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LA GRANDE LED, AS USUAL.

At the present time considerable interest is displayed throughout the western country in aviation, and it is with no small amount of pride that La Grande announces to the outside country a successful flight first of all the interior cities from Portland to Boise.

WATCH MR. BRYAN.

This talk of Woodrow Wilson or Judson Harmon grabbing the democratic national convention is not very heavy. Each man is showing some strength, but there is a strength far superior to theirs which will be in evidence at that convention. It is the strength of Mr. Bryan.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

The second annual Chautauquan assembly is drawing to a close and its closing will mark another successful attempt at holding such a gathering in Union county.

A perplexing question of what to do with women who will be called to serve as jurors with men when the Spokane county superior court convenes next September, is one of the vexing problems confronting the five members of the bench.

tangles presented by these possible situations: If 12 women are selected to try a case and six disagree from the other six. If four women decide they are right in a civil action and six men jurors hold opposite views.

Relating to service of jurors in the superior court the law adopted by the legislature of 1911, says: "Any women desiring to be excused from jury service may claim exemption by signing a written or printed notice thereof and returning same to the sheriff before the date of appearance, and if exemption is claimed by reason of sex, no fee shall be allowed for her appearance."

"THIS IS MY 50TH BIRTHDAY."

George W. Morris, Representative George W. Norris, of the Fifth Nebraska district, who is one of the conspicuous leaders among the insurgent republicans in the house was born on a farm in Sandusky, Ohio, July 11, 1861.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- July 11. 1609—Champlain discovered the lake which bears his name. 1708—English and allies under the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene defeated the French besiegers at Oudenarde, Belgium. 1767—John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States, born in Quincy, Mass. Died in Washington, D. C., Feb. 23, 1848. 1814—A British fleet captured Eastport, Me. 1843—Fremont's expedition sighted Pike's Peak, Colorado. 1864—The confederates threatened Washington, D. C. 1896—Sir Wilfrid Laurier became the premier of Canada. 1898—Gen. Miles arrived at the American headquarters in Cuba. 1908—Battleship South Carolina was launched at Philadelphia. 1910—The vatican protested against the matter of religious orders in Spain.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

They Go Into Particulars in High Life in England. In this country, when the contracting parties to a marriage desire to inform the public of the event, you will see inserted in the proper column a little notice like this: "Brown-Smith, Married on Saturday, March 4, at St. Joseph's church, Mary Smith to William Brown."

the Back-Cellar, Man's Nose, Grantley, Gertrude Maude Beatrice Constance, daughter of Grantville Neville Bollingbroke Bongappers, Esq., L. P., M. P., T. S. P. Q., W. P. N., of Bareknees Briary, Cholmondeley Chairbones, Somerset, to Harold St. John Evermont Straggsby, K. C. B., R. B. A., L. G. J., and T. E. C., late of the Fourteenth Royal lancers, of Pumpnicle Priory and Stonehenge and Stickle-neck Lodge, St. Christopher's Under-the-Hedge, Mumblepeg, Hartford.—Everybody's Magazine.

ORGIES IN NEW GUINEA.

Wild and Bloody Scenes When the Natives Get Intoxicated. Of the unpleasant drinking customs of certain nations in New Guinea Walter Goodfellow writes: "We did not find the people down by the coast nearly so tractable or companionable as those at the headwaters of the river. They were also much more quarrelsome among themselves. They tap a species of sugar palm up the river and make fermented drink out of it. On this they get fearfully intoxicated, and wild orgies take place all day. Parties of them would go off in canoes and sit under the palms from which the drink was obtained. In the morning they would return extremely drunk, and fights used to be the result."

Wanted to Make Sure.

Under ordinary conditions he was a man of prominence, but as he ascended the steps of his residence very early in the morning it was very evident that he desired to be as much otherwise as possible. The caddy was lingering near by to see that his charge was safely disposed of for the night. The door opened before the man on the steps could get the key to work, and he was greeted with the question, "Henry, where have you been?"

Holes in Everything.

It is held by more than one high authority that matter is neither continuous nor homogeneous. Thomson showed by an experiment that hydrogen can be passed into a vacuum tube through an incandescent platinum window. In a similar way sodium passes through glass, and this is a useful fact in the manufacture of vacuum tubes, because sodium can be passed into the tube to absorb the residual oxygen.

