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A SURE WAY TO BRING WAR.

A distinguished jurist is quoted as having said at the dinner of the American Arbitration league that "we don't need the army and navy to insure us peace, for we are separated by 3000 miles from any European country, and that distance, backed by our tremendous wealth, would give us peace."

China has been following the peace-at-any-price program for some centuries, and she is very much farther from any European countries than we are, but that has not saved her from being humiliated and robbed of her territory whenever foreign powers have been able to find a pretext.

In Europe, recently, England and Russia have had to stand helpless and see the treaty to which they were parties, and by which interests deemed valuable to them were conserved, torn up and thrown in their faces by Austria and Germany because they were in no condition to resist.

Suppose we follow this great jurist's advice and dismantle our navy and reduce our army to a handful. No European country, unless it be England, approves of the Monroe doctrine. They are all teeming with surplus population, for which they want an outlet.

We all love peace, and would sacrifice not a little to maintain it; but to destroy our defenses would be the surest way to bring disastrous war first and dishonorable peace after it.

BANK GUARANTEE LAW.

The Oklahoma bank guaranty law was the subject for some discussion at the meeting of the state grange at McMinville yesterday, and the executive committee was authorized to submit the bill to the initiative at the next election.

GETTING CLOSE TO PEOPLE.

The president is planning a long summer and autumn journey through the west and northwest. He expects to meet great popular assemblies on the Pacific coast, and to return through the southwest and south.

The opportunities afforded by such a tour will be highly useful to Mr. Taft, especially if improved, as Mr. Taft seems likely to improve them.

So far, Mr. Taft's spirit in his great office has been that it is not the president's place to do with the people what he thinks best for them, but to give the people opportunity to do through the president what they think best for themselves.

We have had of late years a good deal of ruling by the nation's chief

magistrate—a good deal of the assumption that the president's office is the source of power, or at least of initiative, and that it is for the people to do just what the president thinks best for them as long as he is president.

There is need that the people learn by personal contact with Mr. Taft that they have now a president who is not under this delusion—who comes among them not to direct and instruct them, but to take counsel with them as the source of sovereign power.

HIS PEN A "BLIND TIGER."

(Springfield (O.) Dispatch to Cincinnati Enquirer.)

A Springfield man, who enjoys a glass of beer, entered a soft-drink place and ordered a glass of near-beer. When it was placed before him he pulled out a fountain pen, took the cap off and began shaking it over the glass.

A new drink to take the place of whisky has made its appearance. Officers who sampled it declare that they felt like calling out the fire department.

PROCLAMATION.

Pursuant to a resolution of the city council of the city of Medford, Or., I hereby designate and appoint Tuesday, May 25, 1909, as a general cleaning-up day in the city of Medford.

All citizens are urgently requested to devote such time and labor on that day as may be necessary to thoroughly clean and set in order their yards and premises and the streets in front and alleys in the rear thereof.

The earnest co-operation of all good citizens in this matter will do more to improve the health and sightliness of the city than the expenditure of a large amount of money by the city officials.

W. H. CANON, Mayor. Dated May 19, 1909.

TO INVESTIGATE JAPS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Attaches of the state bureau of labor statistics are making preparations today to begin gathering data regarding Japanese in California. The work will be started Monday and is expected to occupy several months. It was provided for by an act of the last legislature, which appropriated \$10,000 for this purpose.

VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY.

TACOMA, May 15.—A victim of a conspiracy entered into between his wife and Charles F. Newcomb, a laundry wagon driver, Martin Kvalshang, 31 years old, was shot down in cold blood at midnight last night just after alighting from a street car on the outskirts of the city.

EARTHQUAKE AT GLENDIVE.

GLENDIVE, Mont., May 17.—At 9:16 o'clock last evening Glendive felt a very perceptible seismic disturbance. A number of men gathered in the Masonic temple rushed from the building, believing it was about to fall.

The shock was felt at Forsyth and at Dickinson, N. D., where it is reported to have been very severe.

NELSON DEFEATS CORBETT.

SCHENECTADY, May 17.—Fighting Dick Nelson bested Young Corbett in a ten-round contest here tonight. He landed at will and chased Corbett all around the ring.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON BY REV. DR. LINSOTT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB

(Copyright, 1908, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D. D.) May 23, 1909

The Council at Jerusalem. Acts xv: 1-35. Golden Text.—We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. Acts xv: 11.

Verses 1-5.—Are good men liable to hold wrong opinions? When good men differ in opinions what is the better way in order to reach an understanding?

When a professed Christian gets angry with another Christian, on a mere matter of opinion, has he or not backslidden from the love of God, and what spirit does he show?

