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THIS ENLIGHTENED DAY.

The idea of a train robbery in Umatilla county in this enlightened day seems almost impossible to believe. Such was the case. That the robbers selected the mountains west of La Grande is not to be wondered at, in all probability the way robbers choose that is the most plausible location on the whole transcontinental item.

Anyway we are confronted with a train robbery in 1914 and a bold, bad train robbery in which death played part.

All of which goes to show the impossibility of perfecting humanity. Long years of correct living has its bearing, generations of honest people help to mold character, laws and legislation do their small part, but men slip one over occasionally and develop a train robber, a murderer, a bunco man and various other sorts of criminals.

In the face of organized law these men take the chance. To us it seems impossible for the men who robbed passenger train No. 5 on the W. to ever escape. They are almost sure to be overtaken very soon. They will gamble with prison terms and death in this late day very much the same as did Jesse James and his followers a half century ago.

THE SOUP EATERS.

For several years there has been a crusade in this country against the soup eaters of soup. In many cafes chestras have been hired to drown the soup inhalers, while several nurses have invented noiseless soup spoons. In spite of these efforts, however, the evil exists as flagrantly as ever, and the sound of soup is heard from Maine to California and in every hotel, restaurant and private boarding house.

Of course it may be said with some degree of authority that a man should be allowed to eat his soup as he pleases. If he wishes to eat it so that it sounds like a cow pulling her foot out of the mud, or if he wishes to give it the locomotive effect, panting for breath and blowing off steam. Some persons will say he has the right to do so. Many others do not hold this view, however, and the situation is gradually growing very acute.

In this connection, note the recent event at St. Louis. Walter E. Murphy of St. Louis, was eating soup in a restaurant. Two men objected to the noise he was making while doing so. The men were August Ebert and Henry Rosemeyer. Ebert said, "If you can't make enough noise with that bowl of soup, go get a bucket." Rosemeyer said something equally humorous, and the man who was consuming the soup with all the avidity of a waterworks pumping station, whipped out a revolver and shot both Ebert and Rosemeyer.

It would seem as though the war on noisy soup should be submitted to mediation. The situation has grown so acute between the anti-noisy soup and the noisy soup devotees that frequent incidents of bloodshed and peril are more or less likely. It is purely a question of personal liberty and must be handled with much finesse. Thus far the federal government has been able to keep out of the fight, but the time may come when the efforts of the entire diplomatic department may be necessary to settle the dispute.

A DUTY FOR THE CHURCHES.

After observations in Colorado, Charles Stelzle puts a burden of responsibility on American churches for solution of the internal problem in the American west. He speaks with the authority from experience as a workingman and as a churchman of national repute.

"The revolution in America," is the way he phrases the deplorable situation, as the title of a newspaper article. He reviews the facts familiar to the public and charges arbitrary use of power through state channels at the behest of the Rockefeller corporation, the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. Without excusing either party, he holds that acts reprehensible have been committed on both sides of the controversy. He calls attention to the slaughter of women and children during the bitter struggle and then discusses "the direct responsibility of the state and church."

As to the state he believes that the workingmen who were urged to use "ballots, not bullets," used ballots at the polls for years and then when defeated in their plans, after the people of the state by a majority of 40,000 had approved a constitutional amendment, because vested interests had "purchased" enough legislators to block the reform legislation. "There is no doubt," he adds, "that Colorado has been turned over to the corporations operating in that state."

But the ruler of the dominant now, he declares, is one of the prominent churchmen in America, John D. Rockefeller, who for years has been making heavy contributions to religious causes. His son, whose name became associated chiefly with his New York Bible class for men, testifies that they will sink their whole investment before they will recognize the right of the miners to organize. He also states that he is "solving the problem entirely" by employing officials.

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It is a large problem that Charles Stelzle is putting up to the readers in church progress, including the question of whether such a matter is or ever can be a subject for united church action. It is the old issue of "the tainted dollar" in a new form.

A New Yorker has just spent three months in jail for stealing a 50-cent piece. At that rate there are many New Yorkers who deserve life sentences.

The Wilson administration is going to be a success in one way at least. The third and only remaining daughter will be married in a very short time.

Now it is demanded that tobacco, too, be banished from warships. About all that will be left for our gallant marines is love of country and chocolate fudge.

