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OUR SPRING POEM.

Now, in the springtime, when the odor of the violet perfumes the ambient breeze and all nature sings an anthem of gladness over the departure of the gloomy winter season, when the birds are mating in the trees, when the bosom of earth is bedecked with emerald verdure, when the husbandman goes forth to sow the seed and the children of the village creep like snails reluctantly to school, when the dweller in the city contemplates the possibility of a sojourn at the beach and the Fourth of July orator furbishes up his eloquence. Now, in the springtime, is a pretty good time to pay your subscription to the Mist.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

Will any one contend that hanging is too severe a punishment for society to inflict upon the man who decoyed a five year old girl to his room in a Portland lodging house and there murdered her? There was an attempt made in the recent Legislature to abolish capital punishment, and many mawkish things were said in advocacy of the theory that the State has no right to take human life and that hanging does not decrease crime. The State has the same right to kill an individual that menaces society as it has to destroy men associated for that purpose, and every murderer hanged has been converted from a harmful into a harmless quantity. Kill the man who murdered that child and the lives of other children are that much safer. Such a life is worse than worthless to its possessor and should be taken with as little compunction as that of a mad dog. There is no danger that the State will be possessed of a blood lust and seek lives that are not fully forfeited. All the tendencies of mankind are in the opposite direction, and any who should tread the scaffold will be spared to prey upon the world, yet there are some crimes so bestial and cruel that were the death penalty abolished mankind would be satisfied with nothing less than the life of their perpetrator.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

The editor of the Rainier Review copies, with commendation, an editorial in a recent issue of the Mist, and gives it a local application. In fact the idea attempted to be conveyed is applicable to all parts of Columbia County. The rural portions will settle up just as fast as the timber is cut and the land placed upon the market. It will be high priced land as a rule, and will be purchased in small tracts, thus giving the county a much denser population than if the land were cheap. Especially will this be true along the river front and in the southern portion of the county. Rainier and St. Helens will always be the leading cities of the county, because they have the river and rail close together. Especially is this true of Rainier, where mills and factories can load on cars or boats, without the expense of hauling, while St. Helens must either haul from the water front or secure a switch through the town. In its proximity to Portland and its stone quarries, as well as in the superiority of the surrounding farm country St. Helens leads. There is and always will be a rivalry between the two towns, but it can and should be a

helpful rivalry or emulation. The Mist is glad to see the spirit displayed by the Review and heartily reciprocates it. Every section of the county has its own peculiar advantages. Clatskanie may in the future be known as the city of canneries. The great reclamation project being carried on by the Columbia Agricultural Co. will call for factories to preserve the products of the soil, and this alone, aside from its other natural resources will mean a greatly increased population. Speed the day when Columbia will be one of the greatest counties in Oregon.

THE ASTORIA CENTENNIAL

The Legislature, at its recent session, appropriated \$50,000 to aid Clatsop County in appropriately celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the first white settlement in the Oregon country, made by an expedition sent out by John Jacob Astor, of New York, the only condition of the gift by the state being that Clatsop county shall match it with a like sum. The celebration is to last one month, and the Mist ventures the prediction that it will be an event that will dwell for many years in the memory of those who participate. We do not know what the program is to be, but we do know there will be nothing omitted that can be secured by the people of that enterprising and hospitable community. It will be attended by hundreds of thousands of people, and many of them will take more than a passing interest in the country between Portland and the sea. If there is an opportunity given Columbia county should participate officially in this celebration. It precedes the State Fair and our commissioner could take such part of his exhibit as is possible to Astoria before going to Salem. Just what should be done along this line is hard to state at present, but Columbia should miss no opportunity to present its advantages and resources for the inspection of contemplating investors or homeseekers.

The editor of the Mist is glad to note that the Senate Journal of the recent Legislature has finally been doctored up so that there will be no necessity for an extra session. Oregon has been called the "Fool of the Family" because it has adopted the initiative and referendum, but it would truly deserve the name if its people were not as competent to pass upon the merits or demerits of legislation as was the recent Senate. When the Journal is printed it will contain among other equally valuable documents, matter that covered fifty-eight typed pages. This is the "debate" upon Senate concurrent resolution No. 3, commending the Oregon System to the favorable consideration of other States. It occupied nearly a day of the people's time, and is merely a series of personal tirades. It was taken down in shorthand by a stenographer employed by Senator Kellaher, and on motion of Senator Malarkey, a member of the Committee on the revision of the Journal, the stenographer was made an officer of the Senate and the whole mass of rot injected into the Journal. That little motion of Senator Malarkey cost the State in the neighborhood of \$250.

