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WORLD GLIMPSE

Haitian Trouble.

Toussaint L'Overture was the greatest Haitian the island ever produced; he was its Washington expelling the British invaders. He was a negro. Since that date, 1793, the little country has had stormy times. Last week the president, Cincinnatus LeConte, was killed by what is supposed to have been an accidental explosion in the palace.

Irish Suffragettes.

"Ye jist can't monkey wid the Irish" is the way one man expressed it, "whether ye be man or woman." It is true that the suffragettes who were recently sentenced to terms of five years each in prison have found the saying to have some weight. Mary Leigh and Gladys Evans are the culprits.

Mikado's Funeral.

Hon. H. S. Knox has been delegated by the president as envoy extraordinary to Tokyo to attend the obsequies of the late Japan emperor, Mutsuhito. It will occur September 13th.

Millionaire Born.

We wonder if a three million dollar baby is one mite sweeter than one in a home of the poorer.

"Billy" Sunday Aphorism.

Speaking of poverty in the line above recalls a remark of that odd man, "Billy" Sunday. He says, "A man without money is poor, but he who has nothing but money is poorer."

Mexican Mormons.

From the press dispatches it would appear that the Mormons who went from the United States had the good sense to retain their citizenship in the good land of Uncle Sam.

Metropolitanizing.

The word metropolis means the measuring city. Now, this being so, it would be but natural that the measuring city would set for us the proper standard of morals, government, etc., etc. Thus far we of the eastern section of the state have very little occasion to copy after any points of flaunted excellence in our state's largest town. Portland seems very much decadent and decayed in many respects.

Joy Riders in the Country.

Something serious is sure to happen sooner or later in connection with the would-be irresponsible joy-riders who infest the highways of our valley. Recently a wild bunch whose machine number as well as their own personnel is known did some work next to the dastardly by shooting at random into fields and gardens, narrowly missing one farmer who was at work in his own field. When personally remonstrated with, they laughed in the old farmer's face. Forbearance ceases to be a virtue after a while, and some of the fast fellows may not be able to exceed the speed of a vengeful and well directed bullet. A word to the wise is often sufficient, but to fools a dictionary is of little value. It will be hard to find a jury that will convict a farmer or other outraged individual who shoots at some automobile fiend on the highway.

Chautauqua Bridge.

Lovers of the Chautauqua trail ought now to visit that sylvan retreat if only to see the new steel bridge which straightens the Spruce street crossing of the Grande Ronde river. Dangers of injury to foot travelers is eliminated by the footways on either side the drive.

Wasting Fruit.

In Fruitdale and elsewhere in our opulent valley are many hundreds of gallons of luscious cherries actually going to waste. In our city are plenty of people who have but limited means, and feel that they are able to buy only the necessaries of life, and cannot afford the luxury of fruit. It were cer-

tainly a kindness to permit such to have the cherries for the picking. Why this waste? It looks criminal.

Makes Some Difference.

Lucille: "Warm bread always tastes good with butter."
Eleanor: "It don't when you don't have any."

Xylology.

This is the name of a new science. It is the employment of experts to examine the kinds of wood used by cabinet-makers and furniture dealers to determine if the goods bought are such as advertised. It has been a custom amounting to a vice for substitutions to be made for mahogany, walnut and other fine finishings. He is to be consulted, too, as to the proper sort of material to use in building and constructing.

La Grande Appreciated.

A gray-headed man was being piloted through the new high school building last week. The man had lived all his life thus far in Willamette valley, his perfection—till one sees the Grand old perfection—until one sees the Grande Ronde. After seeing the beautiful building with all its up-to-date appointments, he said: "Truly, I am surprised; I feel like I were in Boston where I once went to school." That's all right, too. One great trouble about Boston is its distance from La Grande.

Appreciation of a Kindness.

A little seven-year-old was walking on our streets a day or so since, and said to a fellow boy: "I think Miss is the very kindest lady in this town, don't you, Tommy?" "Gee, but she is fine," said Tommy. "Well, my mamma is pretty near as nice as she is, don't you think?" "Yes," "Why, I think my ma and Miss are just the nicest people in La Grande, don't you?" "Umhuh."

