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### WORLD MOVEMENT

#### Troubled Mexico.

The ship of state in Mexico seems in straits. No one knows who is the ruler or if there is one in the country at all. Orozco appears to be the temporal head, and he has just had a lesson in diplomacy from Uncle Sam whose mail he has been opening. Now, the old gentleman is very particular as to the privacy of his correspondence, and may larrup the peon boss if things like that continue very far. They are planning to raise ten millions of revenue by direct taxation of "liquor and other luxuries" according to the wording of the latest dispatches.

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#### Clara Barton.

Death, the king of Terrors, had a great inning last week in the calling of notable Americans. The first was Miss Clara Barton, known as widely and in as great esteem as Florence Nightingale. Both were engaged in the same sort of altruism, the assisting of the victims of the battle fields. The services of the latter were Eur-

open exclusively, while those of the former were world-wide. Miss Barton was the founder of the noble and notable Red Cross movement whereby the hospital field corps were protected at all times when on duty; their simple insignia being a red cross on the left arm above the elbow. The man who fires on a person so marked is by international law subjected to severe punishment.

#### General F. D. Grant

The next victory of the universal enemy of all races was Frederick D. Grant, son of the illustrious "silent" Gen. U. S. Grant of civil war fame. His father's name gave him prestige as a beginning, but he won faithful spurs of his own variously. He died at the age of 62, the year net that catches most men who pass the semi-centennial line. The South loved him.

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#### The Titanic.

Surely the death-story in this case is without precedent in the annals of history. In broad daylight, wide awake, what scenes of indescribable agony must the hopeless passengers and crew exhibited as they crowded nearer and nearer to the upper side of the fast sloping deck awaiting the certain plunge of the greatest, but dying leviathan of the deep. Men, a few women, possibly some children, multimillionaires, miserable as paupers, priceless jewels, princely possessions, all indiscriminately and inextricably blended in the awful catastrophe!

Hear Lord Byron's song:

Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, roll!  
Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain;

Man marks the earth with ruin; his control  
Stops with the shore; upon the watery plain

The wrecks are all thy deed; nor doth remain  
A shadow of man ravage, save his own,

When for a moment, like a drop of rain  
He sinks into thy depths with bubbling groan,

Without a grave, unknelt, uncoffined and unknown.

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#### Masonic Cemetery.

When will there be a decent road from Fourth street to the cemetery? It now requires four good horses to haul a load of sorrowing humanity through that bog falsely named a street.

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#### Chinese Oaths.

In their courts of justice the Chinese, who have no one particular god, have a custom whereby they decapitate a chicken or break a dish. To the uninitiated American onlooker it seems a heathen joke. It is not so funny as it seems. Its intent is one of terror. It is understood by the witness about to testify that if he tells an untruth his life is to be forfeited like that of the cock, or to be ruined as was the dish. It has much more solemnity than some of our oath-taking people attach to theirs. A judge in Portland has just this week decided that there shall be no more chickens beheaded in his court, and that the American custom of swearing witnesses shall obtain.

#### Wedding Fees.

It would do your liver good some

day to hear the ministers and the justices of the peace tell their experience with the (sometimes) callow folks who attempt to settle the bill for the tying of the matrimonial knot. We shall not tell all we know nor in this case particularize, but the price for getting married in La Grande actually runs all the way from sortid dollars on the part of the groom to a hearty kiss from the happy bride. When the latter is unctiously and suddenly applied it makes a bashful man blush like King Arthur never was accused of doing.

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#### Comparison.

What a funny world this would be, if everybody was just like me! Impoverished Cuba.

There should be some means taken at once to assist Cuba in their meat famine. It transpired last week that when Secretary Knox was in Cuba he had but little but cold shoulder. Let's ship 'em some good hams, big, heart-sides and strong, fresh hearts. They seem to need them all.

#### Diamonds Galore.

In some oriental countries the belles of fashion ride in their carriages with their naked feet exposed and the reason is that their toes are embellished with diamond rings. How about it now when the bon-ton of the female world begin to wear these precious stones on their shoe heels? How will they display them? Surely they are worn to be seen. No one seems to have set the pace in La Grande yet.

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#### Nasturtiums.

The word nasturtium means "nose-turing" and that is the name of the medicine a lot of Oregonian (la's primary candidates) are taking today if one is to judge by the wry faces on them after the count tonight.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

April 20.

1534—Jacques Cartier sailed from France on his first voyage to the New World.

1657—Spanish fleet vanquished and destroyed in the harbor of Santa Cruz by the English Admiral Blake.

1776—First recorded marriage in Missouri took place in St. Louis.

1808—Napoleon III born. Died Jan. 9, 1873.

1812—George Clinton, vice president of the United States, died in Washington, D. C. Born in Ulster, N. Y., July 26, 1739.

1854—Massachusetts Emigrant Aid society formed to aid emigration to Kansas.

1865—Macon, Ga., occupied by union forces.

### "THIS IS MY 70TH BIRTHDAY."

Cardinal Farley.

John Cardinal Farley, the distinguished New York prelate who was recently elevated to the cardinalate, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, April 20, 1842. He came to the United States before the civil war, and located in New York. In 1866 he graduated from St. John's college, Fordham, and a year or so later Cardinal McCloskey sent him to the American college in Rome to complete his theological studies. He was ordained in Rome, and a year after his return to New York he was appointed secretary to Cardinal McCloskey. In 1884 he was made a Monsignor, and seven years later he was appointed vicar general of the archdiocese of New York. In 1892 he was consecrated an auxiliary bishop, and in 1902 he succeeded Archbishop Corrigan in the archdiocese of New York.

### News Forecast for the Coming Week

Washington, D. C. April 20.—The coming week will afford something of a breathing spell in the hard-fought contests for the presidential nominations. The conventions and primaries to be held will be neither so numerous nor so important as those that have marked the week just closed.

The interest of the Republican politicians will be confined largely to Missouri and Iowa, where State conventions are to be held for the selection of delegates to the national convention at Chicago. The Roosevelt claims appear to be the stronger so far as Missouri is concerned, though the Taft managers are not ready to concede that they have lost the state. In Iowa, the Taft people have strong hopes of winning as a result of the tween Roosevelt and Cummins.

The Republican state and district conventions in Rhode Island will be held Wednesday. The Taft people are in control of the regular party organization and expect to win out in the convention. A different situation exists in New Hampshire, where Tuesday's primaries are expected to determine the complexion of the Republican state convention. Governor Bass, and a strong progressive following in the Granite state are working hard in the Roosevelt interests. Encouragement has been lent to their efforts by the recent Roosevelt victory in the neighboring state of Maine.

In pursuance of a movement initiated by President Taft, representatives of business organizations throughout the country are to meet in Washington Tuesday to discuss plans for the formation of a "national board of trade," which shall have for its object the bringing of business

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### Gideons Want 5,000 Bibles

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 20.—A campaign to raise funds sufficient to purchase of 5,000 Bibles was launched here today at the annual convention of the Michigan Gideons, or association of Christian travelling men. It is proposed to place one of the Bibles in each guest room in every hotel in western Michigan.

### Rummage Sale.

The ladies of St. Peter's Guild will hold their spring Rummage sale in the basement of Honan hall on Thursday and Friday of this week. A lot of new rummage has been secured. 4-20-tf

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