Got His Dose Later.

Mr. Courtney (differently)—I had the blues awfully when I came here tonight, Miss Fisher, but they are all gone now. You are as good as medicine. Miss Fisher's Little Brother—Yes; father himself says she'll be a drug on the market if she doesn't catch on to some fellow soon.

Quit Voluntarily.

"My good man, how did you happen to be thrown out of work?" "I got out," replied Henry Wombat, with dignity. "I didn't want to be thrown out."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Brutal Advice.

Miss Passée—Can you tell me of a good way to keep my hair from falling out? Miss Pert—Yes; put it on tighter.—Baltimore American.

Patience, persistence and power to do are only acquired by work.—Holland.

A RISING FINANCIER.

He Has the Right Idea and the Nerve if He Can Only Work Them. The old man was perched upon a high stool, figuring up the day's sales of dry goods, groceries and hardware, when his son came in with a check. "Say, pop," exclaimed the young man, "if I can buy a \$300 horse for \$150, will you take a chattel mortgage on him and help me out with the cash?" "What kind of a horse, my son?" inquired the father curiously.

West's Mid-Season Clearance Sale

A Sacrifice of All Summer Mdse

All men's clothing Reduced 25 per cent. Not one suit in our entire stock reserved. You will save \$5.00 to \$7.50 if you buy your suit during this sale.

LADIES DRESSES and LONG COATS Reduced 25%. See them in our window. Largest assortment in Eastern Oregon for you to select from.

Ladies Suits. One lot of 60 fine tailored ladies' suits exactly One half Price. Wooltex suits reduced 25 per cent to 50 per cent.



Half price sale of Millinery. Our entire exclusive millinery stock, of tailored, trimmed and pattern Hats at exactly one half price.

All Summer Parasols reduced 20%. Entire line of leather hand bags reduced 25 per cent.

Summer Wash Silks at sacrifice prices during this Clearance Sale.

Boys Clothes. Our entire line reduced 25 per cent.

Ladies Skirts at greatly reduced prices during this sale. Prices \$2.90, \$3.90, \$4.90 and \$5.50 for values worth twice the price. Summer Dress Goods. All figured lawns, batistes, and white waistings reduced 25 per cent.

All Oxfords, "Both Ladies, Men's and Childrens red ced.

N. K. WEST, The Quality Store

"Boy, four years old, sixteen hands high, weighs a thousand pounds and is sound in mind, limb and bottom." "That sounds good to me, my son, and I want to do all I can to help you along in the world." And he reached down into the safe for his roll. "How much do you want?" "A hundred and forty-nine fifty."

"The old man gasped and caught hold of the desk. "What?" he exclaimed. "A hundred and forty-nine fifty I've got half a dollar." Slowly the old man shoved the roll back into the safe. "My son," he said softly, "you are wasting time trading hosses. What you ought to do is to go into the loan and trust business."—W. J. Lampton in Lippincott's.

Ice in Persia. The fact that ice is plentiful and cheap makes living in Persia more pleasant than it would otherwise be, and the fact that it can be obtained at all is indicative of the ingenuity of the people of the country. The ground is so porous that water percolates through quickly. There are therefore few rivers or lakes from which ice can be obtained, and it is seldom so cold in any part of Persia that ice of a thickness suitable for packing would form under the direct rays of the sun. The Persian obtains his ice by making a shallow pool and building a high wall which will protect it from the sun. A thin layer of ice will form. This he floods at night with water, and so he goes on adding inch to inch until he can cut a block of considerable thickness.—Los Angeles Times.

Ruth St. Denis has been engaged for a season on a roof garden in New York. Mary Garden has sailed for Europe, but will return in the fall. While abroad she will sing in opera in Paris.

Clara Lipman is to star next season under the direction of Werba & Luescher in a play called "It Depends on the Woman." The play is by Miss Lipman herself and Samuel Shipman and is a story of the stage.

Old Friends and New

Winning permanent, lasting friends is the work of time, and this bank numbers among its clients hundreds of banks and business houses with whom it has had close relations for a great part of the twenty-four years of its existence. Our friends have helped to make this one of the largest and strongest banks in the West. We have helped in their making, too. We welcome new friends and will attend to their wants with the same fidelity which has cemented our relations with our older ones.

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