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LAMENTABLE SPECULATION

Athletics, like politics, need constant reformation. Never was this more vividly true in the Pacific northwest than right now—not in the moral aspect alone but also in the physical. The time is past when schools develop several "good" athletes. Today the school that turns out the champion team is the one that cuts successful capers in the big meets. Look to Whitman where Cooke of Ellensburg won 18 points. Ellensburg had one other man who was able to sneak in and win a third, but otherwise it was Cooke alone who did the winning. Baker City had its Beers who in the weights made a remarkable showing at Whitman. Lewiston had its Shaw, and Watsburg its Watson, and so on. The desire to win is to blame and in the anxiety to score first place the rank and file of male attendance at the high schools is overlooked by the coach in his crazed, feverish and entirely wrong inclination to win meets.

The school that endeavors to develop several good men and neglects to perfect a veritable star is out of the running first and last. The results are manifold but two of the most damaging are the ill effects on the male element of the schools through slack and careless and even neglectful training except in the instance of the lone star who, by the way, is overtrained, and secondly, there will be a constant dwindling of recruits for coaches and trainers to work with.

As athletics approach such high stages of ability as they have this year, new rules and regulations are becoming necessary. The time is rapidly approaching when meet managements must, if they would maintain the morals of track and field sports which at the present writing are cleaner than all others, provide new means and new requirements. Until the middle distances are run as are the sprints, there will never be fair and just races won in this day when extreme speed is common and not exceptional. A panacea for this would be to make the runners compete through lanes. The mile run does not need this remedy but until this is done the middle distance race will never be competed for "on the square."

SPOKANE COMES OUT OF IT.

After a long fight the city council of Spokane has decided to let new railroads enter that city without forcing the terminal rate matter.

We admired the spirit of the council in this fight, but they were wrong from the beginning. A railroad is not a local institution and it is governed by general conditions. Quite often a railroad needs a thorough trouncing about ever so often in order that people may get justice, but to attempt to force a transcontinental line into a business agreement such as the city council of Spokane demanded was out of the question.

Spokane, La Grande and other interior towns will get some relief rates caused by water competition. There is reason to believe the interior towns will get some relief from the Interstate Commerce Commission, and that is the only leg we can hope to hang our hat upon.

Now that Spokane has come out of her pipe dream, railroad building will continue and that city will continue to enjoy the prestige of being a railroad center.

HEARST'S INJURED FEELINGS

The greatest newspaper joke of the season is the libel suit just instituted against Marse Henry Watterson of the Courier-Journal by William Randolph Hearst, the man of yellow journal fame.

Hearst has taken exception to an editorial and a news item appearing in Watterson's paper relative to the grilling Gaynor gave Hearst. And William Randolph Hearst is a man who has injured feelings. Think of that.

In all probability Marse Henry has not taken such a good laugh in many days as he did when the sheriff served him with legal notification that the suit has been brought.

OH, PSYCH.

The next subject for debate between the high schools of Elgin and La Grande is "Resolved, what kind of soap is the best for washing lettuce." Another favorite subject for debate is, "Resolved, Which would you rather be accidentally shot for, a deer or a bear?"

The theatre trust is busted in the northwest. This does not mean that theatres will become cheaper or that the prices of shows will drop. But it does mean that a few men in New York will not be able to control the best talent of the country and make slaves of actors, at the same time forcing people to take what the trust sees fit to give.

So successful was the demonstration train sent out by the O. R. & N. company that it now announces it will start out the second train to cover Washington points. We know of nothing that was ever put on wheels which imparted so much valuable information in so short a time as did the demonstration train that was sent into Eastern Oregon.

When Tom Richardson arrives in Union and Wallowa counties, let us give him the best reception he has ever had in Eastern Oregon, which means that La Grande, Elgin and Union can pool their different brands of enthusiasm and make a blend that will be very palatable to the man who boosts both day and night.

Washington state will probably have a hanging when Gohl is convicted of murder, as he surely will be. And hanging is none too good for Gohl and criminals of his kind.

A striking resemblance exists between Henry Solon Graves the new chief forester and State Senator Hart

of Baker county. Both are solons, too, by the way.

Roosevelt has been made a Ph. D. by King Frederick's university. Col. Roosevelt has now as many titles as some men have lodge pass words to remember.

Albany commercial club has done notably good work this year.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of La Grande City, up to and including No. 8066, endorsed Dec. 17, 1908.

Interest on all warrants on General Fund from No. 7939 to No. 8066 inclusive, ceases from this date.

La Grande, Oregon, May 4th, 1910.
RAY W. LOCAN,
City Treasurer.

