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DIVIDED INFLUENCES.

Idaho suffers from the same handicap as does Washington, in having one side of the state arrayed against the other. The lack of unanimity in the Boise legislature is apparent in voting appropriations for the Lewis-normal school and the state university. Both are excellent institutions, the personnel of their faculties comparing favorably with that of any college in the union. Yearly the attendance grows larger, and almost daily the needs of these institutions demand that the state be more liberal in its expenditures.

Educational institutions fare badly in the Inland Empire. It required a determined struggle to obtain recognition for the Cheney normal school in Washington, and it appears the north Idaho schools are also fighting for their existence with a legislature that should welcome the growth of culture and learning of their neighbors' sons and daughters. In the older and more settled states the keenest pride is exhibited in universities and colleges. Few there are in the far East which have not been endowed by wealthy men. Money almost without stint is allowed by the state, and every encouragement is given the boards of education to develop their theories and improve the moral and mental tone of the youth.

The tremendous influence for good these institutions exert is not realized by the legislators of these new states. Their attention is more readily attracted by new penitentiaries and reform schools, expensive capitol buildings and junketing trips for the members of the legislature.

THE STEADY ADVANCE.

There is a class of men who believe that national prosperity does not exist, just because a boom is not rushing double eagles into their pockets, in the little patch of the United States where they chance to abide.

The heavy, unsolicited advance in wages just recently made by iron masters and other great producers, in the East, is a living example of the upward movement of the times. These manufacturers who have added ten per cent to the wages of their help, employ more people than the entire population of the state of Oregon.

Hence it sounds so silly to hear an occasional small business man of Portland say that the country is going to the devil, because he can observe no betterment in his individual condition above that of three years ago.

These instances, however, fortunately are rare. And when one does spring up, the complainant either is devoid of energy or neglects to advertise in a scientific style.—Telegram.

THE PARTITION OF CHINA.

Critics of the Paris treaty speak of expansion as a monstrous evil—a policy freighted with destruction and despair, says the Review. They lose sight of the indisputable truth, which all history proclaims, that the political divisions of the earth must expand or contract, must absorb or be absorbed.

Countries are great under expansion, reach their supremacy of power when they cease to expand, and pass into decline with the loss of their possessions. Thus Rome, thus Turkey, thus Spain; and thus China.

For centuries the Chinese empire has adhered to the doctrine of seclusion. Its boundary was long guarded by a great wall; its ports were closed against the world's fleets; and its statesmen refused to participate in the diplomacy of nations. The results speak for themselves. The Chinese nation has grown narrow, concealed and impo-

tent. Its history has been written, and the great book is soon to be closed. Russia, Germany, England, Japan, and now Italy, have entered upon the work of breaking the empire into fragments.

Nations will rise to greatness, and their people will be broad, as they rise to their opportunities and their duties. The United States owes its power and grandeur to expansion. It has grown greater as a result of the war with Spain, and its people have grown in breadth and knowledge. We have learned our strength and have discerned our weakness. We know now that prior to this war we were becoming encrusted in a national conceit which was dangerous to our peace and safety. In some measure we were indulging the perilous notion which has brought China to dismemberment—that we were invincible in our numbers. We know now that population of itself counts for little in warfare; that the deciding factors are navies and disciplined soldiers.

In brief, the judgment of the American people in international matters has broadened amazingly in a single year. Some persons seem to regard this change with trepidation.

THE LEGITIMATE DRAMA.

It is often said by those who observe humanity superficially that the public will not in these end of the century days support that type of the drama known as the legitimate. Actors who have tried to star and failed, dramatic critics, whose profession has rendered them cynical and placed them out of touch with the thought of real people, and those who follow the sayings of these two classes of men, often declare that the taste of the modern public is low. They cite the fact that such and such great star has failed in trying to carry a legitimate company on an extended tour, or that such and such a famous actress has ruined her health and depleted her purse in seeking to give remote sections of the country Shakespearian drama. So often were statements of this character made, and so many instances of failure could be pointed to that a portion of the people came to believe it true.

They failed to consider, however, that the failures were due not to the public lack of appreciation of the star's abilities, but to the fact that the supporting company and the staging were inferior. It is odd how many great actors have made the mistake of supposing that their own greatness will carry the whole company. The public wants to see all the plays well done, but it especially wants to see the legitimate well done, or done not at all. A light, modern society play may be indifferently presented and still give some amusement to a cultured audience, but a legitimate comedy or drama does not admit of inferior presentation. The best is all that is good enough for it. In the hands of poor actors, although the leading roles may be well cast, a legitimate play is to be shunned, and theatergoers act upon this rule. Presented with poor support, there is nothing in the world so dreary to modern senses as the legitimate; well presented, there is nothing more attractive.

These things have been proven by the last tour of Henry Irving in this country. It was not his name alone that crowded his houses, but the fact that he was equally conscientious in his productions on the road as in his home theater. He demanded of his people the best. His support was of actors. His plays were staged in the highest of the play producer's art.

Again were they proven by the all star presentation of "The Rivals" some years since, when the best actors in the land took minor parts at great salaries. The brief tour of the company was a tremendous success financially, as well as artistically.

