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WHERE THE DEMOCRATS DID NOT EBB

Whatever may be said of the remainder of the platform the Democrats at Baltimore displayed a refreshing knowledge of actual conditions in drafting their conservation plank.

We believe in the conservation and development for the use of all the people... Our forests, our sources of water supply, our arable and our mineral lands are our navigable resources with which our country has been lavishly endowed.

The public land laws should be administered in a spirit of the broadest liberality... The first paragraph enunciates a principle to which the entire Nation is devoted.

But today there is hardly a well-balanced, well-informed statesman or Government official who does not admit that the extreme ideas of the Eastern bureaucrats have retarded Eastern development and in countless incidents gained nothing for future citizens.

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In naval warfare; first, that a battleship could make such a trip without accident to mar the record, and second, that she could jump into the fray at a moment's notice with such remarkable effect.

Our battleship will be in port but a few days, but during that time her decks will be thronged by young and old and the memory of her visit will be cherished as a bright spot, dimmed with the sole regret that she is getting into the aged class and must soon be dismantled.

BURGlar, INCENDIARIST, MURDERER. On the evening of March 29 a double murder was committed on the Little House road. Two young men, little more than boys, honorable, inoffensive, promising, ambitious, with every desire, every reason, every right to live, were shot in cold blood.

This perverted being, on whom the winning of an honest living had irked since boyhood, stationed himself by the roadside, masked, with repeating shotgun in hand charged with buckshot. He was there to rob the passengers of the first automobile that came his way and he was prepared and willing to murder anybody who resisted his design.

Additional foulness and want-ness to the crime that resulted is the fact that the youths slain were powerless to obey his command to halt. They were passengers, not drivers, of the car. There was no escape, no protection for them from the criminal's wrath.

THE SWEDISH GOOD SPORTSMEN. The Olympic games at Stockholm present a pleasant contrast to those at London four years ago. We read of no attempts by the Swedes to dispute the right of Americans to the victory.

Both Senate and Lorimer on trial. One good point has been made by a defender of Lorimer. The controversy about the Illinois Senator, like many previous contests in Congress, has proved the total unfitness of either house to decide questions as to the validity of a man's claim to a seat.

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To The Oregon

By Dean Collins.

Gray as a wave of the Winter sea, Into your coat of mail; Into your hat, as it last Into our harbor sail; A thousand ports, in the years ago, Hailed you before you came To taste the welcome that waits for you In the state that gave you her name.

Oregon, first of the mighty hulls, Came first from our Nation's fleet To dare our race around the half of the world Through the straits where the twin seas meet; Oregon, first in the battle line, Where the screaming bolts were hurled; That swept the flag of the Spanish race From the seas of the Western world.

Oregon, first from the armored ranks Of our mightiest ships of war To swim the stretch of a hundred miles From the ocean fair to the gates of the West, Oregon, first forevermore; For the ships of the world to be Guided through the gates of Panama, From the West to the Eastern sea.

May the years to come, as the years go by, Ever the richer bear The wreath of honor the world may weave For the Oregon to wear; And brighter still, on the records clear, May the stars of glory shine on Oregon, this is the prayer for you, From the state that gave you her name.

Portland, July 7.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of July 8, 1862. We have received a private letter from Captain Crawford, who was appointed by President Lincoln to raise, equip and command an escort for the overland emigrants bound for this country from the ocean fair, who is now in St. Louis, Mo., July 25th. His company will consist of 50 mounted men, armed with revolving pistols and breech-loading rifles. These, with the arms of the Oregon and Washington regiments, are to be sent to the mouth of the Snake, where they will be met by the party number about 75. He states that his employees are all industrious, steady young men, who desire to make their homes in Oregon, and what is of equal importance, they are good Union men. Captain Crawford states that the emigration from the Oregon and Washington regiments had already started across the plains, whereas his fears, were they provided for the trip.

