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SERIOUS BLOW TO PUBLIC WELFARE.

In my opinion an adverse vote on the University of Oregon appropriation bill would be far reaching and a serious blow to the manhood and the public welfare of the state, and I think it is the duty of every good citizen to vote "Yes" on this bill.

CHAS. A. JOHNS, Baker City, Oregon.

DRUGS, GUNS—AND IDIOTS.

The increasing number of crimes caused by gun carrying and drug eating habits should awaken the public to the necessity of some stringent measures to prevent the indiscriminate distribution of drugs and guns to fools, idiots and irresponsible persons. As it is now in the United States, any man who has the price can secure a gun and ammunition at any time. The same is true, in a large degree, of the sale of drugs and "dopes" to

fiends and fools who are absolutely dangerous.

There should be some restrictions on the sale of these articles. The states should provide for some discrimination in the sale of guns, ammunition and dangerous explosives. It may seem like interfering with the personal liberty of the individual, but judging from the horrible crimes committed by love-crazed fools and drug-crazed fiends, society is entitled to protection from certain classes of individuals who now have too much personal liberty.

The police force of every big city and every small city, too, for that matter, should know personally every individual citizen, from well kept records, who owns a gun or pistol.

Every "dope" fiend should also be registered and kept under police surveillance and on the first sign of insanity should be confined in an asylum with other insane patients.

The terrible crime of the crazy brakeman in Morrow county last week, in which a beautiful young girl was instantly killed and her companion shot, and the "later crime in Portland in which a "dope" fiend brutally murdered a jeweler in his shop, in the heart of the busy district, bring forcibly to mind the need of some protection for society against fools, idiots, drugs and guns.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

BISHOPS AND DIVORCES.

The Sunday Oregonian concludes a stirring tribute to the Methodist church with the following opinion on "Bishops and Divorces":

When the bishops come to speak of divorce, however, they lose something of their persuasiveness. They refer to the present facility in dissolving the marriage contract as encouraging "consecutive polygamy." Are they quite sure that additional restrictions would not encourage simultaneous polygamy? Their contention is that divorces break up homes, but the fact seems to be that the home is broken up before the divorce is sought. Denial of the divorce would not restore the home. It would simply drive the parties to unlawful cohabitation. More than that, it would subject women in particular to intolerable hardships. It is not divorces which threaten the home, but those social conditions which make people seek divorces.

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In this field it is an inveterate habit of clergymen to deal with symptoms and ignore the causes which underlie them. It would probably be a mistake for the Methodist church or any other church to try to restrict the freedom of divorce, but the bishops are eminently wise in advocating uniform laws upon this subject throughout the country. In this effort they will enlist the co-operation of everybody who cares for the public welfare.

FAIRBANKS IS 56 TODAY.

Charles Warren Fairbanks, vice-president of the United States, was born May 11, 1852, in Union county, O., and received his education at Ohio Wesleyan university. In his early career he was engaged in newspaper work, which he abandoned to study law and in 1874 he was admitted to the bar. He removed to Indianapolis the same year and began the practice of his profession, in which he was eminently successful. Though he took a more or less active interest in politics for many years, he never held public office prior to his election to the United States senate in 1897. Mr. Fairbanks was re-elected to the senate in 1903. In 1898 he was appointed

a member of the joint high commission which met in Quebec for the adjustment of questions between the United States and Canada. He was one of the Indiana delegates, at large to several of the republican national conventions and was temporary chairman of the convention at St. Louis in 1896. In 1904 he was unanimously nominated for vice-president of the United States, and was elected on the ticket with Theodore Roosevelt.

The election is not far off and it is pleasing to note that the sentiment among Union county republicans is that the ticket will be elected from top to bottom. This is as it should be. There is not a man on the republican ticket who is not worthy of the united support of the entire party. All are men of proved integrity and ability. With such men in office the people's interests will be in safe hands. Union county republicans have an opportunity to place this county in the list of dependable republican counties and a determination is evident to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

Just the other day Senator Beveridge said in debate that the battle-

ship Alabama was at present laid up for repairs. Senator Lodge corroborated the statement and no senator denied it, notwithstanding the Alabama is now in San Francisco bay doing service as flagship for Rear Admiral Sperry. In matters pertaining to ships, and such like, the average United States senator appears to be all at sea.

The World's Best Climate is not entirely free from disease, on the high elevations fevers prevail, while on the lower levels malaria is encountered to a greater or less extent, according to altitude. To overcome climate affections, lassitude, malaria, jaundice, biliousness, fever and ague, and general debility, the most effective remedy is Electric Bitters, the great alterative and blood purifier; the antidote for every form of bodily weakness, nervousness, and insomnia. Sold under guarantee at the Newlin Drug Co.'s drug store. Price 50c.

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Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Ore., April 9, 1908. Notice is hereby given, that as directed by the commissioner of the general land office, under the provisions of the act of congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stats., 517), we will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 18th day of May next, at this office, the following tract of land: NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 24, T. 5 S., R. 35, E. W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims or objections on or before the time designated for sale.

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THE ENORMOUS STREET PARADE
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2 PERFORMANCES

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. ARE WE BIG? Will arrive... Friday, May 29. Railroad... O. R. & N. Train... Fifty Cars. Horses... Three Hundred. People... Six Hundred. Canvas... Ten Acres. Seating Capacity... 20,000. Street Parade... 10:30 a. m. Circus Lot... Regular Grounds. Doors Open... 1 and 7 p. m. Show Starts... 2 and 8 p. m. Capital... \$20,000,000. Daily Expense... \$5,275. Next Stand... Pendleton.

GENERAL ADMISSION ADULTS 50C CHILDREN 25
AT SAN FRANCISCO ONE WEEK, UNDER SHRINERS \$5,000 Given Charity
AT LOS ANGELES ONE WEEK, UNDER SHINERS \$10,000 Given Childrens' Hospital

ARE WE SAFE AND GOOD? The seats are absolutely safe—cannot fall down, being held in place by the Curtiss Truss system. No other circus so equipped. The detectives with the show are from the R. J. Couch Secret Service Agency at Cleveland, Ohio. Gambling and catch-penny schemes are not tolerated or permitted. Pickpockets and sharpers are promptly spotted and locked up. Special attention called to the Sells-Floto science of tent construction and erection to withstand rain and storm. No privilege car. Only circus without it. The privilege (booze) car is a saloon on wheels, a gambling den that saps the pocketbooks of performers, canvasmen and other circus attaches, under cover to public, and police, in violation of law and decency.