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The twenty-fourth session of the Oregon Congress is ended, the lawmakers have returned home and the newspapers are looking for new worlds to conquer.

A sea serpent came ashore recently at Seaside, says a report from that section, published in the Corvallis Gazette. Wonder what brand they drink down there?

The Reed Smoot case has at last been disposed of by congress. much the delight of the public and the pleasure of Senator Smoot. The public at large has forgotten how the case started.

The best disposition that could be made of the hunters' license question would be to repeal the non resident clause. There are not enough deer to spare for actual settlers, who deserve the best going.

Honduras and Nicaragua are at war again, having one of their before-breakfast bouts, which are necessary for the well being of those two-for-a-quarter republics. They remind one very much of school boys.

Klamath Falls and Lakeview have public libraries. Why not one in Medford, while we are getting into progressive habits? It appears to us that a public reading room would be popular among both old and young in our thriving little city.

If we mortals made a practice of commending more where commendation is due, condemning less where we have only the shadow of rumors to back us and lending our assistance where it is needed and when it would be timely, how much better we would get along together here in this little world of ours.

When Poulney Bigelow says he admires President Roosevelt personally, we believe he is making a statement which he knows to be untrue. He has said everything in the past that he could say to discredit the President, and now he says that false statements have been made by Mr. Roosevelt regarding the work at Panama. He says the level of the canal has not been lowered sixty-five feet, as stated in the President's report, and that yellow fever and smallpox are as common as ever.

Hon. John G. Carlisle, ex-United States Senator from Kentucky and secretary of the treasury during Cleveland's last administration, is to be married soon to Mrs. Gertrude Tucker Logan, a Virginia beauty. Carlisle is in his 72d year and his to-be better half is comparatively a young woman. John G. Carlisle was at one time a national figure in politics, but his entry into the Cleveland cabinet and apparent league with the moneyed interests withered the laurels he had won in the senate and thwarted every political ambition and hope. He retired to the practice of law and the curtain of popular contempt closed around his brilliant personality.

PURLICY OF THE THAW CASE.

There is virtue pure and simple in the protests made all over the land against the verbatim publication and circulation of the evidence in the Thaw case. We believe in liberty of the press, but the press has too much liberty entirely when it publishes and sends into the homes and to the fireplaces of respectable families literature which can have no good influence and which would bring the blush of shame even to the face of the temper of humanity if he were in a position to peruse the pages of some sensational newspapers.

If books or magazines bearing the same tainted stamp of immorality and brazenness were found freely circulating through the mails, a howl would go up that would shake the nation from one end to the other and the circulators of such filthy trash would be prosecuted, without any inquiry regarding into whose hands the

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literature finds its way. And yet, we allow newspapers, which are read by old and young alike, found in public places, offices and homes where those of tender years may read their every contents and be influenced thereby, to publish that which we could not, under any circumstances, read to our families by the fireside.

Newspapers should in every case uphold law and morality, appealing to every good there is in the human heart and mind, instead of appealing to the sensational and immoral, for the influence of the press in the trend of our country's path in the future is something that cannot be estimated.

The press is the only means we have of determining public opinion; it is the power that creates public opinion to a great extent; it gives to us the good deeds of the noble, brave and true and censures the wrong-doer and exposes corrupt and vile to the withering rays of the sun of publicity. As man is known by the company he keeps, so is he known by the literature he reads; and a nation is judged to a great extent by its current publications, which reflect the character of the readers.

Let the press have liberty, but by all that is good and true and pure let us have a clean press, one that will have a good influence in the home, for—

"No state can rise higher than the home, and no church can be more influential than the firesides from which its members come. The warning voice that comes to us over the clicking wires and the cold type of the press is: 'Have a jealous care of your boys and girls.' Restriction is far better than unlicensed liberty, and a morsel with purity better than wealth with infamy."

LET US WORK.

Unless there is deception lurking in the shadow of present indications, everyone in the valley of the Rogue will have ample opportunities to keep busy during the approaching seasons of activity. The poet has truly said, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," and we cannot blame the young man for that, nor do we wish to if we could, for without love this world would be a very poor place in which to live. But, while the young man is thinking of love, let him think also of something that makes love all the sweeter—honest toil. There is no man who loves deeply without he loves to work.

