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Mr. Elbert Carter, a post graduate student at Yale has made a study of lynchings in the United States during the last 21 years. His paper is interesting. It shows, in the first place, the fallacy of the idea that most of the victims of Judge Lynch are negroes. Of the 3,233 lynchings that took place in the country between January 1, 1882, and January 1, 1903, about three-eighths, or 1,256, were white persons, 105 not stated, and 1,872 negroes. This gives a yearly average of 89 colored and 59 white persons. Of the total it is surprising to note that 61 were women, the negroes numbering 38. This is one of the most striking facts brought out, for the execution of a woman is not only so abhorrent that the death penalty is now seldom imposed by the courts, but it seems an exceedingly rare occurrence for the summary execution of a woman to be chronicled in the public prints. However, Mr. Cutler's figures are undoubtedly correct. Of the total number of negroes lynched, only 35 per cent. suffered for the crime of rape—a smaller proportion than is generally supposed. The digest of the paper which has reached us does not state, however, whether combined outrage and murder is included in the list under the former or the latter heading. In the South, very curiously, the months of January, February, August and November are marked by few lynchings. The most occur in December, when the holiday season incites the negroes to idleness and festivities that result in violent crimes. White men lynched for rape constitute 16 per cent of the total.

Mr. Cutler's statistics are more interesting than the deductions he draws. It is, however, somewhat significant that few lynchings occur in states where murderers are promptly tried, convicted and sentenced, and that the number of lynchings since 1892 has shown a steady decrease. Perhaps the strongest deterrent to the excesses of mobs that has yet been found is a law making the county responsible in damages to the family of the victim.

In the pending controversy over the South End road as to the feasibility and practicability of its construction, the Enterprise has no personal interests other than should the local paper of any community have. At the outset of the discussion, this paper took the stand that the building of any road into this city, it matters not from what direction it comes, so long as it opens up to the city a new section of county, is a benefit to this city. The Enterprise still contends that its position is correct. It is now up to the members of the city council to determine if the expense of building the proposed road is justified by the increased trade and benefits in a commercial way that will accrue to the city in its construction. There are some citizens who honestly differ with us in this opinion and question the advisability of constructing the road at this time. The main opposition to the plan comes from the Southern Pacific Company, which has threatened to enjoin any attempt to build a road that will cross its tracks in this city. A dispute as to the extent of the right of way that was granted to the Southern Pacific Company is now pending in the supreme court. Having been given the use of one of the streets of the city for its track, this company now assumes to dictate whether or not the city dare cross its track. In its contention, the Southern Pacific Company can only be actuated by selfish motives and a desire to control a monopoly of the street over which its track extends. The attitude of this corporation towards the proposed road is making friends for the road. It seems a pity that the city should dare assert its rights in the premises.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEEMAN RYAN reports that a canvass of Clackamas county reveals a favorable outlook for Mr. Herman, who will have the usual Republican majority in this county. The Democrats are employing every influence to carry this county for Reames. Republicans and progressive citizens of every party cannot afford by any negligence on their part to make possible such a thing. It is simply a business proposition so far as this community is concerned. Oregon City wants a public building and the Willamette river is in need of improvements in this section. In event of his election, Mr. Herman has given his promise that he will do everything in his power to accomplish both of these things for this part of the district. Clackamas county has a normal Republican majority of 450, and we certainly cannot afford to have that majority reduced. Failure of the Republicans to carry this county for Mr. Herman, will prove disastrous to the interests of the people of

this entire section. The claim of Mr. Reames that he will be in a position, if elected, to enlist Democratic support for measures carrying appropriations for this district, is rather flimsy and improbable. With the large majority that the Republicans have in the national legislature, the majority party does not require Democratic co-operation in the interest of any public appropriation.

