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WORLD GLIMPSE.

At last the tardy Manchus have relinquished the throne they have uninterruptedly held in China since 1644. It seems now they have reached a very poor sort of settlement for the national security. The remaining Manchus are to be retained within the borders of the nation and paid a pension of \$2,000,000 annually. Just as sure as two and two are four, just so sure there will trouble endless come from such compromise, unless otherwise arranged. The world is yet to hear of some settlement between the two Chinese factions now holding the reins, viz: Yuan Shi Kai and Dr. Sun Yat Sen. The old dragon is not yet dead and his writhings may still send trouble like the unrest of the giant Poseidon of the Greek fairy tales.

The Moroccan question is causing some internal stirrings in France. Mons. Callaux the premier, has been superseded by Mons. Poincare. The

cause is that the former is charged with being privy to secret negotiations favoring German interests in that African land, and that he was even doing so in such surreptitious manner as to have his designs and deeds veiled from the French ambassador at Berlin.

The indisputable fact of the matter is that African soils look good to the European neighbors and Italy, Spain, France and Germany all would like a generous slice of the northern shoulder of the "dark continent." The swarming hives of the over-populated states in Europe demand an outlet in some direction.

Twenty-seven years ago General (Chinese) Gordon was mercilessly murdered at Khartoum in the Egyptian Sudan whither he was sent by his government to subdue the Mahdi, the mad Mullah that was instigating a "holy war" against the infidel English. Now the English church has built a cathedral there and only last week a coterie of ecclesiastical dignitaries dedicated the structure. The Presbyterians have also built a college there; and this makes Kipling say in one of his poems when representing a Mohammedan speaking of the queer actions of the British: "He utterly carpets the earth with the dead, But before the cannons cool, He gathers their children by twos and threes And marches them off to school."

"Hang him today and enthrone his memory tomorrow" has been reversed by the blood-thirsty citizens of Guayaquil, Ecuador. Last November they proclaimed Gen. Montara president. Last week they hanged him, beheaded his body and then burned the remains. The Quito soldiers are victorious to date. In that region no one can say what the day may bring forth. It may be anarchy, government, rebellion, slaughter, or the enthronement of the semblance of law and order. One has to watch the daily columns of the journals for his posting.

In the minds of some who are now called restless dreamers, there is to be no more settled peace until the American flag floats over all the lands between the Arctic and the Antarctic oceans on the western continent; and that is to be the flag of Uncle Sam.

The Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada, has been visiting in New York and elsewhere in the United States and has survived the democratic ordeal of being jostled and bumped into by the throngs of animated Americans just as if he were made of the same blood as ordinary mortals. And, the wonder of it all is, he reached home safe! This gentleman (American definition of the word) is the only surviving son of the late Queen Victoria and seems a man who really loves to dip into the popular sea for this visit was one entirely unofficial and he delighted to go about the streets unknown to the masses. He is evidently doing a little "slumming" on his own hook by thus mixing with us republicans.

It is in order now for the socialists to declare that Clarence Darrow, un-

der indictment in Los Angeles, is not guilty of the charge against his name. The awful accusation is that he took the money the honest and faithful unions all over the land were sending him and used it for bribing jurymen to assist him clear the McNamaras whom he says he knew were guilty. Is he a socialist, an anarchist or a paid detective of the Pinkerton brand? According to the illogical luminary in the high school building last Monday evening he has to be one of the three. These agitators remind one of the story told of the Hibernian who landed in America and was asked by a zealous friend:

"Are ye fer the guvverment or fer'nist it?"
"Have yez a guvverment in this country?"

"Begorra, yis."
"Then, Oim fernist it ivery toime."
To be sure this does not represent the Irish in general, but this particular one only. But it does seem to represent the socialist every time.

Our severe January thaw has wrought havoc with sewer-building for the time being. In some places there will have to be an almost entire re-digging of the ditches. The longer they stand in this freeze-and-thaw night-by night weather the more they cave in. When completed, though, few cities can boast a better system.

IT WAS A "GET-TOGETHER" MEETING.

There was something doing in La Grande last evening; something that is of the deepest concern and interest to this community; something that promises to enlarge and make better the best city in the Eastern Oregon country.

La Grande people met in a body and partook of an excellent banquet, talked over present conditions and entered into what may be expected in the future if everyone will do his part in carrying the community load. It was one of those good time occasions which does one's soul good to attend—an occasion that did not smack of commercialism, but on the other hand carried with it the oldtime hospitality, the good cheer, the fellowship of this community in a way that forced a realization on everyone that La Grande is and will continue to be the central city in a great country.

Every word uttered at this banquet carried with it the upbuilding spirit, and the intense desire to have the city and country co-operate was very pronounced. Several farmers of the Grande Ronde valley were present and they added greatly to the importance of the gathering. Secretary Coolidge firmly and loyally announced to every farmer of the Grande Ronde the wish of this city to meet the country in a cooperative way and extended to them the most cordial kind of a welcome to everything that La Grande has or does.

M. B. Donohue, of the George Palmer Lumber company, advanced a good idea when he suggested that a meeting similar to the one of last evening be held at least every three months. It will do a world of good and cause the people of La Grande to know each other better—which is one of the most essential features in building a community.

TALENT IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

On the first page of the Observer this evening is a well executed comic cartoon of Col. F. S. Ivanhoe, prosecuting attorney of this district. It was drawn by Charles Runyan of Wallowa county who happened into the court room when Col. Ivanhoe was waxing eloquent in the prosecution of a state case. That the cartoon carries with it a decided likeness of the colonel besides telling a story of his individuality that many of his life long friends could not have done, goes without saying.

