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### A PATRIOTIC WARNING

Fighting Bob Evans has just delivered an important message to this nation. Nothing that has been said by any president or statesman in 40 years is more vital, more patriotic, or of deeper interest to the entire country.

In an able paper entitled "Will the Railroads throttle the Panama Canal" he shows facts that should cause every person in the United States to do some honest thinking.

The success of the Panama Canal which may yet cost this nation \$500,000,000, is even more important than irrigation projects, conservation schemes, and great national problems affecting the welfare of the nation; for if the canal is crippled so that its benefits do not reach the people, it might as well be abandoned now. The country's development will greatly depend on the success of the canal.

Admiral Evans contended that the railroads of the country already own most of the important wharves, especially on the Pacific coast. He says: "The first requisite for a successful steamship line is suitable docking at the two ends of the route. Without this, no line can hope to succeed."

He then shows that the municipal ownership of docks is necessary in order that independent lines of steamships may hope for proper berthing and loading facilities. He continues thus:

"The Pacific coast, from San Diego to Alaska, has many fine ports or harbors where one might expect to find, through municipal ownership of water-front property, docking locations available for new steamship lines; but most of such property is now in the hands of railroad companies."

The article appears in Hampton's Magazine for March and it bristles with facts. The Admiral shows that freight steamers from Los Angeles to New York can be run by way of the canal in from 14 to 16 days, while the time of fast railway freights is from 20 to 60 days. Not only so, but the ships would save the shippers of goods \$720,000 every time a round trip was made, or almost \$5,000,000 a year many times the cost of the vessels.

Edgar Allen Poe's name will be perpetuated in the Hall of Fame of New York University, as a result of this year's election of candidates, unless all signs fail. The fight for Poe has already been renewed with vigor, and those who labored so hard for that end and failed five years ago believe now that they will be successful. When the one hundred electors chosen by the Senate of New York University to vote for candidates to the Hall of Fame sent in their ballots in 1905 it was found that in spite of the energetic campaign for Poe he lacked nine votes.

Since that there has been sixteen vacancies through death or otherwise in the Board of Electors. Two of those vacancies, one occasioned by the

death of Grover Cleveland and the other by the death of Edmund Clarence Steadman, were filled several months ago. Andrew Carnegie succeeded Mr. Cleveland and Dr. Abbot Lawrence Lowell succeeded Mr. Steadman.

According to the rules of the University senate, nominations for candidates to the Hall of Fame will be placed in the hands of the directors on May 1, and during the summer months the electors will decide upon their choice of candidates. The ballots will be in on October 1 next. At least fifty nominations have already been received by the University Senate, most of these being names who were voted on by the electors in 1905 but who failed to get the required number of votes. A hundred or more nominations will probably be added to these by May 1 when the electors will begin their work.

To prove that the situation brought about by the recent British election has not lessened the loyalty to their cause of the Irish Nationalists, the "Self-Reliance" will be recited by one of the members of the St. Cecilia-na-Gael of Brooklyn and Queens intend to have one of the most stirring meetings when it celebrates the birthday of Robert Emmet in the New Montauk Theatre, tomorrow night in New York. The recent developments will be referred to in the principal addresses that will be delivered by John Purroy Mitchell, President of the Board of Aldermen, who will act as chairman; The Rev. Father Mathew J. Tierney, and J. Gratton McMahon. The poems of Thomas Davis will be read and a famous quartette will sing the songs that were used by the Nationalists in 1848. Invitations to be present have been sent to Mayor Gaynor and other prominent city officials and many clergymen are expected to attend.

An addition to the population of Uncle Sam's republic, sufficient to make a goodly sized town, results from the arrival at New York this week of the steamboat ship President Lincoln. The big vessel which sails on the return trip to Hamburg next Saturday, brought over a total of 3,619 souls. Of these 47 were first class and 276 second cabin passengers. Packed in the steerage were almost 3,000 souls and these with the crew made up an almost record-breaking

total. Only once has this record been surpassed by a trans-Atlantic line, and that was by the President Lincoln's brother ship, the President Grant, which last December smashed all records by arriving in port with 3,747 persons on board.

It makes one realize that we are in an aptly country to witness such a feat as is exhibited today in the window of Groceryman Snedgrass. Four tier Rome Beauties, and when you realize that this is March, the price of \$1.75 per box for commercial pack is quite reasonable. Of course we old timers have got to get rid of the idea that anything beyond 75c per box is high, we must learn that to secure even the best of our own fruit we must pay the price that the other people will pay.

With the churches working together in such harmony as evidenced in the tabernacle meeting last night the limit of their combined efforts along lines leading to the betterment of mankind is prescribed only by their inactivity. When you stop to think of it, there was a mighty force behind those men who sat at the tables, augmented in no small degree by the scores of women present. La Grande is on the eve of an awakening.

W. T. Martin, who last fall visited California, returned a few days ago to his home in Cove where he has lived for many years. During his absence he purchased a \$25,000 orange grove and expects to move to California next fall. Mrs. Martin, who accompanied him, remained here and will return in a few weeks.

The banquet given by the church last evening was the largest affair in which men only partook ever held in the county. There were 230 covered

### Mikado Rehearsals

The high school students are especially invited to attend the rehearsal this afternoon at 4:30, arranged especially for the men's chorus. The ladies will rehearse this evening at 7 p. m. There will be no further rehearsal of the chorus gentlemen until Monday evening. Any who on account of sickness have been unable to attend regularly can avail themselves of private rehearsals by arranging with Miss Kelly, Bell phone Red 1682.

## ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS

Island City, March 5—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. William Kennard, of Portland are at the Garret Van Blockland home. There were called here last Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kennard's nephew at Elgin. Miss Neat Hunter visited at North Powder last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. McLeod has received 11 members of the church as the result of the recent meetings held in the Union Church.

A number of Island City people will attend the Schuman-Heink concert at Baker City next Wednesday night.

The Alerts met with their teacher, Mrs. Ed Kiddle last Friday night. After the business session a social hour was indulged in and light refreshments were served.

A cabinet meeting of the of the Young People's Society will meet tonight.



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Notice is hereby given that Adolph Lauer, of La Grande, Oregon, who on January 3d, 1905, made Homestead Entry No. 14038, Serial No. 04336 for SE 1-4 NE 1-4, E 1-2 SE 1-4 Sec. 17, NE 1-4 NE 1-4, Section 20 Township 4 South, Range 38 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
John Shilling, Jr.  
Henry J. Rehen.  
James Shilling.  
Fred Pohrman, all of La Grande, Oregon.

F. C. BRAMWELL  
Register

### Bargains in Real Estate.

No. 1.—157 acres Sandridge land, near Imbler; a good five room house, barn and other out buildings. 10 acres good orchard of which 8 is in good bearing; 30 acres in fall wheat, 10 acres in hay, balance all good grain or potato land, all under good fence, one mile from the town of Imbler, 1-2 mile from school. About \$1000.00 worth of nearly new household goods and farm implements goes with the place. Price \$16,956. Easy terms.

No. 2.—60 acres, 7 miles from La Grande. Good new 5-room house, good barn and other outbuildings. Two good living springs, and a stream of water for irrigation; all under good cultivation. R. F. D. by the door. Telephone line. Price \$6,000.00.

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