THE people, for whose direct benefit and relief the referendum amendment was enacted, have failed to invoke the law on any legislation within the required statutory time. Signers to petitions for the reference of the Lewis & Clark Fair bill, The Dalles portage railway, the corporation tax bill and the tax exemption act, lacked by approximately 2000 signers the number necessary to cause any one of the measures to be submitted to the people. Some question existed as to the constitutionality of the amendment but all controversy over the legality of the act has been deferred for the present at least because of the failure of those desiring to place the referendum in operation to obtain the required number of petitioners to accomplish the reference of any legislative act. There was during all of the controversy on the subject serious doubt that the referendum, under the construction of its own provisions, could be applied to any act of the legislative session at which it was enacted. One regrettable circumstance about the referendum is that the initial though futile attempt to employ the act should be directed against an institution of such great worth to the state and every citizen as is the Lewis & Clark Exposition.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT made a decidedly favorable impression on his audience in this city by the remarkable plainness of his dress. He appeared on the car platform attired in a plain business suit and was bare-headed. One honest-looking tiller of the soil was overheard to express his surprise to see the President of the country in so ordinary a costume; he had expected to see President Roosevelt in a tailor made suit of broadcloth with silk hat to match. As the train pulled out of the station, several bouquets of Oregon's matchless roses were thrown at the chief executive who, instead of trying to evade the pelting to which he was subjected, stretched forth his hand and managed to catch one bunch of roses which he waved to and fro, repeatedly pressing them to his lips, to the unspeakable delight and gratification of the blushing young woman who was the donor. President Roosevelt is unmistakably a man of the common people and with the presidential nomination, that can hardly dare be denied him, he will be retained at the White House for the four years following his present term by a majority without precedent.

ONE does not hear so much from Democratic sources now concerning alleged strained relations between Mr. Hermann and President Roosevelt since the President made an announcement in contradiction of such charges. Another incident that tended to still further explode this bubble of campaign argument was the fact that upon invitation of President Roosevelt, Mr. Hermann joined the presidential party at Salem and was the personal guest of President Roosevelt to Portland. These arguments, which have been proven to be entirely without foundation, are really about the only reasons advanced by the minority party against the election of Mr. Hermann.

MR. HERMANN will be elected and by a good majority; but to give him such a majority as is due from this district, all Republicans must get to the polls next Monday. Clackamas county must do her share. Every Republican voter in this county should consider it his privilege and duty to go to the polls in his precinct Monday and vote for the regular Republican nominee. That is the only way to support the National administration. If individual voters do their part June 1, Clackamas county will be found in the Republican column as usual with the average majority for progress and an endorsement of the National administration.

AN active interest in the Lewis & Clark fair is being taken by the women of the entire state. Over thirty women's clubs have been formed in the interest of the Exposition. The purpose of these organizations is to encourage the making of exhibits at the Fair, the collecting and preserving of historical relics and landmarks and the promoting of the civic improvement of their respective localities. Woman's co-operation in public enterprises is essential to satisfactory results.

OREGON CITY will follow its usual custom and hold a grand Fourth of July celebration again this year. The falls city regularly celebrates this glorious anniversary and this year as in the past extends a cordial invitation to the people of the surrounding country to remain disengaged for the day and join with us in the proper observance of this anniversary and what it means.

MR. REAMES has solicited the votes of dissatisfied Republicans on the ground that he can do no harm if elected so far as affecting the political complexion of the National legislature. The Democratic candidate may be under-rating his ability and has plenty of company in the classification to which he has assigned himself. But the first district will elect a man who can do something and something worth while.

It may not have been generally noticed but all of the laws enacted at the last session of the legislature went into effect on the day that President Roosevelt visited Oregon City.

THE Jews of this city raised about \$150 that has been forwarded to their suffering kinsmen in Russia.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

### Professor Powell, of Washington, D. C. Recommends Pe-ru-na.



Prof. W. B. Powell, of Washington, D. C., is one of the best known educators in the country. For fifteen years he has been Superintendent of the Public Schools of Washington, which is considered the best school system in the United States. Professor Powell is the author of a number of school books which are used throughout the United States.

This well known gentleman does not hesitate to recommend Peruna to his countless friends and acquaintances all over the United States. In a recent letter from 110 N. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., to Dr. Hartman, he says:

"Persuaded by a friend I have used Peruna as a tonic, and I take pleasure in recommending your remedy. Peruna is indeed a good medicine and should be in every household."—W. B. POWELL.

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Peruna is of national fame as a catarrh remedy. It is the only internal remedy known to the medical profession. It makes diseased mucous membranes healthy, whether in the throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys or other organs. It cures various diseases of all these organs, because two-thirds of the ailments of mankind are due to catarrh. With healthy mucous membranes, catarrh diseases lose their terror, the system is enabled to throw off contagion and health follows inevitably.

Mr. A. T. Wood, M.L. Sterling, I. C., writes:

"For many years I have been suffering from catarrh, and have spent time and money with physicians, used many kinds of remedies which were 'guaranteed sure cures', but every case it was money thrown away. I reaped no benefit whatever from them. In my seemingly vain search for relief I purchased a bottle of Peruna, having no confidence in it whatever at the time. This was about a year ago, and I began to improve without being constantly hampered every kind of pain known to a human being. My hearing, which was almost entirely gone in one ear, got very much better. The medicine not only cured me, but prevented disease.

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