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WORLD GLIMPSE.

Russo-Turko-Franco Alliance—

The French premier, Poincaré, has signed the peace pact between France and Russia, and the latter nation is building \$15,000,000 worth of dreadnoughts in the Black Sea. The world will await with some impatience the interpretation of that triangular combination of such diverse powers.

Monroe Doctrine Restated—

Senator Lodge's resolution last week is but a restating of the age-old and universally accepted Monroe Doctrine. England says it is all right, and only to be expected. "All America" is the term accepted by the world of states and is meant to declare that the United States is to see enforced the idea that no monarchy shall establish or be established on American soil north, south or center, American lands and continents have been dedicated to the liberty of the individual and the exercise of the fullest freedom possible.

No American Tolls at Panama.—

Senator Jones struck a chord of popular American resonance when he said this week: "An American canal built by American money needs not to charge toll with American shipping passes through it."

Harriman Double-Trackings—

That the Vale extension of the Harriman system is to be the popular overland route to Portland is the latest bulletin from the executive offices of the managers of that system. Water grade for freight down the Snake and airline across the center of the state for passengers will make the present O. W. R. & N. system from Huntington to the coast a wee bit line for us mountain folk.

A Myriad of Autos in Oregon—

There are now just about ten thousand automobiles registered officially in Oregon. Average them at \$1,250 and there are \$12,500,000 invested.

Upkeep of Machines—

Aside from the first cost of the auto, see the industry created by the upkeep of them. It can be seen to be considerable when a small city like La Grande supports three garages employing from three to six men day and night.

Umbrella Nymphs—

If you want to see the latest accomplishment of the Civic Club go to the High School yard and see the nymphs under the umbrella. Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Schilke, Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Gillilan, Prof. Stout and two or three other "men mortals" assisted the workmen in placing the miniature fountain and walled the foundation with stones preparatory to the putting in of the water-lilies and other aquatic plants. They are talking of planting some aquatic fish there too if they can find any handy.

Indian in Olympic Games—

One of the American winners in the Olympic games recently contested in Sweden is James Thorpe of the Sac and Fox tribe. He won the pentathlon and the decathlon (five-event and ten-event) contests and was pronounced by the Swedish king "the most wonderful athlete in the world."

Swat the Fly—

Better get the swatters ready for although there have been few flies thus far this year, they will be coming pretty soon now.

English Sparrows—

If you have a colony of them roosting near the house, just turn the hose on their roosting place for a few evenings and they will cease stopping there. They take ungentle hints like that.

Obnoxious Weeds—

This is the time to cut the weeds along the sidewalks and on vacant lots because they are fully ripened. Had

they been destroyed earlier the crop for next year would have been quite a loss.

Premium Asters—

Too bad there is to be no aster show this fall. There are some beds of exquisite beauty in town and they have already begun to bloom. The first we have seen are at the court-house. Mr. Batchelor keeps things in fine shape there, a credit to the city. Mr. Sam Deal has the largest display already in bud, some in bloom, and in a few days they will be in perfection.

The Progressives—

There is prejudice in a name. The new political party just launched by the second Chicago convention is a name to conjure by, "The Progressives." The platform is of the sort that pleases Americans because it is radical and hits at the root of what they believe to be evil. Democrats, Republicans and Socialists who are disaffected and displeased with the politics of the "machine" can take refuge and find solace under the aegis of the new pronouncement.

Roosevelt-Johnson—

This is the head of the new ticket which is coming before the voters of the land for their endorsement. Some are laughing, but they look pale immediately afterward. A throb of fear has already pulsated among the followers of the banners of the other parties.

West, the Reformer—

Will Governor West stop when his Huntington campaign against vice and non-enforcement of the laws is over? Do all the mayors of our cities enforce the laws according to their oaths? In some places they do not, for they say "We regard public custom as higher than our sworn obligation."

Life's Humor

Just a very short time since one of our best business men had his new machine out in the Ladd Canyon region. Returning without a load, he was out strictly on a business trip with another man, a lady was seen going a-foot to La Grande. Now none of the many happy-minded men of our city are more gallant in their attentions to the fairer sex than is Mr. Business Man. She was too large to walk far and he instinctively knew it; so did she. She wanted to ride and he wanted her to do so. When fairly seated the machine began to sing a song of high speed; she said "My, but this goes, don't it!" The chauffeur-owner said nothing and only speeded up a little. She was by this time clinging to the back of the seat in front of her, and whispering, "My, I never rode in one of these things before." Occasionally there was an unexpected bump in the road and she had an unexpected contact with the seat she did not know she had left till she found it on returning. "Whew!" said the passenger. Mr. Chauffeur-Business Man only grinned and looked at the gentleman on the seat with him with a twinkle in the tail of his eye. At Grange Hall and elsewhere they turned corners that almost "missed the plate," and otherwise contributed to the entertainment of the lady by giving her the ride of her life. A couple of miles out from town they stopped for something and the female passenger never with a word of thanks, nor even looking back, slipped out of that machine and the way she "beat it to town" was a caution to snakes. The "ornery" couple of men did not overtake her either. One of the men had a name that sounded like "Joker," but not exactly. The other was a minister.

Wheatley's on Way Home.

Word was received yesterday from Scott A. Wheatley and his sister Janette who have been spending several months visiting various points in the middlewest that they were on their way home. Scott wrote on August 6th as follows:

"Leave Richmond today. After spending a few days in Cleveland we will head for Texas, spend a few days in California, take in Portland, and then for La Grande. Have been saving a fine trip so far."

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IN THE REALM OF FASHION

An Aesthetic Creation.

A gown of which the back view is shown is of heliotrope silk. The skirt is gracefully draped and trimmed with



GOWN OF HELIOTROPE SILK.

wide ruffles of white lace and platings of plain tulle of the same shade as the silk.

The corsage, with sides not alike, is composed of lace and mousseline de soie, with a drapery of silk at the left side.

Fashion's Fancies.

Frocks of changeable taffeta are trimmed with narrow velvet ribbon.

Coats of white serge or cloth with scalloped edges are fashionable for little girls.

A lovely jabot of plaited cream tulle and lace has small roses embroidered on the tulle in tones of pink.

A collar of sheer linen embroidered and edged with narrow Irish chochet lace gives a touch of daintiness to a smart suit.

The Echoes of Eolus's Nest. The most wonderful echo in the known world is to be found in the Eagle's nest in the lake regions of Ireland. The rock known as Eolus's nest is the most prominent peak to be found among the heights that surround the Killarney lakes. Its apex is 1,250 feet above the surface of the water, and the extraordinary echo is heard to the best advantage from a spot 100 feet to the west from an opening called the "Eagle's nest." At that point the effect of the sea-bird sounds is absolutely startling, the slightest whisper being repeated as often as a hundred times. The rebound is always clear and distinct and appears to come from the bushes, cliffs and peaks which surround the experimenters on all sides.

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