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THE HOLDUP MAN STILL WITH US.

The frightful murder that was committed last night in the little rural settlement of Haines when Ed McCullough, a saloon keeper of that village, was killed by holdup men, recalls to mind the stern and undisputable fact that the criminal is with us no matter how high a state civilization may reach.

Haines is one of the last places where one would think a capital crime should be committed. The desire for a few unearned dollars on the part of the holdup men caused them to select any spot which came handy for their crooked work. Evidently they belong to that class of criminals who carry out their bluff, for McCullough showed signs of fight when held up and the shooting followed.

There is no reason, even though it is one of the worst crimes, for anyone to scream, "oh, the wild and woolly west," for the same kind of crimes are committed in the effete east in proportion to the dense population. Every day the exhibit sheet of crime in larger cities proves the words of Clarence Darrow when he said, "there is always crime and so long as poverty exists and the love of man for woman exists there will be crime."

A murder of the nature of last night's event is a fearful thing and every part of the law's machinery should and will be set at work to catch the guilty parties. But do not forget that in large centers of population such crimes are more numerous than in sparsely settled sections like Eastern Oregon.

The Imbler fruit growers have perfected an organization. This has long been overdue but is better late than later. Imbler people begin to realize that a fruit zone can never come into its own no matter how good the produce unless it is organized under rigid rules. The Northwest has a splendid example of what brains and executive ability does by viewing

Hood river. The apples produced there are good, but no better than the apples produced in the Grande Ronde valley. The secret of Hood River's great success is the marketing of the crop. They know how to pack apples and they will not stand for any slack work in that department. When Imbler gets her association to work under regulations it is quite likely similar steps will be taken, all of which will mean increased value to the apple crop.

THE HOME MADE GOODS

No community ever made any money by sending out for any article that was produced within borders. This is an old law of trade and advancement, and must not be overlooked in La Grande's case. There are a number of factories here and the way to get more is to stand by the ones we have. True, they could not exist with merely the trade of one city the size of La Grande, but the home trade is a wonderful help and is an asset that can be figured upon.

The loyalty to home made goods should increase here. It means a great deal more than appears on the face of the transaction.

If you have a sore spot on La Grande would it not be well to take a few days off and visit other cities of the Northwest of similar size. Our guess is that you will return abundantly satisfied with La Grande—the dividend payer.

Since the Legislature has adjourned Salem has begun to contemplate how much can be picked from the visitors to the state fair next fall.

AMERICA UNITED AGAINST EUROPE

(Minneapolis Tribune)

European disappointment with reciprocity between Canada and the United States is not confined to the conservatives, imperialists and protectionists of Great Britain. It is keenly felt and loudly expressed in Germany and we shall doubtless hear of it in other countries later.

The feeling is singularly akin to that which was manifested on the continent of Europe during and after our war with Spain. Germany in particular seems to view the approaching understanding with Canada in the same spirit of impotent jealousy and covetousness with which it regarded our involuntary and reluctant acquisition of the Philippine Islands.

There is nothing strange about this, because the reciprocity agreement counters upon painful and elaborate European commercial diplomacy as the rude lifting of Spain's colonial empire by the United States countered upon the political diplomacy of Europe. All the commercial and industrial nations have been intriguing to take advantage of the friction between Canada and Great Britain over imperial preference and between Canada and the United States over reciprocity.

Just so you will see outsiders hanging on the edge of a warm family dispute, tempting a neglected child or a cousin imposed upon to break family ties and cast in her lot with the stranger. When Great Britain refused to sacrifice the substance of the Islands to the shadow of imperial greatness by preferential tariffs, France and Germany vied in tempting

Canada with special concessions.

When the monstrous maximum of the Cannon-Aldrich bill put upon the president the unpleasant duty of raising tariffs against Canada, both Germany and France intrigued to widen the breach and made composition impossible, while offering their own markets to Canada on liberal terms.

It must have been in the burst of inspiration that led him to escape this dilemma by what Charles I would have called dispensing with the law and what the colonel would have called "doing it anyhow" that President Taft caught his first clear vision of the bold stroke for commercial union of the American against the European continent.

DEFEATING DISEASE.

(Pittsburg Times)

The vigorous campaign against disease which has been waged by public and private agencies during the past few years has yielded results that should encourage still greater efforts. Almost daily reports of the winning battles are received. The latest comes from New York City's registrar of records, who says that 13,000 more persons would have died in that city last year if the average death rate for the period from 1900 to 1910 had prevailed. The diminution in the number of deaths from tuberculosis and pneumonia was especially noticeable and it was against these diseases that the bureau of health had been particularly active. While some of the agents of the bureau of health have been going about the city preaching the gospel of fresh air, others have joined with the tenement house commissioners in seeing that landlords provided the means of ventilation. Thousands of rooms that were previously with windows have been given light and air. It is not surprising that the deaths from foul air diseases should have diminished. Another gratifying feature of the report relates to infantile diseases. It is asserted that the work of the bureau was responsible for the saving of 6000 children under five years of age.

