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OREGON DEVELOPERS COMING IN 1912.

La Grande triumphed at the Astoria Development Congress because she deserved to excel. The centrally located point geographically and as per railroad map as well, the center of a varied industry that needs exploitation through this same development congress, possessed of good facilities to entertain guests and has, one might say par excellence in every item that goes to draw a development congress. Now, it is not going to be the great masses that will flock to La Grande on that occasion which will make the event noteworthy; the attendance will not run up to more than 200 at the best. It is the quality and type of men who will come that makes it singular in many respects of a supreme importance to La Grande in every respect. Between now and then a whole lot of work will devote itself on La Grande Commercial club members, but these are comparatively small things which the world at large will hear nothing of. It is what great, big, strong, influential men of Oregon and the Northwest will say that will cut the real ice, and the nubbin of the whole convention, as far as La Grande individually is concerned, is enshrined in the speeches that warrant dispensation over the press telegraph wires to all the papers of the country. When the Hills, Elliott, Gray, Fenton and a half other big men talk, newspapers everywhere want to tell of it, and it is doubtful if La Grande will get as many headlines in metropolitan papers from now until then as it will during the three days the convention is here. Really, when analyzed, it amounts to a whole lot, does this convention La Grande won.

THE PRICE IS TOO GREAT.

Women and children clubbed and trampled under foot in the crazed struggle for a few paltry dollars. Think of it: Fathers killed, brothers maimed, mothers beaten insensible, children's skulls fractured as the prices of defeat or victory by the striking workmen of Liverpool and London. The prize can never be

worth the price. Remotely located, it is hard to establish beyond a question of doubt if the laboring classes are justified in the fight insofar as it pertains to a walkout. Probably they are and maybe they are not. As long as life isn't jeopardized and sacrificed, the cause may be sufficient, but when martyrs must offer up their lives for dollars, then it has gone too far. When the situation assumes the proportion that bloodshed is imminent, then it is the duty of employer and employee to negotiate a final conclusion by arbitration, or at least peaceful walkouts. Firm, well thought out legislation should govern the situation. The day is past when it becomes obligatory on any person or persons to give up his life for pecuniary benefits to fellow man. It may not be the fault of employer or the employer, individually, that these things come to pass, but certainly is blamable to both elements. It is greedy desire to retain a dollar on the one hand, a complicated semi-necessary stimulant on the other hand, that brings such terrible conditions into reality.

ASTRONOMY NEEDED

Last night the planets Mars and Saturn came extremely near together, when they passed each other so closely that only 21 minutes of an arc intervene. There is to be no grand spectacle, or anything particularly awe inspiring, but the incident is a simple one and one that any child can understand. The two planets were so close together than to the naked eye they appear as a bright double star. Mars passed north of Saturn.

In this connection let us say that astronomy is too little taught in the public schools. A few years ago only the advanced curricula contained them. Consequently a great army of people who otherwise have had a fair education in their day know absolutely nothing about the celestial secrets. Where one man can intelligently discuss the planets, stars, moon's "habits" and a hundred other commonplace astronomical topics, there are hundreds who do not know their A. B. C. about the subject.

At any rate, the skies being clear it needed no astronomical education to glance at the unusual feat of Mars and Saturn at such close proximity.

Militant suffragettes who are fasting this week by refraining from flowers, ice cream and candy, will do more towards doctoring up their own constitutions than they will help their western sisters' cause in the fight for the ballot. It would do a whole lot of women good to play at padlocking their purses for the betterment of their sisters. The tonic to the participants will be lasting.

If some people spent as much energy in assisting to build up their community as they do in finding fault and tearing down the work of others, they would stand higher in the estimation of their neighbors.

They Always Succeed.

There has never been an unsuccessful exposition west of the Rockies. The San Diego exposition promises to be the most interesting and successful, considering the money outlay, ever held anywhere.

SCOTT'S NAME GIVEN CONGRESS

OREGONIAN EDITOR HAS NOT ACCEPTED JOB.

United States Marshalship in Oregon May Be Taken by Editor. Washington, Aug. 17.—President Taft today nominated Leslie Scott, of Portland as United States marshal for Oregon.

Scott Undecided.

Portland, Aug. 17.—Mr. Scott, who is a son of the late Harvey Scott, editor of the Oregonian, said this afternoon he did not know whether he would accept the job which he said was unsolicited, but was offered by Lafferty and Hawley.

Red Men Oppose Indians.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 17.—Officials and members of Spokane Comanche and Iroquois tribes of the Improved Order of Red Men, are feverishly on the warpath over the recommendation credited to George B. Griggs of Minneapolis, Great Inchoonee, that native Indians should be admitted to membership in the organization. They are planning to organize a strong delegation on the reservation of Washington and in neighboring states to protest against such action at the great council the coming fall. They declare that the purpose of the order is not to preserve the traditions and romances of the native Indian, but to promote fraternity among the members, saying also that the constitution provides specifically that the applicant must be a white person and citizen of the United States. W. D. Shearer, sachem of the Spokane tribe, thinks that the tribesmen in the Pacific and Northwestern states will enter such a protest that Great Inchoonee Griggs will be glad of the opportunity to drop the recommendation, declaring also that they will fight to the end.

Official Spanker Advocated.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 17.—Judge E. H. Sullivan, dean of the Spokane county superior court, advocates the appointment of an official spanker as an official of the juvenile department, where he is presiding this term. "I would have the spanking done in open court by a man competent to do the work," Judge Sullivan said. "There would be no necessity for severity, but just to inflict sufficient punishment to teach the offender a lesson. Once having come in contact with the official spanker I do not think the youngster would return to the juvenile court very soon. There is nothing done by sending children to correctional institutions, except in serious cases, hence I am of the opinion that an official spanker would be the most practical way to handle some of the juvenile delinquents. There are several offenses for which we are at a loss to decide upon the proper punishment, but I do not believe we would make a mistake by resorting to the old-fashioned method of spanking. After two weeks' experience in this court I believe it is the right thing."

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there now exists a vacancy in the office of the city scavenger and applications for the filling of this office will be received at the office of the city recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon, until August 30th, 1911.

By order of the city council, August 16th, 1911.

C. M. HUMPHREYS,
City Recorder.

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Thirteen states have boiler inspection laws and 14 officially inspect bakery shops.

Seattle Recall Petition Filed.

Seattle, Aug. 17.—Charles Houston, general manager of the Pacific Coast Coal company is at liberty today on \$2,500 bail. He was arrested for conspiring with Bullock and Jarvis to criminally defraud the government by conspiring to raise the price of coal delivered in Alaska.

Col. Roosevelt a Grandpa.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—Former President Roosevelt is a grandfather. This morning a girl was born to the wife of Teddy Junior. Both mother and child are doing well.

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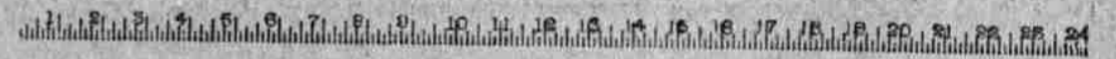
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