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THE PORTLAND EXPOSITION.

It is gratifying to note the increasing interest which the Eastern press is showing in the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Journals in every part of the country are giving it cordial treatment.

Even the most skeptical of our people now realize that the Fair itself will be a thing of excellence and beauty—large and varied enough for every purpose, but not so large as to confuse the mind with excessive multiplicity of objects.

Every visitor to the grounds is astonished to see the extent and magnitude of the exposition. The site is one of surpassing beauty and the plan of improvement brings its features out with every possible advantage.

By the windows all, the children scream. As every soul cried out, "Well done!" And as each one said, "Well done!"

And what a team Burley must have had to make his hell-for-leather dash over Coos County roads the talk of the state! One must go back to mythology for such going.

Prose is a weak thing. Let us take another stanza from Cowper and apply it to Burley, who has out-Gilpin Gilpin:

Now let us sing, long live the King! And Gilpin, long live he; He'll be a star, he'll be a star, He'll be a star, he'll be a star.

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be taken up for consideration at this session of Congress. The survey has been made for a fourteen-foot channel from Chicago to the Mississippi River by way of the drainage canal and the Illinois River.

This project will undoubtedly have pretty unanimous support from the Mississippi Valley and Lake regions, except where railroad influence is dominant. At the same time it is by no means certain that it can be speedily rushed through Congress.

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moved by the little romance in the secretary's life and gave him simply his old salary. For the present, we give it up, too.

The Needlework Guild as co-laborer in the work of the Visiting Nurses' Association in this city performs work that is invaluable in the care of the sick and destitute.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

An Adventure. I trudged along through the blackening night. Behind me followed my Irish setter. When the switchlight turned from green to white...

They are all ready to jeer at Mrs Chadwick now. Nan Patterson will be getting jealous of Mrs. Chadwick.

It is this having to buy 17 Christmas presents with available assets of \$5.35 that makes Chadwick.

Swiftwater Bill is said to be looking for another wife. It's nearly time for his ex-wives to form the Society of the Wives of Swiftwater Bill.

The Chicago Chronicle sings the psalm of finance: Tell me not in rhyme, rhyme is a lifeless thing; Life is but an empty show.

A wine merchant has brought suit in Paris to recover payment for 14,000 bottles of champagne ordered for delivery at Port Arthur.

Will the elevated railroad structures be removed from New York? The New York Times expresses the opinion that they will, for the reason that underground roads are so much more satisfactory to the public.

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GREAT SAILORS OF MODERN TIMES

MICHAEL ADRIANZON DE RUYTER. (By Arrangement with the Chicago Tribune.) It is his duty to obey the commands of the sea. De Ruyter's remark before starting on the cruise on which he was killed...

WHEN the great powers nowadays discuss projects for the reduction of armaments, or for the carving of Turkey, they don't think of consulting little Holland. Yet less than two and a half centuries ago this now weak and diminutive country was the proud mistress of the sea.

De Ruyter was born in the seaport town of North Brabant, near the city of Breda. He was a common sailor in 15 his ship had an encounter with a Spanish privateer. Ruyter, the first to board the Spaniard, was taken prisoner, made his escape and begged his way across Europe from Spain to Zealand.

At 46 years of age Ruyter was a prosperous, stout, phlegmatic burgher who expected to spend the rest of his life happily at his own fire with his congenial pipe and his good spouse. But he was yet to fight 20 battles and to lose his life while struggling to uphold his country's flag upon the sea.

War broke out between England and the Netherlands in 1665. Ruyter was made a Rear-Admiral. He was escorting to Holland a fleet of 90 merchantmen, when, near Plymouth, Sir George Ayscue attacked him with an English fleet of nearly 50 more ships of the line.

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BEWARE OF GREEDY FISHERIES.

Salmon fisheries of the Lower Columbia River want longer time for catching fish. They caught so many fish last season that few were left for hatcheries, still they are hungry for more than the present open season brings them.

The laws now ordain that fishing shall cease August 15, until September 15. Lower river interests refused to obey those laws and kept up their work of extermination in defiance of them.

The fisheries have demonstrated that they lack wisdom to guide the salmon industry aright and to propose laws for its protection. Much as they profess to desire the ultimate security of the industry, their immediate selfishness twists their vision and they find this year's needs forgetting next year's promise.

April, May and June salmon have been almost exterminated. July and August fish have been saved by hatcheries and closed season. Having exhausted the early runs, the fisheries wish to turn loose on the late schools. But it is reasonable to presume that the safeguards which are necessary to their perpetuation and that it is dangerous to alter those safeguards until sure information has been acquired that will indicate effects with some degree of confidence.

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PUTTING A CRIMP IN MYTHOLOGY.

Jehu, were he alive today, would attract but little attention, drove he never so furiously. Whizz-car, jetting steam or gasoline, have ruined the public's sense of wonder and awe.

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CONGRESS AND CIVIL SERVICE.

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BITS OF OREGON LIFE.

Fun for All on Wheels. Eugene Gen'd. Watch for the opening date of the skating rink.—C. F. Smith.

Competition in the Life of Trade. Corvallis Times. Highest price paid for young pullets.—S. B. Banc.

Alarming Growth of Bad Eyesight. Oakland Cor. Roseburg Review. De Ruyter was born in the seaport town of North Brabant, near the city of Breda.

Salem Headquarters for Lebanon Visitors. Lebanon Express-Advance. Three Lebanon boys—Charles Irwin, Orville Ferguson and Harve Lovell—are now employed in the same barber shop in Salem.

COSTLIEST CITY IN THE WORLD

Let's Weekly. New York, under a Tammany Hall Mayor has the most expensive city government on record. According to Mayor McClellan's first budget, it will cost New York City \$100,000,000 to conduct its municipal affairs in 1905.

Canada's 6,000,000 people pay \$2,000,000 for running their government in 1904; Mexico's 14,000,000 pay \$68,000,000 for a like service, and Brazil's 18,000,000 disburse \$80,000,000 for this object.

Shock for the Lawyer. Philadelphia Press. A well-known lawyer of this city, whose office is located close to the City Hall, received a tremendous shock the other day.

Who Would Have Run Better? Philadelphia Press. Democratic papers, led by the New York World, are worrying themselves over the small vote polled by Judge Parker.

Merely Roaring in the Index.

Chicago Inter-Ocean. Lawson's stories of "Frenzied Finance" have been merely very readable magazine articles. They have offered nothing really new, unknown or important.

An Unfortunate Condition. Washington Post. Bradock, Pa., is without funds to maintain its \$300,000 Carnegie library, and does not feel justified in this time in asking Mr. Carnegie to send any notes that might be used for raising the desired cash.

Well Defined. Dallas (Texas) News. "What is scientific socialism?" is an inquiry which has been merely threatened to go all these things.