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GOOD SIDEWALKS ARE INSURANCE

A case has just been decided in our local court wherein this city must pay \$250 for an injured limb of a woman, or appeal to a higher court. It is likely the appeal will be taken and in all probability after a supreme court trial the city will still have to pay.

That point is not vital to the illustration we want to put before you. Our contention is that good sidewalks act as insurance against just such law suits as we have finished.

With cement sidewalks over the city there will be no boards to break, no holes for the dainty feet of lady pedestrians to enter, and therefore, no broken limbs; which, working automatically, means no law suits against the city.

This summer will find 100 blocks of cement sidewalk added to the already large mileage within the city's limits, but La Grande is a good-sized city and there are many more blocks to be built.

Because a board walk along your property seems to be in a fair condition, do not get cross when it is ordered replaced with a cement construction, for, remember the lady who just got a verdict against the city, and the next verdict will be easier than the first, in all probability.

We had better have cement sidewalks at a higher cost—get the service from them and be saved law suits.

THEY LIKE LA GRANDE.

Members of the Epworth League who journeyed some distance to be present at the La Grande meeting, have in several instances expressed themselves as being delighted, not only with the spirit of hospitality, but with the city in general—its buildings, streets, lights, parks, etc. And this is the same song of praise sung last week by the retail merchants of the state; the same song of praise that the teachers of Eastern Oregon sang last spring—the same song sung by the Group Six bankers, the Farmers' Union members and the

Tri-State Dairy and Butter Makers. When all sing the same song there must be merit to that song. La Grande is a delightful city to meet in, for the various reasons well known at this time. And as the years go by, it is the ambition of the people to let not the reputation for hospitality wane.

As the Epworth League members now think of this city, so let all think of her in the future.

SCAVANGER SERVICE.

A city scavenger may seem to not be of extreme importance to a community, but he is nevertheless. This city is just now installing a regular scavenger service. Heretofore, it has been a case of let George do it, and George never did. One could leave calls for the scavenger, but no scavenger came. The refuse remained in the barrels, and flies came and swarmed, yet there was no scavenger on the job to do his duty.

A new man has taken charge now and he seems to be in earnest. Let everyone keep boosting away until we get a man who will attend to the job, for this city needs a scavenger just as badly as it needs a sewer system.

Eastern Oregon bankers of Group Six are to meet with John Egensperger at the Head-of-the-Lake on July 25. On that day the fish will not bite. But will the speeches on that occasion be warm and earnest to the extent of melting the snow from Eagle Cap? That is a good place to discuss the tariff on wool and the bankers can personally inspect the government's forest reserve policy. Without doubt the bankers will find enough to do to keep them from talking interest rates and "poor" paper.

Col. Roosevelt discovered a new Indian tribe in the Brazilian wilds. We shall have a chance to study them more closely at the next national convention, for if they are like the colonel's other Indians, they will have quarters at the Annex.

A Los Angeles man forget that he had just been married, and stayed out all night. Now his wife asks for a divorce. Some women are unreasonable.

Carnegie institute professor says eugenics will prevent all crime in this country. Yes, but can we wait that long?

It is evident our refugees in Mexico could not have been more badly treated if they had been on a regular American excursion train.

Three smugglers have been caught in New York with 6,000 diamonds. No one knows what our summer hotel clerks will do for equipment.

A Pittsburg man wants a divorce because his wife hits him in the face

occasionally with a pet dog. Why doesn't he buy her a St. Bernard?

Broadway chorus girls are enlisting as Red Cross nurses. Gen. Sherman may have been misinformed about war after all.

If it is shot up much more the Texas border will begin to look like point lace.

Huerta's photographer must get a pessimistic view of life.

NAVY VERY DRY TODAY.

Washington, July 1.—No more is the jolly jack tar's song, "Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum."

The navy went dry today. Secretary Daniel's orders against the officer's wine mess, the use of any alcoholic beverage aboard battleships or in land stations or officers' clubs ashore was clamped on today. Consequently there was gloom in navy circles today. They felt the new order might be a hardship sometimes, and besides it swept away a time-honored custom. It means practically total abstinence for navy officers and men, at least while on a cruise.

The order is so sweeping that an officer ashore cannot have any liquor, provided he maintains a residence in a naval reservation. Commanding officers are made personally responsible for enforcement of the order.

Secretary Daniel's dry order was promulgated sometime ago, on recommendation of Surgeon General Braisted, who felt that liquor aboard battleships was not conducive to the high standard set by the administration. The secretary's early investigations of the navy surprised him, for he found that officers were allowed to buy light wines in the wine mess and to serve it with dinners. Likewise his friendship with Secretary of State Bryan, an ardent temperance devotee, is believed to have figured in his dry navy decision.

The official order reads: "The use or introduction for drinking purposes of alcoholic liquors on board any vessel or within any yard or station is strictly prohibited, and commanding officers will be held directly responsible for the enforcement of this order."

