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BACK TO THE STATES.

Mr. Bryan presents no new argument for woman suffrage; yet what he has to say is well said. One may accept for whatever it is worth his explanation that he has been pressing any opinion on this subject, partly because he has been "seeking information" and partly because his time has been occupied with large national problems.

HE ONLY IMITATED HIS CHIEF.

George Fred Williams was no sooner guilty of his ridiculous exploit in Albania than he was imitated by President Bryan. He should never have been sent to even the most insignificant country as a diplomat, for he lacks the first qualifications. That he was appointed was consequence of Secretary Bryan's abandonment of the merit system, introduced by President Roosevelt and continued by President Taft.

SUCCESSFUL CO-OPERATION.

The Puyallup Fruit Growers' Association has set an example to the whole country of what can be done by intelligent co-operation among the farmers. Its payroll for berry-growers and pickers for the week of July 14 amounted to \$37,500. To harvest the red raspberry crop, which is now in its prime, 15,000 pickers are employed.

A SPIKE BILL.

One might get the impression from a casual reading of the bill to abolish the office of State Engineer—a bill the Portland Chamber of Commerce and engineers' societies generally will oppose—that the chief purpose of the measure is to promote economy. Paradoxically might this impression be obtained if one is not familiar with the construction of the present state government.

Henry Arthur Jones, the English playwright, has published some searching criticisms on the drama in his own country and in the United States. He does not believe that any conspicuously good plays are being produced just now in either side of the ocean. An opinion in which the suffering public will heartily concur.

much faith in the repertory theater. With The Oregonian, Mr. Jones thinks that there ought to be one such in every city, where good old plays as well as the best current productions, could be continually kept before the public.

CASE FOR FERN HOBBS.

Governor West is absent from Oregon, traveling the Chattanooga circuit; but Fern Hobbs is at her post of duty. We shall look for the intrepid Miss Hobbs, armed with the full power of executive authority, and supported by the picked forces of the National Guard, for a second time to proceed with all dispatch to Baker County and proclaim martial law.

HOW IT WORKS.

From the faithful accounts printed in various newspapers, friendly and unfriendly, it appears that Dr. C. J. Smith, Democratic candidate for Governor, is giving many reasons why the single-item-veto plan should be incorporated in the state constitution. It will prevent the common abuse of the Legislature, says Dr. Smith, and it will be a powerful weapon in the hands of a Governor for correct and economical public appropriations.

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and the State Engineer comprise the State Water Board. The water board is to be abolished and the State Land Board to do its work. In lieu of the Water Commissioners there is to be one State Engineer, who will be in charge of the water supply.

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husband and gave himself up unreservedly to his guilty passion. Lady Hamilton's influence over him was extraordinary. At times during his career at Naples it led him to disregard his duty and almost betray his country. He was one of those men, numerous in great affairs, who can control everything but their own hearts.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of July 18, 1864. John H. Scranton, who was taken to the Stockton Insane Asylum some six months ago, died a short time since. He was well known in Oregon and Washington territory, having for a long time carried the United States mail.

Half a Century Ago

Washington, July 13.—Skirmishing has been constantly going on since the rebels started strictly on the defensive until yesterday evening, when the rebel sharpshooters being annoying, we determined to dislodge them from the heights overlooking the city. This was effectively accomplished amid shouts of applause from those witnessing the action. The rebels were driven from the heights of the house of F. P. Blair, at Crystal Springs, about 100 wounded. The rebels disappeared during the night from in front of the fortifications.

Half a Century Ago

San Jose, Cal., July 15.—A party consisting of the Sheriff and nine men tonight left for the heights of Alamo, where two robbers who killed a Deputy Sheriff at Placerville were confined. The robbers rushed out and commenced firing, hitting Adams in the breast. His watch stopping the force of the bullet, he escaped with a flesh wound. One of the robbers named Creel, who was shot several times, died shortly after. Another named Glendon was captured. Another named Glendon was badly wounded. Glendon acknowledged that the three were the same party who robbed the stage and express near that place. He said the reason was to get money to go south and fight for the Confederacy.

Half a Century Ago

The Dennison House, recently purchased by S. N. Arrington, of the Pioneer Hotel, is now looking as good as new. The dining-room is the most elegant north of San Francisco, though by no means gaudy. The mirror in the name of the host and assisted by our friend Whitehouse, will succeed in keeping two hotels.

Half a Century Ago

Annually about this time watermelons appear in our markets, but this season prices are so high that they are not sought with great avidity. A melon large enough to satisfy a moderate sized family costs about \$1.50.

Half a Century Ago

For several days past the winds have been quite favorable for kite-flying, and yesterday evening the Chinese residents of Portland were amusing themselves at the art.

The snow, the snow, the beautiful snow. White as a drift of carded wool. The leaden sky, where the clouds hang low. And the shriek of the north wind, high and full. The snowbirds shivering on the tree. The frost design on the window pane. Oh, 'tis a wonderful sight to see The world bound up in the snow sprite's chain!

The Snowbird's Song

See how the icicles, shining, hang In rows of crystal along the eaves; Hearken the jubilant sleight bells' twang. And the trail that the snowbird leaves. Red are our cheeks 'neath the frosty bite. And our pulses pound in the bracing air; Oh, 'tis a wonderful, wonderful sight— The snow and the ice piled everywhere!

The Snowbird's Song

Handle me gently, treat me mild; And put me to bed with the cell. 'Tis can bounce on by eyebrows wild. Stir the thermometer up a bit. And tell the weatherman, 'tut, tut, 'tut! What heat can do to a poor, sad nut.

