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## HOW WILL HE TURN BACK?

The President insists there is still likelihood of no war with Mexico.

Yet, every day the dispatches tell of American boys murdered south of the Rio Grande; every day bands of marauders continue to follow their program of rapine, arson and treachery; every day such men as General Funston announce plans for more troops.

Then, are we not in war with Mexico at the present time?

What does it take to make war—merely a pronouncement that a state of war does exist between two countries, or such acts as Mexicans are perpetrating on Americans this very moment?

No one wants war. It is silly to think that people in this country invite war. But when conditions are as they are how is the President going to back down? How will he turn back?

## GET READY.

Tomorrow Chautauqua in all its glory begin in La Grande. Get ready.

You do not need much fixing for Chautauqua is a place where glad rags are not essential to have a good time. It is one place where people meet on a level and the latest fads in clothes attract but little attention. It is the traveling educational bureau, the happy diversion from every day life where one can listen to good music, good lectures and enjoy the society of those whom we see less frequent than the neighbors across the way.

Opie Reed says Chautauqua is a cross between the camp meeting and county fair, and perhaps it is. But it is all right in every way. Tomorrow La Grande and Union county people will open the first of this year's session with a large attendance, plainly telling of their indorsement and support.

Without attempting to enumerate the attractions for the week we wish to say to every reader of the Observer that the program is a most excellent one and not a number should be missed.

From reports it would seem that the state house has lost about half its employees since a call was made for mobilization of the militia. Oregon

will be surprised how well the state will run if these places are held open for the boys on their return. It takes an emergency sometimes to realize that half the help can do as much work as all.

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION.

Someone has very truthfully said, "time works wonderful changes."

Not long ago to be at the head of a public service corporation was an achievement; it was a position that elevated one in the public mind; made the man holding that position a ruler, a dictator, a community guide post, to a large extent. But that was in the days when it was considered a high honor to ride on a railroad pass.

Now, how is it? The head of the public service corporation is a servant in every sense of that term. He is straining every nerve to please his patrons. "No public be-d—d!" with him. Some of his predecessors might have been sufficiently entranced to utter such a remark, but not the corporation man of today. He gets up in the morning feeling his hold slipping. Many times it is through willful misrepresentation by the demagogue who wants to build his own popularity by tearing down others with untruths. He goes to lunch with a troubled look fearing that his position to a committee of patrons has been misunderstood. He trudges home to his family at nighttime feeling that he has done the best he could on all problems during the day, and still there is a lurking feeling that unjustifiable clouds hang over his administration.

We are speaking now of the square, manly men who are directing honest corporations and not the guilty "slip-one-over-on-the-public" kind, of which there are some still in existence.

Who is to blame for this condition? No, not the public—not the consumer.

Not the honest corporation, nor the honest man who directs the honest corporation.

It is first of all, the selfish politician and selfish agitator who points to crooked work on the part of some, particularly dishonest corporation and then classes all public utilities with the dishonest one. The public finds upon investigation of the dishonest corporation that the charges of the agitator are true and without further investigation places everything under corporate seal in the same class. The fireworks start, the howl grows louder and finally public opinion gets in its work and honest investment is shattered. Earnings are decreased, damage suits of every description follow. And this is why the head that directs the public utility corporation of today rests uneasy.

Very recently we received a letter from a good friend who is a man among men; who directs an honest corporation. And in that letter he said, "being a public utility man nowadays is very much like being a prize fighter placed in the ring with both hands and feet tied, and called upon to meet all comers with the principal rules of the game being that

no restrictions be placed upon the character of the attack, but the hog-tied defender must fight according to schedule made for him by others."

He is right to a very great extent. How many of us know that bill after bill has been introduced in the legislature for the sole purpose of making trouble for a public service corporation and without any thought whatever of doing good for the public. These are introduced by the same demagogue who raises a cry against all corporations because he finds one that is corrupt.

The only thing for the corporations of Oregon to do is to join with the honest people who are not seeking office, nor trying to run party organizations and make a clean cut, open handed fight against the selfish politician, the blatant demagogue. Take the public into confidence and defy the traducers to produce proof of the inflammatory statements made against all public service corporations, forcing them to specify just which one is meant in their charges.

