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GEORGE CORNWALL IS HERE.

Our old friend George Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, is in the city today. He is the same George—full of good working ideas carrying benefit for those who work and protection against many abuses of the past. Few men in the northwest have the general knowledge of affairs that he possesses, not only in this country, but in foreign countries as well. Several years ago George told the logging people the reason they had such serious trouble in keeping men was because they did not care for their men as well as the company horses were cared for. Many large timber concerns investigated his statement and found it true. As a result reforms followed in logging camps, since which time the labor problem has not been nearly so difficult.

Now, George has his enthusiasm working for the passage of the Automatic Workmen's Compensation act. In brief, the measure means that when an accident occurs at a saw mill or any other kind of factory the law rigidly sets forth what the injured one shall receive. If a leg is cut off the law says the company shall pay so much money, an arm means another amount and so on down the line of physical loss. If this law passes the one injured or the relatives of the one injured need employ no attorney, need not enter court with costly litigation for the company is liable for so much money and it must be paid.

Many will ask why is such a measure necessary. And Cornwall answers, "Because all industry pays a certain toll in accidents. It is the old law of average that cannot be replaced. Wherever wheels and pulleys buzz someone at some time will get hurt regardless of the safety appliances, although the late safety appliances are of immense benefit."

In this statement Cornwall is absolutely right as everyone knows who has ever had anything to do with business. His solution is the same that Washington state has adopted, and we understand, with good results. Society must be protected. That is right and none can deny it. But how to protect it is the question. Under the present system when a man is injured either himself or relatives consult an attorney, who very naturally takes the case on a percentage basis. The case goes into court with all the attending expense. It goes from one court to the other, consuming time and money. The final adjustment is often so unsatisfactory to the workman that he is loser even though he wins. Under the Cornwall plan there will be no quibbling of who was to blame for the injury for the mere fact that a man was

injured and lost a leg or an arm means that speedy adjustment of the claim must follow.

While we are not well versed in matters of this nature, our acquaintance and knowledge of George Cornwall causes us to favor the stand, because we have known him to be square—too big to be dishonest with either the corporations or the men who work for them.

"This Is My 40th Birthday."

Duncan M. Marshall.

Duncan McLean Marshall, minister of Agriculture of Alberta, who will have a prominent part in the entertainment of the International Dry Farming Congress when it meets at Lethbridge next month, was born in Bruce county, Ontario, Sept. 24, 1872. Until his twentieth year he lived on a farm and his education was received in the neighboring schools. For some years he was a leader in the Patrons of Industry movement in Ontario. In 1905 he removed to Alberta and became manager of a newspaper in the city of Edmonton. In 1909 he was elected to the Alberta legislature and in November of the same year he was sworn in as minister of Agriculture and Provincial secretary.

Congratulations to:

Judge Horace E. Deemer of the Iowa Supreme court several times mentioned for a place on the United States supreme bench, 54 years old today.

Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, former lieutenant governor of New York and Democratic nominee for governor in 1908, 43 years old today.

William H. Santelmann, leader of the United States Marine Band, 49 years old today.

Eugene N. Foss, governor of Massachusetts, 54 years old today.

Joseph Martin, one of the Canadian born members of the British House of Commons, 60 years old today.

James W. Good, representative in Congress of the Fifth Iowa district, 46 years old today.

BAKER'S SUCCESS IS OURS.

It is gratifying to everyone to know that Baker's fair and races succeeded this year, for it means another strong link in the circuit of which La Grande is a member. This insures a good program for next year and by the finish of the second first class racing program the circuit will have been established so permanently that its long life is assured.

There never has been a time in the past few years that a good fair with racing would not have paid had it not been for the nursing period necessary and which period had the appearance of being the rock of disaster to every community. This year one turn of the wheel has been made with good results. Apparently another will follow next season after which the nursing season will have passed and the fair and race program will be a permanent feature both in La Grande and Baker.

"This Date in History."

September 24.

1664—The French in America made their first treaty with the Iroquois Indians.

1717—Horace Walpole, famous man of letters, born in Norfolk county, England. Died in London, March 2, 1797.

1757—Rev. Aaron Burr, founder of Princeton University and father of Aaron Burr, vice-president of the United States, died, Born Jan. 4, 1716.

1839—Robert Young Hayne, famous South Carolina senator and statesman, died at Asheville, N. C. Born in St. Paul's Parish, S. C. Nov. 10, 1791.

1846—After a three day's siege, the Mexicans surrendered Monterey to the American army under Gen. Scott.

1865—Rev. Peter Joseph Lavallee consecrated Roman Catholic Bishop of Louisville.

1869—Financial panic known as "Black Friday," resulted from an attempt to corner gold.

1911—Several hundred lives lost in the burning of the French battleship Liberte at Marseilles.

WHITE SLAVER ARRESTED.

Young Girl, One of Victims, Makes Affidavit Incriminating Him.

(Baker Democrat.)

On information of two young girls, who entered complaint against him with the local authorities, William Rogers, an attache of the carnival company playing here last week, was arrested Saturday night on a charge of white slavery. He is being held in the city jail pending instructions from the United States district attorney's office in Portland.

