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JEFFERSON SIMPLICITY APOCRYPHAL.

A very absurd impression is abroad as to the simplicity of the lives and manners of the founders of this republic. In their day men were much more formal with each other than we are today.

The Oregonian did some excellent figuring lately by the opening of the Columbia river which led to Portland the great bulk of all the tonnage of Eastern Oregon and Washington.

An interesting feature of the World's Fair will be a grand reunion of the Blue and the Gray. The plan is to build a large pavilion for the veterans of both armies and to have the war relics of both armies stored in the building.

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It is useless to conceal the fact that unless vigorous action is taken by our fruit growers to destroy the pests that are infesting many of our orchards, in a short time and in many places, fruit raising will be a thing of the past.

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THE DALLES W. C. T. UNION. ON THE HEIGHTS THE AIR IS PUREST. BY EDITH HERRONS TUPPER. Book not at the road behind; The path that ever down doth wind Through sin and shame and their dark kind; But lift my heavy, tear stained eyes— Before me mountain tops arise— They seem the gates of paradise.

There was something so pitiously appealing in the prisoner's appearance, and her great haunted eyes had a look of such anguish in their fierce depths, that the judge, accustomed to all kinds of sad sights and sounds, yet hesitated a moment before asking, with unvoiced gentleness, "What is your name, my woman, and where were you born?"

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At this stage of the proceedings, using a heavy expression, Col. Houghton began to crawl, and in conversation with a member of the committee while in Portland he (Col. Houghton) informed him that the "Light" battery could not attend the encampment and accordingly would not take a part in the sham battle.

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THE CHRONICLE is in receipt of clippings from various newspapers published in Buffalo, New York, from which we make some selections: AN AGREABLE SURPRISE AT THE DEARBORN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH. The Dearborn Street Baptist church honored itself in a very pleasant reception Friday night, June 12, given in honor of Rev. O. D. Taylor and wife.

THE ELECTRIC ROUTE. FOUR MURDERERS ARE ELECTROCUTED EARLY THIS MORNING AT SING SING. SING SING, N. Y. July 7.—The electrocution of four murderers, Slocum, Smiler, Wood and Jugiero was done this morning. Slocum was killed at 4:25; Smiler at 5:14; Wood at 5:39 and Jugiero at 6:16.

What a church can do when there is faith and courage. Then the monument erected in the case of our Dearborn St. Church. On May 24th, under the lead of Pastor Burnside and the Rev. O. D. Taylor, of Oregon, an act was made to extinguish the old high-mare of a debt of \$2,400.

STANDS BY THE COLONEL. HOOD RIVER, Or., July 6, 1891. EDITOR CHRONICLE: If you will kindly grant space in your paper I wish to correct an unjust, and untrue, statement made (perhaps) through some misapprehension of the facts in the case, by your local correspondent to the Daily Oregonian and published in today's paper wherein he states that at the last moment Col. Houghton refused to allow the men to fire after The Dalles had subscribed \$300 to assist in carrying out the program of sham battle and that the colonel was being severely censured therefor.

COVERING MILES OF TERRITORY IN WYOMING BUT MOVING TOWARD KANSAS. CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 7.—Portions of Cheyenne county are being overrun by grasshoppers. A strip of country ten miles wide is completely hid from view by the insects. They settle on railroad tracks and impede trains.

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A VERY SAD AFFAIR.

A Young Man Goes Away from Home and Finds His Wife Dead on His Return. WABCO, Or., July 6, 1891. EDITOR CHRONICLE: A very sad affair occurred near Grass Valley on July 4th. Mr. Roy French left his wife at home on the morning of the 4th and attended the celebration at Grass Valley and played at the dance on the same evening and returned home on Sunday morning and found his wife lying on the bed with her hands folded on her breast, dead.

THE OHIO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. The Ohio republican convention which met Wednesday, nominated for governor Hiram C. Wheeler, for lieutenant-governor, George Van Houten, and for supreme judge, S. M. Weaver of Iowa Falls. The convention passed a resolution endorsing prohibition, by a vote of 951 to 107.

Warmer and generally cloudless weather has prevailed. No rain has fallen. On June 29th and 30th, July 1st, 2d and 3d were very warm, the temperature in the heat of the day ranging from 85 to 95 degrees, except of course in the more mountainous regions and higher elevations where it was cooler.

THE WEATHER HAS BEEN JUST WHAT WAS NEEDED AND DESIRED. HAYING OPERATIONS ARE IN FULL SWAY. Wheat, oats and rye are heading in excellent shape. There has been an absence of the hot drying winds of the previous excellent weather and prospects continue. Spring wheat had especially made vast improvement. On July 1st the first Oregon peaches were ripe and shipped from The Dalles. Cherries are ripe in Grant county. Throughout the entire section the present prospects are most flattering for a successful harvest. B. S. PAGE, Observer U. S. Weather Bureau.

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