There is going to be much activity in our city and valley during the present year, and we should all take advantage of it. There are plenty of us to work—there will be more of us—and there will be plenty of work to do. This valley is a poor place for idle hands, and the man who does not work, and who does not like to work, either with hand or brain, should look for some place other than Medford and Rogue River Valley, because, in the language of the street, there'll be something doin' every hour of this year. Let us all work together.

"Every mason in the quarry, Every builder on the shore, Every chopper in the pine grove, Every rafterman at the saw, Hewing wood and drawing water, Splitting stones and clearing sod— All the dusky ranks of labor In the regiment of God March together toward his triumph. Do the task his hands prepare; Honest toil is holy service. Faithful work is praise and prayer."

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION?

In commenting on the question of popular election of United States Senators, the Philadelphia "Press" has the following:

The Oregon legislature continued a struggle on the election of a senator through the entire period fixed by the constitution of the state for the life of the legislature, and then disposed without electing a senator or passing a single bill. For two years Oregon was left with but one member in the United States senate. Delaware has had a continuous struggle over the election of a United States senator since 1890. The state has been demoralized by it. In the twelve years past that state has usually had one and part of the time has had two vacancies in its representation in the senate. These are extreme instances of a kind of struggle of which most of the states have had experience at one time or another. Whether or not the popular election

of senators will give us better senators than the legislative electors do, it will at least leave the state legislature free to discharge its proper business without the great distraction of a contested senatorial election. It will also stop the protracted deadlocks and the occasional vacancies. There is no doubt, now, that the popular election of senators will discourage the ambition of men who desire a seat in the senate and have nothing but a bank account to base their claims upon.

The question of obtaining an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of senators by direct vote is, as we look at it, hopeless under present conditions. While we admit that there are many good, true men in the United States Senate, we believe there are also many who are a disgrace to that body, and who will knife every effort to amend the constitution, knowing that popular election means their political death. The only remedy for the evil is for the people of the various states to elect that better men are chosen by the legislature. Oregon was the first state to adopt this method and two other have followed her lead. It remains with the people to make possible a constitutional amendment.

EVELYN HOLDS HER OWN

MRS. EVELYN NESBIT THAW ON THE WITNESS STAND AND IS QUESTIONED BY JEROME

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was called to the stand at the opening of yesterday's session of her husband's murder trial, and without any preliminary statement District Attorney Jerome plunged into the cross-examination. Mrs. Thaw looked refreshed after her three days' respite and answered the first questions confidently. Thaw brought with him from the Tombs several packages of letters and papers.

Jerome, as upon the previous days, continued to jump about from point to point in the witness' story. He first asked her if she had not been troubled with her mother in Allegheny before going to Philadelphia to live—if she had not run away with a girl. Mrs. Thaw replied in the negative.

Jerome's next question was: "How long after the dragging in the Twenty-fourth street house was it that the account was opened for you in the Amsterdam Bank by Stanford White?"

"I can't tell how long—it might have been a month," District Attorney Jerome confronted the witness with Dr. Carlton Flint and asked if she had not been to see him with Jack Barrymore. Mrs. Thaw looked at the doctor, hesitated a minute and then declared she had never seen him before.

Jerome seemed to have made little progress at the conclusion of the morning session. As a matter of fact, he had enabled Mrs. Thaw to explain some things which had last week appeared against herself and the defendant. She denied having used any money from Stanford White's letter of credit abroad, and denied that the cabling to White by her mother and herself from London had anything to do with her going to Europe with Thaw. She declares the cables referred to a matter between her mother and an attaché of the American Embassy, who, she said, "sneaked up to my mother's bedroom and insulted her."

ALICE MAY GET A MEDAL.

Many Suggest This Reward for Her Bravery in Theater Panic. Chicago, Feb. 26.—Miss Alice Nielsen, the prima donna heroine of the grand opera panic at the Auditorium Saturday night, probably will receive a Carnegie medal as a testimonial of her bravery. Numerous telegrams were sent to Carnegie today by prominent Chicagoans asking that she be considered as a candidate for the honor.

A reply from Carnegie's personal secretary was received by Miss Nielsen while she was entertaining a party of friends at dinner. It read: "Many messages nominating you as a medal candidate received. Will take prompt action. Congratulations upon brave deed."

