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CALIFORNIAN COMMENDS OB-
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The followink letter from R. F.
Reasoner of Winters' Cal., was recent-
ly received by the Observer:

The Observer is to be congratulated
on its firm stand for the right in poli-
tics.

If the people's will is to be tram-
pled on as it was at Chicago our re-
public becomes a farce.

Roosevelt made many bitter enem-
ies because he endeavored to prose-
cute the corrupt officials; the im-
mense steals of coal, timber and oil
lands, and bring the big interests to
time.

The Pacific Monthly, August, 1907,
tells of his enemies. It says, "Many
of these bosses have their headquar-
ters in the United States senate.

"There are Foraker and Dick, of
Ohio; Elkins and Scott, of West Vir-
ginia; Hale and Frye, of Maine; Gal-
lenger, of New Hampshire; Cullom
and Hopkins, of Illinois; Penrose and
Knox, of Pennsylvania; Lodge and
Crane of Massachusetts; Burrows and
Smith of Michigan; Aldrich of Rhode
Island; Proctor of Vermont; La Fol-
lette, of Wisconsin; Hansbrough, of
North Dakota; Warren and Clark of
Wyoming; Nelson of Minnesota—bos-
ses all, more or less potent, and all
enemies of Roosevelt, with the excep-
tion of Lodge and possibly La Follette.

"As satellites to these bosses . . .
are Perkins and Flint of California;
Piles of Washington; Heyburn of Ida-
ho; Nixon of Nevada; Burkett of Ne-
braska; Kittredge of South Dakota;
Hemenway of Indiana; Depew of
New York; Kean of New Jersey; Car-
ter of Montana, and a few other still
lesser lights of the senate."

It describes the gigantic fight that
Roosevelt had with congress against
fraud. He wanted a million dollars to
prosecute the land frauds, but we
know since then that they gave him
nothing and even took away the sal-
ary of the detectives who found the
fraud. Then came Roosevelt's famous
message, that if congress did not
wish to be investigated they could
have excused themselves and let him
have some money to prosecute the
land frauds, and their famous reply.
"Roosevelt has insulted us."

The big interests to prove that
Roosevelt was a dangerous man, made
the panic of 1907. Harriman shipped
nearly all the money in the west to
New York by paying only in check,
then during the panic he took choice
stocks at panic prices.

As soon as Taft is elected, he ap-
points Fulton of Oregon, who was
Roosevelt's chief enemy in regard to
land fraud and who was under in-
dictment for land frauds, as minister
to China and when they objected, he

Arcade
Theatre

THE CASE OF BLACK HAWK

VAUDEVILLE.

made him federal judge.

R. F. REASONER.

Winters, Calif.

NEW GRAND STAND A BEAUTY.

No longer need La Grande kow tow
to any city outside of Portland in the
state over the matter of a grand stand
from which to view athletic events,
horse races or open air concerts. The
finishing touches are being put on the
new grand stand and the athletic park
and fair grounds and it seats 2,000
very comfortably, or rather will, for
there has been no great tax put on
its capacity yet. There were about
a hundred or two in the grand stand
recently and they looked lost in the
big place. There is a style about the
architecture that is attractive and in-
sures it against wind storms while
every facility looking toward the com-
fort of the audience is provided for.
It might not do any injury to more of
La Grande's population patronizing
the comforts of the place, either sup-
porting the Tri-State league or the
Twilighters.

WEEDS HOLD SWAY IN WALLA
WALLA AND LA GRANDE.

"Weeds—tall, rank, fever-breeding
weeds—have undisputed possession of
more than half of Walla Walla's vac-
ant lots," says the Walla Walla Bul-
letin. "Weeds of all descriptions have
warred with each other all spring and
summer for supremacy, unharrassed
by the scythe."—So they do in La
Grande.

"There is no excuse for this sort of
thing. There is a city ordinance that
requires property owners to keep the
premises clear of weeds, so that no
expense attaches to the city. Many a
sidewalk in Walla Walla is nearly
arched over with rank weeds that
have grown undisturbed since spring,
and parkings and vacant lots give the
city a ragged appearance not at all
in keeping with the well-kept lawns
and parkings of citizens who feel a
sense of responsibility in this matter."
—So they are in La Grande.

There is something radically wrong
with a property owner or tenant who
neglects the grounds around the spot
he calls home. A well-kept lawn ex-
erts a moral influence upon the keep-
er, and tidiness and care in matters
of this kind bespeak habits of order
and steadiness in other matters. Civic
pride alone should stimulate to keep
one's home and property in decent or-
der. If every householder in La
Grande would take this matter to
heart and keep his own property in
presentable condition the city would
present an entirely different appear-
ance and health conditions would be
mightily improved.

