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PLACES UNFILLED.

Who will take the places of Mark Twain and James Whitcomb Riley? One wonders at the present decadence of American literature.

William Dean Howells is the dean of our authors today. Who is there to take his place?

America has suffered heavily in the death of promising young men. Frank Norris had promise, so had Stephen Crane, and David Graham Phillips. O. Henry died shortly after he had "arrived." It is a pity these men had not lived until they had reached a ripe old age, until their art had ripened and been mingled with philosophy.

Of the making of books there is no end, but works of genius in American literature were never scarcer than today.

And the magazines are competing with each other and pouring out such a flood of erotic stuff, that one wonders whether anyone in the postal department is on the job.

So we turn for solace to Stevenson and Kipling, Thackeray and Dickens, Irving and Bret Harte and are thankful for the great authors of the past.

AMAZING.

The peoples' indifference to the reckless extravagance of our Two Billion Dollar Congress is amazing.

We are a rich nation.

But there are limits to the ability of the people to stand such huge burdens placed upon them by Congress.

With the cost of living mounting, with no efforts to curb any rapacious trust the outlook for the masses arouses sympathy.

The day is coming when the people will demand that Congress render an account of its stewardship.

We are glad our congressman for this district, Mr. Sinnott, has kept his record clear by opposing extravagance.

CIRCULATION STEADILY INCREASING.

The Observer is grateful for the patronage and loyalty of its subscribers. Many of them have been on its list for years. Hardly a day passes but what some loyal subscriber renews his or her subscription. The circulation of the Observer in city and country is steadily increasing. This means that the staff of the Observer will steadily bend their efforts to merit such support. Many of our subscribers speak in words of praise for the paper. For this we are grateful. We hope to make it better.

Charles Smith Paroled.

After giving the matter deep thought, Judge Knowles has sentenced Charles Smith, convicted of attempting immoral acts at the park, to six months in county jail and then paroled him. He has already been incarcerated 87 days, awaiting trial.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Horace White. (Indianapolis News)

During the course of his long newspaper career Horace White never wrote a line that was not prompted by his conscience and dictated by sound reasons. He loved his country and throughout his long life ever strove to serve her, and to make American ideas, as he conceived them, prevail.

Mr. White died September 16. He was formerly editor of the New York Evening Post.

Prosperity in Oregon

Eugene Factory To Be Larger. The capacity of the factory of the Eugene Excelsior company, at the foot of Sixth Avenue East, will be increased to about 240 bales of excelsior, or a carload a day, with the installation of the new machinery for which an addition is being built. Three more men will also be employed, making a force of 18 on the pay roll of the mill.—Eugene Register.

Crops in Klamath

A total of 283,949 bushels of cereals was raised on the Klamath project in the calendar year 1915, according to statistics recently compiled and published in the October issue of the Reclamation Record. The Klamath yield was exceeded by seven other projects; on it was produced more cereals than on 15 other projects. In the yield of hay of all kinds Klamath project did not rank so well among the 23 projects, yet it produced 21,103 tons.

Albany's Furniture Factory

At the Albany furniture factory the juice is going, belts are on and work begun on stock, preparatory to getting out five hundred extension tables on an order already on hand. The dryers have been in use for some time getting the lumber in shape. While it is the intention to make several hundred dressers in order to clean up material on hand, this will not be done until the extension tables needed are taken care of.

Jason Moore's Project

Construction of the first unit of the plants which will extract potassium salts from the waters of Sumner and Albert lakes will be begun within 30 days, according to Jason C. Moore, of New York, lessee of the two lakes. Moore has put up \$10,000 with the Oregon state land board as a guarantee of his good faith, and has been allowed until December 15 to raise \$25,000 to construct the plant at the lakes.

WIT AND HUMOR

Oppoed To It.

"Pop!" "Yes, my son." "I heard today that a complete washing equipment for tourists which can be folded to occupy little space in an automobile, has been invented." "That is very nice, my boy." "Very nice? Isn't there any place in the world a fellow can go where he doesn't have to wash?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Cartoonist Goldberg Married.

New York, Oct. 18.—(United Press)—When Reuben L. Goldberg, the New York Evening Mail cartoonist whose income is said to be \$100,000 a year, turned out his mystery cartoon "It's All Wrong, Irma, It's All Wrong," his friends wondered who Irma might be. Goldberg was married a day or two ago to Miss Irma Seeman, a daughter of Sigel W. Seeman, a wholesale grocer. Goldberg saw Miss Seeman for the first time at a restaurant with her parents about a year ago. It was several months later that he met her. Goldberg is a quiet young man, who does not use the expressions: "I'm the guy," "I never

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Blankets, in lighter shades, such as beautiful plaids, checks and white at \$5.00

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Heavy Comforts \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

Good full size Comforters, silkoline covered at \$1.65, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00

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La Grande National Bank

Capital and Surplus \$ 250,000
Deposits \$1,000,000

thought of that," "It's All Wrong," "Father Was Right," except in his cartoons. Goldberg is a native of San Francisco. He came to New York in 1907.

