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**BIRTHDAY OF "STANDARD TIME."**

Father Time has reason to celebrate today for it is the 16th anniversary of the adoption of what is now known as "Standard Time." Previous to Nov. 18, 1883, Old Dad Time must have been a very busy and much-harassed old gentleman, for there were in existence no less than half-hundred systems of measuring time. On Nov. 18th, 25 years ago there was a general resetting of watches and clocks all over the United States and Canada and the four great time zones, one hour apart into which the country is divided, came into being. Practically everyone knows that there are four different standards of time prevailing in the United States—Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific time—but there are few that know that the adoption of this method of regulating time was due almost entirely to the efforts of one man, a New Yorker.

By general consent the credit of this work of bringing order where chaos reigned before is given to W. F. Allen, secretary and treasurer of the American Railway Association, and since 1872, editor of the Official Railway Guide. In recognition of this achievement Mr. Allen is often referred to as "Father Time," or the "Father of Standard Time." His is the distinction of having caused a greater change in the habits of the people in the United States and Canada than any other man now living.

Mr. Allen is the only man who ever lived that caused Trinity clock to stop three and one-half minutes in the middle of the day, while thousands of people stood around the corner of Wall street and Broadway in New York, watches in hand, waiting for the stroke which would show that it was exactly 12 o'clock in New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Portland, Me., and Pittsburg; 11 o'clock in Chicago, New Orleans and Omaha; 10 o'clock in Laramie, Wyo., and Salt Lake City, and 9 o'clock in San Francisco; it being 8 o'clock in Sitka, Alaska, 1 p. m. in San Juan, Porto Rico, 5 o'clock in London, and 1 a. m. the next day in Manila.

The day on which this almost world wide revolution in measuring time took place was Nov. 18, 1883. There are people who recall the excitement it caused at the time.

There are those who declared such a thing an outrageous and impertinent meddling with the affairs of the Almighty, and there was one clergyman in Charleston, S. C., who declared that this presumption on the part of puny humans would be followed by some terrible visitation signifying the anger of the heavenly powers. The Charleston earthquake followed soon after and no doubt the worthy clergyman considered this a fulfillment of his dire prophesy.

Previous to 1883, the methods of measuring time in the United States were so varied and so numerous as to be ludicrous. There were 50 different standards used in the United States from coast to coast, and on one road between New York and Boston, whose actual difference is 12 minutes, there were three distinct standards of time. Even small towns had two different standards, one known as "town" or local time, and the other as "railroad" time. Naturally this condition of affairs caused endless complications, and railroad officials were harassed to the point of despair in their efforts to make out time tables that could be understood by the lay public.

**THE CRYING NEED**

La Grande with her fixed pay rolls, such as no other city in the interior of the state enjoys, has the foundation of a city twice our present population. Everything points to a large city, but in this age natural conditions are only a small factor in the building of cities or creating commercial centers. Our large railroad payroll is a factor, much more so than it was a few years ago. Our two large saw mill pay rolls are both good for at least forty years. The sugar factory is now a factor, with these we have the basis for a city that but few places enjoy. But there are other payrolls that can be added if we go out after them. A few years ago we had a knittin' factory that gave employment to less than twelve employees, besides, besides the greater portion of the time these traveling men on the road. This enterprise only lacked a little more capital or it would have been running today. We are reliably informed that \$5,000 would equip a much larger plant and would be a good dividend payer. This reason a Utah factory sold over \$1,000 worth of goods in this city and valley. Five or ten thousand dollars would start a furniture factory that would cover quite a territory.

With our growing fruit industry the time is ripe for the establishment of a vinegar and evaporating plant.

A sash and door factory on a large scale would be a profitable industry. We have the raw material.

A mattress factory employing half a dozen or more workmen could be operated with a small capital.

One of the leading business men who has given the matter some thought is of the opinion that a canvas glove factory could be established here just as well as anywhere.

We are surrounded on every hand with the raw material with which to operate a woolen mill. The mills in the Willamette valley have been running for years and have made their owners rich. Why not here?

There are doubtless a number of small industries that would give employment that could be conducted here if people could be interested. We have an abundance of capital in the valley that could be induced to assist in many of these enterprises if they were properly handled. We do not mean that this is a Mecca for some smooth tongued grafter to sell stock and secure a bonus, we have got past that period, but if men of experience with even moderate means after collecting the data relative to the conditions showing that any of these lines could be produced as cheaply here as anywhere and that the output could be marketed, there would be little trouble in securing assistance in the way of stock subscriptions.

An enterprising business man yesterday stated that he thought that it would be money well spent that after carefully considering what looked like good industries which could be made to pay here, to send a committee of two or three good, shrewd business men back to some eastern manufacturing centers to look up the conditions and ascertain what is absolutely necessary in the several lines that a casual review of our conditions indicate success. Other cities follow this plan and are rewarded for their efforts.

**GENERAL FRANZ SIGEL.**

General Franz Sigel, one of the most famous of German Americans, was born in Sinshiem, Baden, 85 years ago today. He came to the United States in 1852 and immediately interested himself as a patriotic citizen in the welfare of his adopted country. His patriotism was put to the test by the breaking out of the civil war and he was not found wanting. He organized a regiment and went to the front, where he speedily distinguished himself by his valor and his military ability. His services won for him a promotion to the rank of major general. After the war, he settled in New York city and actively interested himself in politics. In May 1871 he was made collector of internal revenues, and in October of the same year he became the register of the city. In 1886 he was appointed pension agent. Later, he established the "New York Monthly," of which he was the editor and publisher. He died August 31, 1892.

Elsie Sigel the unfortunate girl who was murdered in a Chinatown resort this spring, was a grand daughter of General Sigel. The crime created an international sensation and the police all over the country and in foreign lands joined in a search for the criminal, but without results.

He gives not best who gives most, but he gives most who gives best. If I cannot give beautiful yet will give freely and what I want in my hand I will supply with my heart. Warwick

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