"Here's hoping that the numerous
patches of bowing weeds, apparently
contented in their reign, distributing
their malaria-laden pollen with every
breeze, and making a deserted farm-
house back yard at the city's front
door, will be cleaned up and the good
name of Walla Walla redeemed," con-
tinues the Bulletin and ditto the con-
ditions and prayer for La Grande.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- July 23.
- 1785—Saxony, Brandenburg and Han-
over formed the Germanic Al-
liance.
- 1793—Roger Sherman, a signer of the
Declaration of Independence,
died in New Haven, Conn. Born
in Newton, Mass., April 19, 1721.
- 1801—Robert J. Walker, secretary of
the treasury in Polk's cabinet,
born in Northumberland, Pa.
Died in Washington, D. C., Nov.
11, 1869.
- 1829—Ghuznee, one of the strongest
fortresses in Asia, captured by
a British force.
- 1840—Bill for the union of Upper and
Lower Canada received the
sanction of Queen Victoria.
- 1842—The cap-stone of the Bunker
Hill monument was laid.
- 1857—First banking institution in San
Francisco incorporated.
- 1859—Dr. Constantin Hering, who
founded at Allentown, Pa., the
first homeopathic school in the
world, died in Philadelphia.
Born in Germany, Jan. 1, 1800.
- 1855—Gen. U. S. Grant, 18th president
of the United States, died at Mt.
McGregor, N. Y. Born in Clare-
mont county, Ohio, April 27,
1822.
- 1911—Texas voted against state-wide
prohibition.

"THIS IS MY 45TH BIRTHDAY."

Simeon S. Pennewill,
Simeon S. Pennewill, governor of

the state of Delaware, was born in
Greenwood, Del., July 23, 1867. His
education was received in the public
schools of his native town and at the
academy in Wilmington. Aside from
politics, the interests of Governor Pen-
newill have been identified chiefly
with the fruit-growing industry in
Delaware. His public career dates
from 1899, in which year he was elect-
ed to the state senate on the republi-
can ticket. He served in the senate
until 1907 and in 1909 he was elected
to the governorship. He has served
also as president of the state board
of education and as a member of the
state board of agriculture. A brother
of Governor Pennewill, Judge James
P. Pennewill, is chief justice of the
supreme court of Delaware.

POWER OF THE OCTOPUS.

The Force Exerted by Its Formidable
Sucker Lined Arms.

Both the octopus and the cuttlefish
have arms that are clothed with a
formidable array of suckers, which are
wonderful pieces of mechanism. When
the sucker comes into contact with an
object the central piston, having previ-
ously been raised so as to complete-
ly fill the cavity of the sucker, is at
once withdrawn and a perfect vacu-
um produced, explaining the great te-
nacity with which the suckers cling.
They number upward of 100 pairs to
each arm of the octopus, and once they
obtain a grip on the victim, unless the
arm is actually torn away from the
body of the octopus, it is practically
impossible for its prey to disentangle
itself.

In addition to these suckers the octo-
pus has a powerful pair of jaws, shaped
like the beak of a parrot, behind
which is a formidable armor plated
tongue used as a rasping organ. The
octopus will attack and kill crabs and
lobsters of considerable size, ripping
open the body by means of its power-
ful jaws and devouring the contents.
In spite of being a creature of such
awe inspiring looks the octopus has
several enemies in various species of
whales, sharks and conger eels. In
fact, the latter are particularly fond
of devouring the smaller octopuses.

Conger eels hunt for the octopus and
when found proceed to browse on its
limbs. The octopus tries to hug the
slippery, slimy conger tight, but in
vain, and finding its limbs growing
less, discharges its ink in the face of
the foe and under cover of the turbid
water beats a hasty retreat. It is to
escape the too pressing attention of
its foes that the octopus possesses the
power of changing its color to corre-
spond with that of its surroundings.

A BULL RING BEGGAR.

The Intruder Wanted Bread, but He
Got "Thumbs Down."

Sometimes the bullfight in Spain is
used to compel the attention of the
authorities to grievances that would
otherwise go unnoticed, as is seen in
the following incident described by
Harry A. Franck in "Four Months
Afoot in Spain."

"The newcomer will long remember
his first bull—certainly if, as in my
own case, the first banderillero slips
at the moment of thrusting his barbed
darts and is booted like a soccer foot-
ball half around the ring by the snort-
ing animal. Still less shall I forget
the chill that shot through me when,
with the first bull at the height of his
fury, a gaunt and awkward boy of dif-
ficult spring suddenly over the barriers
and shook his ragged blouse a dozen
times in the animal's face. As many
times he escaped a goring by the closest
margin.

"The toreros did not for a moment
lose their heads. Calmly and dex-
terously they maneuvered until one of
them drew the bull off, when another
caught the intruder by the arm and
marched him across the ring to the
shade of the mayor's box. There the
youth, who had taken this means of
gaining an audience, lifted up a
mournful voice and asked for food,
asserting that he was starving—a
statement that seemed by no means
improbable. The response was thumbs
down. But he gained his point, in a
way, for he was given a fortnight in
prison.

"Incidents of the sort had grown so
frequent of late in Seville as to make
necessary a new law, promulgated in
large letters on that day's program.
Printed words in all probability meant
nothing to this neglected son of Se-
ville."

The Uncertain Apple Tree.

An apple tree is the result of a graft
from the tree that is known to be a
producer of a certain kind and flavor
of apples. If the seed were planted
and one relied on it to produce a select
grade of fruit the result would be dis-
appointing for the reason that from
the seed the most remarkable varieties
will be shown. Perhaps they will be
miserable little crabapples or misshap-
en, bitter fruit or a useless conglomerate
of seeds. The seed somehow or other harks
back to its origin, notwithstanding
years of cultivation. The varieties of
apples known today are a result of
careful selection and constant grafting
of the better kind from year to year
until the present development has been
attained.—Harper's.

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MENT.

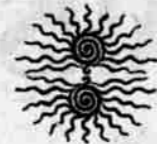
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