Miss Nielsen also received nearly 100 telegrams of congratulation from her friends throughout the country. They kept pouring in all day and when she left for Springfield, Ill., she had a large bundle of them packed away in her trunk.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

M. L. Alford went to Ashland Tuesday. S. C. Bruce of Derby was in town Tuesday. J. A. Perry made Ashland a business visit Tuesday.

Hon. H. D. Kubli and wife returned home from Salem Monday.

Frank Amy of Central Point was among us one day this week.

Miss Rosa Hookenoy returned Tuesday from a visit to Albany.

W. W. Downing of Jacksonville was a pleasant caller at our office Tuesday.

J. H. Fitzgerald departed for Gazelle, Calif., yesterday, on business.

Mrs. Fred Downing returned Saturday from a visit to Jacksonville relatives.

Carl and George von der Hellen were visitors from Walla Walla during the week.

Ed Van Dyke was doing business in the Blue Lodge section a few days last week.

Wesley Wilkinson, a saloon keeper of Roseburg, was in Medford Wednesday.

Mayor J. F. Reddy attended to business in Portland a couple of days this week.

Joe Thomas, the shoe man, returned from a business trip to Ashland Wednesday.

I. C. Rummel, of Boise, Idaho, was in Medford this week looking over the country.

G. C. Ouly, one of the enterprising stockmen of Steamboat, was in our city Saturday.

Dr. J. E. Shearer of Glendale, formerly of this city, is here shaking hands with friends.

Mrs. John Barneburg returned Saturday from Grants Pass, where she has been visiting.

Lee Watkins and Robert Kincaid were in Medford Saturday from the Rogue river country.

J. A. Hoagland of Tolo was in Jacksonville Saturday attending the sale of delinquent tax property.

Miss Leah O'Hara, of Central Point, was in Medford Monday, the guest of Mrs. C. E. Gaddis.

Mrs. C. L. Corwin is in Portland this week purchasing her stock of spring and summer millinery.

Frank McMahon, brother of J. P. of the Hotel Nash, whose home is at Spokane, is making us a visit.

Hunt Lewis, the orchardman, returned Wednesday from Portland, where he had been on business.

L. E. Bill, the telephone lineman, has been confined to his home with the grippe during the past few days.

W. Danis, one of the wet goods dealers of Grants Pass, was among the multitude in Medford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jeldness departed Wednesday for Astoria, where Mr. Jeldness was called by the death of his brother.

J. W. Prall, who has been making a tour of Washington and other northern states for sometime past, is with us again.

Mrs. Carl T. Jones left this week for Oakland, California, where she expects to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Stuart.

J. Teucher, traveling agent for the boys' and girls' aid society of Oregon, was in Medford this week on business.

City Recorder Collins, wife and son spent Washington's birthday with Mr. Collins' brother, S. C., and family, south of Medford.

Miss T. T. Kendall of Santa Rosa, Calif., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Kenworthy, of this city. Miss Kendall is well pleased with our city and environs.

Will Jeschke, who has been engaged in the jewelry business at Ashland for some time past, has returned to Medford and is again to be found in the shop with his brother, Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelrigg, after spending a few days with friends in Medford, departed Saturday for Seattle, where the Nellie Andrews Opera Co. has a six weeks' engagement.

T. A. Henderson came up from Monumental, Calif., and will visit Jackson county friends for a week or two. He is superintendent of the Elk Horn mining company near Monumental, in Del Norte county.

C. H. Collins, at present with the Medford Furniture Co., attending to the undertaking department, has accepted a position with Mrs. C. E. Harris of Halley, Idaho, where he will manage a furniture store and undertaking parlors.

Henry Orth, who has been in San Francisco for the past four months, returned to this city Saturday. He says everything is on the improve in the Bay City and he likes the place very well, but that Jackson county looks better to him than any place he has seen.

A. W. Walker, of the Nash Livery Stable, lost his fine German coach stallion, Fremuth, this week, the horse dying of purpura hemorrhagica, a disease of the blood. Fremuth was valued at \$2,500 and was imported from Germany. Mr. Sobermorn also lost a horse from the same disease, which is not contagious.

—Blue prints of township maps showing all vacant land, fifty cents each. For reliable information concerning Government land write to Frank E. Alley, Abstractor, Roseburg, Oregon.

T. F. B. Officer Coming.

Mrs. Emma R. Neldig, Supreme vice president of The Fraternal Brotherhood, will be in Medford on the night of March 6th, and the members are making preparations for a big time on that date.

