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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Various Topics of Local and General Interest Briefly and Tersely Commented Upon

Numerous Matters Which Are Before the Public for General Discussion

And now comes the story of a lad fifteen years of age "doing time" in the county jail, who has proved himself a hero. A trusty, he discovered that twenty-five men were in the act of escaping, and, though a prisoner himself, he did not stop an instant to ask in which direction lay his duty, but seizing a revolver barred the way, threatening to shoot the first man who attempted to cross the threshold. It was a deed of boldness few men would dare do, and yet this lad of tender years faced the angry men and forced them to remain in the corridor until assistance came. No thought of danger entered his mind.

No sweet breath of freedom blew into his face, stilling the desire to escape out into God's air and sunshine, but like Casabianca, he faced death because duty pointed the way. He was only a boy, a homeless outcast, a "jail bird," but he rose nobly to the duty that lay before him and proved the mettle that lies in him. If the people who have it within their power to put this boy in a position to become a good noble man do not look after him, the curses of the whole people should be heaped upon them and the breath of God's wrath should blast and burn them from the face of the earth. It will not do to wait. The boy should be pardoned, and loving hands should reach out and clasp his and lead him into a higher, nobler life. "There is none good, no not one," said He who taught forgiveness, not seven times but seventy times seven, and he to whom much is forgiven, there will come a time when he can walk alone, proudly secure in the strength which makes him free and able to resist all temptation. Hounding a man as is the method of the ordinary police department, never reforms. Instead of reformation it drives him more swiftly along the downward road. The ordinary policeman is usually an ignorant brute, endowed with strength, physically, and the ordinary detective is a crook. There are exceptions, but they, like angels' visits are few and far between. In this connection it may be well to call attention to two of Portland's detectives who are now under indictment before the federal grand jury.

It is a foregone conclusion that Portland will be the Mecca for the whole East during the next few months. The low fare will induce many people who have a vague, shadowy impression held by many people in the Atlantic states in regard to Oregon. They have heard there is such a state in the union and are under the impression it is full of wild Indians, wild animals and wilder white men, and that the conditions, social, educational and otherwise are simply awful. Pictures of semi-civilized men living in caves and feasting on dried grasshoppers fit across their mental visions, and they are anxious to see how it is done. This will be a sufficient inducement to bring them here, and after they are once here there will be little need of any talk. They will see for themselves and be convinced. It might be well to suggest that old-timers give to them the truth in homeopathic doses. Give them a little at a time until their systems become accustomed to the stupendous truths so familiar to every Oregonian, and then give it to them hot and heavy. After they are once saturated with the truth there will be no danger of giving them an overdose. It might be well to begin with them by not telling--no it is best not to suggest what not to tell. If they are from Missouri show them.

There is a little cloud hanging over France about the size of a man's hand, but it has all the elements of strife in it, and, like a red rag in the face of an angry bull, it has aroused the wrath of Japan. The sullen rumble of war is heard and the end is not yet. A great war is among the possible contents of that cloud as the little brown men will not allow France to violate the laws of neutrality. It will be almost impossible for these two powers to become involved in a war without drawing other nations into it. Before the world today looms the shadow of a European war, whose outcome no man can tell.

There is a class of money-sharks doing business in Portland whose methods are those of the highwayman minus any of the danger that

gentleman incurs. These sharks set their nets for the man or woman who works on a salary, and once having got the victim in their net it is another case of the spider and the fly. There is only one result, the fly is eaten.

The schedule of special events for the fair was completed last Saturday. It begins with opening day and fills almost three columns of Sunday's Oregonian. Every day is filled up to the 15th of October when the exposition closes. By securing a copy of the schedule, one may always see at a glance just what the special feature of each day is without asking a friend.

The Pacific States Packing Co. of Portland is subject to abatement as a nuisance. One of the men on the inside says they are intending to locate north of St. Johns on the peninsula. If it does locate in this vicinity it should be put far enough from the city not to become a nuisance during the next ten years.

That there is a potency in music and song which touches the most sacred niches of the soul is a fact admitted by all. Memory's depths are stirred by a strain from a long-forgotten tune learned in childhood's happy hours when life was one long peon of gladness, and no cares dimmed the horizon of hope; no cloud obscured life's golden sunshine.

The Scottish highlander, away from his heather-crowned hills, has been melted into tears at the sound of the bag-pipe. Visions of the long ago came flocking into his mind, and in fancy, he trod his native heath, his trusty broadsword by his side; a bonny Scot, ready to do or dare anything for the land he loved.

