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SHAME UPON YOU, JACK HUSTON.

Among the many newspaper men who were accorded the courtesies due the press the day that Roosevelt was here was Jack Huston, representing the Pendleton Live Wire. Mr. Huston occupied the press box along with the other boys; he received the same treatment. Yet he has seen fit to print a story which over 6,000 people would gladly swear is an absolute falsehood. Such journalism is disgraceful, unfair and scabby. Jack Huston is a bright young man, pleasant to meet and has a personality that is likeable but he never can win in journalism unless he adheres to the first principle of the profession which is "Stick to the truth."

Following is an extract from Huston's story in the Pendleton Live Wire read it and if you attended the Roosevelt meeting in La Grande you cannot help feeling a regret at the untruthfulness of this young man's report of the meeting:

An old man interrupted Roosevelt's speech by crying out, "Why don't you explain about George W. Perkins, the Harvester trust, the Alton steel, and that \$100,000 Standard Oil contribution?"

Roosevelt yelled, "Shut up!" The man replied, "I'm an old soldier. I fought for my country." Roosevelt shouted: "I know what you are. You are one of those Socialists. They're always bawling in and bothering me with silly questions."

Turning to a policeman, Roosevelt said, "Take him out!" Then the policeman grabbed the veteran and forced him out.

BEN SELLING A VISITOR

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when it was unpopular to do so; when it required some self-sacrifice to go against the strong machine that controlled Oregon, which machine reached into every corner of this state. Judge your progressive candidates by what they have done, by their records as progressives and I shall be perfectly satisfied with the verdict expressed by the people next November."

Snapp Buys Home.

Alvin Snapp, the well known director of the best band in Eastern Oregon, like all others who become identified with our city, realizes that property in La Grande is a safe investment decided to stop paying rent and purchased a home on Washington avenue.

ROUND THE GLOBE

New York's Chinatown has a population of 5,000.

Woolless sheep is one of the peculiarities of the Kouga country.

Less than one-third of the area of Korea is suitable for farming.

By a new system of machine telegraphy 300 words a minute can be sent.

Subject to government inspection, 16,000 New Zealand farmers keep bees.

The population of India is seven times greater than that of Great Britain.

The choicest corks come from Algeria, which has 2,500,000 acres of cork forests.

Last year British shipyards turned out more than 1,750,000 tons of new shipping.

Of the 112 tourists who lost their lives last year by Alpine ascents eleven were women.

Records kept for twenty-five years show that the proverbial foginess of London is decreasing.

A floating drydock with a lifting capacity of 30,000 tons has been built for the British admiralty.

Experts in China are investigating the possibility of using bamboo pulp in the manufacture of paper napkins.

There are over 32,000 beggars in Vienna, and it is stated that their average income is more than that of most workmen.

Accurate photographs of buildings and land have been taken by United States army aviators from altitudes as great as 10,000 feet.

The Salvation Army is at work in forty-seven different countries and has fifty-five periodicals, printed in twenty-one languages.

The value of secondary metals (those recovered from scrap metal, sweepings, skimmings, drosses, etc.) last year in the United States was \$22,585,300.

The recent census shows that New Zealand's population is over 1,000,000. The 1906 census showed a total of 888,578 and the 1911 census 1,007,511.

By the construction of a number of short cuts in Siberia the time from Berlin to Peking will within a year or so be reduced from thirteen and one-half days to nine days.

Trinidad, which was the first West India island to test wireless telegraphy, is now to have a larger plant at Port of Spain, which will have a maximum radius of 2,000 miles.

Military rowdies are again stopping inoffensive coolies and others whom they suspect of wearing cues in the streets of Nanking and relieving them of the objectionable appendages.

Whales are increasing rapidly, as it no longer pays to kill them. Twenty-five years ago 400,000 barrels of whale oil were produced annually. The quantity has now fallen to about 60,000 barrels.

To insure the owner of a private shaving cup kept in a barber shop that he is its only user there has been invented a paper cap to cover it, which cannot be removed without breaking a seal.

Collectors of etchings and engravings must occasionally pay high prices for their treasures. A Rembrandt print, "Jan Sylvius," signed by the artist and dated 1646 brought at auction recently \$1,625.

The Westminster Men's Society For Women's Rights of London publishes a weekly paper called the Eye Opener. Among other things it deals with the present inefficient state of the law for the protection of women.

No American city, says the Scientific American, has a pneumatic tube system (for postal use) comparable with that of Paris or Berlin. The average Parisian "tube letter," it asserts, is delivered in an hour and a quarter after it is posted.

Boycotters in England have lost patience over the dogs that attack them. They are making a blacklist of the animals which do this habitually. The owners of the dogs are notified, and if the nuisance is not abated these owners are legally held to pay damages.