And now, again, are they being proven by the tour of the James-Kidder-Warde combination. This company has played from New York through the Atlantic coast states, through the south, through far away Texas, through California, and is now in the Pacific northwest. Everywhere, although prices at the theaters

have been advanced, the houses have been packed. In every way the people have shown their appreciation of the legitimate as presented by Louis James, Kathryn Kidder, Frederick Warde, and their supporting company. Sheridan's exquisite old comedy, "The School for Scandal," and Shakespearian plays have formed the sole repertoire, and the people have forsaken with delight the farce comedy and the modern society play to see them.

All of which goes to show that it is the taste of the average theatrical manager and not that of the public that has degenerated in recent years.—Spokesman-Review.

Gomez, it is said, is opposed to the continued military occupation of Cuba by the Americans. Even if the Cubans decide for independence instead of annexation, which is exceedingly improbable, American military occupation will last for several years yet. Until order is completely established and a government of some sort which will preserve order and protect the property and interests of all the people, foreigners as well as natives, is in operation in the island, American military occupation is certain to be maintained. This is a question, however, which is not in urgent need of speedy settlement.

Oregon and Washington have so far been the smallest comparative sufferers of all the livestock-raising states, from the storms during the latter part of last winter. This will increase prices for cattle and sheep in the Pacific Northwest, and make richer the wealthy stockraisers, who were so poor only a few years ago.

The Birthday Party.

A general birthday celebration was held last night in the parlors of Mrs. D. M. French's residence, about 200 being present of all ages and sizes, from the girl of "sweet sixteen" to the sweet gray-haired old ladies and gentlemen of sixty, the former and the latter eager to tell just how many cents they had contributed, while those of more uncertain ages dropped the tiny bags containing the birthday money a little bit more secretly.

A great disappointment was experienced when it was announced that Mr. Steele having been called home in the afternoon on account of sickness, the A. L. P. S. could not appear as announced. Their first number was supplied by a solo by Miss Myrtle Michell, the encore to which was "Kentucky Babe." Other numbers on the program were an instrumental duet by the Misses Nickelsen, a solo and encore by Prof. Landers; solo by Will Frank, which was also loudly encored, and a few very well chosen and happy remarks, by Mrs. Wilson, on "Birthdays." Miss Myrtle Michell also sang "The Day That Is Gone."

Lunch was served at the close of the program, and a very enjoyable time was had by all, everyone joining as heartily in the pleasures as if it were really their own birthday.

From a financial standpoint it was also a success, the ladies realizing the goodly sum of \$72.40.

Victory Is Complete for the O. R. & N.

The O. R. & N. has secured a decisive victory over the Northern Pacific in the fight for a right of way over the other's property is Columbia and Walla Walla counties for a route from Wallula to Lewiston. The last decision was rendered by a jury in the superior court of Walla Walla, which decided the O. R. & N. was entitled to a right of way.

Condemnation proceedings were instituted by the O. R. & N. last December, which was fought inch by inch by the Northern Pacific. Finally the latter road, when it found it could not stop the other road, wanted \$100,000 damages for the 312 acres condemned, but the same jury allowed \$4564 damages, making the O. R. & N.'s victory doubly effective. That road now has a clear field into Lewiston.

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SUGAR AND SEA POWER.

From This Showing Each of the Great Maritime Nations Has a Sweet Tooth.

The great maritime powers are all great sugar-eating nations. Wherever the spirit of navigation, commerce, travel and colonization is strong there is a large consumption of sugar per head, says Pears's Weekly.

England heads the nations of the world in fondness for sweet things, the sugar consumption there being 70 pounds a year for each inhabitant. The United States is a close second, each individual consuming 67.07 pounds per annum.

In Denmark the quantity is 45 pounds a head, in Holland 34 pounds, in France 30 pounds, in Norway and Sweden 25 pounds, in Russia 10 pounds, in Italy 7 pounds, in Turkey 7 pounds, in Greece 6 pounds and in Serbia 4 pounds.

Cuba produces annually 975,000 tons of cane sugar, the United States 309,000 tons. Java contributes 480,000 tons each year, the Philippine islands 265,000 tons, Hawaii 135,000 tons and Porto Rico 60,000 tons.

Germany leads in the production of beetsugar, with one-third of the annual yield, while Austria is next. France, Russia, Belgium and Holland each produce about the same quantity.

Couldn't Believe Her Own Boy.

An old West of England country woman, speaking to a district visitor of her son who was a sailor, said: "Ah, ma'am, my son that has been to the north pole, he tells me some things that I really can't believe, though he is my son. He tells me, ma'am, that he has seen with his own eyes 'ice bugs' as big as a church." All the cleanly instincts of the old soul were in revolt at the bare possibility of such monstrosities.

Japanese Imitation.

A Japanese named Takuma has been turning the skill in imitation, with which his countrymen are gifted, to nefarious ends, and has been convicted at Sydney of forging seven copies of a rare early New South Wales stamp rated at \$400. The imitation was so perfect that the stamps were purchased by dealers and sent to London, where they passed the scrutiny of several experts.

Lectures on Health.

Mrs. Sarah M. Read, of Portland, will speak in the small K. of P. hall, at The Dalles as follows: Tuesday, March 14, at 2:30 p. m., to women, on "The Physiology of Digestion;" Wednesday, March 15, at 8 p. m., to married men and women, on "Nature's Method of Curing Disease;" and Thursday, at 2:30 p. m., to women, on "How to Regain and Keep One's Youth." A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in these subjects to be present. No admission charged.

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