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RELIGIOUS HUMBINGS.

It would be folly to deny that John Alexander Dowie is a man of great ability. As a captain of industry, a man who conceives great enterprises and adapts means to ends to carry them out, he ranks high.

Most men have more or less influence over their fellows. The power of persuasion and suggestion is something which we can all exercise to a limited degree, and we have all at some time probably persuaded one or two persons to embark in a trifling enterprise against their will and better judgment.

The marvelous eloquence Savonarola persuaded the fickle Florentines to burn their ornaments and set fire to the gorgeous organelle. John Wesley founded a faith which in its primitive vigor overcame the inborn love of human beings for gay apparel and innocent amusement.

How shall we account for such a phenomenon? We expect to hear of medicine-men among savages, but Dowie wrought his miracles and won his following in a land of newspapers and common schools.

The hunger for the supernatural grows with the general intelligence of mankind. As life becomes more valuable, men search with increased eagerness for evidence that it is no chance to pause and examine his pretensions.

To weigh evidence is the most difficult intellectual task which human beings have to perform. Those who make it a profession find it perplexing; no wonder that common men often fail to estimate correctly the pretensions of a

humbly and charlatan like Dowie in their dearest hopes and deep insatiable longings all clamor on the side of belief; and when the charlatan is gifted with magnetic influences, invincible self-confidence, the qualities of leadership and great practical sense, with perhaps, an insane faith in his own inspiration, we must expect to see him gain a following.

THIRTY-SEVEN CANDIDATES. Thirty-seven out of the forty candidates for the Legislature from Multnomah County and for the joint district of Multnomah and Clackamas have subscribed definitely, specifically and completely to pledges which commit them to legislation at Salem for regulation and control of public franchises and for regulation and control of state and private banks.

The Oregonian understands from persons who profess to be sponsors for him that he is in hearty sympathy with the thirty-seven upon these important and vital matters.

The Oregonian herewith submits in alphabetical form the names of the thirty-seven legislative candidates. It desires that the public shall familiarize itself with the identities and attitude of the entire thirty-seven.

The public will doubtless select the fifteen nominees with what discrimination and judgment it can, taking into consideration the personal record, character, experience, promise and political affiliations of every one of them.

It is a pleasure to note that the thirty-seven candidates for the Legislature are all men of high character and high ability. They are all men of high character and high ability.

INCREASING SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE. None of the disinterested patriots who have essayed to ride the ship-subsidy hobby have ever failed to call attention to the South American trade of the United States.

The report of Minister Beaspe for 1905 shows total imports into the Argentine Republic of \$29,164,429, of which England is credited with \$68,291,945.

In percentage of gain in business, the United States led all other countries, the increase being 25 per cent over that of 1904. Germany and France coming next with 23 per cent, while England is fourth with 21 per cent.

This is due entirely to the fact that the exports of the Argentine are largely made up of commodities of which the United States is also an exporter. We cannot buy from the Argentine wheat, corn, cattle, wool and other great staples which make up the bulk of the exports from that country.

is most encouraging, however, and effectively sets at rest any argument that our trade is being hampered by lack of shipping facilities.

New York and Boston handle the bulk of the business with the Argentine, but during 1905 thirty-six ships were dispatched from the port of Baltimore, their cargoes being made up almost exclusively of farm machinery and other iron and steel manufactured goods.

When Colonel Muncey was so successfully endeavoring to keep the public eye on Pasco, about twenty years ago, the flora and fauna of the adjacent land were almost exclusively sagebrush and jackrabbits.

The most remarkable instance of the tenacity with which men hold on to life under desperate conditions is that of the survival for many days of a number of the entombed miners at Courrières, France.

Nothing, of course, can offer recompense for the deplorable loss of a good citizen like Mr. H. Hallock, who perished by a mournful accident in seeking exit from the burning building.

The building was improperly protected against such emergencies as arose yesterday. Had there been the same number of stairways leading from the eighth to the seventh floor, all of the people on the eighth floor could have made the way to the ground floor without placing their lives in jeopardy.

All great emergencies can be depended upon to develop heroes. Tom Richardson, instead of being a runaway captive, when the fire first started, remained behind until he had mustered all of the employees of the club and directed them to as safe a place as was possible.

RENAISSANCE OF THE PASCO. Many a year has melted into the past since Colonel Muncey gave to the public that famous admonition to "keep your eyes on Pasco."

When the full text of the decision of the Illinois Supreme Court on the primary law comes to hand it may open the way for judicial inquiry into some of the provisions of our own law, which will be generally employed for the first time two weeks from now.

It is curious to note how many life insurance company officials tick sick this year, disappear and then were discovered in some mountain fastness or seashore resort. This is no new mania, but a reversion to the primitive condition of human nature.

THE SILVER LINING.

By A. H. Ballard. Some More Men. Many a man is sickly. Many a man is stout. Many a man is dandy. And makes your head go round.

Many a man is braven. Many a man is shy. Many a man's courageous. And vows to do or die.

