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THE TACOMA CONVENTION.

The Republican State Convention of Washington will meet at Tacoma today for the purpose of nominating five justices for the Supreme court.

Yet the convention purposes to undertake a task far more interesting and troublesome than the judgeship nominations.

The case of Dr. Crippen, the London dentist, who murdered his wife, and Miss Leneve, who fled with Crippen across the Atlantic.

The scene at their arrest is described as "most pathetic." The amatory uxoricide, strangely enough, excites some sympathy.

The penalty in the British system of jurisprudence will no doubt be visited upon them. In the meantime the bid of the pair for pity is disgusting.

Marine disasters happen wherever ships float. The port that is entirely free from them is the port where there are no ships.

Fire is at once the settler's greatest friend and his most implacable foe. Without it the subjugation of forest lands to agriculture would be impossible.

Senator Bourne has abandoned the attractions of the Deer Island (Md.) golf links and returned to Washington.

Portland police made 1611 arrests in July. If every amateur and professional chauffeur who violated the speed ordinance had been nabbed for each offense, the number of arrests would have been doubled.

Bids for the new Postoffice site disclose the fact that several pieces of Portland business property, not within the shopping district, are held at more than \$1000 a front foot.

Let us hope that the county court, having started up the bridge-draw bill, will not immediately start down again until September.

Let us "thank whatever gods there are for the cool breezes that come out of the Northwest and keep the temperature down during this driest period of a dry season."

Calling a cracker a biscuit, and raising the price as to pay dividends on more cracker, does not make the food more wholesome or attractive.

WOMAN SUES FOR BACK PAY

Man's Companion for 18 Years Wants \$9000 for Services.

After living with George Whitaker, secretary and treasurer of the Portland Sash & Door Company, for 18 years as his man's companion, Miss Milby brought suit against him for \$9000 in the local Circuit Court yesterday.

Trusting that he would some day take out a marriage license, the woman says she allowed the weeks to lapse for months, and the months into years.

Representatives of fifty railroad systems west of Chicago are in session to consider plans for a demand for higher wages.

MURDER WITNESSES DISAPPEAR District Attorney Has Trouble in Trial of Hans Goodgar.

The District Attorney is anticipating considerable difficulty in retrying the Hans Goodgar murder case, as some of the important witnesses cannot be found.

\$20,000 Asked for Cut. Hans Hansen, a laborer for the Columbia River Door Company, was badly cut with a rotary saw on the right arm July 22, 1909.

Devlin Suit at Last Concluded. The long-drawn-out law suit of Thomas C. Devlin against W. H. Moore and others over the Pacific & Eastern Railway stock, in which Devlin is receiver of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank.

Railway Brings Suit. In an endeavor to secure property at Water and Montgomery streets that it may begin work at once in laying tracks and extending its terminal grounds, the Oregon Electric Railway has filed in the Circuit Court a suit against Arthur W. Willis, J. C. Williams and Frank W. Chambers.

Company Says It Was Turned Out. Alleging that Isaac Brunh illegally ousted the firm from property at First and Alder streets and at 142 First street, the Enterprise Brewing Company brought suit in the Circuit Court yesterday asking \$750 damages.

Bourne Candidate Comes Out. Dr. T. L. Perkins, a dentist with offices in the Medical building, added his name yesterday to the list of those who will oppose the assembly legislation.

Class Rates Investigated. A. T. Dice, general manager of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, will be in Portland August 19 in his private car.

Hearing is Continuation of Issue Begun Years Ago. Southern Pacific class freight rates between Portland and other Oregon points were investigated yesterday in two brief sessions by the Oregon Railroad Commission.

Doing His Best. Catholic Standard and Times. "Tommy Tuff" cried the teacher, severely, "why did you chalk your name on this new desk?"

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LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

A good sized crowd of newspaper men, clerks and merry villagers flanked the entrance to the Taft Summer home at Beverly and kept their eyes on the road back of the secret service guard for the approach of the carriage containing Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Lodge.

"That makes me think of the death of Casey," replied another. "When Casey died his colonel and then looked long at his face and then said to the widow: 'That was a good man, Mrs. Casey.'"

A Chicago Board of Trade man, who was not in the habit of attending church, was taking a walk one Sunday morning, and on coming to a church at the regular hour of service, he decided on endeavoring to catch a sermon in which the pews were adorned upon a sloping floor, an usher stepped forward, and while conducting him to a sitting, politely inquired: "Would you like to come down pretty well?"

Mistaking the inquiry to be an appeal for money, the Board of Trade man began to fumble through his pockets, as he drawled: "Not rich, but I'm not prepared to come down very heavy, as 15 cents is all I have with me."—Harper's Magazine.

Little Willie Ennis, of the Falls of Schuykill, is a youth with two ruling passions in life, one an inordinate liking for the other a peculiar aversion for school.

When Willie was returning from the Schuykill yesterday, having spent the afternoon in endeavoring to catch a fish, he was accosted by a rather old man.

"Did you catch anything today?" the man inquired. "Not much, Willie answered, 'but I will when I reach home.'—Philadelphia Times.

A hypochondriac friend of the Nantasket man, who was visiting the latter's place on the coast of Massachusetts, imagined he was deriving some benefit by reason of the sea water; he was drinking.

One day, as the two strolled along the beach, the hypochondriac said to his friend: "Dick, this sea water is really helping my dyspepsia. I've already taken two glasses of it this morning. Do you not remember telling me about the year 'Well' returned to the friend, with a gravity equal to that of his friend. "I don't think a third would be missed, Tom."—Lippincott's.

Mrs. Stimpson found herself for the first time without a cook. She had paid a very good wage to a woman who, in the kitchen, was as careless and capricious of a succession of unsatisfactory kitchen helpers.

After preparing several meals with her own hands, and gaining confidence in the art, she approached her husband with a brilliant proposition. "What do you say, dear," she began, "if I should take a course with a cook for one month, what shall I get?"

"Well," said the husband, by the end of one month you will get one of those long crepe veils for widows."—Scraps.

IN MEMORY OF HAYM SALOMON Monument to Polish Jew, Patriot of American Revolution. Chicago Post.

Haym Salomon, who devoted his large fortune to the use of the struggling colonies during the War of the Revolution, found with Robert Morris that the republics are not ungrateful for forgetful of their just debts. Salomon never uttered a complaint, as far as can be learned, because the Government which he had helped into enduring existence had not repaid him.

When the colonies most needed money, and when there was only the smallest apparent chance that they would ever be in a position to pay, Haym Salomon unhesitatingly and unselfishly gave the greater part of his fortune for the cause of liberty. Salomon was a Jew, born in Prussia about the year 1746. Not long before the American Revolution he came to this country and at the outbreak of hostilities he became an earnest advocate of independence. He had accumulated money and nearly all of it was devoted to the uses of his adopted country.

Prominent American Jews have formed an organization to raise funds for a monument to Salomon to be erected in Washington. They are to do a work that the American people acting through Congress should have done years ago. He was one of the most unselfish of patriots. He was born alien to the soil, but no native made more willing sacrifices to the American cause.

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