The Oregonian insists that the massing of troops of the United States upon the Mexican border is for the sole purpose of preserving neutrality, yet the despatches state that orders have been issued for the National Guard to be placed upon a war footing, which means the expenditure of many millions of dollars. Of course no one except the higher ups understands just what this means. It may be that the manufacturers of munitions of war need the money and that all this fuss and fury is for their benefit; but it also may and probably does, mean that the Government is in possession

of information that justifies the belief that there is actual danger of war with some foreign power.

OUR PORTLAND LETTER.

Development Notes from All Parts of Our Great State

Portland, Or. March 21 (Special)—Although the whole state has its full quota of new settlers who are taking advantage of the low colonist fares, Central Oregon towns are especially busy welcoming the newcomers. Large additions to the usual accommodations are being made to house the homeseekers and extra efforts are being made to care for their wants until they shall become permanently settled.

Homesteads are being taken in large numbers. Irrigation lands are being bought and new towns are building because of the rush of immigrants who are following the railroads into the interior. Trainloads of supplies, building materials and agricultural implements are going in and the long-delayed awakening of Central Oregon has arrived, after that section has lain dormant for ages awaiting the whistle of the locomotive.

Dates for the Oregon Development League convention at Astoria have been fixed for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 14, 15 and 16. This will be while the Astor Centennial is in progress and convention visitors will give a part of their time to this historic celebration. The convention dates were decided after a conference between the Astoria Commercial Club and the Centennial management.

Salem will have a horse show on April 7 and 8. It is expected the event will bring out a fine display of draft, carriage and riding horses and a campaign will be started right away to raise funds for awards that will insure a large list of entries.

Redmond will have a double-barreled celebration on July 4th, and Independence Day will not be its only significance. The unlocking of Central Oregon by the railroads and freedom from its long isolation will be the chief reasons for the jubilation. Redmond is on both the Oregon trunk and the Deschutes railroads and it sees a great future now that outlets have been made to the outside world.

Mining men of the state met in Portland during the past week to make plans for the entertainment here of the Northwest Mining Congress on May 16, 17 and 18. At that time it is expected to have each district of the state represented and large numbers of outside mining men will be entertained.

Special fares have been made by the railroads for travel to the Portland Rose Festival, June 5-10, a rate of one and one third the usual tariffs for the round trip having been agreed upon by the various lines. Oregon, Washington,

Idaho and British Columbia will get the benefit of these reduced fares.

Salem lays claim to a unique distinction among all the capital cities of the United States. It has made a greater net gain in population than any other state capital. Salem shows additions to her population amounting to 231.9 per cent during the ten-year period, as given in the figures of the census. No other state capital comes anywhere near this record.

EGGS FOR SETTING.

C. B. Harris has some of the famous Buff Orpingtons formerly owned by O. A. Hatton, of Clark County, Washington and he has left at the Mist office the diplomas showing that his chickens got the first and second prizes at the show of the Clark County Poultry Association in 1910. The diplomas show what kind of chickens Mr. Harris has and anyone that wants eggs should call and see them. For eggs write C. B. Harris, Houlton, Oregon. They cost \$1.50 for a setting of fourteen. 18 ft.

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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, Winifred Gibson, plaintiff, vs. Edward H. Howard and Gibson, defendant.

To Edward H. Howard Gibson, defendant above named.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before Monday, the 27th day of April 1911, being not less than six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons to the time set by the order of the Judge of the above entitled court within which the said defendant shall appear and answer the said complaint, and if you fail so to appear, and for default thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the Plaintiff's complaint which is in substance for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Plaintiff and defendant, and such other relief as the Court and equity may see meet.

The defendant will take notice that this summons is served upon him by publication thereof in pursuance of an order of the Judge of the above entitled Court made and dated this 15th day of February, 1911, in which it was prescribed that this summons shall be published once a week, for six consecutive weeks, in The Oregon Mist, until the last issue next preceding the 27th day of April, 1911, within which time the said defendant is required to appear and answer the said complaint. February 17th, 1911, is the date of the first publication of this notice.

FRANK SPITTLE, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Estate of Rufus H. King.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Rufus H. King, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County and that Monday, the 27th day of March, 1911, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and the court room of said court, have been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof. Dated and first published February 24, 1911. SARAH E. KING, Administratrix. WM. D. FENTON, Attorney for Administratrix.

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