Mrs. Neldig is an able as well as pleasing speaker and has a charming personality. All of the members will be greatly benefitted by coming in touch with one so well acquainted with all phases of lodge work.

T. E. Taylor, State Deputy Supreme President, will accompany her on her official visit to the lodges in Southern Oregon, this being his first visit to the lodges in this part of the state.

H. A. Frenna, Deputy Supreme President of The Fraternal Brotherhood in this territory, reports that there will be large classes of candidates for initiation in both Medford and Ashland.

Death of Mr. R. T. Lawton.

The sad news came to the Mail just as we are going to press telling of the death of Mr. R. T. Lawton, which occurred at 5:10 Thursday afternoon.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Revival meetings are now in progress at the Methodist Episcopal church on B street. Preaching every night next week excepting Saturday. Rev. Renter's subject next Sabbath morning will be: "The Two Dispensations: Law and Grace". Everybody who wants to know how to enjoy religion should hear this sermon. At night the subject will be: "Every Medford Citizen's Books Inspected." All are invited.

East Medford News.

J. W. Ling is confined to the house with rheumatism.

Mrs. Thos. Collins returned last week from several months' visit with relatives in Sacramento.

Miss Olive Huffer spent Saturday in Ashland, with friends.

Mrs. C. C. Taylor visited with Phoenix friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parsons left Tuesday for Arcata, Humboldt County, Calif., where they expect to reside.

J. B. Goudie of Nampa, Idaho, returned home Sunday from a week's stay with his uncle, Capt. Rawlings, and family.

Rev. Black, pastor of the Advent church, is constructing a fine residence on property recently purchased of Geo. Lindley, joining his home on Knob Hill.

Mrs. S. W. Spasse is being visited by an old time friend and neighbor of Los Angeles, Mrs. J. A. McBride, who will possibly make her home here.

A. D. Hall of Knob Hill transferred this week to Mrs. Rawson, lately from the East, his residence property, consisting of an 8 room house and two acres of ground, located on East 7th street, and will give possession in the near future.

Divine Sarah Will Live Only for Art. Paris, Feb. 26.—Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, in speaking of her appointment as professor of dramatic art at the Conservatoire, said: "I shall travel less, of course. Not that I am worn out, but because no other countries tempt me. Paris holds me. For the past season I have had the pleasure of playing only poetic dramas. I have scored the highest in art and I must continue in the best. Henceforth I will live for art only."

"The professors are gratifying to me. My theory of teaching is simple. My main effort will be to develop the pupils' personality—not to create apes, but artists."

Gould-Rockefeller President Dead. Denver, Col., Feb. 26.—Frank J. Hearne, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, owned by George J. Gould and the Rockefeller interests, died last night of peritonitis. Hearne was a Pittsburgh steel and iron man before he came here four years ago to take charge of the Gould-Rockefeller company.

Carlisle's Engagement Confirmed. Richmond, Va., Feb. 26.—Information has been received in this city confirming the reported engagement and approaching marriage of Mrs. Gertrude Tucker Logan of Virginia, and former Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle of New York and Washington, D. C.

Remorseful Boy Shoots Himself. Spokane, Wash., Feb. 26.—Thinking that the accidental discharge of a little revolver while in his hand had killed his younger brother, Harry, Charles Mancke, aged 16, fired a bullet into his own head. Harry was only stunned and will recover; Charles was required.

Santo Domingo Treaty Ratified. Washington, Feb. 26.—By a vote of 48 to 19 the Senate last night ratified the Santo Domingo treaty. This was one more vote in the affirmative than was required.

Death Summons Judge Wofford. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 26.—John W. Wofford, Judge of the Criminal Court here since 1892, noted for the quaint philosophy that he injected into his decisions, died yesterday after a long illness, aged 64 years.

In a decision that won him fame he held that a wife had the right to go into her husband's pockets. He said that when a man married he took this risk and conferred this prerogative on his wife.

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POPE DECLARES FRANCE TRAITOR

VATICAN SHOWS CLEMENCEAU MADE CONDITIONS HE KNEW COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The rupture of negotiations between France and the Holy See was Practically Certain.