Circumcision no doubt originated from supposed purposes of health, and physical cleanliness, and afterwards became a national institution of the Jews. State when God first made circumcision the sign, or token, of the covenant between him and Abraham and his seed, and to whom the rite of circumcision and God's covenant extended. (See Gen. 17)

Is circumcision now essential to salvation? Is the belief of any doctrine essential to salvation?

Verses 6-11.—Is experience of God and his dealings with us, conclusive proof of the will of God in the matters which the experience covers? Is thorough discussion in church courts, a perfectly right way to arrive at the will of God on any matter?

Were those who taught that circumcision was essential to salvation, as well as being narrow, necessarily untrue men?

PAPKE CHAMPION

Kelly no Match for the Illinois Thunderbolt

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—One minute and 30 seconds of the scheduled 45-round contest was sufficient to demonstrate that Hugo Kelly of Chicago is no match in speed or skill by Billy Papke, the Illinois thunderbolt. At the end of this brief period, after a half-dozen short rallies, Papke stood unmarked, while Kelly lay unconscious in the center of the ring with a deep cut over his right eye and his chances for the middle-weight championship have gone glimmering.

Papke apparently toyed with his opponent. In several clinches he smothered Kelly's attempts at infighting and pushed him away only to land stinging rights and lefts that found Kelly almost unprotected.

Kelly lost the battle when Papke landed his first clean right and left to the jaw. He went to the floor for the count of nine and arose without sufficient vitality to resist the finishing punches. Prior to this, Papke had shot a terrific left hook to the temple, which laid an open gash an inch long just above Kelly's right eye. Papke's wonderful speed and strength was a feature of the brief contest.

The battle, which took place in the open air, was witnessed by about 6000 people and was the fourth meeting of these rival middleweights.

Papke was a favorite in the betting at 10 to 8. Papke's victory practically carries with it the middle weight championship title, inasmuch as Stanley Ketchel has repeatedly stated in public his inability to make the middleweight limit.

PARASITES DESTROY TREES.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A strange disease has broken out among the trees of the East. Whole forests have been devastated. More than 20,000 trees in Forest Park, Brooklyn, alone have been destroyed since the opening of spring by a peculiar parasite. Of these 16,000 were chestnut trees. The Brooklyn park commission is issuing thousands of gallons of a germicide in the hope of preventing the spread of the disease. The attention of the agricultural department of Washington was called to this parasite last year when it gained only a slight foothold. The department assigned a number of experts to look into the matter. Many thousands of dollars were spent by the department in cautioning foresters, farmers and others throughout the East, the Middle West, the South and in advising remedies to be employed. So far, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been the principal sufferers, but reports from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and the trans-Mississippi and the Southwestern States indicate that the plague is in its incipency there and that heroic measures must be employed to save the trees from this pest.

NEWSPAPER MEN ARRESTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—On warrants charging criminal libel, sworn to by P. H. McCarthy, president of the Building Trades Council, Charles Hornick, general manager of the San Francisco Call, and E. S. Simpson, managing editor, were placed under arrest today and later released on \$50 bail. A similar warrant was issued for John D. Spreckels, owner of the paper, but was not served up to a late hour tonight.

McCarthy's complaint takes exception to an article published in the Call May 14, in which it was charged

WHISKY AD CAUSES LIBEL.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The case of Elizabeth Perck vs. the Chicago Tribune for libel because of a publication of Mrs. Peck's photographing as a part of an advertisement endorsing a certain brand of whisky, was decided today in Mrs. Peck's favor. It appears from the record of the case that Mrs. Peck is a temperance advocate.

ANOTHER MAN HUNT IN STATE

DRAIN, Or., May 17.—Again the desperado who has led Sheriff Brown's posse a three days' chase has eluded his pursuers, who last night thought they had him surrounded in a thicket a mile north of here. When they closed in this morning it was only to find their quarry had flown.

Ever since his initial flight after shooting at Mrs. William Renshaw of Eugene, killing her horse and trying to hold up another woman, the highwayman has shown the utmost cunning in eluding his pursuers. Twice it has been considered certain he was cornered. Each time he got away with the greatest apparent ease.

Sheriff Brown of Eugene, his deputy, M. Parrott, and their assistants have been hot upon his trail from the start, tracking him along roads and across fields, through Cottage Grove to Drain, and on again, a distance of over 40 miles.

People of the farming district through which the desperado has passed are in a state of terror, knowing he is armed and has manifested a most murderous disposition.

Yesterday morning he stopped at the house of M. C. Henderer, five miles north of Drain, and was given something to eat. He knew he was being hunted, apparently, and was very restless, being constantly on the lookout for his pursuers. He talked but little. Late in the afternoon he reached the home of Jonas Davis, two miles north of here, and made inquiry as to the best chance to get south of Drain without going through the town.

