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BEAUTIFUL, JOYOUS EASTER.

Yesterday was an ideal Easter. Throughout Eastern Oregon the sun shone brightly; the air was clear and crisp and everyone seemed to feel the buoyancy of the occasion so thoroughly cherished and respected.

La Grande people, true to their ever present loyalty to Christian occasions, were out to the different houses of worship and spent the day in a manner that was delightfully appropriate to the occasion.

Knights Templar from Baker, Pendleton and La Grande met as is their custom and held the annual service provided by their order. La Grande was host yesterday to the other cities and the entertainment was of such a nature as to call forth pretty words of praise.

Yes, it was a glorious Easter.

What a blessing and a privilege it is to live on such occasions; and to live in a community where the proper respect and observance is shown, as it was in this city.

J. G. Kilpack, of the Boys' and Girls Aid, has uncovered a debauched condition of the young at Milton in Umatilla county. Milton is a little town which to the casual observer appears to be one of the best regulated in the country and free from all temptations. Yet Mr. Kilpack, who is a truthful gentleman, affirms that vice is rampant among the youngsters. This is truly a very bad showing. Guess the old time parent was right when he said, "Spare the rod spoil the child." Moral suasion seems to fail with a great portion of humanity and police regulation is needed.

DEMOCRATS NOT UNITED.

Who could have ever imagined that Oregon's Democratic party would have split on its choice for a candidate for any office?

For years and years such could not have happened, but when a party reaches a position of power then it is that human selfishness appears.

It used to be with Democrats not a question of who shall run for governor, but unite on a man and elect him. Now, that party has Dr. Smith, John Manning and Judge Bennett all seeking a nomination. And they are seeking it industriously. Some thought two of the three would pull out before the primary struggle, but not so. Each is in to the finish.

Dr. Smith is backed by the present administration and the Portland Journal. Whether Chamberlain is lending aid to the doctor is not a matter of written record, but it is argued that he cannot afford to paddle up stream against the governor and the Journal. Summing the matter up, Dr. Smith seems to have the Democratic machine behind him.

Judge Bennett is a sort of free lance in Democratic circles. He refuses to stand at times and shows an

independence that is not pleasing to the Journal and the other Democratic dictators. But the Judge is a strong character and on his personal strength he is giving his opponents a few headaches. Mr. Maning is popular in Multnomah and is gaining quite a little strength over the state.

Regardless of the outcome it is positively refreshing to see some st.ife among the Bourbon herd, to see for once a time when they are not all jumping over the same gait and singing the same songs.

Let the fight wax warm for thereby the people will learn the merit of each candidate.

Bert Kelly, a famous buckaroo of Pendleton Roundup fame, has just died from injuries received while performing at the Roundup last summer. Really, this is not a very strong recommendation for Pendleton's big show. Have we reached the point when human lives must be sacrificed for the sake of strenuous entertainment?

Running Water

Have you ever noticed, when the water has almost all run out of the bathtub, how the light particles on the surface seem then to race out much faster than the water? As a matter of fact, they are traveling faster than most of the water, but no faster than that on the surface.

The reason is not far to seek. Running water, even in a river, goes at different rates, but fastest on the top surface right in the middle of the stream. The water on the sides and bottom makes the water there go more slowly. So the light particles on top of the water in the bathtub, along with the surface water, rush ahead at a good rate.

This particular peculiarity in rivers is utilized by boatmen when they have to go up a swift stream; they always paddle up near the bank. And at curves, as the water swings outward, they take the inside bank, for there the water is almost still. On the other hand, in coming down the very center of the stream is chosen.—St. Louis Republic.

Washington Official Life.

Dinners and social functions are conspicuous features of Washington life. The new senator or congressman always feels that he must keep up the pace, but his older colleagues do not hesitate to send in their regrets now and then. One senator whose young daughters make severe demands upon him as an escort to official functions said:

"I have cut out all dinners and functions except those I feel under obligations to attend in my official capacity.

"I have done this for two reasons: First, because I have not time to attend them. I have too much to do. Second, Mr. Spofford, so long librarian of congress, once told me that most public men and army and navy officers who died in Washington 'dug their graves with their own teeth'—a saying which I have taken to heart."—National Magazine.

A Chinese Superstition.

When a Chinese baby takes a nap people think its soul is having a rest—going out for a long walk perhaps. If the nap is a very long one the mother is frightened. She is afraid that her baby's soul has wandered too far away and cannot find its way home. If it doesn't come back, of course the baby will never awaken. Sometimes men are sent out into the streets to call the baby's name over and over again, as though it were a real child lost. They hope to lead the soul back home. If a baby sleeps while it is being carried from one place to another the danger of losing the soul along the way is very great. So whoever carries the little one keeps saying its name out loud, so that the soul will not stray away. They think of the soul as a bird hopping along after them.

Clever Elephant.

"Elephants are clever animals," said a trainer, "and I once had one that could read. He was a quarrelsome beast, and one day he got into a scrape with the Bengal tiger, and before we could get them separated he had his trunk badly damaged. After the scolding was over the elephant broke loose and started down the street fast. 'He's going wild,' somebody shouted. 'Don't you believe it,' says I. Now, where do you suppose that elephant went to?" "Went to the surgeon's, I suppose. Can't you get up a better yarn?" "No, he didn't go to the surgeon's. He went straight to a little shop where a sign read, 'Trunks repaired while you wait.' Of course he had made a mistake. But what do you expect of a poor dumb brute?"—London Globe.

ROUND THE WORLD

Belgium has 400 goat insurance societies.

