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THE PRICE OF PEACE. Germany and France made the present terrible war between Russia and Japan...

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But the surviving Democrats in the Senate say that it is none of our business whether or not there is murder and treason and bloody revolution in Santo Domingo...

TAR AND FEATHERS IN THEOLOGY. "Orthodoxy is my doxy; heterodoxy is the other fellow's doxy," said some humorist...

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Last year's big wheat crop in Eastern Oregon is still bringing in considerable money, and right on his heels is coming another wave of riches for that favored region...

The Canadian government is now after the polygamist Mormons who were unable to make a sufficient supply of wives under the American flag...

The closed salmon season on the Columbia began yesterday. Hereafter the total number of closed days on the Columbia is to be forty-six...

Portland is making some extensive contributions to the food supplies for man and beast in the Far East. Last Saturday the steamer Numantia sailed with 150,000 sacks of flour...

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Burbank's Vegetable School. SANTA ROSA, Cal., March 15.—(Special to Note and Comment by Oregon Grapevine.)—I have just finished my inspection of Luther Burbank's school for vegetables...

In the gymnasium we found a class of squashes going through a series of deep-breathing exercises, with a view to developing their chest expansion. Burbank hopes by this means to produce squashes that will measure 65 inches around the chest...

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SHORT STORIES OF REAL LIFE. An Instance of the Futility of Circumstantial Evidence—The Japanese Initiative Facility in Action—The Old Spinning Wheel.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL evidence is a weak thing at best. A forcible demonstration of this truth caused much amusement to a method of passengers a morning or two since. The car in question was on the Washington-street line. Sitting in the middle of the car was one of the laborers employed at the Exposition grounds and protruding from a bucket of water was a grimy clay pipe. This same pipe came to the notice of the conductor as he was making his rounds. He at once became cognizant of an infraction of the company's rules.

"We don't allow smoking in this car," said the carman in burning accents, as he passed the laboring man. The man with the pipe made no move to remove the thing from his mouth. "I said we don't allow smoking," repeated the carman. "I'm not smoking," averred the laborer. "But you've got your pipe in your mouth," protested the collector of nickels. "An' I've got me shoes on me feet, but I ain't walkin'," asserted the offender.

IN an unfrequented corner of the space reserved for treasured relics by the Historical Society at the City Hall stands an ancient spinning-wheel. It is time-worn and black with age. If one has the antiquarian spirit, an examination of it will lead his mind on long groping to some remote spot back through the maze of years to the time when the crude old wheel was a potent factor in the economy of society.

If he learns that it was made in Strasburg, Germany, in 1621 and brought to America in 1760, the amateur antiquarian is bound to pause long in contemplation. The old wheel's work is done. Many people pass it by every week without being aware of its existence. Those who "do" the museum are rather attracted to the antique guns and the rusting swords, but occasionally the ancient spinning-wheel catches the eye of one whose bent is toward the sander and less emotional road by which the children of men have made their way to 20th century civilization.

Yet it is far from prosaic in its associations, and three centuries of history have invested it with peculiar romance if one will but pause with it and think awhile. It was fashioned by some stout old German shop when the cobble-paved streets were ringing with the tread of the mailed soldiers of the Thirty Years' War; before the first Charles was on the English throne and the Puritan axles at Plymouth were just beginning to hew out a foothold in the cheerless New World.

It may have spun the thread of some of the buxom daughters of some Strasburg burgher when Germany was a community of feudal baronies; it was doing its work when the Lewis and Clark expedition, a subject in which the young students naturally displayed much interest. Carrots, parsnips and turnips were engaged in the study of English literature, and a jolly crowd of Spring onions was being instructed in etiquette. Already the onions have been benefited by these lessons, as the Burbank graduates are much less self-assertive than the uncouth alphabets of the farm.

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 15.—The Legislature today took two more ineffectual ballots for United States Senator. When the roll-call on the second ballot had been completed, Speaker Hill explained his vote.

"I have been accused," he exclaimed, "of being a deserter. I want to say that as a last resort and with the consent of the caucus nominee I voted for Judge Spencer. I desire to say that I will be a deserter to the extent of voting for a Democrat before this assembly adjourns without electing a Senator."

Speaker Hill's announcement was followed by clamorous cheering, but it apparently provoked a storm of indignation from the Republicans. The first ballot resulted: Spencer, 6; Cockerill, 7; Pettijohn, 15; Bartricholt, 2; Niedringhaus, 2. Necessary majority, 15.

The supporters of R. C. Kerens all went to Dr. A. C. Pettijohn, who was heralded by a brief speech from Senator Melndee, prior to casting his ballot, in which he said:

"Until the fifth day of January I was for that silver-haired veteran who has done more for his party for Oregon than any Republican in Missouri—Richard C. Kerens."

Senator Melndee went on to say that when the roll call was taken for the caucus nominee for Senator he decided to support him, but the time had come when it was apparent he could not be elected. The second ballot resulted: Spencer, 6; Cockerill, 7; Pettijohn, 15; Niedringhaus, 1.

After the announcement of the second ballot, Representative Tubbs moved to a point of personal privilege, and exclaimed:

"Mr. President, I declare emphatically that I shall never desert the public party. If Speaker Hill desires to vote for a Democrat, I demand here and now that he resign his office and go to the state prison."

Instantly the assembly was in an uproar. There were cheers for Tubbs by some, and others, climbing on the desks and shouting for the Sergeant-at-Arms to restore order. After pandemonium had reigned for 15 minutes, Senator McDavid, Republican, made a motion that the joint session be dissolved. This was met instantly by a counter-motion for a recess until evening. Again tumult arose, but was quickly ended by the ordering of a roll-call on Senator McDavid's motion, which was carried by a vote of 37 to 22.

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