed to take care of all the just needs of the county, build some 30 or 40 bridges, and still save the taxpayers \$128,000 in 18 months.

Local government, city and county, is too costly all over the country. It is due to the failing of the people, in electing men to office more on the strength of their claims to good fellowship than their reputation as to honesty. This year it will cost \$1,400,000 to run the city of Spokane. With an administration in office in sympathy with good government and honest expenditures this sum could have been reduced a quarter of a million dollars, and the people still given better service than is received at present.

WHY THE DOCTOR'S WHISKERS

Judges don't wear whiskers; a smoothly shaven face is one of the marks of a judge's profession.

Most scientists these days content themselves with mustaches; whiskers are no longer the mark of a student or professor.

Nor are whiskers today a mark of the literary man, though George Bernard Shaw still wears them. Kipling is satisfied with a mustache, and George Ade's hair is all on top of his head.

Law, science, literature have said adieu to whiskers. Why doesn't the profession of medicine drop whiskers, too?

Why should doctors, of all professional men, consider whiskers a mark of their profession?

They know how germs love whiskers; they come in contact with germs more than any other men; they know that germs lurk in whiskers.

Of course, we know why the doctor wears whiskers. When he was young he permitted his whiskers to grow because it made him seem older and he felt that whiskers inspired confidence. Soon he became so accustomed to whiskers that he didn't think of removing them. Even his wife got used to them; which shows to what length a woman will go for the man she loves.

Whiskers on a doctor are all right if they smell of carbolic acid; that is a token that he has disinfected them.

But odorless whiskers on a doctor, or whiskers that smell only of cigar smoke—what public playgrounds for germs they must be!

BEWARE: VISITORS ARE BOARDERS

A Wisconsin justice has given a hard knock to that good old adage which says that blood is thicker than water. At the same time he has opened what may be the only way to a little relief from the present burden of buying provisions.

A Milwaukee couple brought suit against two of their second cousins who had come upon them for a little visit and remained five weeks. They asked for \$55 for board. The justice held that the claim was just and it had to be paid.

It was of no avail that the visiting cousins pleaded relationship. Futile was their plea that they had not agreed or expected to pay board. Alike unavailing was the fact that they had been invited to "stay longer; please do."

It is proverbially an inhospitable age. But it might seem that invited guests must still have some rights—in law if not in etiquette.

But this justice, who has evidently had experience himself, is of the opinion that the perfunctory "stay longer; please do" must not be taken too seriously. Politeness is one thing, and provisions at prevailing prices are quite another.

If the precedent set by this justice is to become general law, it must behoove all persons contemplating a visit to demand that a receipted board bill be forwarded with the invitation.

PENCIL POINTS

Funny spectacle to the average citizen to watch this bickering over the new city hall site. The workings of private interests are so plain that it's really comical. And meanwhile the taxpayers have to let the men on the "inside" decide where the people's city hall shall be located.

A woman has been traveling with a baby in her suit case. Is this a case of where the baby suits the case or the case suits the baby?

Some people are married discontented, some acquire discontent, and still others get divorced.

Spokane is a summer resort again. Almost like fall weather, with a sweet tingle to the atmosphere.

Acting Chief of Police Sullivan apparently thinks he is another kaiser. He told street speakers that they had the right of free speech, but they mustn't speak disrespectfully of him. Better read up on the constitution again, John.

Not liberty, but duty, is the condition of existence.

A TRAITOR TO HIS KIND



Piking Pete—Hey, Frowse, tryin' ter bring disgrace on der fraternity? Here you been sittin' on a soap box for th' last half hour!

LETTERS FROM A GENTLEMAN TO HIS WIFE IN THE COUNTRY

BY FRED SHCAEFER.

THE THIRD LETTER.



Dear Honeybunch: It tickles me to death to know that you are enjoying yourself. How happy I am to know that you are really getting that much-needed rest in the country—at pleasant Clamville. I expect you to come home looking plump and rosy, and all that. I am sending \$2—part of what you asked for. Fact of the matter is, I am a little short just now. Don't let them gouge you at that place. It looks like they are trying to put something over on you. Not that I am complaining.

I'm writing this in a hurry, as I am going back downtown to eat tonight—just a 25 cent meal, you know, and perhaps afterward a stroll to look into the show windows. It's so warm and close indoors. The cat and the clock and the canary are o. k., and the lawn probably won't need sprinkling, because it looks like rain. I kiss your picture often. So long, Dove. I will close now.

HUBBY.

HAD TO CUT VICTIMS' CLOTHING TO GET RELEASE FROM AUTO WRECK

(By United Press Leased Wire) DILLON, Mont., Aug. 2.—While bowling along at a 20-mile clip last night, an automobile belonging to ex-Governor B. F. White, with its owner at the wheel, turned turtle, seriously injuring every member of the party.

White's collar bone was broken. Mrs. George Conway was badly bruised.