By this time Sheriff Brown appeared on the scene, and with a small posse guarded every avenue of escape from the thicket where the highwayman lay until this morning, only to find him gone.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 18.—The desperado who last Thursday attempted to hold up Mrs. W. M. Renshaw at Eugene and killed her horse, has again slipped through the fingers of the pursuing officers, after having had three rifle shots fired at him at Oakland.

A man supposed to be the highwayman leaped from the tender of the Southern Pacific train at Oakland, 17 miles north of here, at 5 o'clock this morning, when three officers were within 60 feet of him. They all fired on him as he ran for shelter behind a warehouse, but escaped into the brush. Whether he was hit no one knows.

The man is supposed to be hiding between this city and Oakland, and is being hunted diligently by Sheriff Brown of Eugene and Fenton of Roseburg, and their deputies. Although he has repeatedly evaded capture, the officers are confident that they have closed every means of escape this time. They expect soon to close in on their man and look forward to a fight, for he is known to be well armed.

OLD SORES NOT SCRATCHED

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A ruling by Speaker Cannon today prevented perhaps a reopening of old wounds of the civil war, when Hollingsworth of Ohio sought to justify as a matter of privilege his recent resolution objecting to the placing of the portrait of Jefferson Davis on a silver service to be presented to the battleship Mississippi because of the editorials in certain Southern newspapers harrying all sorts of epithets at him. The editorials were read. The speaker declared that as the editorials did not attack Hollingsworth in his representative capacity he could not continue. The result of Hollingsworth's attempt was to get into the Congressional Record a number of unimportant remarks about himself with nothing to offset them. As the editorials were read, the house was convulsed with laughter.

IT WAS NO JOKE.

RENO, Nev., May 17.—While Jas. Robinson, pitcher on the Reno baseball team, lay unconscious from the effects of being hit below the heart by a pitched ball and doctors labored over him to restore consciousness, a brass band played by the Virginia City team played "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

CAPTAIN HAINS SENTENCED.

FLUSHING, May 17.—Unless some unlooked-for legal obstacle is interposed, Captain Peter Hains, Jr., U. S. A., convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis last August, will be taken to Sing Sing tomorrow to begin the sentence imposed today by Justice Garretson. Sentence is indeterminate, under which the minimum period of imprisonment would be eight years and the maximum 16.

BIG REWARD FOR HOLD-UP MEN

SPOKANE, May 17.—Responding to an offer of rewards aggregating \$66,000 offered by the federal authorities and railroad company for the capture of bandits who held up the Great Northern train near Spokane, detectives are gathering here from many places. Several arrived from Denver, and a local detective agency has increased its force 25 men. Spokane police believe that the men came to Spokane and a close watch is being kept on saloons and lodging houses, while a number of detectives are working on the theory that the desperadoes are still in the mountains near Colbert. The railway police do not believe that Charles McDonald was implicated in the affair.

UNDER SUSPICION.

SPOKANE, May 17.—"Jack" McKay, a notorious character from Arizona, is stated to have been seen at a depot in Newport, Wash., a few hours before the Great Northern train was held up at Colbert Saturday night. With him was a man

stated to have strongly resembled Charles McDonald, a desperado who held up the train near this point about two years ago. McKay is reported to have been seen in Spokane this morning. No further trace of McDonald has been found.

NEW RATES FOR WEST.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The Record-Herald will say tomorrow that the new freight rate schedule from all the territory east of the Missouri river to all western cities not located on the Pacific coast, will go into effect on the transcontinental lines July 1. The new rates will be based on rates on which the interstate commerce commission ordered railroads to put in effect from St. Paul and Chicago to Spokane, and will average a reduction under present rates of about 15 per cent. The railroads decided to do this instead of fighting the order of the commission in the courts.

FIRE AT RAWHIDE.

RAWHIDE, Nev., May 15.—A fire that started in the California beer hall at midnight, which threatened repetition of the disaster of last September, when the town was reduced to ashes, was controlled this morning after it had destroyed the beer hall and several buildings adjoining.

Firemen who broke into the building declare that they were almost overcome by the pungent odor of kerosene. It is regarded as little short of a miracle that the blaze was confined, and now that it is known that the fire was of incendiary origin threats of lynching if the guilty parties are found are being heard.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MAIL.

WANTS RECEIVER APPOINTED.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The fact became known today that John L. Dudley of this city had appealed to a court for the appointment of a receiver of the United States Express company when an argument on application was made in court. Officials of the express company, according to the petitioner, have squandered the assets of the company, paid dividends that imperiled capital, voted themselves extravagant salaries and speculated with funds of the company. No meeting of the stockholders for the election of officers has been held for 46 years, it is alleged.

REGISTRATION OF LAND TITLE.