SPIRITUALISTS IN SESSION.

Nearly Half Million Membership Claimed by National Association

St. Paul Minn., Oct. 19.—(United Press)—With a membership that has jumped during the year from 400,000 to 450,000, the National Spiritualists Association of America, convened here in its twenty-fourth annual convention. The increase was estimated by Secretary George W. Kates today. "We are growing by leaps and bounds," said he. "These figures include only the chartered members of the National association and do not by any means include the hosts of believers in Spiritualism throughout the country. There are more than 1000 meetings a week in the United States throughout the year, including meetings of independent bodies."

BEER BOTTLES IN COURT

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stand until such time as it has legal privileges in the exhibit "upstairs." Even in the absence of one lot, there is a motly collection before the jury. Sheriff Hug testified that he was

watching the Centennial hotel during the show and in due course of time investigated Room 29 from which came evidences of drinking. He found Yaeger and two others there; he crossed over to 29 and found some liquor and bottles there, and in Room 30 he again encountered Yaeger and there arrested him, although Yaeger proclaimed Room 28 his, but that he was in Room 28 that the half bottle of beer was found and which filled out the even dozen now in front of the jury.

The case promises to be a lively one. Frank Pierce Jr., Frank Pierce Sr. and others will be dragged into the mixup which first led to Yaeger's conviction at Union and subsequent appeal. Rodney J. Kitchen is handling the defendant's case and District Attorney Eberhard the state's.

While the defense hadn't had opportunity to disclose its hand, it appears likely that the defense will be something like this: that Yaeger did not reserve the rooms, wasn't drunk when arrested, and the only evidence of drinking in his room was a half empty bottle on the dresser. The defense in all probability will contend Yaeger had no responsibility for the liquor being there, and was not concerned in its presence.

The sheriff testified Yaeger told him the liquor had been brought from Baker. At any rate, the circuit court quar-

ters are not entirely unlike old fashioned liquor display rooms. While the attendance was not large keen interest was evinced by those who did come out, watching intently the arranging of bottles, boxes, cartons and suit cases where the jury and court has ready access to them—from a view point of inspection not sampling.

Man And Wife, Blind, Cross Continent

Baker, Oct. 13.—Totally blind, but traveling with the same assurance as if they really had sight, Mr and Mrs. Arthur M. Dickman arrived in Baker last night from Boston, Massachusetts and are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson, 1304 Valley avenue. Mrs. Stevenson was formerly acquainted with them in Boston. After remaining in Baker for a short stay, Mr. and Mrs. Dickman will continue toward the coast, California being their ultimate destination.

Big Bears Slain

Pendleton, Oct. 19.—Three of the bears which have brought so many complaints from the stockmen in the eastern part of the state during the past Summer have killed their last sheep. The hides of two monstrous black bears and one brown were received at the Pendleton office of the U. S. Biological Survey and will be sent to Washington. The two blacks are about the same size, the larger measures as the skin was sent, six feet from tip to tip. The brown bear is a little smaller. All the skins are in fine condition with the exception of a hole in the brown, due to the at-

tack of a porcupine. The animals were killed by Clarence Richards, one of the government hunters, at the corner of Baker, Union and Wallawa counties, in the Minam. Any number of sheep have fallen their prey and it is charged with some justice, it is believed, that they have killed some calves and even a few young cattle.

There is still one more to be killed and as that one has already killed one of Richards' dogs, he is planning to stay in the neighborhood until he gets revenge.

BAD CHECKS BASIS OF ARREST

C. L. Hastings Jailed By Deputy Nelson, Says He Merely Overdrew Account.

Baker, Oct. 13.—Arrested for passing worthless checks, C. L. Hastings of this city, recently of Pocatello, was arrested at 1:30 o'clock yesterday at the Antlers hotel by Deputy Sheriff Nelson and lodged in the county jail. Just before being jailed, he was given an audience with District Attorney Godwin and declared that he had merely overdrew his account at the First National bank.

He asked that he be allowed to go out alone and adjust matters, but was permitted to leave only when accompanied by deputy sheriff. His attempt to borrow \$60 to cover the checks was unsuccessful.

Hastings is alleged to have cashed a check for \$10 at the Electric Waffle cafe, one for a like amount at the Hupke & Brown cigar store and to have secured \$40 on another from Berthold Neuberger.