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I know not where to look for any single work which is so full of the great principles of political wisdom, as the law of Moses and the history of the kings of Israel and Judah.—G. Spring.

HARRIMAN IS SIXTY-ONE.

E. H. Harriman, American railway king, captain of industrial organization and high priest of the Roosevelt Ananias club, is today celebrating his 61st birthday. That advancing years have robbed him of none of his financial acumen is evidence by the recent coup in which he outwitted the Gould interests and became the first man in the United States to control an ocean to ocean railroad.

Harriman first saw the light of day on February 25, 1848. He was born to poverty. He was one of the six children of the Rev. Orlando Harriman. When E. H. Harriman was 11 years of age, in 1859, his father acted as rector of St. John's church, in West Hoboken, at a salary of \$200 a year, or less than \$4 per week.

Young Harriman's only schooling, aside from the district school, was two years spent at a church school. The poverty of his family compelled him to go to work in his early teens. He was first a messenger boy and then a clerk in a Wall street office.

In the beginning of his financial career he had an opportunity to study the methods of Jay Gould, Jim Fish, Commodore Vanderbilt, Daniel Drew and the celebrities of their active day. He gained a knowledge of market conditions that is not surpassed by any living Wall street expert.

It was through the influence of Stuyvesant Fish, his associate on the Stock Exchange that he first took an active interest in railroad management. In 1887 Fish became president of the Illinois Central railroad and Harriman was made vice-president.

In Wall street history, the creation of the present Union Pacific system is the most marvelous chapter. In 10 years Harriman has created an epoch in railroad history. At 50 he had practically retired from the Wall street brokerage business which had brought him a comparatively small fortune.

years past the age set by Dr. Osier as the termination of man's usefulness. He is the most striking personality Wall street has known since the days of Jay Gould. Like Gould, he is not popular there. No great railroad man has cost Wall street so much money as Harriman, and none has ever done so much for stockholders.

Harriman's latest great victory marks the dimming of the Gould railroad system. His influence in the Gould lines makes him the undisputed master of nearly 50,000 miles of railway, with a capitalization of \$1,544,574,700, and outstanding bonds aggregating in round numbers \$2,000,000,000.

The stalwart sons of the Revolution at Portland, who are adverse to shipping the Liberty bell to Seattle, Portland and other coast towns, are justified in their beliefs and protests. The old relic is too valuable to be trotted here and there according to the dictates of far-off cities.

W. G. Souther of Spokane, was engaged today as publicity expert for Walla Walla by the Commercial club at a salary of \$350 a month. His engagement is to be tentative, depending on the results of his first month's work and whether he gives satisfaction.

A Butter Creek (Umatilla county) horse named Tom, has mastered the tobacco-chewing habit. It's the same old story; first a nibble, then sickness, then a slow-growing hankering, and now several plugs weekly. Sounds like humanity.

Another organization to suffer by blunders of the recent legislature, is the state guard. Forty dollars is the sum total of armory appropriations.

The moral wave does surge onward! The anti-cock fighting bill in Texas became effective today.

STORY GOES HOME TONIGHT

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE POINTS TO HIS GUILT.

Officer From Valentine Explains Known Details of the Murder—Smith and Story Last Seen Leaving for the West on Freight Train—No Requisition.

Finding that Samuel L. Story, the prisoner held in the county jail here, since last Saturday night, is the man wanted in Valentine, Officer Rossiter, who last night reached here to bring the man home, found no difficulty in the way of prompt return.

It appears from the sheriff who is here that the evidence against Story is circumstantial only. Story and Smith were seen to depart from Valentine together, and thus far no one has been found who saw Smith with any other man than Story, after their departure.

Story has lost his moroseness and feels confident he will have but little difficulty in proving his innocence when once he reaches the bar of justice.

HUNTINGTON TO IRRIGATE.

Company Being Formed to Build a Large Irrigation Ditch.

Baker City, Feb. 24.—It is learned on good authority that Walter Love, C. A. Moore and Oscar Jacobson, all well known in Baker City, are now engaged in the building of a large irrigation reservoir on Birch and Cow creeks, near Huntington, on the same site where the old reservoir was washed away during the recent spring freshets.

LARGE LA GRANDE CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO BE NAMED

The National Lincoln Farm association will be fostered and exploited by a committee of perhaps 16 men and women of La Grande, representing the various lodges, city government, schools and women's clubs, according to action to be taken by Mayor M. K. Hall at the behest of the National Lincoln Farm association.

Each city and town in each state will be represented on this commission by the appointment of citizens committees. The duty of the commission will principally be to spread literature dealing with this matter, that is to be supplied from the head offices. All names of members of the citizens' committees are to be made a part of the permanent record to be kept in a place of honor in the Lincoln Farm memorial building.

FINE FRUIT PROSPECTS IN UNION COUNTY AGAIN

Horticultural Commissioner Judd Geer of Cove, is in the city this afternoon and states that the hundreds of acres of Union county orchards have passed through the winter in fine condition and that at this season of the year Union county never had brighter prospects for a banner fruit crop in

her history. The young orchard, or rather the orchards that were young a few years ago and now coming into heavy bearing, and each year the increase of bearing trees and additional acreage is making Grande Ronde one of the heavy supply points in the northwest.

enable the gentlemen named to make the necessary repairs, which will be entirely complete by the end of this week, and ready to receive another supply of water in a few days from now.

SENATOR OLIVER HOME

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irrigation code which passed, Mr. Oliver believes it will facilitate matters greatly. The bill is a voluminous affair but the salient points in it are that a commission is to be appointed with power to measure and distribute water. Hearings can be had before this commission with appeal to the circuit court as a privilege.

Ohio River on Rampage. Cincinnati, O., Feb. 25.—The Ohio river has passed the flood stage today under the continued thaw. Interurban cars connecting river towns were forced to suspend. Factories on the bottom lands have closed their doors, laying off 5000 hands. Louisville, Feb. 25.—The Ohio has continued to rise today. There is no fear of further trouble.

STATEHOOD BILL MAY DIE.

Indications Are No Statehood for New Mexico and Arizona.

Washington, Feb. 25.—It was learned on excellent authority today that the bill designed to create the states of Arizona and New Mexico will not be reported out of the committee by this congress. The committee took a lost vote yesterday, showing members are 6 to 4 against the measure.

ONLY THIRTY-SIX.

If Standard Issues Will Only Have to Pay \$720,000.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Judge Anderson today indicated that he would rule that the Standard Oil company cannot be convicted on more than 36 charges, on rebating under the numerous indictments brought. If this opinion holds, the Standard Oil cannot be fined more than \$720,000 if convicted on all of the 36 counts.

Arranging for Long Auto Race.

Seattle, Feb. 25.—Financially supported by auto enthusiasts of this city, T. Franklin Moore left this morning for New York to complete details in the New York to Seattle endurance race for a cup offered by M. Robert Guggenheim. Moore is under contract to handle the race.

FUNERAL TOMORROW.

Joel Crandall Died Last Night in This City.

Joel Crandall, one of La Grande's well known pioneer citizens, passed away about 11 o'clock last evening at his home in South La Grande. Mr. Crandall had been very low for several weeks.

He leaves a wife and four children. The three boys, Bernie, George and Ellis, are all in business in Spokane; Mrs. Minna Blake of Baker City. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home, corner Fourth and D streets, Rev. W. H. Gibson, of the Baptist church, officiating. The interment will follow in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Crandall was in his 85th year, having lived nearly one-half of his life in this city and enjoyed a large acquaintance among the pioneers of the city and county. The family has the sympathy of all in their bereavement.



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