Massachusetts has over 100 woman lawyers.

New York now has 1,636 firemen on its pension list.

Paris makers are offering 400 shades in women's wigs.

Chicago now has a church devoted to the deaf and dumb.

Jersey City home for the blind is to have a new building to cost \$100,000.

About 400 arrests for counterfeiting are made in the United States each year.

Bricks made of peat are being successfully used in Sweden for small buildings.

Females outnumber the males in Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Boston.

The United States has made more rapid progress in iron production than any other country.

The height of buildings in Hungarian cities is limited by law to eighty two and one-half feet.

According to Dr. Clement Lucas of England, the human family is likely to become a one toed race.

Recent statistics credit the United States with about one automobile for each two miles of country road.

At the present time 113 women have the right to wear the coveted red ribbon of the French Legion of Honor.

Co-operative rural credit associations are planned for the Philippine Islands. The object is to help the small farmer.

Some of the finest lace in the world is made by the women of the Philippine Islands from a strong silky fiber obtained from pineapple leaves.

Solidified alcohol in cube form is coming into use in Germany for cooking and other purposes for which small amounts of heat are sufficient.

A recent census, the first of the kind ever taken, credited Denmark, which has about one-third the area of Wisconsin, with more than 5,000,000 fruit trees.

An express train traveling from Nice to Macon, France, was beaten by twelve minutes by an eagle which raced it over a distance of eighteen miles.

Few turtles are being caught these days in the Bahamas, the annual catching having diminished for some time. Exportation of turtle shell may soon cease.

A life preserver of European invention for seagoing vessels is intended to keep a person fairly warm and dry for several days as he floats about awaiting rescue.

It is said that the first man to cross the continent on a motorcar was George A. Wyman of San Francisco, who performed the feat during the summer of 1903.

Brazil claims to be the country which possesses the most precious timber for general construction and shipbuilding and for the manufacture of furniture and other articles.

The Turkish government has given a French bank a concession to build an electric railroad between Jerusalem and Bethlehem and for lighting the former city with electricity.

According to an Italian scientist who has classified 4,000 cases of self destruction, more suicides occur between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five than at any other period in life.

Statistics show that Ireland's fisheries continue to decline in amount of fish landed and the number of men and boats engaged. Capitalists are displacing individual fishermen.

One of the largest forest nurseries in the United States is conducted by the forest service near Haugen, Mont. It is known as the Savenac nursery and has a capacity of 4,000,000 young trees a year.

Iron alloyed with gold is being introduced as a substitute for tin in the making of cans. The resulting product is proof against corrosion of most kinds, but costs fifteen times as much as tin plate.

The readiness of Africans to accept and pay for modern methods of transportation is illustrated by the fact that of 18,000 passengers carried in one month by the Tripoli railway 15,000 were Arabs.

Italy has established a strict censorship on moving pictures. Pictures portraying scenes distasteful or contrary to public decency and morality, especially those reproducing acts of cruelty or which might be an incentive to crime, are forbidden.

Literature in Turkey has responded to the liberty that followed the revolution. Large numbers of translations and adaptations of European scientific and literary works and books of a popular nature are now available.

One of the longest bridges in the world will soon be built by Germany. It will give railroad connection between Rugen, an island in the Baltic sea, and the mainland of Germany. The length will be about 11,000 feet and the cost about \$5,000,000.

More than 4,500,000 gray squirrels

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Most prominent of all materials for Spring and Summer are these charming Coats and Suits of silk poplins, brocades and silk moires. Many new models have arrived the last week and are now on display in our exclusive Ready-to-Wear Department. Prices range from \$22.50 to \$40.00

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were killed last year in Siberia for their fur. The tails alone weighed more than twenty-one tons. The annual figuring next in the fur trade of Asiatic Russia in point of numbers was the white hare, which contributed 1,500,000 skins.

A landowner named Bizony, living at the Hungarian town of Miskolez, who died recently, has left his fortune, amounting to \$60,000, to the Hungarian Provincial Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on condition that it erects an asylum for worn-out horses.

Winter's Short Days.

If I were to paint the short days of winter I should paint two towering icebergs approaching each other like promontories for morning and evening, with cavernous recesses and a solitary traveler wrapping his cloak about him and bent forward against the driving storm just entering the narrow pass. I would paint the light of a taper at midday seen through a cottage window, half buried in snow and frost.

In the foreground should appear the harvest and far in the background through the pass should be seen the powers in the fields and other evidences of spring. On the right and left of the approaching icebergs the heavens should be shaded off from the light of midday to midnight with its stars, the sun being low in the sky.—Henry David Thoreau.

Electromagnets.

An electromagnet consists, essentially, of a core of soft iron surrounded by many turns of insulated copper wire through which a powerful electric current is made to flow. When the current starts flowing the iron instantly becomes a magnet, and when the current is shut off the iron just as instantly loses its magnetism. An electromagnet can be made much more powerful than a permanent magnet of steel, and it is also much more useful, because its magnetism may be turned on and off at will. It is indispensable in making telegraph instruments, and in recent years it has become hardly less indispensable as a kind of giant derrick hand for picking up tons of steel and iron and depositing them wherever they are wanted.—New York Journal.

Reason to Worry.

"You look scared." "I guess you'd be if you were as sick as I am." "Fshaw! You're not seriously sick." "I didn't think I was, either, but I can see that the doctor is beginning to worry over my case." "He's worrying, all right; he told me that he didn't expect you'd pay him unless he brought suit."—Houston Post.

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