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## WHY "ARGIFY?"

It was Maude Adams, the talented actress, who said, "Why argify?" and really she made quite an utterance at that. We have been thinking of Miss Adams question since reading Dr. Seeman's communication last evening relative to local option and the general conditions that surround liquor selling in a community that voted "dry."

There would be much more pleasure if the people who are lining up for prohibition would have some one other than a minister of a church come to the front in the Forum column, for the ordinary man has such profound respect for the House of God and men who preach the gospel that he does not feel like entering into a heated controversy with ministers as he would with the business man.

We have always tried to follow this rule of our own regarding ministers. When we disagree with them and cannot see things as they do, we have invariably tried to overlook that feature and find something about the man who preaches the gospel that we can and do admire. That is true with Dr. Seeman. We cannot agree with his statements and claims for alleged prohibition because we do not think they prove out satisfactorily, but this does not keep us from admiring in many ways this man of the church.

Just why ministers feel that they are called upon to act as leaders in a local option contest is something we have never been able to understand, but they do it.

In Dr. Seeman's article last evening some rather strong statements were made, one containing some little irony regarding the editor of The Observer. It mentioned, with a tinge of sarcasm, the fact that the editor of this paper came from Baker City. The doctor also knew at the time that we also came from prohibition Kansas where we spent a quarter of a century and had opportunity to observe the ineffectiveness of the alleged prohibition measure that he is striving to carry in Oregon. And speaking of Baker City, do you know that as strict a saloon regulation as exists on the coast today is carried on in Baker City? Do you know that boys cannot buy liquor in Baker? That saloons close exactly as ordered? That Sundays are really dry days in Baker? These are undisputed facts.

Would not that condition be much better in La Grande than what we have? We think so, and while we do

not expect Dr. Seeman to agree with us, we can assure him that there is a great big, earnest, honest element of Union county citizenship that does agree. There is an element of law-abiding, and many of them church-going people, who feel that regulation will accomplish better results than the measure so enthusiastically advocated by Dr. Seeman under which La Grande has been living for two years.

It does not matter a great deal what the editor of this paper may advise, and with all due respect to the Doctor, it makes but little difference what he may advise, for the people of Union county are basing their judgment on what they see and know to be facts.

They are not in anyway satisfied, and the Doctor knows what happens in an election when there is unrest and dissatisfaction. This was demonstrated in the primary election Saturday when Congressman Ellis met defeat. There is unrest in the country and the people wanted a change. There is unrest in Union county and a change is demanded by the voters. And when that change comes, when regulation is once established, we want to say to one and all that it will be regulation, and men who sell liquor will do so according to the most rigid rules. You can enforce regulation where you cannot enforce prohibition.

## WHAT THE ELECTION TEACHES.

Briefly stated the primary election of Saturday teaches that Oregon has the smoothest and foxiest democratic party that ever entered an election booth. True, Jay Bowerman won the gubernatorial nomination but it was through his strong personality. Many other nominations plainly indicate the shrewd work of democracy. It is time that every man who wants the republican party to continue in Oregon, to take a firm stand and see that he is not whirled off his feet by democracy. The name democracy means little in this state for the workings of the party can be found under different names. It lurks on every side and from appearances it has caught many in its meshes.

The fight in November is for Bowerman and the ticket named. If those who opposed Bowerman for nomination see fit to continue the fight to polls, naturally Bowerman men will feel like retreating and through it all democratic leaders will sit on the fence and laugh a hearty laugh. This is a time when republicans can make good, or they can be captured body, soul and spurs by the democratic donkey.

Which shall it be?

Remember, all business is suspended in Union county next week while the fair is in progress. It is time for neighbors to meet and admire the great and glorious country they live in—a sort of old fashioned experience meeting when everyone tells of his crops and what is best to do to raise bigger ones. We hope Bob Withycombe, of the experiment station, will be on hand with his display, for it is worth a lot for home folks to see what is raised on land around Union.

