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LET RESTITUTION BE MADE.

Charles S. Mellen's testimony in regard to the wrecking of the New Haven road is an amazing revelation of the fact that men who were themselves looked up to as captains of industry were wont to bow down before the late J. P. Morgan as to a captain over all the captains...

MOKE NON-PARTISAN HUMBUG.

The logic of the situation, however, calls for the election of Dr. Smith and he will be elected. This despite the fact Oregon is essentially a Republican state. In this day and age next to nothing for mere partisanship. Nowhere has this fact been shown more conclusively than in Oregon—From a "non-partisan" newspaper.

LOCAL REPRESENTATION.

Hood River County finds itself threatened with the likelihood of having no Representative in the forthcoming Legislature. Hood River is in a joint legislative district with its neighbor, Wasco County. At the recent primary election the several Hood River candidates on the "anti-legislative" ticket were defeated...

NOTE TO THE UNWARY.

The particular fraud of which O. E. Gross has pleaded guilty and for which he has been sentenced is but a specimen of the kind of frauds that are being perpetrated in California and Oregon railroad land grants. In some instances the promoters have perhaps better protected themselves than did Mr. Gross and his associates by merely offering for sale a species of future shoe-string legislation...

A DRAMA DISPLAY.

Among the unusual attractions at the Panama Exposition will be a drama display. The development of the drama will be traced from its beginnings in Greece down through the ages. Each nation has contributed something and each will be requested to send a contribution to the display. The Greek and Roman plays will be illustrated by books, pictures and works of art. The social status of the actor will be shown in its ascending course from the time when he was a slave who performed to amuse his owner down to the serene eminence of Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson, who forms the instructive universe. There will be an effort to interest all the literary countries in the display. Norway could contribute memorials of Ibsen and Bjornson. France has numerous relics of Moliere, Victor Hugo, Dumas and her other great dramatists. Germany would probably contribute a rich collection of Goethe and Schiller material. Of course the living writers would be best represented by their works and since there are a great many of them, this part of the exhibit ought to be extraordinarily full and instructive.

ous stages through which the drama has passed. We should have a classic section, which would include not only the Greek and Latin plays, but also those of Racine and Corneille with their associates in France. The romantic period would begin, as far as France is concerned, with Victor Hugo and take in most of his successors. Where to put Shakespeare might puzzle the authorities a little. He was certainly a Frenchman, whether he was romantic in Victor Hugo's sense. Perhaps he was too nearly universal to be classified and should have a compartment to himself.

In recent times the social school of dramatists has arisen. They are "sentimental" rather than classical or romantic. They do not write to entertain so much as to instruct. They propose problems without always taking the trouble to solve them and being dramatic in the sense that they enlighten him. The evolution of the drama has never been so rapid or so protean as it is today.

THE ANTI-VIVISECTIONISTS.

In the current number of Harper's Weekly, Catherine Loving Buell throws a bright light upon the psychology of the anti-vivisectionists. She more than hints that these earnest and loving people are better than the cold truth. To enforce her point, she tells how they have used, or misused, a minority report of a British commission appointed to investigate vivisection. The report of the commission reported that the practice was useful and eminently proper. The minority issued a sensational dish of horrors. American anti-vivisectionists have been serenely quoting the minority report as if it came from the majority of the commission.

We are told by Mrs. Buell that quackeries of this mild sort are quite a common thing among the anti-vivisectionists. Having so little truth on their side, they have made up for it by the next best thing, which, to put the case bluntly, is falsehood. They have two extremely active allies in this country. One of them is the weekly periodical, "Life," which is often classed as a humorous magazine. Its articles are upon the most trifling occasions anything but humorous. There is too much ignorance and pure malignity in them.

We have often wondered why anybody should hate the doctors as virulently as the anti-vivisectionists do. Physicians do more good without pay than any other class of men. They all have numerous charity patients. Indeed it is these patients who most frequently hate the doctors into court on charges of malpractice. They have heard over and over again of instances of this kind. A physician does his best to cure a man of some ailment without money and without price. His reward is a lawsuit based on some trivial accident which ninety-nine out of a hundred, is utterly false. The court records swarm with instances of this ugly ingratitude. No doubt a good many of them might be traced back to the intrigues of impecunious lawyers if anybody thought it worth the trouble to make an attempt at opportunity to slander the doctors, but it is Hearst's New York American which has attacked them most venomously of late.

