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PASSING OF A NOBLE WOMAN.

Today Mrs. Marie DeWitt Snodgrass who died Saturday, was laid to rest. Many friends of years' standing turned out to pay their last respects to this good woman. Good woman we say, yes, one of the best the world has ever produced. She was an Oregon pioneer—a woman who never worried over the smaller things of life. She belonged to that sturdy class of humanity which has made homes in forests, conquered the wild of the west and made deserts blossom as the rose. Deceased was the mother of 11 children, and this alone tells the story of a sainted mother. She was the wife of W. J. Snodgrass, who, when living, was without doubt one of the strongest characters in the west. He took part in all public matters and the position he occupied on such questions was frequently determined by the close counsel of his life companion. Mrs. Snodgrass spent her life occupying the place of the good American mother. There was little of the dramatic in the nature, always choosing to do good without letting the world know of it. Her children were her joy, and to their credit be it said, they made the closing years of her life very happy.

It is but natural for the aged to pass to the great beyond, but when a splendid woman like Mrs. Snodgrass is called the entire community stops and pays tribute to the merit that long years of constant right-doing justifies.

RAILROADS ACCEPT THE VERDICT

Accepting the verdict of the Interstate Commerce commission the railroads of the west have established a stand that will not in any way react to their detriment. Railroads corporations are quite different from what they were a few years ago regarding governmental affairs. It has not been long since railroads went boldly before the people and made fights for certain officials with the full knowl-

edge they were to receive a little the best of the legislative deal. Not so any more. What little hand railroads take in politics is now done under the most secret cover and with extreme caution.

So far as rates are concerned doubtless the roads will see a smaller net earning for a while, but not much at that. The general public is not going to continue enforcement of any measure that throws railroads into a receiver's hands. We all saw what it meant to have receivers for railroads in 1890 and 1893, and there is not an individual who will welcome a return of that unfortunate period.

But the people do demand a closer relationship with the transportation lines. There is a general feeling that this is coming about and under the most favorable circumstances. Many railroad companies openly admit that rates need adjusting—that in a great many instances they know they are charging too much and in some cases too little. The great problem seems to have been to find the expert that could determine an equality of freight rates. The Interstate Commerce commission is making a trial of that job. But that commission is composed of men who are subject to error and there must be several trials before the rates are adjusted in a manner that seems as near correct as possible.

The city of Union has settled its location for a high school by choosing the site selected by the school board, namely the old court house. This has been a nasty little fight and now it is sincerely hoped that harmony will mark the future acts of the people who populate one of the best locations in the Grande Ronde valley.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BACHELORHOOD.

(Ohio State Journal.)
That decision of a Georgia court that a man has no legal right to demand that his wife perform household duties may, unless overruled by a higher court, have a potent influence in encouraging bachelorhood in that state.

In the case at issue, the wife insisted on following lines of business entirely outside the usual routine of women's lives. The husband wanted his meals cooked, his floors swept, his stockings darned, and other ordinary household duties performed. The wife refused to attend to such things.

The husband decided to "have the law on her." But the judge decided that the law was "on" the man. The learned court held that the woman was under no legal obligations to perform the duties demanded and that she was at liberty to follow any line of respectable business she might choose.

For the satisfaction of Georgia bachelors contemplating matrimony, the defeated party in this case should carry the matter to the higher courts.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

Amarillo is the latest city in Texas to adopt the commission plan of government.

Kansas City has already begun its fight for the Democratic national convention for 1912.

Luke Lea, the new United States senator from Tennessee is barely past the age limit of 30 years which the constitution imposes upon senators.

Francis Pendleton, the new judge of the supreme court of New York, is a son of the late George H. Pendleton,

United States senator from Ohio.

The new United States senate will be composed of 41 democrats, 38 "regular" republicans and 13 "insurgent" republicans.

John D. Works of California is the oldest among the new members of the United States senate. He was born in Indiana 64 years ago this month.

The withdrawal of Mayor Head of Louisville has left ex-Senator McCree and William Addams, of Cynthiana, the only avowed candidates for the democratic gubernatorial nomination in Kentucky.

Former Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, who has been regarded as the leader of the Bryan democracy in Ohio, has given his friends to understand that he will support Governor Harmon for president.

Jas. A. Reed, the new United States senator from Missouri, was born in Ohio and lived several years in Iowa before locating in Kansas City, where he began his public career as a prosecuting attorney.

The woman suffrage parade in New York city next month is planned to exceed anything of the kind ever given in the United States. The evolution of woman from the sedan chair days to the present athletic age will be shown in the procession.

James E. Magline, the new United States senator from New Jersey, is of French extraction on his father's and German ancestry on his mother's side. Senator Martine's wife is the granddaughter of the late Jacob Lorillard, the founder of the family which has made millions out of the tobacco industry in America.

The 14 lawyers picked out to compose the democratic end of the ways and means committee in the Sixty-second congress are divided between the north and south as follows: From the south—Oscar W. Underwood, Alabama; Choice B. Randall, Texas; William G. Brantley, Georgia; Dorsey W. Shackelford, Missouri; Ollie M. James, Kentucky; Claude Kitchin, North Carolina and Cordell Hull, Tennessee. From the north—Francis Burton Harrison, New York; Lincoln Dixon, Indiana; Henry T. Rainey, Illinois; Winfield S. Hammond, Minnesota; William Hughes, New Jersey; Andrew J. Peters, Massachusetts, and A. Mitchell Palmer, Pennsylvania.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.
March 7th.

- 1638—The Portsmouth covenant signed.
- 1707—Stephen Hopkins, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, from Rhode Island, born. Died July 13, 1785.
- 1791—Gen. Henry Knox Craig, a noted soldier of three wars, born at Fort Pittsburg. Died in Washington, D. C. Dec. 7, 1869.
- 1792—The Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture incorporated.
- 1849—Jacob Collamer, of New York, became Postmaster General of the United States.
- 1850—Congressman Champ Clark, of Missouri, born in Anderson county Kentucky.
- 1865—New Brunswick rejected the plan of Confederation.
- 1902—Lord Methuen, of the British army wounded and taken prisoner by the Boers.
- 1905—Albert M. Palmer, noted theatrical manager, died in New York city. Born in Stonington, Connecticut, July 27, 1838.

"THIS IS MY 51ST BIRTHDAY."

Alexander G. MacKay.
Alexander G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition in the Ontario legislature, was born in Sydenham, Ont., March 7, 1860, and received his education at Toronto university. After leaving the university he taught school for several years. After three years' practice he was appointed crown attorney, a position which he held until his election to the legislature in 1902. As a member of the Opposition Mr. MacKay soon became a leading figure and in 1907 he was chosen to succeed Hon. G. P. Graham as the leader of the conservative party in the legislature. In addition to his law practice and his official duties he has found time to assist in the promotion and development of numerous industrial and financial enterprises in Ontario. He has also taken an active interest in educational matters and in the development of the Canadian militia.

In Sweden the printers have decided to start a new feature in the financial part of trade unionism. This is a strike guarantee fund.

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