We believe the people are fair and when once the situation is correctly understood capital will be perfectly safe in Oregon and permitted to earn a proper return on the investment.

There never will be an improvement until the agitator is squelched and the corporations openly appeal to the public for the fair play that is due them.

Pendleton is trying for a state normal school. And as usual is trying in the whole hearted Pendleton manner. Nothing is being spared to spread the news that Oregon has suddenly awakened to the fact that she is short on normal schools and needs one in Eastern Oregon. Just how the demands of our neighbor will be taken by the state as a whole remains to be seen. There still remains buildings of the old Weston normal in Eastern Oregon and the Ashland normal in Southern Oregon. The state normal problem has been a knotty one in the past and Pendleton will have a great deal of publicity work to do to make her position thoroughly understood.

Today farmers gathered at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station near Union to learn what is being done in their interests by that branch of the state's government. This is as it should be. No one who has investigated can question the excellent work unless the farmers who are to be benefited by it shall have the full and complete knowledge gained by the experimenters.

## GEMS FROM THE BIBLE.

Proverbs, 15:23-33.  
The Lord will destroy the house of the proud; but he will establish the border of the widow.

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord; but the words of the pure are pleasant words. He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

The heart of the righteous studieth to answer; but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart; and a good report maketh the bones fat.

The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul; but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.

## Savoy Hotel Arrivals

H. D. Spencer and wife, Portland; Mrs. B. H. Long, Elgin; John Spain, C. Bettis, J. P. Brad, E. W. Currier, A. Lash, M. E. Gordon, City; Geo. L. Carnes, John Brandt, Jr., North Powder; Forest Ryder, Ben Robbs, City; Henry Sewall, Portland.

## Guests at Sommer Hotel

D. H. Serman, Spokane; L. B. Tuttle, Elgin; E. Devine, Mrs. Davis, Lois Davis, Dorothy Davis, Salt Lake, C. J. Tomas, Portland; M. Englehorn, Joden, Vash; Mrs. L. A. Kincaid, Volmer, Idaho; H. C. Churchill, Boston; W. E. Taggart, Enterprise; Peter Henel, Joseph; W. P. Banton, Salt Lake; G. E. Willis, Portland; J. B. Horner, Corvallis; Frank Alinjama, Portland; R. A. Bottcher, Tom Singer, Seattle.

## Foley Hotel Guests.

A. M. Williams, W. H. Wolf, J. W. Harrgrave, H. Beyers, L. E. Kain, H. H. Nichols, H. M. Cousse and family, E. E. Willard, W. E. MacLain, P. E. Stockton, W. S. Spinning, Portland; S. C. Scott, Corning, Iowa; F. W. Brown, Chicago; E. M. Terry, Guy Graham, Boise, Sam Galland, L. M. Simpson, W. C. Dwyer, Spokane; Mrs. Kate Erickson, A. I. Shouts, Wallace, J. Backarak, New York; J. C. Dana, New York; M. Helsenin, Spokane; Arthur Andrus, S. Nelson, Walla Walla; Del Scully, Portland; D. M. Rosenberg, New York; Mrs. R. D. Zweifel, Mrs. O. D. Keifer, Elgin; R. L. Barnhart, J. Rhoades, Portland.

## Del Blanchett Ready to Organize Punched.

Pendleton, June 23.—Former Captain Kern of the O. N. G. received a telegram yesterday from Governor Withcombe thanking him and saying

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Water Wings ..... 25c  
Children's Genuine "Koveralls," at ..... 75c



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the proposition of a company of rough riders for Pendleton had been referred to Adjutant-General White.

Up to a late hour today Kern had received no reply from White but is expecting one at any time. Del Blanchett who went to Missoula, yesterday to participate in the Stampede next month declared he would organize a troupe of cowboys if it were necessary. There are a number of these men who have lived near the Mexican border and are familiar with the country. Many have expressed a desire to get into active service.