One of the girls, who has made a sworn statement incriminating Rogers came to the police and asked protection from the man. He learned of the effort to land him and went into hiding, but was finally located last Saturday night by the officers and placed under arrest. According to the girl's affidavit, she and her companion met Rogers in Washington several weeks ago and have been with him since. She states that he forced her to a life of shame and that she gave him her earnings, on which he has lived.

It is probable that information as to the disposal of Rogers will be received from the federal authorities today, and if he is ordered held on the charge, a federal warrant will be issued by U. S. Commissioner Woodson L. Patterson.

BASEBALL SCORES YESTERDAY

No Coast League games.

Northwestern League.

R. H. E.
Vancouver 0 1 2
Spokane 2 4 6
Called in the 7th, darkness. Batteries, Willis and Sepulveda; Strand and Ostleik.

R. H. E.
Victoria 8 15 5
Portland 16 17 1
Batteries—Wilson, Smith and Truesdell; Eastley and Harris.

R. H. E.
Seattle 9 12 2
Tacoma 2 6 1
Batteries—James and Whaling; Griger, Hunt and La Longe.

National League.

Boston 7, Cincinnati 6.
Brooklyn 7, St. Louis 2.
No New York and Pittsburgh game, rain. No Philadelphia and Chicago game, rain.
No American League games.

Drafting Platforms in California.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 24.—In accordance with the provisions of the new primary law in California the several political parties assembled today for their state conventions. The delegates to the conventions comprise the candidates for the state senate and assembly. In addition to the drafting of the party platforms, the conventions choose the slates of presidential electors. Roosevelt supporters control the Republican convention, having been successful in the recent primaries, and consequently will name the Republican presidential electors. Supporters of President Taft will take advantage of the state law and nominate a slate of Taft electors by petition.

Attempts to Steal Ring

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 24.—A burglar entered the home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald and attempted to steal rings off her finger while she was asleep in bed. She screamed. The robbers drew a revolver and ordered her to "shut up." Police heard the cries and ran to the house, just as the thief jumped through a window. The police fired three shots as he jumped, but no further trace of him was discovered.



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KNOX TO VISIT OREGON.

Secretary of State to Tour Northwest in Interest of Taft Candidacy.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Arrangements are being made by the Republican campaign committee for Secretary of State Knox to tour the Pacific coast cities on his return from Japan where he attended the funeral of the late Emperor Mutsuhito.

The coming tour will carry Knox into California, Oregon and Washington, and speeches will be given at the principal cities and towns in the interest of Taft.

Whiteman Goes East Again.

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 24.—District Attorney Whiteman of New York, with his assistants, returned east today, satisfied their examination here of witnesses will be sufficient to bolster up the case against Police Lieutenant Becker, charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal in New York.

Fire Chiefs in Session.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 24.—The National Firemen's association, composed of the heads of fire departments in many of the principal cities of the country, met in this city today in annual convention. President Thomas Johnstone of Chicago called the gathering to order this morning in representatives' hall of the capitol. Preliminary business occupied the opening session. At the succeeding sessions, which will last three days, papers or addresses will be delivered by Chief W. R. Weeks of Battle Creek Mich., Chief Michael Corrigan of Chicago, Chief Charles Swigley of St. Louis, and others.

Lawyer Gibson to the Bar.

Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 24.—The preliminary examination of Burton M. Gibson, the New York lawyer arrested on a charge of murdering his client, Mrs. Rosa Menachik Szabo, in Greenwood Lake last July, was commenced today in the Orange county court. The results of the hearing, together with such other evidence as may be brought to light by the authorities, will be placed before the grand jury when that body convenes next month.

Missouri W. C. T. U.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 24.—Boy Scouts assisted in welcoming the many visitors who arrived in the city today to attend the annual convention of the Missouri W. C. T. U. The convention sessions will last three days and will be held in the King's Highway Presbyterian church. Several measures designed to assist in the spread of the temperance movement will be prepared by the convention for presentation at the next session of the state legislature.

Championship Billiard Match.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 24.—Arrangements have been completed for the first championship three cushion billiard match ever held in this city. The contestants will be John G. Hargan of New York, the present holder of the title, and Joe Carney of San Francisco. Play will begin tomorrow night and continue three nights.

Indiana Labor Federation.

Richmond, Ind., Sept. 24.—With an attendance of nearly 500 delegates from all parts of the state, the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Indiana Federation of Labor began a three day session here today. President Edgar A. Perkins of Indianapolis called the convention to order this morning and Mayor Zimmerman delivered an address of welcome. This afternoon there was a parade of the delegates and local labor bodies.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Martha E. Day has been appointed by the county court of Union county, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Foster A. Day, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased Foster A. Day are required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof to the administratrix at her home at No. 808 Pennsylvania avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

Dated September 20, 1912.

MARTHY E. DAY,

Administratrix of the Estate of Foster A. Day, Deceased.
daily Sept 20-27 Oct 4-1-18



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