During the last year there has been a feverish campaign in New York for a law to put medical science under the supervision of a commission composed largely of ignorant sentimentalists. To help this law along, the American indulged in many a pleasant fiction about the horrors of the medical profession. It told in one issue of the dreadful doings of Dr. Holt, who, it was announced in screaming headlines, had "inoculated a thousand babies" with the implication that it was all a piece of vivisection practice upon the wretched little creatures. As a matter of fact, Dr. Holt perceived symptoms of tuberculosis in them and to make matters certain, he applied the tuberculin test, which is well known to all physicians and perfectly harmless. This enabled him to make a proper treatment for them and no doubt saved some hundreds of lives. The reward he got for his work was a shrieking libel.

The American told fearfully of another family of six children, three of whom went to the hospital suffering with either scarlet fever or measles. They returned, the American says discreetly, "afflicted with a dreaded disease," which they communicated to the other three children of the family, to their father and mother. The implication was that they had been inoculated with syphilis at the hospital as an experiment. Investigation by the Board of Health proved that not one of the children had been inoculated and none of them had syphilis. Such is truth as it is transformed in certain media.

Hearst's American stirred up a terrible row in the Bronx by similar fictions. The report was spread abroad by a Dutch family of forty-eight children, been inoculated with syphilis at two hospitals. His inspiration came from the American City Superintendent

Congress nor railroad, whichever way Maxwell was asked to exclude the afflicted children from the public schools. He naturally began an investigation, which showed that fifteen of the children were entirely imaginary. Among the rest not a solitary case of syphilis was found. What the purpose of the American could have been in publishing such reports must be left to the reader to decide for himself. But it is plain to be seen that the principal foundation for the anti-vivisection campaign is mendacity. The people who carry it on are no doubt extremely humane, but what shall we say of their morals?

The advice showered so abundantly on graduating classes at this season of the year is well meant, but it ought to be repeated to a student who has attended well to his books and lectures and improved his other college opportunities should possess pretty definite opinions upon things in general, should have chosen his vocation and should know how to prepare for it. What need has he of advice?

Nobody better deserves a term in jail than the splitter. He is a public nuisance without excuse. His foul way to make a living and that gambling from streetcars and doorways and nobody is safe from defilement in his presence. He is a constant menace to health, scattering disease germs wherever he goes. If our health officers can put a stop to public spitting, nobody can begrudge them their salaries.

Ambassador Page is in hot water again. Speaking to the Authors' Guild, he said writing was a risky way to make a living and that gambling was more likely to pay. Then up rose hosts of writers to tell what a good living they made. If Mr. Page wishes to avoid criticism he will confine his speeches to people who are as dead as Columbus. But perhaps he would rather be scolded than ignored.

Again is death recorded of an aged man, caused by attacks of an infuriated bull that had hitherto been gentle. By this time it should generally be known that kind of animal is never to be trifled with, he the meekest Jersey ever bred. Dehorning will take most of the fight out of him, but the nosering and pole are the real protection.

Have we made an armistice with Mexico? No, how could we? for an armistice presupposes war, and we are not at war. Then what was all that shooting at Vera Cruz? Oh! that was only a military operation; that was not war. Then why are the A. E. boys not marching? Just to prevent any more military operations.

Four or fifty wits who are fond of ridiculing Bernhard's repeated farewells to America, how could they? for a farewell to great an artist is such a sweet sorrow we could say goodbye till twelve the fortieth century—Wheeler County Journal.

Provided the divine Sarah's divine voice holds out to the fortieth century without cracking.

A Baltimore society man rolled three miles through the streets to pay off an election bet. The need of a fool-killer in this country is becoming more and more apparent.

They boy scouts have offered their services as "Secretary" for Mexican service. They are just as sensible as some of the untrained civilians who have offered regiments.

A Tacoma laundry employee, finding a \$1000 brooch in the wash, set out to pawn it. Which indicates that there are still some people left in human walks who are not strictly honest.

The Mexican hesitation is the latest dance and its movement of one step forward, four backward and then a sidestep is an accurate portrayal of the Wilson-Bryan policy.

