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PLENTY OF PROSPERITY.

The tone of the banking circles throughout the country is excellent. This was plainly shown in a news story that appeared in last evening's issue of the Observer. From New York, Boston and other Eastern centers comes the same glad tidings that business of the country is safe. And while we all are interested in the general welfare, there is a keen interest in local conditions. Both Mr. Scroggin and Mr. Mayers of the La Grande banks, added their sanction to the proclamation from the east regarding prosperity. Each pointed out that Union county never was in such good shape. The banks are loaded with cash and at the same time the paper is healthy. Every security seems gilt-edge in Union and Willows counties.

Entering as we are upon a change of administration this is decidedly refreshing. There is no chance for the political scarecrow this time. It can not come for the moment it shows its head it will meet the figures of the banks of the country. Pinching down because of tariff legislation or change of policy at the white house is a thing of the past in this country, and it would seem we have reached that pleasant stage in our history when political influence means little except the change of men in office.

LA GRANDE LADIES AND VOTING.

It will be an entirely new idea for the ladies of La Grande to vote on the day of municipal election next month. But most people think it will be the proper thing, so we presume it will be. That most of the ladies are sufficiently intelligent to vote there is no chance of denial, but the belief has existed for many years here that the great majority of the fairer sex did not want to use the suffrage.

Now that the measure has passed in the state, it is the duty of every woman to vote just the same as it is the duty of every man to cast his ballot. No one should shirk the responsibility. No longer is woman wholly a dependent creature, either commercially, socially or politically. She shall enter the election booth, shall read her ticket carefully, take oath she is of age, that she is an American citizen and with steady nerve she shall deposit her ballot in the box. But in so doing none should minimize the responsibility attached to the action. Loyalty to country has ever been strong in the woman's heart, but heretofore participation in elections was foreign to most wo-

men's desires. It ceases to be a matter of choice now, and every woman in La Grande and in the state of Oregon owes it to her city and state to vote at every election. She must share the "burden with the pain" when election time comes, because equal suffrage means equal suffrage.

THE WAR CORRESPONDENT PASSES.

The day of the war correspondent is drawing to a close. With every succeeding war the reading public has an opportunity to note the increasing brevity of the actual news coming from the front. Columns of vague description and discussion of a discreetly general nature are sent over the wire, but the actual news, especially news of contemplated movements, is very scarce.

In the present Balkan war little of a definite nature except as to events which already have taken place is given to the world. The reason is that the correspondents are not allowed to accompany the troops to the front but are kept in the rear. If they do happen to get hold of real news through their inadequate sources of information they are not allowed to send it. A rigid military censorship prevails and the dispatches are trimmed of everything which looks like genuine information. A correspondent who attempts to evade the system by crossing into neutral territory to send out news finds on his return that he is barred from the few privileges he did enjoy.

The development of modern sources of communication is the reason for the plight of the war correspondent. With telegraphs, wireless and telephones to spread the news everywhere advance information as to the movement of troops easily could be sent to the enemy's capital and transmitted back to the field before the movement could be executed or even begun. Therefore, the modern military commanders, while treating correspondents politely and, in fact giving them every comfort and convenience possible, guard them almost as they would prisoners.

The Crimean war of 1854 saw the rise of the war correspondent. In this conflict between Russia on the one hand and Great Britain, France and Turkey on the other, the London Times smashed all precedents by sending a man to the front. In the Franco-German war of 1870, the American civil war, the Russo-Turkish war of 1877, the Greek war of 1897 and the Spanish-American war of 1898 the war correspondent flourished. His sun began to set in the Russo-Japanese war of 1904 and he was definitely below the horizon in the Turco-Italian war of 1911-12. He is even less in evidence in the present conflict, except as a mere transcriber of such matter as the military authorities see fit to give him.

Gen. Grant's picture will be on the \$10,000 bills, but those desiring to familiarize themselves with the general's features can buy a lithograph much cheaper than that.

Pierre Loti says he is pleased with the freshness of American women. Let it be hoped he means what he ought to mean.

While the Greeks are calling for volunteers why do members of the Greek letter fraternities hang back?

The steel trust reports an era of great prosperity. It certainly takes a trust to find out when prosperity is lurking around.

"THIS IS MY 50TH BIRTHDAY."