During the war of the rebellion a thousand lonely hearts were cheered by the songs heard around the camp fires, while the ping of the bullet and the hiss of the shell filled the air, and carried death into the ranks of the brave boys who wore the blue and the grey. During one of the most terrific battles of that war, while the two armies lay side by side so close their pickets could chaff each other, during the fatal night firing, some one struck up that grand old song, "Nearer my God to Thee." In a moment all firing had ceased and a hundred thousand men were swelling the mighty chorus, their voices blending in perfect harmony. The bitterness of hate was forgotten. "Reb" and "Yank" ceased to exist and in their stead a mighty host of sun-browned, toil-stained men were worshipping the universal Father in perfect accord, while the rush of memory filled with tears eyes unused to weeping. They stood in the presence of eternity, and there the mountains were as transient as the clouds.

For the space of five minutes after the song ended not a sound broke the stillness of the lonely night. Men standing face to face with death lay in the darkness, the mind of each dwelling on the memories evoked by that wonderful song. Each realized that the essence of music is divine and felt his soul stirred with the music until he felt himself a part of that glorious universe in which all is love and harmony, where God reigns supreme.

Last Saturday night Miss Amy Rowland, one of St. Johns' loveliest daughters, gave a musical recital in Bickner's hall, which while not so far reaching as the great song on the night of battle, impressed the audience as all pure music does, and left in the consciousness of each person present an upward trend toward the light divine where angels sing their choral notes of gladness. It is safe to say that all who attended left the hall better morally and spiritually than when entering it.

The merit system as proposed by Superintendent Rigler and a few of his principals is one of the most vicious systems ever invented by man to show his favoritism. The few who are decided worthy of advance in wages are mostly opposed to it. It certainly was not the wish of the taxpayers who voted for an increase in salaries. It was their wish to pay the teachers what is justly their due, and to all of them is due a raise in wages. The teacher's life at best is a slave's life. Toiling early and late to advance his pupils; growing old in an occupation that saps the vitality more quickly than a fever, there is no bright future for the future of one who has chosen teaching as a vocation. Then to have a few big oted men, most of them creatures of an accident, sit in judgment with the power to raise the salaries of a few favorites is an outrage and a shame. More than that it is something for which the people will not stand. If there are incompetent teachers in the schools they should be weeded out, and it might

be well to begin the weeding process at the head of the profession. No man can determine by a few minutes inspection of a school where teacher and pupils are at a disadvantage, whether the teacher is successful or otherwise, and a man who by a casual inspection, claims he is able to determine as to the merits or demerits of a teacher is himself unfit to be a judge, and should be relegated to the obscurity from which he sprang. Begin with the superintendents who have hobbies and reach the teachers later.

The subject of divorce is one that is causing more trouble in the body social than any other of the present day. In the early part of the nineteenth century divorces were of rare occurrence. A divorced woman was looked upon as little better than a member of the demi-monde. A divorced man was only a grade above a horse thief. Society ostracized them. Then men and women married for love. Money was not a chief factor of each marriage as it often is today. The marriage vow was held sacred by both parties, and death alone was regarded as being able to sever the tie. Today by the machinations of the divorce lawyers who foster contention and strife for the sake of a paltry fee, grounds for divorce are as plentiful as fleas in a summer hog-pen, and all kinds of causes are submitted. Women sell themselves for gold trying to shield themselves behind the marriage ceremony, and when they are detected in their sin cry aloud for protection, and a bill of divorce, to free them from a husband whose treatment they claim is inhuman. Many of the causes which lead up to the divorce court lie in the absolute unfitness of the modern girl to be a wife. She has never been trained in domestic duties, cannot prepare a meal, does not understand anything of housekeeping and, naturally when the spooning season is over finds herself unfitted for the duties of wifehood. The modern mothers are to blame for this. A mother who allows her daughters to grow to womanhood untrained in the science of domestic life, is unfit to be a mother, and she is certainly a bad actor when she becomes a mother-in-law. She deserves a place in the stocks; she should have been decapitated in early youth. Specific charges might be brought against these mothers; an incident might be mentioned where an untrained girl-wife sewed up the ends of a garment through which the feet had to be thrust, but it is unnecessary.

There is a mule in Harney county that receives all kinds of mail from postal cards to registered letters. While the mule is regarded as being much superior to his illustrious progenitor, it is something unusual for him to receive mail. The mule of Harney county, however, is not of the hybrid variety, but is the name of the postoffice and is much more docile than its contemporary, renowned for his deep bray and kicking propensities and whose name is often "Maude."

There is trouble brewing in the school-world in a certain section of the country over the question of stays. The stay question has been bothering teachers and pupils since schools began. But it has been the stays in question. On its merits teachers and pupils have never harmonized. No pupil believes in it. Each can suggest a thousand reasons for not enforcing it. But the latest appertains to the wearing of stays by young girls attending school. It is difficult to tell what the end will be.