The contest between Barrett and Wilson for joint senator is extremely interesting and exciting. Unlike many candidates, they could neither tell what happened Saturday or Sunday or Monday. Today will tell the story

and it is a horse race with Wilson in the lead one minute and Barrett the next. The official count of Union county is going on this afternoon which will name the senator.

Every arrangement is being made to have the greatest fair in Union county this year ever held in Eastern Oregon. Citizens of the county are taking an interest that spells success, and they will be here with good live stock, fine grain, hay and vegetables. Besides, the ladies are entering into the spirit and have arranged for exhibits of fine fancy work and cooking.

PUBLIC WEDDING  
ASSUREDUNION COUNTY COUPLE ACCEPTS  
FAIR'S OFFER.Fifty Dollar Prize Will Be Awarded  
During Fair Week to Happy Duo.

A public marriage during the coming county fair in this city has become an assured fact for the offer of a \$50 cash prize by the fair association has been accepted. There is to be no burlesque about the matter; it will be a legal marriage enacted under solemn circumstances and with all the dignity and solemnity that the occasion would create in a private wedding. A local pastor, yet to be selected, will tie the nuptial knot. The couple which has accepted the offer belongs in Union county and is not to be made public at this time. However, both the parties have signified their intention of being married as per requirements of the fair board, and the guests at the fair during that particular hour will have the pleasure of witnessing a public wedding.

## Exhibits in Early.

Again the fair committee asks that the exhibits be in before Wednesday noon. Clerks will be on hand Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon to receive and care for all exhibits and the management will flatly refuse to accept exhibits after Wednesday noon.

## Two Special Trains.

A special train will be run from Union on Friday and from Elgin on Thursday. Details for the excursions will be worked out when the La Grande delegation goes to Enterprise next Thursday. By the way a large crowd is going to make that trip and the commercial club is out rounding up even more than first planned so that La Grande will be well represented on La Grande day at the Enterprise fair which opened Saturday noon.

## Wedding Wednesday Night.

Late this afternoon it was announced that the public wedding will take place at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. The La Grande band will play the wedding march.

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## POWERFUL HINDOO PRINCE.

Gaekwar of Baroda. Who Will Again  
Visit the United States.

His highness Sir Sayaji Roali, the Gaekwar of Baroda, India, with her highness the maharani, will again visit the United States in a short time, thus fulfilling a promise made on his visit to Washington four years ago.

The maharajah, considered the owner of the greatest number of jewels in the world, is one of the most powerful princes of India, although he acknowledges British sovereignty. He will be escorted by one of the secretaries of the British embassy while in Washington, and only on account of mourning will Ambassador Bryce forego the customary entertainments in his honor.

Owing to his caste, the mark of which is visible in the center of his forehead, the maharajah will not con-



GAEKWAR OF BARODA.

verse with newspaper men, but consents to give fifteen minute interviews through his secretary.

The Gaekwar of Baroda was entertained by President Roosevelt on his previous visit to Washington, which was made for the purpose of studying agriculture and fisheries. He took back with him an expert from the department of agriculture. His second visit will last six months.

The Gaekwar has entertained numbers of Americans at his palace at Baroda. He speaks English fluently and has frequently expressed his admiration for American women as the most attractive in the world. Next to the nizam of Hyderabad, the Gaekwar is the most powerful native ruler in India. He was born in 1863 and succeeded to the title in 1875.

## FAMOUS SHARPSHOOTER.

Late G. H. Chase Believed He Killed  
Forty-two Confederates in a Day.

George H. Chase of Roxbury, Mass., known as "Old Seth," one of the most famous sharpshooters of the civil war, who died recently at the age of seventy-six, was a member of Berdan's sharpshooters and is believed to have killed more Confederates than any other man in the war.

At the battle of Gaines' Mill he fired forty-two shots in one day, and he believed each shot counted. Once he picked off a squad of the enemy firing a cannon. He kept at his work until one by one he had dropped the gunners and the big gun was silenced.