Count von Bernstorff, Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff the German ambassador to the United States, was born in London, England, Nov. 14 1862, the son of Count Albrecht von Bernstorff, who also was prominent in the German diplomatic service. The son was educated at Dresden and Ratzburg. He entered upon a military career at the age of 19 and for eight years he served as an officer of the First Regiment of Artillery Guards at Berlin. His career in the diplomatic service dates from 1889 in which year he was appointed attache of the German embassy at Constantinople. From 1890 to 1892 he served in the foreign office in Berlin and subsequently he was attached to the German legations or embassies in Dresden, St. Petersburg and London. In 1896 he was promoted to the post of minister at Cairo, where he remained until selected two years later to fill the important position of ambassador to the United States. On his twenty-fifth birthday Count von Bernstorff was married to Miss Jeanne Luckemeyer of New York City.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

November 14.
1635—Thomas Parr, known as "Old Parr" and said to be 152 years old, died near Shrewsbury, England.
1796—Beginning of the three days' which the defeat of the Austrians battle at Arcola, Lombardy, in made Bonaparte the master of Italy.
1846—Tampico, Mexico, surrendered to Commodore Conner of the American navy.
1866—Solomon Juneau, one of the founders of Milwaukee died at Shawano, Wis., Born in Canada in 1793.
1869—A monument to Bishop Brownall, founder of Trinity college, was unveiled at Hartford, Conn.
1881—Trial of Charles J. Guiteau for the murder of President Garfield began in Washington.
1885—Bulgaria invaded by a Servian army.
1905—Prince Charles of Denmark was chosen king of Norway.
1908—Emperor Kwang Su of China

FUNNY FRILLED LIZARD.

Carries an Umbrella, Has a Whip Tail and Walks Like a Bird.
The frilled lizard is found in Australian woods, being tolerably abundant in north Queensland and the Kimberley district of Western Australia. It lives on beetles such as are found on the tree barks. It is about three feet long, measured from head to tail point. What makes it remarkable consists of two things—its hurried walk and its fighting anger.

It carries a sort of natural umbrella top about its neck, which it elevates suddenly with an alarming effect even to ordinary lizard killing dogs, scaring them as an umbrella opened in the face of a charging bull; hence it is called the frilled lizard. Its teeth are not of much use as a defense against a vigorous animal, but when it fights it uses its long, lithe tail in a way to bring long bruises on one's hands—in fact, could it be properly trained, it might serve as an automatic switch, which, like the magic rub-a-dub-dub stick, would at the word administer a thrashing to the disobedient child.

From the scientific point of view the creature's peculiar method of ambulation is most interesting, because it presents an absurdly grotesque appearance at such times, more especially from the rear. It walks bipedally on two feet, like a bird, and so much does it resemble a bird in its walk that it seems to be the connecting link between the ancestors of birds and the lizards of today.

A Real Disciplinarian.

The other night we heard a father speak thusly: "William, your mother tells me that you must have a dose of castor oil before retiring tonight. It is your bedtime now. Take your medicine and go to bed at once."
"But, papa, I don't want to take no castor oil."
"You must take it, and immediately."
"Aw, papa, I don't want it!"
"William, if you don't take that medicine I'll put you right to bed this minute without giving you a drop of it."
William was so scared that he took it. That's the way to enforce discipline.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Quite Frank About It.

"So you are going to marry Tom?"
"You saw the announcement, didn't you?"
"Yes, but—"
"It wasn't a fake."
"But, dearie—I never thought that Tom would be your choice."
"Tom ain't my choice. He's my chance. Have you any other questions to ask, darling?"
Darling decided she hadn't.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Energy of Will.

Energy of will is the soul of every great character. Where it is there is resolute character; where it is not there is faintness, with effeminacy, dependency, neglect of duty and failure. "The strong man and the water-fall," says a proverb, "channel their own path."

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featuring the two-reel production appearing in their new playlet entitled "Men Who Dare." This is a story based on the present Prison Reform movement, and is very interesting. Also tonight there is a complete change of vaudeville, the Pattersons for safety.

Coming Tomorrow—Miss Robinson Crusoe, a two reel Thanhouser feature and for next Monday the management has secured a two reel picture with Sarah Bernhardt in the title role.

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