Washington as Sad as the Navy. Washington, July 1.—The old town didn't look quite natural today, for "Shoo's" famous "Thirstery" on "Rum Row"—E street—was closed forever. Here in a quaint, dingy little place, Shoemaker's has dispensed for more than a half century plain and fancy drinks for the high and the lowly. Many a man prominent in public life has sought respite from political duties over one of Shoo's mint juleps or gin rickeys. Beside him the humble government clerk had his "split of beer." Gin rickeys, first saw the light of day at Shoo's. The drink was first ordered by Col. Rickey, and from that time on, it was popular the country over. Shoemaker's used to be known as "Cobweb Hall." But two years ago an ardent health officer decided that the forty years old webs must be cleared out. They were, but the ancient lithographs, tarnished souvenirs of Lincoln's days, and more modern banners, mementoes and pictures remained to make of the "thirstery" the strangest little barroom in the whole country. The reason for the passing of this historical bar was the fact that its lease expired today, and the place, recently bought by Frank A. Munsey, was taken over as the site for his Washington Times-newspaper plant.

BAN LIFTED FOR RACERS.

Citizens Warned to Keep Off Race Court Friday Forenoon.

Between 10 o'clock and 11 o'clock Friday morning, citizens living on the streets and roads leading to Island City are warned to be on the look out for the Elgin motorcycle racers. The ban for these racers has been lifted for that event, and in order to avoid accidents the public should keep the racers in mind. Flagmen will be stationed at principal intersections at that hour to facilitate against accidents of any kind. The contestants will likely come up Adams' avenue from the Island City road crossing, and will go to the Leighton garage to register.

Huerta is Furious.

Paris, July 1.—Information received from reliable sources at Vera Cruz is to the effect that Huerta is furious because the mediators at Niagara Falls failed to reach an agreement

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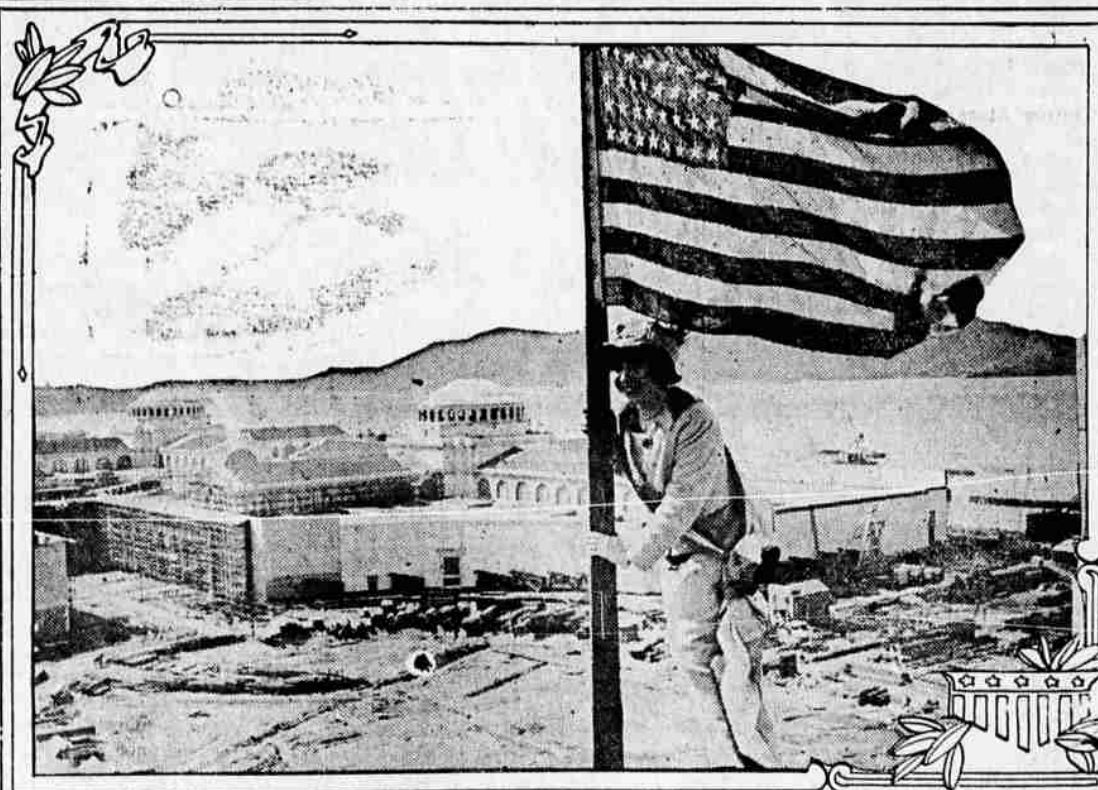
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between his representatives and the to the end. Deaconess Visits in City. Miss Ferguson formerly lived in La Grande and of late has been taking a course as a deaconess in a Methodist institution in California school, arrived today to California.



Photograph courtesy San Francisco Chronicle

NAILING OLD GLORY TO MAST ABOVE GOLDEN GATE AT PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

THE photograph shows Miss Mary Elizabeth Payne, the vocalist of Missouri, raising the flag over the dome of the Palace of Manufacturers, 100 feet from the ground. In the foreground is the ten acre area, with solid concrete walls, of the central Court of the Universe, which, when completed, will be the most beautiful plaza in the world.

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