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SANE VIEW.

The Independent, which is successor to Harper's Weekly, gives the following editorial comment on the Hughes nomination:

The conventions at Chicago have demonstrated two facts. One is the irresistible power of public opinion. There were but two serious candidates at Chicago. The politicians wanted neither of them. They had to take one of them or they would have had to take the other. The politician is impotent when public opinion sufficiently bestirs itself.

Mr. Hughes is a man whom everybody respects and who will command support outside the limits of his own party. His record is honorable, his ability is proved and his character is irreproachable.

The convention demonstrated as well the bigness of Theodore Roosevelt. In the face of a demand of unparalleled vigor and insistence from the party which he created that he bear their standard once more he has not yielded. He has taken the broader view. He will support Mr. Hughes and it will not be easy. For it will mean going back to the party which he left because he believed it had committed a crime of which he was the victim.

life for another campaign all hope of his cooperating with the Republicans would be gone, doubtless forever. Now, his declination cannot fail to exalt him in the estimation of his countrymen. Indeed it is not inconceivable that if he throws himself wholeheartedly into the fight for Hughes he may yet be the dominant personality of the campaign.

WAR WITH MEXICO IN 1848

Outrages along the border and on the property of Americans who had obtained concessions in Mexico stirred both countries. Mexico was full of military chiefs rivaling for national leadership. An American army was sent to the border. Clashes followed on American soil and American soldiers were killed. The war was fought without a formal declaration of war by congress. President Polk simply declaring a state of war existing by reason of Mexico's acts.

LITTLE RAMBLERS.

Are we all sufficiently appreciative of those, who by their energy and good purpose have made Chautauqua and the Riverside Park a present reality?

Why is it that a certain number of automobile owners think they are privileged to disregard all rules and regulations at the Chautauqua park?

Did you ever join a picnic lunch party with one who did not hesitate to let you know by manner and action that their basket was the only one fit to eat from?

Why is it that some who are truly great in benevolence spoil it all by constantly talking about it, making the Ego greater than the Idea.

Did you ever meet those who are always "dog-tired" yet are woefully slighted if not placed on all important committees?

Is it not wonderful that one smile will radiate an entire audience?

Doing just one thing a day worth while makes one glad they are living. -AUNT PHOEBY.

Alkali Lake Deposit To Be Developed. Bend, Or., June 28.—That the soda ash deposit at Alkali lake, in Lake county, about 45 miles northeast of Paisley, will be developed by the American Soda Products company, of San Francisco, was announced yesterday by F. L. Young, of Paisley, the original locator of the property. Machinery has been ordered and will arrive in Bend about the middle of next month from Portland, and will be shipped to the property for immediate installation. It is expected that the refining of the product will begin within three weeks after the machinery is received and shipments by large auto trucks will start immediately.

Present plans provide for a daily capacity of 50 tons of the soda ash product. Just as soon as conditions warrant the capacity will be increased to 200 tons daily, but this will probably not come until the construction of the Strahorn railroad to Lakeview via Paisley. The deposit at Alkali is practically inexhaustible. The visible supply is

said to approximate 570,000 tons. The soda ash is held in large pot holes, to the number of about 10,000. When the soda ash is removed from one of these holes the hole immediately refills with a deposit of equal quantity. Many experiments have been made by chemists who agreed that the soda ash is 99 per cent pure and the refinement can be carried on at a minimum expense. The property under the control of the American Soda Products company, of which John D. Spreckles is the principal promoter, embraces about nine square miles.

MR. M'EACHRON IMPROVES

La Grande School Teacher Rapidly Regaining Strength

"The worst is past; I have had my appendix removed and have just returned from the hospital. The attack was hard and long when it did come."

So writes E. A. McEachron, manual training instructor here, from California, Ill., to P. A. Anderson of this city. Mr. McEachron was suffering with the malady before he left here.

Washington County Woman Buried

Hillsboro, Or., June 24.—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Davis, living near this city, was held at the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church, yesterday afternoon, and burial was had in the cemetery nearby. She was born in 1853 and came to Oregon in 1874, and was married to Mr. Davis in 1884. She died last Wednesday at Rockaway where she had been taken in the hope of receiving some benefit from the sea air. Deceased is survived by the husband, T. R. Davis; two sons, Charles and Thomas, two sisters and two brothers.