Rome, Feb. 26.—A statement was issued today by the Vatican charging the French Government with treachery in the negotiation of church leases and intimating that the dispute between M. Briand and Premier Clemenceau was merely a device to cover up the scheme to place the church in a false position. The statement is as follows:

"The rupture of the negotiations between the Holy See and the French authorities was practically certain and this was evidently the intention of the French Government. The supposed differences between Clemenceau and Briand merely imply a recourse to the old stratagem of pretending to desire pacification while at the same time making conditions already known to be unacceptable, as they would deprive the clergy of the churches, while imposing on them the expenses of restoration."

"Briand, in discussing the separation law of May, 1905, admitted the right of foreign clergy to participate in public worship associations, otherwise Dutch and British clergy and German monks would have been excluded. But now, when only Catholics are in question, he will not admit foreign priests as ours. His refusal to grant leases of churches to members of religious congregations excluded from France, likewise imposes an impossible condition. The French law prohibits them from living in France as monks, and for that very reason they must live as priests."

AGRICULTURAL BILL INCREASED

Radical Changes in Measures Pending Before Congress.

Washington, Feb. 26.—When the agricultural appropriation bill was taken up in the Senate yesterday the Fulton amendment, providing that no forest reserves shall hereafter be created or enlarged without an Act of Congress in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, Colorado and Wyoming, was adopted without debate.

The amendment adds \$1,000,000 to the appropriation for improvements in forest reserves. This also was adopted without debate.

Auto Makes Remarkable Speed. San Diego, Cal., Feb. 26.—A remarkable record for an automobile on a two-mile circular track was made yesterday by a Ford touring car at John H. Gay's track at Lakeside, near this city. The car used was a 4-cylinder 80-horsepower machine and was driven around the track by Charles L. Keeler. The first dash around the track was made in 1 minute and 30 seconds. The second round was made in 1 minute and 20 seconds, and the third in 1 minute and 20 seconds.

The Hired Man.

My hired man in Washington (His name is Theodore) Is the all-finest hired man I ever saw before; He calls himself my servant, An' I pays his salary, And then, the critter turns around And bosses me!

O the hired man, the hired man; Th- greatly loved, admired man; The never, never tired man, Whose name is Theodore! As much as I admire him, I'd sometimes like to fire him, And then turn round and hire him Some more!

He doesn't strike for higher pay, Nor shorter hours, nit; He works so hard by night and day, That oft I wish he'd quit. Sometimes I wish he'd blow the works And lemme hire Bill, But then, I git the nervous jerks, For fear he will.

O the hired man, the hired man! The often roused and tired man; The restless, work-inspired man, Whose name is Theodore. I praise him, I abuse him, I balm him, I excuse him; But I know I'd like to use him Four years more!

TELLS OF CONFESSION

WELLS SWEARS THAT ADAMS TOLD HIM ABOUT "PUMPING OFF" TWO MEN IN IDAHO.

Walla, Idaho, Feb. 26.—The State closed its case against Steven Adams this morning, saying for the last time the weighty testimony of Bulkeley Wells, former Adjutant General of Colorado, who told of the confession Adams made to him while the prisoner was en route from Boise to Colorado in the custody of Detective S. C. Thiele and Deputy Sheriff Johnson.

"Adams had been talking to me about the Independence explosion in the Cripple Creek district," testified General Wells. "I asked him where he had gone after the explosion and he said he had gone to Idaho. He went up into the northern part of Idaho in the St. Joe river district and helped Simpkins 'bump off' two men who had been giving Simpkins trouble in connection with their timber claims."

General Wells testified that he was a member of the Mine Owners' Association. He said he had known Adams since May 27, 1906. He denied that any threat was made or inducement offered to Adams to secure the confession and stated that he was the only man who heard it.

Adams has fully regained his remarkable self-possession and listens to all the evidence as calmly as if the clerk were merely reading a list of jurors. At times he smiled or even laughed and exhibits no sign of worry, though listening to the testimony with keen attention. His wife is constantly by his side and also shows no alarm.

Investigations Impede Railways.

New York, Feb. 26.—President William H. Taft, of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, in a published interview yesterday, is quoted as saying: "A campaign of agitation against railroads, having its origin in high executive authority, is being waged throughout the country. As it passes down the line each subordinate and each State and local authority strives to surpass his superior in zeal and increases its volume."

"The tendency is to go to an extreme, which will not serve merely to remedy conditions, but extending far beyond, will so check and impede the operation of railroads as to affect general business interests. Then all will suffer together."

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