Florence City, June 29.—The town has only two streets, Main and Minor, crossing each other at right angles, and has perhaps 120 buildings, frame and log, with tents interspersed, and for a new place compactly built. There are perhaps 200 log cabins directly up to the town and on the hills and in the ravines and gulches, occupied by the miners, and perhaps 500 tents. I should say the claims now worked are not less than 1000, many working several claims. Two-eighths of the claims pay from two to four ounces, and the other eighth from four ounces up to 10, 20, 50, 100 and 150 ounces per day; the number rapidly diminishing as you touch the highest figures. The daily yield of the mines here is about \$100,000. Eight men from Marion County, Or., bought the "Three-fingered" claim some 10 days ago, paying \$5000 in cash, and they are working it, and working several others. They had paid for the claim, taking out in one day \$1028 and on another day \$570 in some four hours. There are about 1000 men working claims, and 2000 or 3000 in and about town with nothing to do and with but little grub and less money.

The post at Fort Umpqua has been vacated, the troops heretofore stationed there having been ordered to Vancouver. We also learn that the last remainder of the 100th Infantry, Major Rinearson commanding, have been ordered to Camp Baker in Southern Oregon and it is expected, will be assigned to duty in the Klamath lake country.

Married—July 6th, 1862, four miles south of Portland, by Rev. J. B. P. Porter, Mr. Nelson to Mrs. Catherine Hulbert. The ocean steamer Oregon sailed last evening direct for San Francisco, Wells Fargo & Co. shipped \$25,000 in dust and we are well assured that nearly, if not quite, all the passengers, one gentleman takes \$75,000.

The City Council chamber, Recorder's office, City Hall, and the city hall, have been removed to second story of brick building on Front, between Washington and Alder streets, immediately over cigar store of H. Wasserman & Co.

Portland, July 6.—(To the Editor.)—In history it ought to be said that the Rubalyst has never been popular with people of deep pity, either Christian or infidel. Men like the reverend critic, whose lives attest their goodness, have generally condemned it. After all it is doubtful if anyone believing in salvation through atonement alone indulges its philosophy. Only the religious zingari, shamelessly stealing from poet or peasant, philosopher or priest, whatever seems good to them might find anything in the verses worth carrying away—and gipsies are born not made. So wouldn't it be best to direct our efforts to the "peasantial" "rascals," a "pled piper," that is luring a multitude of youth to the lower planes of life, the "peasantial" "rascals" who sing in the distance can never attract the many, and whose voice, calling from the shadows, may be an inspiration of hope.

SARAH HINDS WILDER.

A Conflict of Two Dates. Portland, July 7.—(To the Editor.)—It is unfortunate that the automobile races will conflict with the grand boulevard. We ought to remember that the Elks are our guests and that we the Automobile Club should be glad to accommodate for tourists, with a new hotel, well equipped and within easy reach of all points of interest. Show the "best people on earth" that there are other things in Oregon besides the "best people on earth" who take the "best people on earth" to the "best people on earth." DAN McALEEN.

Carrier Pigeon Likes Camp.

MELBOURNE, Wash., July 4.—(To the Editor.)—I was reading a piece in The Oregonian a few days ago of a carrier pigeon being found dead in the vicinity of the Humptulphs with a rubber and silver band on its legs. A week ago today a pigeon came to camp, with the same rubber and silver band. One of the bands had the letters A. 11B. and the figures 9995, and the red rubber band had the number 383 and the letter T. The bird came from the same place as the one that was found dead. I have you tell us whether that is some secret message or just registration marks. TOIVE LEMPI.

It is probably the private mark of some fancier.

"Movies" Need Proofreader.

PORTLAND, July 6.—(To the Editor.)—The "Pathe" Film Company evidently needs a good proofreader for the weekly edition that it publishes. By the Oregonian I note that one of the prettiest features of the Rose Festival is credited to Seattle in a late edition of its "weekly." It was but a few weeks ago that a picture of the cadets drilling at the Oregon Agricultural College had been having been taken by the "Clouville" L. F.

A Feather in London's Cap.

Baltimore, American. London. It is a well known fact, recorded among European capitals.

Next thing the Navy Department will be selecting Portland harbor for annual fleet maneuvers.

Colonel is now the ideal title for Teddy. His following has been reduced to about one regiment.

Let's make those visiting Elks swear Portland's the Best Place on Earth.

Now Dr. Hazard can starve at will, since her license has been revoked.

few degrees of that Chicago temperature would not be a—less here.

Mrs. Daggett's collie dog should have a Carnegie hero medal.

The Bandana Club will meet tonight to blow the horns