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FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1905. A PLEASANT DUTY.

It became the pleasant duty of the people of Oregon City this week to entertain the old soldiers and their faithful helpmates, the Women's Relief Corps. While it was a duty, deserved and proper, the entertaining of these old veterans may rather be considered a privilege.

WRITE MORE LETTERS.

Free delivery of mail for Oregon City, while a possibility, is by no means an assured fact, as yet. Postmaster Randall informs us that except there is a material increase in the receipts of the Oregon City post office between this and the end of the month, there exists a serious doubt as to whether the receipts will equal the required total of \$10,000 which is essential before any city can ask for the free delivery of mail service.

WOULD SIDETRACK JUSTICE.

There is being circulated a petition addressed to the Governor and requesting the commutation to life imprisonment of the death sentence recently imposed on George W. Lauth, the convicted Clackamas county murderer. In noting the fact, a newspaper reporter states that the petition recites no reason upon which the intervention of the Governor is asked, but adds that at the proper time a statement of the case will be offered by counsel for Lauth.

THE AUTOMOBILE IN WAR.

If the Russo-Japanese war continues long enough, it will provide an interesting test of the possibility of using automobiles in war. Some six months ago the Russian government gave a large order for automobiles to a firm in Hanover, Germany. Deliveries followed in march, and since then the "crews" of the machines have been in training, and their transportation to the front is now said to be in progress.

It is suggested that the committees having charge of the Firemen's Tournament and Fourth of July celebration make provision for a number of temporary benches to be placed along the side streets opening on to Main street for the accommodation of the many people who will assemble at the prominent street corners during the three days' celebration. And by the way, these benches should be reserved for the older people.

IS THAT SO.

A demented Swede was taken in charge at The Dalles the other day. His notion is that he is in Oregon City, from which belief he violently refused to be divorced. The case is evidently hopeless.—Albany Herald.

WOMAN'S HONOR.

A beautiful and fragrant flower is coaxed into bloom by the genial sunshine of tropical countries. It is called the camelia, and is so sensitive and tender that if it be touched with but a breath no power on earth can prevent the blight or wipe away the stain.

THE PROGRESS OF REFORM IN PHILADELPHIA.

Those spoils politicians of Philadelphia who cherished the belief that the reform wave would spend itself in a short space of time, that the civic storm would "blow over," are doubtless considerably exercised over the continued activity of the converted mayor and the steps he is taking to "repeople" the municipal government and emancipate it from boss and machine rule.

WHAT SPECIES?

The editor called on Homer Davenport Saturday. The cartoonist recognized him at once. It is remarkable what a memory he has for birds.—Ashland Tribune.

In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of fadism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass away.

HOW'S THIS?

The indebtedness of Clackamas County has been reduced to the extent that the county is now paying 23 per cent less interest than was being paid a year ago.—News item, last week's Enterprise.

The machines that have been secured are designed for use not on good roads but on rough tracks and across country. The very best of material has, of course, been employed, and the motors are four-cylinder and of high power.

The automobile corps will be divided into squads, in each of which one man will be told off for special training in the handling and repair of the machine. The others will be given what training is possible, so they can take the steering wheel in an emergency, but their main work will be to fight when they have been carried to the right spot.

He has made certain appointments which, according to the independent press, indicate a determination to banish graft, pull and politics from the police and public works departments. He has issued an order prohibiting assessments of city employes by ward leaders and an even more telling supplementary order announcing that membership by such employes in ward clubs of a partisan character would be regarded as evidence of unfitness to hold office and discharge properly the duties thereof.

Mayor Weaver has also destroyed opportunities for ballot stuffing and repeating by declaring that registration lists must be carefully revised and the "lodgings" kept by policemen and firemen critically inspected. The lawless gang has not hesitated to make officers of the law and city employes its tools in the crimes and conspiracies against the public.

Finally the mayor has appointed an unofficial advisory committee the ranks of prominent citizens—business men, divines, editors—to advise him with regard to the difficult and complicated questions confronting his administration. This move has been criticized as a bad precedent, but circumstances alter cases. It is one thing for an executive to "seek shelter behind volunteer committees" and thus dodge responsibility, and another thing to solicit disinterested counsel and guidance.

The election of a Democrat as mayor of Portland, a Republican stronghold, is but another warning to the Republican party of Oregon. It means that there must be no more dirty politics, no more electing Republicans to office who imagine that, being Republicans, they can do anything and be safe, no bitter factional feeling in the ranks, more unity, a better understanding, and Republican nominees who can stand on their past record and not blush.

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