Kaler's Gardens.

The casual wanderer about the streets of La Grande, or the busy man-of-affairs would scarcely know there are so many places of real artistic beauty in our city. One of these is the variegated garden of Mr. Kaler west of Conardale where he has such a well regulated variety of flowers, flowering shrubs and trees. Do you want to see the old black or white oak of the Buckeye or Hoosier home? go to Kaler's. Just now he has a fine free show of gladioli, (be careful how you pronounce it!) hydrangea, Scotch broom, balloon flower dahlia Siberian dogwood, sumacs of different sorts, and almost everything to please the eye of the merest connoisseur. Go to see him and he will gladly show you many beauties, and charge you nothing for the sight.

STEADY ADVANCEMENT.

It is said by those who should know that the nomination for the presidency was stolen from James G. Blaine. But it is also said the methods used were not of the crude nature that were used by a national committee to steal the presidential nomination a few weeks ago in Chicago.

Many point to the Blaine case today and say, "This is little, if any, worse than that," which is poor reasoning and unsound logic. The country has advanced since Jim Blaine's time. People are more enlightened now than they were then. Newspapers are cheaper and more plentiful and the rank and file of all parties are taking a keener interest in how things are done than they were in those days when everybody lined up for the ticket after it was made, regardless of how it was made.

It would be a blot on American citizenship to let the act at Chicago go by without rebuke. Every nation upon the face of the earth would rightfully laugh at the United States and pity the people who were under the oppressive yoke of a few practical politicians and yet claim to be free in thought and action.

Party loyalty no longer serves the purpose of holding several millions of voters in line when it is apparent that fraud has been committed. The day has come in the great onward march of progress and advancement when the man who labors is going to exercise his rights under the constitution. He is going to express himself on questions of national importance and will henceforth refuse to carry the torch in a procession while the few who have been made rich, worse than rich, by governmental favors sit back and smile.

Had Jim Blaine lived in this day and suffered the loss of a presidential

Seashore Excursion FROM LA GRANDE, TO NORTH BEACH, WASH.

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SURF BATHING—FISHING—CLAM DIGGING—BONFIRES AT NIGHT—PICNICS BY DAY. EMBRACING ALL THE COMFORTS OF RAIL AND WATER TRAVEL AT A RATE WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL. THIS TRIP IS A TREAT.

SPECIAL TRAIN SPECIAL TRAIN SPECIAL TRAIN

LEAVES LA GRANDE, AUGUST 21ST AT 8:00 P. M., ARRIVES PORTLAND UNION DEPOT AUGUST 22ND AT 6:30 A. M. TICKETS GOOD RE TURNING UP TO SEPTEMBER 6TH. STOPOVERS IN PORTLAND ON GOING OR RETURN TRIP.

IN ORDER THAT AMPLE EQUIPMENT BE PROVIDED, THOSE INTENDING TO GO SHOULD GET FULL INFORMATION FROM AGENT J. H. KEENEY AT ONCE AND LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY WILL JOIN THE CROWD ON AUGUST 21ST.

nomination through trickery he could have appealed his case to the people—the highest tribunal—and there would have been some interesting political transactions for a while at least.

The advancement has been slow and steady but it is here, and in this campaign there will be republicans by the thousands rebuke the national committee's action by voting for Roosevelt and against the Penrose-Crane-Williams steal.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR AND HIS FIELD.

Miss Edna C. McKnight, of Albany has filed a copy of her senior thesis upon the "Tendencies of Country Journalism in Oregon," at the University of Oregon library. The thesis, which received honorary mention at commencement in June, represents a study of Oregon weekly newspapers from 1901 up to the present time.

Miss McKnight's thesis tells how the country weekly has developed during the last ten years into a powerful organ for the improving of social and industrial conditions on the farm. Her study of the files of Oregon newspapers leads her to believe that the special field of the country weekly newspaper is in furnishing the news of the community, rather than that of national interest. Her reasons for this stand is that, the extension of the rural mail delivery system has brought the people of the country within easy reach of the big city dailies.