The United States now has a population of more than 98,000,000, of whom at least 47 can stand up and pronounce Chihauhau, Ilostotipaguilla and Ixmiquilpan offhand.

Some one has said that Huerta is an art lover, but no one will venture to assert that he is fond of marine views.

Enterprising newspaper photographers are looking for the nearest hill country around home in which to get pictures of Mexican scenery.

Mexican mobs have destroyed a statue of George Washington. We might retaliate by pulling down all the Indian cigar signs in this country.

There is one honest man in the United States. A Boston butcher advertises that his sausage contains 50 per cent of saw dust.

Kaiser Wilhelm says that he is worth \$70,000,000. He probably will be able to struggle along with a little help from the government.

Edison will not allow his employees to smoke cigars. It takes a great inventor to invent a way to make the order stick.

The Czar of Russia has plenty of troubles, but the worst is yet to come. The militants threaten to get busy there soon.

If Andy Carnegie really wants to die poor he might undertake the task of financing Huerta.

Nearly time for the annual story about the man who varnished his porch furniture with maple syrup.

Huerta has an excellent poker face.

VEHRS WINS RACE.

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was gone with about four minutes delay. His fork was loose. Mr. Vehrs is a Red Cross Drug Store employe.

Jim Hallgarth left Elgin at 10:20 even and reached here at 11:13 a ride of nearly 55 minutes. He lost valuable time on the way in—about 15 minutes—with a broken engine which had to be repaired. His rear wheel was badly bent when he pulled out of Elgin equipped with oil and gas.

Educational Problems Discussed. Boulder, Colo., July 3.—Discussion of four of the most pressing problems of education opened here today with the beginning of the annual Colorado Conference of education, under the auspices of the University of Colorado. They are the problems of civilization in America, the industrial order and its problems, the problem of character and the problem of higher patriotism.

Washington Memorial At Cambridge. Cambridge, Mass., July 2.—Having followed the route taken by George Washington on his historic ride from Philadelphia 139 years ago, to take charge of the continental army here, three members of the Sons of the American Revolution arrived here today to lead in unveiling a memorial tablet. The men who have followed Washington's route, and unveiled tablets at each point where Washington stopped are Brigadier General Philip Reader, U. S. A., retired; Edwin S. Crandon, Boston, and Henry F. Ponderson, of Springfield, Mass. Today's celebration, held under the famous "Old Elm Tree," was attended by Cambridge and Boston city officials and by representatives of Massachusetts.

Grocers, milk men and meat dealers will deliver their wares to the grounds once a day.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENT.

To Whom It May Concern, you are hereby notified that the Committee on Estimates appointed by the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, to make an examination of the property, upon which assessments are to be levied to pay the costs and expenses of the street improvement hereinafter described, as to the valuation and extent, if any of the benefits to be derived by said property by reason of said improvement, have made their report in writing to said commission, which report has been received by said Commission, and is on file in the office of the Recorder of said City, and is open for your inspection. That it is the intention of said Commission to levy a special assessment against all the property hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of improving Fourth Street, on both the east and west sides thereof, between the south curb line of Spring Avenue to the north curb line of J. Avenue, by constructing and placing thereon, on each side of said street where same are not now in place, five-foot standard concrete sidewalks with concrete aprons at all intersections, according to the plans and specifications therefore heretofore adopted by said Commission and on file in the office of the Recorder of said City.

That the real property included in and the boundaries of the district benefited and affected by said improvement are as follows: Beginning at a point on the center line of Spring Avenue which is west 100 feet from the north property line of Fourth Street; the boundary line runs thence

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south 100 feet from parallel with the west property line of Fourth Street to the center line of J. Avenue, thence east along the center line of J. Avenue to a point 70 feet east of the west property line of Fourth Street, thence north 70 feet from and parallel with the east property line of Fourth Street to the center line of Spring Avenue; thence west along the center line of Spring to the place of beginning; all in the City of La Grande, Oregon, and the estimated cost of said improvement is \$1,714.79.