Mrs. Will Cushing and Miss Ora Conway, daughters of Mrs. Conway, were pinned under the car for three hours, while White, un-

aided, worked desperately before he succeeded in releasing them. All their clothing had to be cut to give them their freedom. They were badly hurt.

POTATOES \$1 PER HUNDRED POUNDS

(By United Press Leased Wire) WALLA WALLA, Wn., Aug. 2.—Potatoes are selling at \$1 a hundred here today, the record price of the year. Many large sales and contracts were made at this price, which is the best ever recorded at this time of the year. The crop of the valley is estimated at 1,000 carloads, and, if the price holds up, the crop will bring \$1,600,000. The crop this year runs from 25 to 60 sacks per acre.



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DRY FARMING CONQUERING DROUGHT TO REDUCE COST OF LIVING

Official of Dry Farming Congress Tells of the Scope and Significance of the Movement—Explains How It Has Benefited Farmers the World Over.

BY JOHN T. BURNS
Secretary of Dry Farming Congress

As the invasion of civilization has driven the old frontier of the west backward and still backward until it has disappeared in the waves of the Pacific, so is the dry farming movement, so called, fast driving the drought area and the once existent, but somewhat imaginary alkali plains from the American map.

Fifteen years ago irrigation was looked upon as a theory scarcely to be considered a commercial possibility. The signing of \$20,000,000 bond law by the president of the United States recently, definitely proved what has in the intervening years been worked out by the irrigationists—not only the commercial possibilities, but the absolute necessity of irrigation as a commercial asset in the west.

Five years ago dry farming, then but little understood, although in truth as old as the mountain ranges of the glorious west, was derisively received by all classes as being a land agent's myth created as a means of disposing of the acreage included in the so-called desert districts west of the eastern Colorado line.

Today the Dry Farming congress stands pre-eminent among agricultural and civic development organizations in the world. Through its influence agricultural colleges have added dry farming departments. Its field men and demonstration farms



A DRY FARMED WHEAT FIELD, SHOWING HEIGHT OF GRAIN.



JOHN T. BURNS.

In practically every western state. Because of its activity and influence the federal department of agriculture has extended its research and demonstration work everywhere. Its campaign of education has increased state appropriations, has led thousands upon thousands of farmers into successful dry farming operation. Its influence has been directly responsible

for much of the favorable legislation in the federal congress, some of the best laws ever enacted for the west having been secured by Hon. Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, president of the Dry Farming congress, whose 320 acre home-stead law and agricultural coal land law has opened to occupancy hundreds of thousands of home-steads which have never before been available under United States laws. Agricultural study in the rural public schools and a nation wide campaign for better farming have both been given splendid impetus by the work of the Dry Farming congress which is continued from year to year by means of the constant organization of farmers' clubs, home courses in agriculture, a semi-monthly magazine on dry

farming and an annual hand book, placing directly in the hands of about 10,000 registered members the best agricultural information obtainable in the world.

Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1910.

Fearless hold to the right. For this the stars are bright.

The Sun and Jupiter are in highly fortunate aspect today, indicating honor and success. They who strive for great and noble things are under bright aspects. All dealings between men that aim at mutual benefit are favored in this sign.

Superiors will benefit from tolerance and kindness, and they who do favors to others will profit.

Persons in positions of power should lean to the side of mercy and charity today. It is an evil time for injustice, or for tampering with "those who judge."

Uranus is in a place that is always held to indicate confusion of minds and councils, and an inability to see the right course through entanglements. Important matters that are not entirely clear should be postponed, if possible.

The time will be unfortunate for speculation or for enterprises that contain doubtful factors.

Truthfulness, candor, sincerity and high principles are under signs promising that they will triumph. Those who are guided absolutely by right motives today in any question, will pursue the successful course.

Great care must be used, especially by employes, in any work that involves the use of intricate formulas, figures or methods. There is danger of mis-reading instructions or making errors in calculation.

The day is marked as fortunate for those who hire men or women.

Travel, new undertakings and removals are under bright omens.

In this period study, science and art should benefit. There is danger, however, for those who try to do important matters requiring thorough knowledge, unless they are in full mastery of their subject.

Bakers, brewers, canners, hotel keepers, caterers, provisioners and all who are concerned with preparing or preserving food-stuffs or liquids are under happy omens.

In the household the sign is good for fish, and for hiring maids.

Herbal lore marks today as good for cress, leeks, onion, horseradish and mustard under Mars.

Persons with this birth-date will benefit during the twelve-month from kindly actions done for others.

Children are born today under aspects that promise loyal and true impulses, quickness at conclusions, and high aims.

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MUSICAL FELINES



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Fox—Well, if life is one grand, sweet song, a cat must have a regular medley.

Sacramento, Cal.—B. B. Deming, secretary of state board of school examiners, says schools of the northern part of the state are not as good as those of Los Angeles county.

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