Three German countries, Bavaria, Baden and Wurttemberg, besides Austria and Switzerland, border on Lake Constance. They are all expected to contribute their share of the \$10,000,000 required for the projected improvement of the Rhine from Basel to the lake, to make a passage for the barges.

The fancy of the young people of Austria turns to thoughts of matrimony at carnival time, and Carnival Sunday—Fasching Sonntag—is usually a busy day for those who tie the matrimonial knot. The records for this year show that on Feb. 18 upward of 1,100 couples were united in marriage in the various churches of Vienna.

Mrs. Despard's plan for a "hatless brigade" in England, for the boycotting of milliners till suffrage is granted, has encountered the opposition of the church. One ecclesiastic is quoted as saying that whatever her views on suffrage a "woman must certainly have her head covered in church or the churchwardens would refuse her admission."

They are making the floors of big office buildings in Germany of a mixture of magnesium chloride, pulverized magnesite and sawdust, laid from two to four inches thick. Consul General Robert P. Skinner reports from Hamburg that such floors are waterproof, almost fireproof, crack free, warm under foot, elastic, soundproof and cheaper than pine flooring, tiling or stone.

STUDIED THE BIRDS

And Louis Mouillard Pointed the Way to the Aeroplane.

THE FATHER OF AVIATION.

Pathetic Career of the Man Who Originated the Theory of the Conquest of the Air With Machines That Would Imitate the Soaring of Vultures.

The French—themselves masters of the air—can hardly understand the father of aviation, although he never flew. Mouillard was a theorist. It is admitted today that his theories were sound, although he never put them into achieving form. Mouillard wrote two books, "The Empire of the Air" and "Flight With Fixed Wings." Only the first of these works appeared during his lifetime, and that had a small circulation. But he pointed the way to fly, and ten years after his death the Wright brothers, following principles he set down, proved that he had solved the problem.

Mouillard explained that to seek to fly by imitating the beating of a bird's wings was error; that, instead of trying this impossible feat, man should imitate those birds which soar with steady wings and avail themselves of air currents. If Mouillard had possessed money there is little doubt that he would have demonstrated his theory, as it has been successfully proved. The life of this remarkable man seems, on superficial view, to have been a failure. But his compatriots, recognizing his real worth, set up a monument to his memory at Heliopolis, Egypt. He died in 1897. The story of his life is pathetic.

Mouillard was the son of a dyer of Lyons. From boyhood he was fascinated by the flight of birds. He managed to buy an eagle, which he secreted in the family garret and studied with an avid interest when ever he could escape from his books or work. He watched the bird's movements, measured its wings and studied it with infinite pains. And when he had mastered the secret, with the aid of his admiring sisters, he built an aeroplane with cotton and corked bones and determined himself to fly.

Going to a hill crowned with a church, with a sheer cliff on one side, the young inventor was about to trust himself to his contrivance when the beads rushed at him, boxed his ears, confiscated his machine and sent him home in disgrace. This was the only attempt Mouillard ever made to fly, but his studies on the subject never ceased.

He showed such aptitude at drawing that it was decided he should make his living by this talent. He won a scholarship and, going to Paris, studied under Ingres. Yet while he drew and painted his mind was always on flight. He would climb the towers of Notre Dame, watch the startled birds take flight and study their movements. Mouillard's father died and his art

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E. P. Staples Buys in Farmer's Mercantile Company.

E. P. Staples has just purchased heavy interests in the Farmers Mercantile company at Haines and will make Haines his future home. Mr. Staples and family left La Grande a few days ago in their auto for Haines.

Mr. Staples has sold his large stock farm of 1720 acres near Telocaset to Andrews and Daugherty and will de-

COMMISSIONER'S ACTION UPHOLD.

Police Inspector Removed From Office for Not Raising "Joins."

New York, Sept. 14.—Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo's action in reducing Cornelius G. Hayes from inspector of police to a captaincy for his failure to raid disorderly resorts in his district was upheld here today when Hayes was dismissed from the force for making false statements.

vote his time to the development of his mercantile business in Haines.

BUYS CONDIT PROPERTY.

J. P. Halley Will Remodel Residence and Offer It for Rent.

James P. Halley today purchased through the George H. Currey real estate agency the William Condit property on Pennsylvania avenue. This desirable residence is adjoining the present home of Mr. Halley. He is overhauling it and when completed it will be one of the finest modern residences in the city for renting purposes. The consideration was \$2,100.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

There are now funds in the treasury to pay all warrants issued against Water Fund of La Grande City up to and including No. 11,182 endorsed Nov. 1, 1911. Interest on all warrants on water fund from No. 10,946 to No. 11,182 inclusive ceases from date of this call.

La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 14, 1912.

RAY W. LOGAN,

City Treasurer.

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