But the point we want to make is that talent, like gold in the desert, is where you find it. Few people would believe that over in Wallowa county there lived a cartoonist, whose originality and genius really puts him close to Homer Davenport in production, yet such is true.

Were Charley Runyan to enter the cartoonist field on a metropolitan paper, it would be but a very short time until the oldest resident of Wallowa county would proudly boast that Runyan hailed from that community.

THE VISIT OF L. A. LEWIS.

Yesterday L. A. Lewis, of the wholesale firm of Allen & Lewis of Port-

To The People of La Grande NOTICE!

The Elite Theatre

... OPENS ...

Saturday Night, February 3rd

The One Independent Theatre In The Grande Ronde District

We can, and will show you the best there is in the moving picture business. Why is this? Listen! Competition is the soul of business, but when a monopoly exists and is backed by a huge trust which says "You must take what we give you and don't you dare to accept anything else under penalty of our displeasure and a possible forfeiture of your license" it is time to ask a reasonable public whether they desire this condition of things to continue.

Up to present date the moving picture loving people of La Grande have been debarred the pleasure of seeing many beautiful films released from the "independent" firms of film makers by reason of the injunction placed upon the managers of houses running so-called "licensed" films, that the "TRUST" license would be cancelled if they, the "licensed exhibitors" dared to reproduce any picture which did not emanate from their own exchange.

This condition of things is over as far as La Grande is concerned. The ELITE opens on Saturday night with a program of films selected by the MANAGEMENT OF THE ELITE THEATRE and which will be a pleasing change from the oft recurring sameness of pictures seen at the licensed houses. Understand, this is an "independent" house and will be run independent of any trust or combine which may attempt to compel the repertoire of the house to be in accord with their absolute dictation. NO other house in La Grande can show the "Pendleton Roundup," "The Fall of Troy," "The Delhi Durbar," "1,000 Elephants," etc., etc., some of the greatest reproductions ever created because the "TRUST" will not allow them to show. Gaumont, the greatest film manufacturer in the world, has gone "INDEPENDENT."

We Can, And Will Reproduce Them

Watch out for our programs in the daily press. From time to time we will have the best obtainable and don't forget we always have something good. GET THE NAME ALL RIGHT?

"ELITE"

The theatre of independent films and modern methods.

PROPRIETOR ROBERT HERKERMER

Arcade Theatre

"THE LONG STRIKE". S. & A.
Scenes laid around an immense factory on Chicago's waterfront. A stirring dramatic story.

"CAUGHT WITH THE GODS" Biograph
The favorite Biograph sleuths in a very amusing comedy.

"BROWN OF HARVARD"... Selig
An adaptation from popular stage production of the same name. A very commendable picture.

"THE SUBSTITUTE" Lubin
The heroine in this picture will strongly appeal to all. She handle a locomotive like a veteran engineer. Climbs a telegraph pole like a lineman and saves the day.

"A MIXUP IN RAINCOATS" Biograph
Brown gets the wrong coat. His wife finds a note in it. "What Happened to Brown."

Mr. Williams in latest illustrated song.

A Working Capital of Over \$215,000 00 Inspires Confidence in This Bank

The stability of this institution, The substantial men behind it, Its reputation for progressiveness, Its large loaning capacity, Its spirit of accommodation, have attracted customers whose deposits aggregate over \$700,000.00.

Promote your interests by allying yourself as a depositor with this strong and successful institution.

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON.
CAPITAL \$ 100,000.00
SURPLUS 115,000.00
RESOURCES 1,000,000.00

United States Depository

After a Cold Auto Ride

what could be more comforting or exhilarating than a nice cup of Hot Chocolate, which you will always find ready at this season of the year at our Soda counter? We give it to you pure and cheering, full of that goodness and nutriment so peculiar to the best quality of Chocolate. It is a food, drink and medicine all combined, at low cost.



Selder's - La Grande

will give instant relief and keep the child from choking until the arrival of the physician.

Get a 50 cent bottle of HYOMEI today and in case of an attack of croup pour 20 drops into a kitchen bowl of boiling water. Hold the child's head over the bowl so that it can breathe the soothing, penetrating vapor that arises. In the meantime send for a physician.

This treatment has saved the lives of many children and is a precaution that all parents should promptly take.

HYOMEI is sold by the Newlin Drug company and druggists everywhere and is guaranteed for croup, catarrh, asthma and bronchitis.

President Hedges of the Brown has taken offices on the 13th floor of a building in St. Louis. Teasing God is risky stuff at any time, but before the season opens, it's enough.

land, paid a visit to La Grande that proved to be of extraordinary importance to this city. He had two missions—one being to consult with J. D. McKennon and F. A. Harmon on the proposed irrigation plan, and the other to close up negotiations which have been pending relative to establishing a wholesale grocery house in La Grande.

It is with considerable satisfaction that the Observer announces to its readers that both of these undertakings are now well under way. The irrigation plan, which is to use flood waters of the Grande Ronde river to irrigate several hundred acres of land in the valley, has passed preliminary stages and work will be commenced at once on the physical plant. Mr. Lewis is one of the chief owners of this enterprise.

CROUP ENDS LIFE.

Many Children Die of Croup Every Year Before a Doctor Can Be Summoned.

Parents of children should be prepared at all times for a spasm of croup.

Keep in the house a remedy that