The Navy Department plans to withdraw battleships from Mexican waters. Influenced, no doubt, by withdrawal of the Mexican "navy" from Tampico waters.

It is denied by the Pullman Company that porters are dependent upon tips. On the grounds, no doubt, that most of them are now independent as a result of tips.

Another man has been fined \$10 for bending his horse unmercifully. The punishment does not fit the crime. Even bread and water on the rockpile would not do.

The little town of Orenco is eighteen miles from Portland; but in spite of distance it is nearly the largest contributor to the public market.

Stars and Starmakers

Tonight the "Follies" We shall have a chance to "get back" at theatrical managers. The "Two Orphans" is to be the vehicle by which this "troop" will ride to fame and fortune—not fortune for themselves, but at least a comfortable slice of kale for the association's benefit. Personally the actor-managers crave only the gods of glory that go with the roles. I wish all the actors who ever played in any of the local houses under this band of thespians for a single night could drop in tonight and see the "Two Orphans."

Olga Nethersole has given a substantial check toward the musical education of Alfred Wallerstein, a boy cellist in Los Angeles. Miss Nethersole believes he is a genius and says she wants to be partly responsible for his development.

The horrors of war are nothing compared to some of the vaudeville jokes about it. Helen Ware, out all season in an Eastern company in "Within the Law," winds up her season this Saturday night and will not be seen in that place when it takes to the road again next fall. Miss Ware is slated to star in a new play next season.

Margaret Hillington, who has been star of the Western company playing in "Within the Law," has been engaged to appear in the role next season.

The starting tour of Mrs. Douglas Crane in "Her Soul and Body," under the direction of Frederick Belasco, closed up at San Diego May 15. The company disbanded after suffering a consistent run of poor business. Belasco is reported to have lost considerable money on the venture. The Los Angeles engagement of the show cost \$2000 on the week.

The Lawrence Stock, in Vancouver, B. C., glayed what was advertised as "Peg o' My Heart" last week. It was an unauthorized showing. "Peg" not having been released for stock—but this is Canada.

In Canada, you know, there is no royalty law and any play can be produced. Managers of pirating firms send stenographers to take down the dialogue of legitimate productions when they are in New York and sell the copy to Canadian stock companies. When "Within the Law" was here the last time it was booked for Vancouver and only the week before a stock presentation of "Within the Law" had been given.

The traffic in war songs is on and Paragaphers are busy. Tommy Gray, who runs a column of tattles in Variety, submits a list of titles in the hope of assisting his brother bird writers without charge and presumably hope of mercy on his readers. Here is the list: "Pay Your Assent His Commission Before You March Away," "Give the Stars and Stripes for the Sake of Our Magicians," "Don't Kiek About Your Spot—You'll Find Bulet Everywhere," "Good-bye, Small Time, I Must Leave You," "The U. S. A. F. T. M. A. S. the A. A. S. and You," "You Give the Stars and Stripes and Let His Gage Alone," "He Gave Up Wearing Grease Paint for Dear Old Uncle Sam," "You Give the Stars and Stripes, You Mamie, but Soldier Get Steady Work," "He'd Rather Be a Sailor Than Play the One Night Stand," "Where Come Back to Lay off in the Town Where I Was Born."

Myrtle Gayley McQuarrie has been granted a final decree of divorce from Benedict MacQuarrie. Both at one time were members of the Alcazar Stock Company, and were married in April, 1906.

Mrs. MacQuarrie, who retains her name of Gayley for the stage, is a sister of Mrs. Arno Gassin, who was Anne Gayley, a social bud of San Francisco.

Here is a chance for would-be playwrights. David Warfield wants a new play. His revival of "The Auctioneer," despite his great personal drawing power, did not make the money at the box office that was expected, and the last week of the engagement was really poor business—for Warfield. In his chats with friends, it became known that way down deep in his heart, apparently, he wants fulfillment of the promise he might play Shylock under proper conditions and production.

An interlocutory decree of divorce was granted Mrs. Harry Fox last Friday in the Supreme Court, New York. Mrs. Fox, testifying, was asked if he would be willing to pay her \$25 weekly alimony. "With much pleasure," replied Fox, who added, as he left the courtroom, "I like the way they do business in this place, and I am always coming here after this for my divorce."