At the battle of Yorktown he had a special pass, signed by Generals McClellan and Fitz-John Porter, allowing him to pass anywhere along the lines where he might best see the opportunity to carry on his work. At New Bridge, on the Chickahominy, when the enemy was making it difficult to throw bridges across the stream, General Martindale ordered him to wade into the stream to his waist to check this interference. He obeyed orders, but the long exposure to the water injured one of his legs, and he had to go to the hospital.

At that time he lost his thirty-two pound telescope rifle, on which he had a notch for every man he believed he had killed. When he got to Washington he was introduced to Secretary of War Stanton, who gave him another telescope rifle. Mr. Chase during the war won the name of being the best long distance shot in Colonel Berdan's regiment, not excepting the colonel himself.

## New Model Aeroplane Contest.

M. P. Talmage, an amateur aeronaut, has given a silver cup to be awarded the boy whose model aeroplane is three times successful in a series of model aeroplane flights under the auspices of the West Side Young Men's Christian association, 313 West Fifty-seventh street, New York. The model must be of such design that a real man carrying machine could be built from its design, and models must rise from the floor under their own power and must be made by the entrant.

## TRIUMPHS OF CURTISS.

Career of the Famous Aviator in Air  
Navigation.

Years of study and patience in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles have gained for Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, his success as an inventor and aviator. He has made record after record in the air. Few men have taken the risks Curtiss has, few men have sailed as many miles through the air, and few men have met with so few accidents. Only once was Curtiss near death while flying a biplane. That was at Rheims, in France, when he was preparing for aviation week. In a practice flight a leak was sprung in the gasoline tank, and his aeroplane swooped to the ground. For several days Curtiss walked with a cane.

Curtiss won his greatest success at the international aviation meeting in Rheims. He also won the admiration of his foreign rivals at the meet. Curtiss flew for the title of champion aviator of the world at Rheims on Aug. 28, 1909, when he won the Coupe Internationale d'Aviation. In a biplane invented by himself he made two rounds of the ten kilometer course, a distance of 12.42 miles, in 15 minutes and 50.35 seconds. This was at the rate of forty-seven miles an hour. It was a great victory for America, and Frenchmen complimented Curtiss on his wonderful feat.

Before Curtiss went to Rheims he made many flights over Hempstead plains at Mineola, N. Y. These flights were sensational, for Curtiss established record after record. His first important flight was made at Mineola on July 16, 1909, when he was in the air twenty minutes and forty seconds, the best American record up to that time. The following day Curtiss tried again for a record, and this time he stayed up fifty-two minutes and forty seconds, setting another American record and coming within twenty-two minutes of the Wrights' record.

It has been Curtiss' knowledge of the gasoline engine that has been the greatest aid to him in perfecting the aeroplane. Curtiss, who is not yet forty years old, took an interest in gasoline engines when he was but a boy at his home in Hammondsport, N. Y., where he conceived the idea of putting a motor on a bicycle to aid him in climbing the village streets. His idea was successful, and the machine he built became the wonder of the countryside. He has since built engines for dirigible airships, for submarine boats, for motorboats and for aeroplanes.

It was in the dirigible airship of Thomas F. Baldwin that Curtiss first became known as an aeronaut. In June, 1907, he established a world's record in one of Baldwin's airships at Hammondsport. Baldwin piloted the airship while Curtiss tended the motor. The airship attained a speed of more than twenty miles an hour.

It was a little more than three years ago that Curtiss began building motors for aeroplanes. The June Bug, built at Hammondsport, was one of the first biplanes to gain serious attention in the United States. It was a wonderful thing when the June Bug, navigated by Curtiss, flew a few hundred feet, and a sensation was made when, on July 4, 1908, Curtiss won the \$2,500 Scientific American trophy by covering a mile in better than 1 minute 45 seconds. Curtiss gave the first public exhibition in America in an aeroplane.

Curtiss has made flights in many of the leading American cities. His conscientious efforts to fly whenever it has been possible won him hosts of friends. The inventor has often risked his life rather than disappoint the spectators at aviation meetings. When he was flying at Hempstead plains he once went up in a fog in which he could not see ten feet ahead of him.

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