Coast Defense Asked.

BY JOHN BARTRAM KELLY.

Portland, Ore., June 29.—From Montana to the Pacific Ocean there has arisen during recent months a demand, persistent and serious, that the mouth of the greatest river on the Pacific Coast of America, the entrance to the 250,000 square miles of American territory, known as the Columbia Basin and the Inland Empire, receive governmental recognition by the establishment there of a naval base of the first class, with adequate fortifications to protect this investment. The acorn from which this mighty oak of sentiment has grown is known as the Columbia Naval committee. In January F. C. Harley and Wallace R. Struble started the movement in Astoria. The necessity for the naval base was an easy matter to prove. The Pacific Coast is so helpless at this moment that our military experts say that in case of an invasion the first stand American troops could make would be in the Bear River Valley in Utah. That means the evacuation of the Pacific Northwest. Our naval base at Bremerton is entirely unprotected from a flank or rear attack so long as there is no adequate defense at the mouth of the Columbia. Furthermore it is located 132 miles from the ocean and its entrance is dominated by territory of the greatest sea power in the world. Strategically, the mouth of the Columbia is the key to the Northwest. From it to Alaska is open American roadstead and the shortest routes. It is the nearest point to Yokohama. It is the entrance to the wheat belt, to three-fourths of our trans-continental lines, to a 500 mile navigable waterway, and to the only water grade route to the Northwest. These are arguments which the residents of the basin considered before making their demands. Commercial bodies of Eugene, Salem, Portland and Astoria have endorsed the movement. In March the city of Spokane, uniting with the naval base committee, held a preparedness convention in which five states were represented. This convention was held at the suggestion of P. N. Bernard of Kalispell, Mont. Six hundred Portland business men have sent a long omnibus telegram to Washington in six sections, urging the necessity of the naval base. The present status of the campaign is considered favorable. Secretary Daniels is considering the naval report of 1900 in conjunction with the army report of 1916. Chairman of naval committees in the House and Senate are both friendly to the Hawley and Lane bills for the establishment of the naval base.

Savoy Hotel Guests.

Karl J. Stackland, Cove; C. Austin, Elgin; W. H. Briggs, Robena Briggs, Starkey; D. McClelland, Kamela; J. Manning, Baker; Mrs. Bert Anderson, Alicio; Mrs. Ed Hoffman, Enterprise; Peter Arnoldus, Clarence Bettes, Mrs. Geo. Haneke, Wallowa; A. J. Wisdom, Ed Darling and wife, D. Dunlap, Elgin; R. Strong; Osear Lampkin, D. Harris, Max Shultz, City.

General Manager's Report.

General manager's report for the week ending June 24, 1916. The fire department had one call to a chimney fire at the home of Robt. Rostock, June 21st. Nine volunteers were out. The damage was nominal. The water superintendent is at the intake. He had two men repairing and overhauling such things as were noted during the last meter reading. They began meter reading. Their wages amounted to \$34.50. The police arrested one for the state, two for failure to secure a dog license, one for being drunk and one for violating traffic ordinance. They collected \$25.00 fines and served 15 months. The dog catcher will swear out warrants for the arrest of the delinquents who have failed to get licenses for their dogs. They have been delinquent since March 1st. The street superintendent had a team and driver for \$28.50, a White wing for \$15.00 and bought \$10.70 cross walk lumber. He had four and a half days work done by prisoners. He repaired two cross walks on Spruce and V, Spruce and R and built a new alley cross walk on Washington between First and Cedar. He swept some of the paved streets to remove

New Mid-Summer Styles WOMEN'S NECKWEAR

Just in Direct From New York---25c, 50c

Every collar fresh, distinctive and different from any ever shown before—large sailor and circular collars, fichu effects, small collars, etc., of voile, batiste, organdy and other sheer dainty materials. There is just a limited number of these pretty collars—and you know how popular the neckwear counter at this store is and how fast such good neckwear sells at 25c and 50c. Take just a little tip and choose early, for these are the new styles and many women will want them.

A Fad That is Gaining in Popularity COMBING - JACKETS You can Easily Make One

Made from Fancy Turkish Towels or Toweling with a piece of ribbon to bind it and to make a tie in front. We have just received some new Turkish Toweling by the yard with colored stripes which was made especially for Combing Jackets and is priced at 40c yard. Also Fancy Turkish Towels with colored borders priced at 50c and 85c each.