Little Magda Foy, who is one of the seven little Foy joys at the Orpheum this week, is the first minor member of the Actors' Fund of America. On May 12 special meeting was called to follow the regular annual meeting of the organization, at which time the by-laws were changed to make minors eligible to membership. Little Magda Foy is not yet 7.

Madame Critic in the New York Dramatic Mirror chats delightfully of Charlotte Walker, whom we saw in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." Miss Walker is rehearsing the star role in a new play by her husband, Eugene Walter.

"Since I began rehearsals I have lost 40 pounds," she said. "I have to laugh when I hear people asking what on earth they can do to lose flesh. My answer is, work, work, work. When I began rehearsing my new role I was supposed to be the mother of a 12-year-old boy, and I looked the part. In a short time I had lost several pounds of flesh and it was decided that I did not look matronly enough to be the mother of a 12-year-old child, and Mr. Walter decided to reduce the age to 10 years. That was all well enough for a couple of weeks, when another consultation was held, and my child was made 8 years old—all because in the meantime I had lost more pounds. At present the child is 6 years old, and Mr. Walter says if I get any thinner he will have to make him a babe in arms."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 21, 1889. Jackson, Mich., May 20.—Mrs. Emma C. Folsom, mother of Ex-President Cleveland's wife, was married this evening to Henry E. Perrine, a merchant of Buffalo. Mrs. Cleveland was present.

Albany, May 20.—Willie Shoels, aged 8, while playing whipsnacker today at school across the river in Benton County, was thrown to the ground, breaking his legs.

Salem, May 20.—Articles of incorporation were filed today by the Pendleton Street Railway Company; J. E. Bean, F. J. Donaldson, John Eager, George W. King, J. H. Raley, J. D. Murphy, L. G. Keith and J. T. Swager, incorporators.

Salem, May 20.—Postmaster Swanwick's store at Aumsville was broken into Saturday night and \$2 taken.

Salem, May 20.—A daily mail commenced running today from here to Independence. Heretofore it has been tri-weekly.

The East Portland Council met last evening. President Merrick in the chair. A communication was read from Roscoe R. Morris and other students of the southern part of the city, representing that that portion of the city is inaccessible by any street or public highway. The proposition of the Oregon Real Estate Company to purchase land for building a bridge across Sullivan's Gulch on Twelfth street, provided the company will extend its improvement to Halsey street, was accepted.

Motor No. 3 of the Portland & Vancouver Railway Company made its trial trip yesterday. Besides the engineer and fireman, Superintendent Grimes, H. H. Holmes and the East Side reporter were on the motor.

Councilman Hardie, of East Portland, has returned from east of the mountains.

Three new sprinkling carts with new tanks and new harness were out yesterday.

The machinery for the cold storage warehouse located near the Albina ferry has arrived.

Fish Commissioner E. P. Thompson has returned from Astoria and the Cascades.

Some important coal and gold discoveries have lately been made in the vicinity of Willhot Springs.

Police Captain Cardwell, after another tussle with riotism, was yesterday again at his post.

One of the boats from the ill-fated steamer Alaskan came in to Cape Perpetua May 19 with ten of the wrecked sailors.

Effie Ellsler appeared in "Egypt" at the New Park Theater last night.

E. D. McKee reported to the Board of Trade last evening that he had arranged with C. J. Smith, general manager of the O. R. & N. Company to take the board the cost of maintaining a pilot boat.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of May 21, 1864. Onfield, Va., May 18.—Lee is now on the right bank of the river in the rear of Spottsylvania. Grant's strategy has thus far bewildered Lee. Grant has steadily moved his entire army from the Wilderness to this point and acted offensively during the whole time.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Dispatches from Grant to S. A. M. state that offensive operations are being conducted until the roads are passable. The two armies are now concentrated on the main road from Fredericksburg to Richmond. The latest reports from Butler state that he was battering against Fort Darling.

Washington, May 16.—Intelligence from Resaca, Ga., to 11 o'clock last night has been received. Sherman is reported to have captured a wagon train and two guns, and whipped Early. Two lines of the enemy's works have been stormed. (Signed) STANTON.

