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THE ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR.

Elsewhere in the Observer it will be noticed that the stockholders of the Fair association are planning a meeting and a banquet at which time directors are to be elected.

There is this about the county fair: It is a lot of work and little thanks for success but bitter criticism if it should be a failure. Most people will immediately say: "Not for me; I want nothing of that sort." Possibly that is the right spirit, but more likely it is not. La Grande and Union county have reached a point where there is a public load to carry and it is up to the citizens to carry that load. Such events as county fairs are essential to the welfare and success of the community. No one enjoys the work attached in the making, but all point with pride to a successful undertaking of this kind.

At the meeting Friday night there should be a large and an enthusiastic welcome. It means a great deal to the valley and every man's success here depends wholly upon the advancement of the community. Remember this, no community ever stands still. It must advance or go backward, and in order to make this community go forward every person must do his part.

If Burns has caught the men who dynamited the Los Angeles Times building, or men who had anything whatever to do with the fearful crime would it not be well to suspend the rules and make their trial one of marked thoroughness with no chance for delay in the courts. A crime of this nature is so intensely disgraceful that the punishment should be swift and certain.

Judge Wolverton has decided in favor of the government regarding large land possessions held by the Southern Pacific in Oregon. Gradually it will be seen that those who have for a half century held Oregon's wealth as a reserve fund are being forced to let loose, which means that the old state is going to soon be what she is entitled to be—the most active state in the union.

The O. A. C. ball last night was a credit to La Grande's society, a credit to the splendid college and a credit to the individuals who were behind the event. Such occasions where well dressed and well behaved men and women mingle force the opinion that La Grande is reaching that enviable size described only with the one word, city.

One bible sold for $50,000 the other day, and yet there is a bible in almost every home that receives mighty little attention. These bibles contain the same story that the high priced volume contains. Was it curiosity that prompted the high price?

Portland is much elated over the fate that a society belle of that city introduced the new "anklet" in Seattle. Extremities are frequently resorted to by Portland to get ahead of her rival city.

WHAT IS MUCKERISM?

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

Dr. David Starr Jordan has put the ban on baseball at Leland Stanford university because the students at the last game he saw were guilty of what he calls "systematic muckerism." Just what "muckerism" happens to be is not quite clear, but it sounds opprobrious whether qualified or not by the word "systematic."

It may be that California students are addicted to "muckerism" and know when they are muckering and when they are simply skidoodling, but college students elsewhere and the public generally do not know the difference. By phological analysis we may gather what Dr. Jordan is driving at, but invective and epithet are not very effective if one has to go to the dictionary to find out what one's detractors are saying about one. Muck means a particularly odious character of mud and from this we may conclude that a mucker is something like the common variety of mud-slinger. Muckerism becomes the practice of mud-slinging and as used at baseball games, means probably abuse of the umpire and the visiting players. "Systematic muckerism" then, likely means an organized effort to disconcert the other side by calling them boneheads, robbers, pirates, dirty ballplayers and all the terms of opprobrium in the riotous vocabulary of the rooter.

This practice, as marking college athletics, means ungentlemanly and unsportsmanlike conduct. If that was what he meant why didn't Dr. Jordan say so instead of coining a phrase which defeats its purpose by its suggestion of priggishness in the author?

THE LAW OF THE SEA.

(Montgomery Advertiser.

The marine underwriters put a premium on the element of luck. The steamer Iroquois went down near Sydney, B. C., recently. The steamer was not only lost, but several lives were lost with it when it sank. The captain of that vessel violated an unwritten law when he went ashore to get aid for the passengers he left aboard and the vessel went down while he was gone. A captain under that law must be the last person to leave his doomed vessel. The career of the captain of the Iroquois as a sea captain is ended. Passenger steamer Republic some months ago was rammed by an Italian liner. The investigation showed that no blame could be attached to the captain of the Republic but the Republic sank. The captain of the Republic lost his vessel, and in so doing violated the unwritten law of the sea; his career, too, is ended as a sea captain. On the other hand, Captain Peterson of the German steamer Princess Irene, will continue as a captain, although his vessel went ashore on the sand of Long Island, but as vessel was pulled off. The owners lost nothing and no lives were lost.

The underwriters follow the policy of Napoleon. Napoleon contended that he could not stand up for the unlucky man. The man who failed was not the man that Napoleon trusted. He refused to take the chances against luck.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

April 26.

1711—David Hume, celebrated historian and political emonomist, born in Edinburg. Died there, Aug. 25, 1776.
1782—Queen Marie Amelia, consort of Louis Philippe of France, born. Died March 24, 1866.
1831—Imprisonment for debt abolished in the state of New York.
1834—Charles Farrar Browne ("Artemus Ward"), famous humorist, born in Waterford, Me. Died in England, March 6, 1867.
1854—England observed a fast day on account of the war with Russia.
1865—J. Wilkes Booth shot and his accomplice Harrold captured in a farm house.
1880—Alexander MacKenzie resigned the leadership of the liberal party in Canada.
1906—The Canadian club of Toronto entertain Andrew Carnegie.
1910—Bjornstjerne Jjoornson, famous novelist, playwright and poet, died in Paris. Born in Osterdalen, Norway, Dec. 8, 1832.

"THIS IS MY 47TH BIRTHDAY."

Aylmer B. Hunt.

Aylmer Byron Hunt, member of the Dominion house of commons, was born in Bury, Quebec, April 26, 1864, and received his education in the schools of his native place. Beginning business as a carriage maker and lumber dealer he accumulated a considerable fortune which was largely increased through successful speculations in timber lands. Early in his career Mr. Hunt took an active interest in politics and public affairs, and in 1900 he was the Liberal candidate for the Quebec legislature, but was unsuccessful. Four years later he was elected to the lower house of the Dominion parliament, but the following year the election was annulled. In the bye-election and also in the general election of 1908 Mr. Hunt was again a candidate and in both elections he was successful.

W. P. MEN TALK STRIKE.

Firemen, Engineer and Switchmen Talk Strike at Salt Lake.

Salt Lake, April 26.—A general strike of firemen, engineers and switchmen on the Western Pacific is threatened. They recently demanded a wage increase, and were refused.

Weds Son of Former Senator.

Allenhurst, N. J., April 26.—The wedding of Miss Pauline Stoutenbargh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dodd Stoutenbarg of Newark, and George Doane Smith, son of ex-United States Senator James Smith, Jr., took place today at Fairholme, the summer residence of the bride's parents.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, March 27th, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Frank E. Stilwell, whose post-office address is La Grande, Oregon, did no the 24th day of October, 1910, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application No. 08632, to purchase the NE 1-4, Section 7, Township 4 South, Range 37 East, Willamette, Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, at $560.00, the timber estimated 320,000 board feet at $1.00 per M, and the land $240.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 22nd day of June, 1911, before the Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before the entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

Wk—Mar. 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the Estate of John H. Post, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union, his final account as such executor and that the County Court has fixed Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1911, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the County Court room in the court house at La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any objections which may be made to said final account, and for the final settlement thereof.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, on this March 13th, 1911.

H. P. LEWIS,
Executor.