People are flocking into St. Johns daily looking for locations to build homes or for the purpose of securing a lot in a good business locality. All seem to be favorably impressed with the outlook for St. Johns, and those who are not prepared to purchase at the time of their first visit, say they will come again in the near future and buy. There can be no question in regard to any investment in St. Johns. The city has a great future before it. Blocks that could have been bought for \$400 three years ago, are today selling for \$800 per lot, and higher.

St. Johns now has an establishment where the hapless old bachelors may take their clothes to have them cleaned, pressed and mended. Even socks which by constant abrasion have grown more holy than righteous, come out whole, as fragrant as new-mown hay, and the wearers step around as proudly as if their pedal extremities were all that could be desired, the olfactory nerves of others testifying to the contrary notwithstanding. We expect in the near future to have all the appendages of a great city and to be able to supply every wish of mankind.

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## SPECIAL MEETING.

The Council Make a Good Start at Last.

A special meeting of the city council was held Friday evening. Mayor and all councilmen present. The street and dock committee reported favorably in regard to Richmond street dock, and recommended that bids for the work be advertised for at once.

G. W. Cone was present and said that as soon as the stage of water permitted piling would be driven.

The committee on woolen mills sewerage reported that the sewer would be constructed at once.

City Attorney Greene reported that he had visited Salem and examined the charter and found it all right, with exceptions noted in last week's Review. Judge Greene admitted that the charter had not been changed from after the time it was passed by the legislature. This should set at rest all charges of that character.

A petition was received for the improvement of Richmond street, and a resolution passed instructing the city engineer to prepare plans and estimated cost.

An ordinance was passed instructing the recorder to advertise for bids for improving Jersey street.

Committee to prepare estimate of funds for which bonds should be issued, reported recommending that the question of issuing \$10,000 bonds be submitted to the people.

Bills were audited and allowed as follows:

George I. Thompson, clerk of election, \$2; O. E. Learned, clerk of election, \$2; A. H. Blackburn, judge of election \$2.

Motion prevailed that recorder be allowed \$16 for two seals, city and municipal court.

M. S. Crook and others complained that the telephone company had obstructed street by piling telephone poles therein. Referred to street committee.

## Saloon Boxes Must Go.

The supreme court handed down two decisions Monday, affirming the decisions of the lower courts in regard to the saloon-box ordinance which was carried up to test the power of the city council on the question of prohibiting boxes in saloons and restaurants of Portland. It is now up to all saloon men and to all keepers of restaurants to begin the good work of removing them from their places of business. They need not expect any favors from the persons who desire the boxes removed, and they are deserving of none.

The boxes in these places are the hell-holes through which many good women have fallen to destruction, lured into them on the plea of a quiet place for a chat. Then a small glass of beer, "it will do no harm you know," is suggested and the downward course is begun. After that the downward course is easy, and the speed accelerates with the distance until nothing but death can stop it.

In the saloon boxes men are doped and robbed, then often carried out and dumped on some corner remote from the saloon to die or become sicker as may be.

When consciousness returns they are not sure of the place where they lost their money, and the best they can do is to "square" it for a pittance of this loss. Some people are unkind enough to intimate a "divvy" between the saloon keeper and the detectives, but surely no Portland detective would be guilty of an act like that.

Manager Carlson, of the Portland Manufacturing Co., is preparing a most handsome exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair of his three-ply veneer work. The samples comprise ten varieties of Oregon wood forty inches wide, and comprise spruce, cottonwood, fir, oak, ash, alder, myrtle, etc., etc. He says he has considerable inquiry for fir veneered glued door panel stock.

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C. M. McKinnie of The Eastern Home has a new ad in this issue advertising board at \$3.50 per week.

Dr. Cook and John DeMass of Kalama, Wash., were in the city this week looking up business locations.

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If you have a house for sale or one for rent, advertise it in The Review. It will only cost a trifle, and will bring you a customer at once.

New houses going up in all directions and large vans filled with furniture coming into town are some of the evidences of the thrift of St. Johns.

W. A. Smith and wife of southern Iowa were visitors in the city this week, looking for a location. Mr. Smith is a brother-in-law of A. W. Wooley.

L. W. Robinson of McClay Center, Neb., accompanied by his family, arrived in St. Johns yesterday, and is looking around with a view of locating.

Just this side of Ardmore station several Mongolian pheasants are in the habit of feeding along the car track, and one of the motormen says he is going to bag one of them, using the car for a weapon.

With a half of dozen new stores going up in the business district and a hundred new houses in the residence portion, and all of them engaged for occupancy, St. Johns is doing pretty well this week, thank you.

A more accommodating and good natured lot of street car employes than those on the "St. J." cars are not to be found in the country. At all times they have a cheering word and a pleasant smile for their patrons. It's a pleasure to ride on the line. Perhaps it is the climate that makes the boys so jovial.

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