A small portion of her thesis is as follows:

"There is an awakened interest in the country weekly paper which is an outgrowth of a new attitude which we are beginning to have toward the problems of country life. Within the last few years there has been a growing realization as to the importance of developing and maintaining a high level of rural living.

The value of the country editor's service was first brought to the attention of the American public by the report of the commission on country life which mentioned him as being one of the possible regenerative agencies of rural life. Today, there are distinct signs of an interest in rural journalism which promises good results.

"The fact that the country subscriber constitutes from 25 to 75 per cent of the subscription list, suggests the question—do the interests of this 25 or 75 per cent receive as careful consideration as do the remaining 25 per cent of town subscribers. Examination of the papers of Oregon during the first part of the last decade reveals the printing of but little news to warrant the support from the farmer. Beyond occasional mention of his visit to town, and now and then a write-up of some local enterprise, the papers had little of immediate personal interest to the farm. With the material exploitation of the state, however, the newspaper necessarily began to pay more attention to the outside constituents.

"Among the many hopeful signs of

advane is the effort to have an efficient local correspondence service. An interesting fact of note in this connection is the recent action of the Bend Bulletin in offering to pay \$1.00 per column to country correspondents. This publication establishes a precedent in this respect. The significant result of such a policy is the placing of rural interest on a more nearly equal footing with the interests of the town. Other points in favor of the rural constituency are the change in the character of ready-print material and the attention to country government."

Reports from Wallowa county indicate the Bull Moose family is growing with marked rapidity. At Enterprise next Tuesday evening there will be a county organization formulated which will be marked by a Bull Moose rally. Wallowa county always was quick to catch step with the reform of the nation and slow to recede from the position of right.

Well, that Astor baby is born. Hurrah for the kid! May he get his face dirty, cry for baby food, fight with the neighbor kids and do all the things

that the children of poorer people do. Until that chap is old enough to get foolish he will just be a natural baby, doing all the things that other babies do. He is to be pitted for having inherited vast wealth.

Just whether or not England can take the canal explanation in the spirit that it is given remains to be seen. England usually chooses to put her own construction on the acts of the United States.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Michigan democrats will hold their state convention in Grand Rapids on September 26.

Dayton, Wyoming, has followed the example of Hannymwell, Kansas, in electing a woman mayor.

Thomas Ayers of Pierre, S. D., has made formal announcement of his candidacy on the democratic platform for the United States senatorship from South Dakota.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall, the democratic nominee for vice president

the commencement address at Valparaiso university on August 15.

Judge Egbert E. Woodbury of James town, N. Y., has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor of New York on a platform favoring a new direct primary law.

Thomas R. Shipp, who has received the republican nomination for congress in the seventh district of Indiana is widely known as the secretary of the national conservation congress.

Addison T. Smith, clerk to the senate committee on manufactures and private secretary to Senator Heyburn, has been nominated by the republicans of Idaho for representative at large.

If Woodrow Wilson is elected president he will be the fifth Presbyterian to be exalted to that office. Andrew Jackson was a Presbyterian, as were Polk, Buchanan and Cleveland.

The decision of Woodrow Wilson that he will not resign the governorship, but remain in office, follows a precedent set by Governor Hayes of Ohio in 1876; by Grover Cleveland who in 1894 retained the governorship of New York; and by Theodore Roosevelt who was a candidate for vice president in 1900 while governor of New York.



Dormitories of St. Paul's School. MISS NETTIE M. GALBRAITH Principal of

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

(Episcopal) OF WALLA WALLA, WASH.

Is in La Grande at the School and Will Remain Here Until Monday Morning.

Miss Galbraith will be pleased to meet parents or students who will be interested in St. Paul's school for the coming year. She will be at the Sommer hotel afternoons between 4:00 and 9:00 and evenings between 7 and 8:00 o'clock, Saturday and Sunday.

St. Paul's school was founded in 1872, and is a resident and day school for girls. Primary, intermediate, academic, special and post graduate courses are offered. There are departments of vocal and instrumental music, painting, drawing and expression.

PERSONAL ATTENTION REFINING INFLUENCES THOROUGH WORK