There is no question that aggressive, well-managed departments of health such as those of Pittsburg and the state of Pennsylvania are worth far more than they cost. We are coming to learn that there are few diseases that are not preventable. Campaigns of education conducted by the authorities have taught the public how it may protect itself against tuberculosis and pneumonia and typhoid. The proverb says a man is either a fool or a physician at the age of forty. People are generally coming to appreciate the numerous common sense methods of warding off disease, and with the knowledge which it power are ably seconding the efforts of the medical experts in their behalf.

THE REAL WOMAN MOVEMENT.

(Ohio State Journal)

Mary Johnson, the author of "To Have and to Hold," made an address for woman suffrage the other day, in which she said:

"Behind the general woman movement are vast forces and currents. My own conviction is that perhaps the deepest current is the eugenic current. I believe that nature wishes a chance for the superhuman, and that woman is to be her chief instrument. That is, that woman's demand for political as well as natural rights is in the interest of race improvement—to make better men, intellectually, morally, physically and to help nature in the attainment of the highest possibilities of man's destiny.

This is a high aim, undoubtedly, and commends the women's movement, if that is one of the forces or currents behind it. There is certainly needed a steady uplift of the intellectual and physical status of the people, and there is not the least doubt that the women are better calculated to serve this purpose than the men are. For its purity, aspiration, mental and physical health the race must depend, probably, for the larger part of the achievement, upon the women.

If this eugenic current works itself effectively as suggested by Mary Johnson, it will do more good in promoting the political hopes of the women than any other influences.

"THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY."

Herbert A. Alkins.

Herbert Austin Alkins, who has a wide reputation in educational and scientific circles, was born in Toronto, Ont., March 1, 1867, and received his education at Toronto university and Yale university. After leaving the

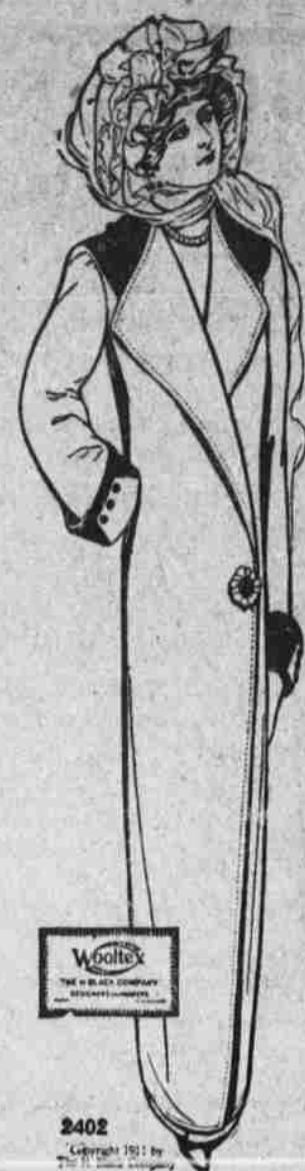
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latter institution he joined the faculty of the University of Southern California in 1888. Two years later he returned to Yale as a lecturer on the history of philosophy. In 1891 he became professor of logic and philosophy in Trinity College, North Carolina, which position he resigned two years later to accept the chair of philosophy in the College for Women at Western Reserve University. Professor Alkins is the author of several well known college text-books and numerous papers on psychological and philosophical subjects.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

March 1.

- 1654—John Haynes, first governor of Connecticut colony, died in Hartford. Born in England in 1594.
- 1790—Act ordering a United States census passed by congress.
- 1803—Ohio began its state government.
- 1811—Massacre of the Mamelukes at Cairo.
- 1818—Jared Irwin, fourth governor of Georgia, died. Born in North Carolina in 1750.
- 1825—John Brooks, eleventh governor of Massachusetts, died. Born May 31, 1752.
- 1845—The president approved a bill for the annexation of Texas.
- 1854—New York, Newfoundland, London Telegraph Company organized by Cyrus Field.
- 1861—Gen. Twiggs, who had surrendered the government property in Texas, expelled from the United States army.
- 1862—Flight at Pittsburg Landing between two Union gunboats and a Confederate battery.
- 1867—Nebraska proclaimed a state by the president.
- 1910—Marshal Hermes Fonseca elected president of Brazil.

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