## Bluff Caves on Track.

Seattle, Wash., June 23.—The Great Northern main line between Seattle and Everett is closed by reason of the caving of a bluff into the track two miles north of Richmond beach yesterday. A large force of men is shoveling way the earth, and the track will be opened tomorrow morning. In the meantime the Northern Pacific track between Seattle and Everett is being used by the Great Northern.

## Does Not Plan Early Resignation.

Salem, June 13.—Persistent rumors to the effect that State Superintendent of Banks Sargent contemplated resigning were put to rest yesterday afternoon when, upon returning from Louisville, Ky., he announced that he had no intention of relinquishing his position. His mission to Louisville was to attend the national association of state supervisors of banks.

"Several months ago I had a position offered me, and I presume this precipitated the rumor," said Superintendent Sargent. "Negotiations, however, never reached the stage where I contemplated resigning. I exceedingly regret that in certain quarters it was reported that I contemplated severing my connection with the department because of inability to agree with the state banking board, for my relations with the board members have been and are both pleasant and harmonious."

## SOCIETY NEWS

(Additional Society Pages 5, 12)

Mrs. T. N. Murphy very charmingly entertained the Thursday Bridge club this week. Mrs. Van Buren won high score. Covers were laid for 12 and a very delicious two-course luncheon was served.

The Noisy club, which has had a most entertaining social season, met this week for the final event of the season with Bob and Chet Garity as hosts. The evening was well handled and the guests had the usually good and noisy time.

Miss Bernice Carter of Haines and Miss Lela Cole of Pendleton were week-end guests of Miss Bessie Allison last week. Several social functions were given for the visitors while in the city, which included a dinner party given by Lyle Kiddle at his Island city home.

Miss Ruth Johnson of Baker is here visiting her sister Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp.

Last evening the M. I. A. dancing party at Rex hall proved to be one of the leading affairs of the week. Guests were present from Imbler, Kamela and Perry, besides a large attendance from La Grande. All phases considered the event was especially pleasant and a most delightful time was the result. The M. I. A. have given many pleasant parties but last evening's was one of the most enjoyable of all.

One of the social events of the week occurred Thursday evening when Mrs. Ed M. Cross entertained the Ladies of the Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen. Mrs. Cross has just returned from Detroit and other Eastern points where she was sent as a delegate to the Grand Lodge. Mrs. Cross was honored with an appointment on the Ways and Means committee of the state of Oregon. An account concerning her trip was given by Mrs. Cross. A beautiful three-course luncheon was served. Mrs. G. R. Kerr assisted Mrs. Cross in receiving.

A silver wedding anniversary of Rev and Mrs. A. J. Adams, former residents of La Grande where Rev. Adams was pastor of the Christian church was observed by them and their friends on Monday night by a very pleasant gathering in the Federated church in Enterprise, says the Record-Chief. A mock ceremony was performed by Ben Gotter, under



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will continue for the week. This will indeed be a rare treat to the campers. The civic parliament will include:

**Monday**  
The Cigarette Menace—Rev. Clark

**Tuesday**  
Needed Reforms in Our Jury System—Attorney Geo. T. Cochran.

**Wednesday**  
Gold medal contest—Six young People of Elgin.

**Thursday**  
Property Rights of Women—Attorney C. H. Finn.

**Friday**  
A Woman's Melting Pot—Mrs. Helen Harford, Newberg, Ore.

**Saturday**  
Excess Baggage—Mrs. Harford.

**Junior Chautauqua Important**  
The children will have their own chautauqua this year in a way never before attempted. Each morning there will be something exceptionally good for them under expert leadership of skilled juvenile entertainers and teachers.

As in former years patrons who do not obtain the value of these features aside from stated attraction are losing much of the merit of the whole assembly.

**Special Numbers Tomorrow**  
Sunday will hear a performance not previously on the program. It will consist of the Fillion Trio, featuring Sir Nelson at one time a resident of Perry. They appear both afternoon and evening and are a special treat for the occasion.

Mr. Murdoch who officially opens the chautauqua, is in the midst of floods at Grangeville and elsewhere, but the latest word from there is to the effect that he expects to get through alright by tomorrow.