The Snowbird's Song

DIFFERENCE VIEW OF JAMES II King Was Coward. TACOMA, Wash., July 16.—(To the Editor.)—It seems to me that the Oregonian yesterday is not historical in its extreme prejudice against the English King, James II. Allow me to say that your treatment of him is not only ungenerous, but decidedly unjust. You denounce him as a "coward," whereas the contrary is the fact.

The Snowbird's Song

When a young man he served through four campaigns under Marshal Buren, and by his soldierly conduct and valor won the esteem of that great general. Later, in the Spanish service, he displayed marked gallantry in the battle of the Dunes.

The Snowbird's Song

Notwithstanding his bravery and distinguished service in defense of his country he was obliged to retire from the navy. The cause was that he could not conform to the strict and statutory regulations of England.

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After he became King James endeavored to abate religious hatred and to unite all discordant elements in a tolerant and peaceful society. At that time only members of the established church enjoyed liberty of conscience and freedom of worship. He proclaimed universal toleration, persecution and liberated recusants from prison. Catholics, Quakers and Presbyterians were no longer persecuted for their religious beliefs.

Twenty-Five Years Ago From The Oregonian of July 18, 1889. Olympia, July 17.—Joseph Leuther, commonly known as "Uncle Joe," died this morning at the residence of George S. Allen, aged 79. He was for a time in business with W. H. Mitchell, now of Portland.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

San Francisco, July 17.—The Supreme Court of California has decided that there was no legal marriage between the late Senator William Sharon and Mrs. Sarah Althea Terry. The court holds that, if there was a marriage, it was kept secret and that for this reason it was never consummated.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Washington, July 17.—The report of Major Thomas Handbury on the improvement of the river between the Columbia River and that of Lieutenant Edward Burr on the lake at the Cascades have been received.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

A writ of mandamus was denied Richard Everding, the recently elected police commissioner, by Judge Shattuck yesterday.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

A deed has been filed transferring about 255 acres of land south of Portland from Oshes, to wealthy Eastern capitalists.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Yesterday a box of tuscany peaches was received at The Oregonian office from Henry Keeling, secretary of the Walla Walla Consolidated Agricultural Society.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

James Steel, E. B. Tuttle, F. M. Walker, and C. M. Idemans, directors of the Castle Rock Coal Company, have returned from an inspection of the mine.

Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts will visit Portland next Sunday. In camp near Monument, Grant County, July 14.—The Princeton College scientific expedition have discovered the skull of a mammoth and a tertiary horse in the fossil beds on John Day River.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The City Council last night read twice an ordinance for the repair of sidewalks.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

D. L. Leather, foreman of a general train, was caught under the train on the Portland & Astoria road and fatally injured.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

ARRBITRATION OF RAILWAY STRIKE Awards Can Be Enforced by Appeal to Federal Courts. VANCOUVER, Wash., July 15.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to ask some questions regarding your editorial in the Oregonian about the forcible arbitration of the differences between the Western railway managers and the employees. They are as follows:

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Were the differences arbitrated in the East? If they were, did the managers put the awards of the arbitrators before the court, did they not, what is the use of arbitrating? Does the Newlands act provide any penalty in case either party refuses to abide by the award of the arbitrator? LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The differences between the Eastern roads and the conductors and trainmen were arbitrated under the Newlands act. As that act makes arbitration agreements and awards court records, the awards have all the force of court decrees. If either party, after entering into an arbitration agreement, refused to abide by the award, the court will compel him to obey it, for the agreement and the award constitute a legal contract enforceable by the courts. We have no information as to whether the award was put in effect on the Eastern roads, but if it was not, the brotherhoods can invoke the entire power of the United States courts in their behalf.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

A Sign of the Time. St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "How is it, Johnnie, that you have such a good ear?" said Johnnie's sister's caller. "I have never done anything to deserve it."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"Yes you have," replied the boy. "When you come to see our Cora she always puts back the clock and it makes me late for school."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Small Daughter—No, indeed, mamma; I always put out my tongue at 'em.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Features in The Sunday Oregonian Violet Soup and Orchid Salad. A page story, illustrated in colors, detailing London's latest fad of serving floral luncheons.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Bearing Wild Beasts. A personal interview with a lion and animal keeper, telling of the habits and appetites of captive animals.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

That Eruption at Lassen Peak. A close range study, by a geologist, of the California volcano that is now a rampage.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Will Panama Canal Pay? A trained observer studies the effect of the canal upon the world's trade routes.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

George Ade's Newest Fables in Slang. Famous Humorist relates the Tale of the Scoffer Who Fell Hard and the Woman, Sitting By.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Her Women Are the Hope of Formosa Mexico. William Atherton DuPuy describes their languishing and toil in troubled republic.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The American Girl Abroad, by Harrison Fisher. This week the artist takes his fair creation riding in a gondola in Venice.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Woman Loses Her Place in Banks of French Army. Minister of War issues edict against water carriers who served in war of 1870.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Newest Discoveries in World of Science. A page of useful information for readers, both old and young.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

A Picture-Book Page for the Little Ones. Short stories, puzzles, rhymes, legends, cut-outs and games.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Four Pages of Colored Comics. Doc Yag, the District School Boys, Uncle Jim and Tad and Tim, Mamma's Angel Child, Hi Hopper, and Genial Gene continue their amusing adventures.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

FAIR AMERICAN.—You bet; I'll rattle those off, sure; but what I've been hankering to see ever since I was a high school grasshopper, is the Church of England.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

DALES (Texas) News. English Clergyman.—And when you arrive in London, my dear lady, don't fail to see St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Good old dependable Beavers! Sirus sent his compliments to Portland yesterday.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The rigors of Curfew law might be extended with profit to a few grown-ups.

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The peddler who gets caught in the public market is a bad actor.

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