Many a man's a doctor. Many a man's a minister. No one knows what he will get. When he comes to Peter's gate.

Many a man's a preacher. Others lie, as well. Many a man's a teacher. Others buy and sell.

Many a man is bashful. Many a man has two masters. Many have two masters. And don't know which to serve.

Many a man is a worker. Many a man's a lout. Many a man is earnest. Many a man's a tout.

Many a man is yellow. Many a man is green. Many a man's vermilion. Some have a golden sheen.

Many a man's a sinner. Many a man's a saint. Many a man's a blackguard. Worse than the devil can paint.

Many a man is forward. Many a man is meek. Many a man's untidy. Many a man is sleek.

Many a man is crazy. Many a man is sane. Many do not know enough. To go in out of the rain.

SHOULD GIVE FIGURES.

Why Portland Lumber Trade Looks Small to Government. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Senator Fulton, at the request of President F. W. Ladd, secretary of the Portland Commercial Club, today took up with the Department of Commerce and Labor the matter of statistics showing lumber shipments from various ports of the United States.

Chiles Furnish Figures. The department explained to Mr. Fulton that the statistics on Portland are based entirely upon figures furnished by the Collector of Customs, and his returns cover only lumber exported to foreign countries.

Portland Must Get a Move On. Puget Sound cities and San Francisco, as well as the most important ports of the Atlantic and Gulf States, are duly credited with their respective shares in the lumber trade.

Director of Reclamation Bill Creates New Office and Removes Existing Friction. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—The House committee on irrigation today favorably reported a bill creating the office of Director of Reclamation Service.

Two Stories of Von Buelow One Has Him Seriously Ill, Other Rapidly Recovering. BERLIN, April 7.—Reliable agency reports that the stories concerning Prince von Buelow's having a fainting fit are untrue, and he really is suffering from emphysema.

Real Estate and Building Review. The Sunday Oregonian is devoting a page to the review of the week in real estate and building circles.

Pilgrims Banquet Curzon. LONDON, April 6.—The Pilgrims Society tonight gave a banquet at the Savoy to Lord Curzon in honor of his service as Viceroy of India.

Japan Acting in Good Faith. ST. PETERSBURG, April 6.—The condition of affairs in the Far East, according to a semi-official report published today, is far less menacing than has been painted by certain papers.

Too Much to Expect. Rochester Post-Express. Misspeltch has substituted the electric chair for the gallows. It is expected, however, that the prominent and representative citizens of the commonwealth who occasionally take the law in their hands, will be satisfied with the old and conventional method of a rope thrown over the arm of a telegraph pole.

IN THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN TOMORROW

First and foremost—All the news, American, foreign and local. Associated Press and special, in such fulsome, it reads this journal's head and shoulders above all other papers on the Pacific Coast.

EASTER DAY AS A RIVAL OF CHRISTMAS. Within the past few years the custom of giving presents to children on Easter Sunday has grown to such proportions that the spirit of the day has changed character in the popular mind.

FROM PEASANT'S COTTAGE TO CASTLE BYCHOR. The story of Jan Kubelik, violin virtuoso, who grew to be the musical world at his feet. It reads like a 20th century fairy tale; yet it is the story of reward for unremitting work, coupled with nature's great gift.

THE GENTLE NAZARENE IN MODERN RELIGIOUS ART. Present day painters of the highest caliber in content the Christ, belong to no one period, but to every age, therefore Easter's supreme figure is now associated on the same canvas with modernist and women. Photographs reproductions are given of famed paintings now hung in Paris showing today's conception in art of the man of Galilee and his personal relations with mankind.

PASTURES NEW. In the coming letter, the humorist presents compressed information extracted from the files of a scholarly notebook and hands out useful knowledge of Europe in tabloid form.

THE ROOSEVELT BEARS AT HARVARD. These visitors at the Hub are rescued from jail and fall in with the boys of the Harvard team. They have the jolliest sort of a dinner, ride the donkey in true Western style and each receives a degree.

MUSIC SOCIETY AND DRAMATIC REVIEWS. Society is to come forward to the end of Lent. This will be the theme of the social department of the Sunday Oregonian.

TWO PAGES OF SPORTING NEWS. Herbert W. Kerrigan will continue the writing for the sporting page of the Sunday Oregonian. He has left New York with the Athens team and during his trip abroad will write a series of articles which will cover only the Olympic games, but also the athletics of foreign countries.

EMILIE FRANCES BAUER'S NEW YORK LETTER. Gossip of musical, artistic and literary circles in the American metropolis is presented in a chatty letter from Emilie Frances Bauer. The fire in Julian Hawthorne's home, which damaged the priceless manuscripts of Nathaniel Hawthorne, is reviewed.

BOOKS, REVIEWS AND NEWS OF LITERARY FIELD. There's fashion in Spring books as well as Spring bonnets. New Spring books will be found on The Oregonian's book page, as well as news and gossip of people in the world of letters.