The new Presbyterian Church at the corner of Washington and Third streets will be dedicated tomorrow morning. A sermon will be preached by Rev. George H. Atkinson, of the Congregational Church, and the other exercises will be conducted by Rev. F. S. Caffrey, pastor of the church. The whole cost of the church, including the land, has been \$20,000. On Monday the pews will be sold at auction. The income will probably amount to about \$2000.

Our attention is repeatedly called to the bad condition of the streets. At the last meeting of the Council the City Attorney and judiciary committee were required to draft a new charter, which it is hoped will be adopted by the Legislature early in September that we may receive some benefit from its provisions this fall.

For several weeks past Sunday excursions have been indulged in and one steamer has been in active demand, but no more excursions are advertised to run on excursions.

There will be an exhibition at the club house of the Portland Academy and Female Seminary which will be devoted to the aid of the sanitary cause, and fees for admission will be taken.

Among the bills allowed by the Common Council on Thursday was one of \$124 for having captured a dog out of the city. It occurs to us that there are altogether too many dogs in Portland, and it would be a good thing if they could be taxed.

Another five-stamp mill for the Boise region has been commenced at the Oregon Iron Works.

The amount of treasure received by express from the upper country for the past week has been \$100,000. The amount has arrived in the hands of passengers.

WHEELER COUNTY BACKS KELSEY. Sheriff Whom West Agents Persecuted Triumphs in Election.

FOSSIL, Or., May 18.—(To the Editor)—Dear Kelsey, Sheriff of Wheeler County, was renominated yesterday by the largest majority ever given a sheriff in this office in this county. Sheriff Kelsey has held office for three terms. Kelsey received 510 votes, while his opponent received 202 votes. In his official precinct, Kelsey's vote was 100, while his opponent received 52 votes. Sheriff Oscar Kelsey has received much more credit than he deserves, notoriety through the press of the state because of the activities of Governor West in Wheeler County in his so-called crusade against the liquor traffic. A charge of giving liquor to a minor which was brought against him in Marion County by West's lieutenant and appointee, District Attorney Ringo. Wheeler County is one of the cleanest counties, morally, in the state, and the various activities of West's detectives resulted in no charges which could be sustained before the courts. The only conviction resulting from the crusade was the conviction of Conrad Glantz, one of West's special agents for giving liquor to a minor. Glantz in his overzealous efforts to catch bootleggers, had two minor whiskeys, and when brought before the grand jury the boys informed on him and had his conviction set aside.

Kelsey was acquitted of the charge brought against him in Marion County and his renomination by the people of Wheeler County is a complete vindication from all charges against him in the eyes of the people of Wheeler County toward the so-called clean-up crusade of Governor West. It is the purpose of this crusade to revenge himself on the Attorney and Sheriff for political grievances against them. CITIZEN.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 18.—(To the Editor)—There has always been a sort of sensitiveness in the hearts of Coos Bay people, happily diminishing through the years, regarding the treatment of our news items in the Portland press.

We were, therefore, ill prepared for the item in your issue of May 16, headed "Feminine Raffles' Puzzles Society." In this item you report that the raffles, some of them, were 500 parties. Shades of Foster! Are you trying to undo all the publicity work of our Chamber of Commerce?

The only blame you offer on the admission of the fact that we have a society burglar, which does place us on a par with the rest of the world, is a measure. The next thing you'll say will probably be that we dance the waltz and two-step at our dancing parties.

If you had done as much for the advancement of "All Oregon" as one of your contemporaries, which published a kindly review of our Chamber of Commerce and reports the "New Tango Twists," instead of merely taking it for granted that the "Good-Portland" population is socially hopeless and in need of improvement, we might have some spark of kindly feeling. But as it is, you are likely to lose about 100 subscriptions hereabout if you don't carry your staff to a knowledge of real social conditions in Marshfield.

L. A. HARKIN.

Greater Markets and Groceries

Everybody must eat daily and everybody must read a daily newspaper. What is eaten daily should be advertised in the medium that is read daily.

No field of advertising is more neglected than that of the market and grocery. Pages of department store items appear in the newspapers to bring to the buyer and seller of merchandise. Yet food, necessarily of greater daily interest in every household, is given comparatively little advertising by retailers.

Greater markets and grocery stores can be built through advertising, just as surely as great department stores.

In every city in the country the market and grocery trade should jointly use at least a page once a week in the family newspaper.