We are Offering the Greatest Values in PONGEE SILK at 50c YARD

Several pieces which were bought before the raise in price of all silks. Is of fine natural lustre, good weight, 34 inches wide—Pongee Silk is the prettiest and most practical wash material there is for waists, dresses, middies, children's wear, kimonos, etc.—and it is the most popular material this summer.

Beautiful Draperies

That will appeal strongly to all home lovers may be seen in great assortment in our drapery section. New cretonnes in beautiful new patterns, per yard 18c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c. New Curtain Scrims, the greatest values ever offered, per yard 12 1-2c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 60c.

This is the Place to Buy Men's, Women's and Boys'

Bathing Suits

Assortments are complete, Qualities reliable and Prices most moderate. Women's Bathing Suits, in one piece, knitted styles, some with lacing on the sides of skirt and at neck, pretty collars trimmed with contrasting colors. Priced \$1.2g to \$5.00. Men's Bathing Suits, in one-piece styles that button on the shoulder. Priced at \$1.00 to \$5.00. Boys' and Girls' Bathing Suits 25c to \$1.00. Women's Bathing Caps 25c to 50c.

The Satisfactory Hose For Men

"Interwoven" Hose is guaranteed. Scores of men will have no other kind—made of the best yarns, dyed with the best German dye—the same uoq saumq suq u asou pooz with no rise in price as most all things have done.

Interwoven Hose, of light weight cotton in all styles with a fine finish that won't wash out, pair 25c. Interwoven Hose of Fibre Silk, pair 35c, 3 for \$1.00. Interwoven Pure Silk Hose, pair 50c.



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WHILE OTHER MEN WASTED THEIR TIME AND MONEY THEY WERE PUTTING SOME INTO THE BANK. MAKE YOURSELF INDEPENDENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. BANK SOME MONEY NOW.

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mails and gravel and flushed some. He also sprinkled the macadam streets and cleaned gutters and catch basins.

The recorder reports \$25 fines; \$1 pound fees; 50 cents for one building permit and \$7 dog licenses. He issued dray license on \$30 treasurer's receipt and hawker's license on \$5 receipt. He drew a warrant for \$225 allowed at the last meeting of the commission, and one for \$5 to refund overpayment of a sewer assessment. He drew a warrant in payment of bond No. 2, District No. 1-A for \$1000 as ordered and on the Imp. Bond Interest fund for \$360 for interest on Imp. Bond No. 2.

The treasurer collected \$57 water rent; \$129.97 Road fund from Park fund for work done by street department on the Park; \$30 dray license; \$5 hawker license; \$283.11 Imp. District Installments; \$79.40 Imp. Dist. Interest; \$13.78 principal and \$13.65 Interest Imp. District No. 93; \$5.05 principal and \$465 Interest Imp. Dist. No. 88; \$2.70 Interest District No. 96; \$9.85 Interest District No. 97 and \$1.50 Interest Sewer one Section five. He paid \$44.10 water warrants; \$186.22 Park warrants; \$225 Imp. Dist. Interest; \$875 special interest; \$10.00 general warrant and \$1.01 interest on same.

There is again adverse comment in the papers concerning the action of the commission in the South Fourth street assessment. Mr. Slater has answered these so no misunderstanding may result.

Would beg to say that the warrants in payment of this work were issued about three years ago. So far the only action taken was to prevent assessment. No action whatever has been taken to prevent payment of these warrants.

While the city would resist payment it is up to the aggrieved parties to bring action or stop making insinuations.

Respectfully submitted, F. J. LAFKY, General Manager.

Cartoon by LAFKY. Top panel: A man says 'WELL, AFTER GOING THROUGH YOUR FACTORY I SUPPOSE YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT I THINK OF IT. THAT IS ONLY NATURAL. TO BBGIN WITH, YOU HAVE A WELL LIGHTED, COMFORTABLE OFFICE.' Bottom panel: A man says 'BUT YOUR EMPLOYEES IN THE REST OF THE BUILDING ARE WORKING UNDER CONDITIONS ABSOLUTELY UNFIT FOR HUMAN BEINGS!! THAT'S MY OPINION IN A NUTSHELL!!'