CITY COMMISSION OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 6-26,11t.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

- FRUIT. Peaches 10c per lb. 3@25c. Dewberries 10c straight. Appricots, 2@25c. Black Raspberries, 10c straight. Strawberries—Pint cups 10c. Loganberries 10c, 3 for 25c. Gooseberries 30c per gallon. Cherries, 7c lb. Currants, 10c per cup; 3@25c. Oranges—35c, 50c, and 60 doz. Bananas—40c per doz. Lemons—35@40c. VEGETABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS. Green Peas (Home grown) 10c 3 for 25c. Cantaloupes 10c, 2@25c. Wax Beans, 15c, 2 for 25c. Radishes—5c, 3@10c. Tomatoes—25c per lb. Cabbage—5c (new). Carrots—5c per bunch, 3 for 10c. Beans—White 10c; Lima, 10c. Beets—Beets 3 lbs. for 10c. Green Onions—5c per bunch, 3@10c. Onions—8c@10c, (small lots.) Potatoes—1c. New Potatoes—4c lb. Asparagus—Walla Walla, 15c 2 for 25c. Chili peppers—40c. Turnips, 5c per bunch, 6@25c. Honey—20c. Watermelons, 85c to \$1.00. Cucumbers, 15c, 2 for 25c. Lettuce—(Home grown) 15c lb. Rhubarb—6 lbs@25c. (Home grown.) Sugar—Cane or fruit, \$5.50 a sack.

cash, \$5.90 for 30 days; Beet sugar \$5.30 cash, \$5.70 for 30 days.

BUITER AND EGGS.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30 cents, 1-lb roll; 60 cents, 2-lb roll. Ranch butter—1-lb. roll, 25c.; 2-lb. roll 55c. Fresh ranch eggs, 25c.

FLOUR, HAY, FEED, ETC.

Eastern Oregon Best—\$1.45. Blue Stem flour—\$1.40. Patent—\$1.30. Snowdrift—\$1.45 sack. Upper Crust—\$1.45. Sea Foam—\$1.20. Barley—\$1.07 1/2. Timothy—(to producer) \$12.00. Alfalfa hay—(to producer) \$8.50@ \$9.00 f. o. b. cars, baled. Oats—(to producer) 95c@1.00. Bran—\$1.15 per cwt. Rolled oats—\$1.45 per cwt. Rolled barley—\$1.35. Wild hay—(to producer) \$8 baled.

CHICKENS AND FOWL.

Turkeys—25c@28c, retail. Spring friers—22@25c, retail dressed. Hens—18c@20c, retail, dressed.

CATTLE.

Prime light . . . . . \$6.35@6.50. Good . . . . . \$5.75@6.00. Medium . . . . . \$5.25@5.50. Cows, prime . . . . . \$5.25@5.50. Calves . . . . . \$6.00@7.00.

HOGS.

Prime light . . . . . \$6.90@7.00. Medium . . . . . \$6.75@6.85. Rough heavy . . . . . \$5.10@6.05.

SHEEP.

Best Spring lambs . . . . . \$4.75@5.00. Wool yearling wethers . . . \$3.50@3.75.

Meat Cuts—Retail.

Neck boils 12 1-2 to 15c; brisket loins 12 1-2c; soup bones, 6c to 8c; plates 12 1-2c; sho. pot roast 18c; arm cuts 18c; 1st cuts sho. steak 15c; good cuts sho. steak 18c; prime ribs 16 to 20c; wholesale 16. retail 20c; flank boil 12 1-2c; kidneys 8c; kidney stew, 12c; sirloin steak 25c; tenderloin steaks 25c; T-Bone steaks 25c; rump roasts 18c; round steak 20c; hind quarter steers 16c; hind quarter cows 15c; front quarter steers 14c front quarter cows 13c; hog, half dressed 13c; pork loin chops 20c; pork loin whole 16c; comb pork 14c; shoulder pork, whole 13c; link and bulk sausage 15c; hamburger 8c; steer loins 18c; cow loin 17c; mutton legs 18c; mutton rib chop 20c; mutton loin chop 20c; mutton steak 8; mutton stew 12 1-2c; whole mutton 14c; half mutton 14c; veal round steak 25c; veal loin cuts 25c; veal rib chops 20c; veal sho. steak 20c; veal stew 15c; half veal 16c; smoked ham, whole 23c; brk. bacon light 25c; brk. bacon sliced 30c; salt pork 18c; sliced ham 25 to 30c; boiled hams 35c; boiled ham sliced 45c; smoked shoulder 18c; lard 15c; liver 6 to 8c; tongue 15c; hearts 8c; salmon 20c; halibut 15c; smelt 10c.

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