Call For Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the County Clerk of Union County, Oregon will receive sealed bids for the purchase of one hundred cords of 3 foot, eight inch yellow pine or red fir wood to be delivered and piled in the basement of the Court House, at La Grande, Oregon. Said bids to be filed with the County Clerk of Union County, Oregon, on or before 12 o'clock m., June the first, 1910. The County Clerk reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

5-9-10 ED WRIGHT, Clerk.

Sale of House Plants.

The semi-annual sale of all kinds of house plants, including ferns, begins Wednesday, May 11, and will continue through the week at Mrs. M. Anthony's, 1606 6th street.

BORN—Near Alicel, May 9, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webster, an 8 pound girl.

SAYINGS OF TWAIN.

Some Extracts From the Books That Made Him Famous.

The late Samuel Langhorne Clemens was considered the best known American man of letters. Often he was referred to as the "dean of American literature." He was known far beyond the boundaries where English is spoken as the greatest humorist using that tongue. If not actually the greatest humorist and satirist living. His famous telegram to a newspaper publishing a report of his death when happily it was untrue has been quoted and re-quoted almost everywhere. "The report of my death," he wired, "is greatly exaggerated." Here are some extracts from his famous books:

There is one remark which never yet has failed to disgust these (Italian) guides. After they have exhausted their enthusiasm pointing out to us and praising the beauties of some ancient bronze image or broken-legged statue we look at it stupidly and in



We always like to meet with Mrs. Brown. She has the coziest home there is in town. A "homey" kind of home, you know, a place

Where you can sit and sort of rest your face.

I know of houses govtawd so with style. That when you enter you put on a smile—A sort of social shine, as you might say. So that you'll harmonize and be an fait. But oh, how dreadful tired I should get if I should train forever with that set. No, give me Mrs. Brown—whose happy

Can just lounge down and rest, and rest, and rest.

Her rooms are low and broad, and quiet green—That restful green, and all the pictures lean

At comfortable angles, and you chat in low and cozy tones—and there's a cat. Of course a cat, that yawns there in the sun. A picture of content, like everyone. Then Mrs. Brown brings out her dainty set of tea things, and we know that we shall get

The very nicest, dearest cup of tea—'Tis CHASE & SANBORN'S brand, you know, and we have all of us been using it 'round town. It's always safe to copy Mrs. Brown.

For Sale by

Snodgrass

silence for five, ten, fifteen minutes—as long as we can hold out, in fact—and then ask:

"Is he dead?" That conquers the serene of them.—"Innocents Abroad."

It don't make no difference whether you do right or wrong, a person's conscience ain't got no sense and just goes for him anyway. If I had a yaller dog that didn't know no more than a person's conscience does I would poison him. It takes up more room than all the rest of a person's insides and ain't no good nohow.—"Huckleberry Finn."

The tomb of Adam! How touching it was, here in a land of strangers far away from home and friends and all who cared for me, thus to discover the grave of a blood relation—true, a distant one, but still a relation. The unerring instinct of nature thrilled its recognition. The fountain of my filial affection was stirred to its profoundest depths, and I gave way to tumultuous emotion. I leaned upon a pillar and burst into tears.—"Innocents Abroad."

Persons attempting to find a motive in this narrative will be prosecuted; persons attempting to find a moral in it will be banished; persons attempting to find a plot in it will be shot.—Preface to "Huckleberry Finn."

I didn't laugh—I am always thankful for that—but the strain ruptured every cartilage in me, and for weeks afterward I could hear my bones creak when I walked.—From "A Yankee at the Court of King Arthur."

I left my rheumatism there. Baden, Baden is welcome to it. It was little, but it was all I had to give. I should have liked to leave something more catching, but it was not in my power.—From a letter from Baden-Baden.

George Washington couldn't tell a lie. I can, but I won't.

I wouldn't give a cent to hear Ingersoll on Moses, but I'd give \$10 to hear Moses on Ingersoll.

If a lot of us aren't smarter than we look the fool killer is due to have nervous prostration.

Any girl knows you are a splendid fellow if you have told her that she is so unusual.

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35 tent, size 10 x 14; stable tents 80 x 60, 30 x 80 and 60 x 30; two stoves and two ranges; pick axes, shovels, crowbars, hammers, several fine cross cut saws, pack saddles, lanterns and all kinds of kitchen utensils, 2 forges with anvils, a big lot of rope, drill and rock hammers; 2 breaking plows, one cement plow for working in gravel, one butcher shop outfit, plumbing tools, bed quilts and blankets, ten tons of hay, 50 ponds of ochre, gentle horse, buggy and harness.

John Wilson

One door east of Cherry's Laundry

Improve Your Home
At Small Expense

Nothing will give your home that homelike appearance or improve its appearance at a small cost like a few pretty draperies and curtains. No matter how elaborate the building, it seems barren without a few draperies.

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