In the Circuit court of the State of Oregon, in and for county of Jackson.

In the matter of the application of B. N. Butler to register title to the following described land, in Jackson county, Oregon, to wit: Lots numbered two (2) and three (3) in block number three (3) of the Park Addition to the City of Medford, as the same are numbered, designated and described on the official plat thereof now of record, vs. E. F. Meade, Mrs. M. F. Babcock, C. F. Babcock, Oliver Hanson, Mrs. Oliver Hanson, W. J. Roberts, Joseph Chapman and all whom it may concern, defendants.

That on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1909, an application was filed by said B. N. Butler in the Circuit Court of Jackson county, for initial registration of the title of the land above described.

Now, unless you appear on or before the 24th day of June, A. D. 1909, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

Witness my hand and seal of the court hereto affixed this, the 19th day of May, 1909.

Date of first publication of this notice is the 19th day of May, 1909. W. R. COLEMAN, County Clerk of Jackson County, Oregon, and ex-officio Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By M. B. Towne, Deputy. O. C. BOGGS, Attorney for Applicant.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court for the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson.

In the matter of the estate of George Alsdorf, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Mary J. Alsdorf, administratrix of the estate of George Alsdorf, deceased, having filed with the County Court for Jackson County, in the State of Oregon, his final account of his administration of the same, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the said court for Friday, the 25th day of June, 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the courtroom of said court in the Courthouse at Jacksonville, in the county aforesaid, and all persons interested in the said estate are notified to appear and show cause why the said account should not be settled and allowed.

Dated March 18, 1909. MARY J. ALSDORF, Administratrix of the estate of George Alsdorf, deceased. O. C. BOGGS, Attorney for Estate.

THE MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK. WE 31 PER PAY 32 CENT. SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. WE SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE.

NOTED NOVELIST DEAD.

LONDON, May 18.—George Meredith, the English novelist, died this (Tuesday) morning at 3:30. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure, following grave symptoms that developed early in the evening. Meredith's illness began May 14 and he had steadily declined since that time.

GREAT FALLS SHAKEN.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 15.—Distinct earthquake shocks were felt here this evening at 9:15. Shocks were also felt at other points in Northern Montana. No serious damage was done. Considerable alarm was aroused.

Smashes All Records

As an all-round laxative tonic and health-builder no other pills can compare with Dr. King's New Life Pills. They tone and regulate the stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, strengthen the nerves; cure Constipation, Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Jaundice, Headache, Chills and Malaria. Try them. 25c at Charles Strang's.

WOOD WANTED.

Notice is hereby given that School District No. 49, Medford, Oregon, will purchase 300 cords of four-foot fir and oak wood. Bids to be filed with the clerk by June 4, 1909. Wood to be delivered and placed in the woodsheds of the several schools. Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ORIS CRAWFORD, Clerk.

We have three, and three only, ten-acre tracts of 2-year-old orchard one mile from Medford postoffice, set out to Comice, D'Anjou and Newtown pippins, strong, healthy trees; the finest bottom land in the valley; Bear creek flows along one edge of tract and the Ashland road passes the other end. You can buy these, either one or all, at \$350 per acre, on very liberal terms. Benson Investment Co. 303-21d-11w

CLASSIFIED ADS.

LOST—Ladies watch. M. M. Monogram. Suitable reward if returned to Mail office. 21-11

FOR SALE—Eight head of good milk cows; also No. 4 Sharpless separator. M. W. Wheeler, Phoenix. Telephone Farmers' line No. 2899. 297-4t

WANTED—All the chickens and eggs we can buy; will pay top notch cash price. 134 S. Ivy st., near Park. Phone 615. Rogue River Fish & Poultry Co., Medford

FOR SALE—220 acres in the meadows, 25 acres first class bottom land in cultivation with good irrigation ditch rights; house, barn and other buildings, plenty of orchard and berry fruits, abundance of outside range, school house 1/4 mile, and free mail three times a week. Call or address F. X. Musty, Tolo, Oregon

FOR SALE—Seventy-five head of goats. Address Beagle post office, James Briscoe. 17-6tp

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Notice of School Indemnity Selection United States Land Office Roseburg, Or., May 14, 1909

NOTICE is hereby given that the State of Oregon on May 14, 1909, applied for S E 1/4, S E 1/4 of Sec. 28, township 33 S, R 4 W of W. M., and filed in this office a list of school indemnity selections in which it selected said land; and that said list is open to the public for inspection. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land or any legal sub-division thereof, or claiming the same under the mining laws, or desiring to show said land to be more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, or to object to said selection for any lawful reason, should file their claims or their affidavits of protest or contest in this office.

I hereby designate the Medford Mail, published at Medford, Oregon, as the newspaper in which the above notice is to be published. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.