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PORTLAND, THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1915.

THE OREGON PIONEERS.

The members of the Oregon Pioneers' Association have lost only seven days of their number since the meeting of last year. This speaks well for their physical stamina and sound habits of life, for most of them are well stricken in years.

By time even the hardships have been tinged with gold. The pioneers lacked material luxuries and holdings which they had known in the East. Furniture was primitive at first and clothing sometimes uncouth.

This task the pioneers performed with exemplary fidelity. The schools of the pioneers were not only that of any other privilege of their former homes, and they immediately set about remedying it.

WHAT NEXT IN THE WAR? What will happen next in the war? Russia's abandonment of Lemberg practically frees Austrian soil of Russian troops.

The victorious Austro-German army is not likely to be content with its present gains, but it is not likely to attempt to Poland.

The pioneers valued newspapers almost as highly as schools. The first paper, published at Oregon City, appeared in 1846, three years after the great emigration of 1843.

out in the New York schools by William Wirt, of Gary, "has pleased the teachers, the pupils and their parents."

WILSON DAY. The purpose of Wilson day—today is to demonstrate formally that the people of the United States stand united behind the President in his peace-or-war policies.

It is no time for doubts, or waverings, or dissensions, or for questionings of the National duty. It is no time for dismay at the consequences of a firm and righteous assertion of the National dignity.

WAR'S EFFECT ON COMMERCE. The disturbance of the course of trade by the war is apparent in the Commerce Department reports for April and for the ten months ending with April in the fiscal years 1914 and 1915.

LESE MAJESTE. Treasurer Adams is publicly notified through the handy medium of a newspaper friend of Commissioner Bigelow's, that a real nice way for him to solve the dilemma in which the City Commission finds itself would be to resign.

It is quite interesting to note that the voices which have recently been raised in fearful protest against the State Legislature, Governor and the other state officers to remove appointive subordinates for cause have joined in the clamor for Adams' scalp.

Merely arrest of a "comedian" caricaturing himself on the public streets falls short of the main point—a brief service by the commission in lunacy.

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As between the principal occupations of Europe and the United States in these days, we prefer that of the United States. Europe is destroying the result of centuries of industry. The United States has begun to open the undeveloped wealth of Alaska by building a railroad.

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Stars and Starmakers

By LEONE CASS BAER. SPEAKING of vaudevillians and other actors who have been made prisoners by opposing armies, what a capital chance for taking sweet revenge by just dashing off a little juggling, or some correct imitations, or a yodel or so, not forgetting a bit of acrobatic dancing and ventriloquial comedy.

An actress is suing for annulment of her marriage because after a kissless engagement lasting six years, her husband made a middle of the osculation just one day before the ceremony. Some would demand no such proof of a man's emotional nature.

Married men who crowd too early when the war threatened a famine of hooks and eyes, are now gloomily contemplating the onward march of shoes that face up the back.

Nell Franzen, a Portland girl who had her first stage training on the Baker stage, where she played bits, is winning distinctive honors as one of the leading players at the Balboa picture studio in Long Beach, Cal.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who is coming on July 13 to the Hellig in "Pygmalion" and "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," is accompanied on her present tour by a dog, which she calls "Nanky-Poo," who achieved fame on her previous visits to this country.

"Hints to a Conversation" about Mizzi Hajos and her new operetta, which will be at the Hellig the first four nights of next week, begins with the pronunciation of the operetta's name. "Sari" is pronounced as if spelled Shar-ee. Most folk call it Sar-ay, but correctly it is Shar-ee.

Mrs. William Smythe is suing Mr. William Smythe for divorce in New York, and back of this plain little announcement lies a story of prominent folk. Mrs. William Smythe is Marie Hamann, vaudeville artist, and she is named as co-respondent her husband's vaudeville partner, clever little Toby Claude. There's a chapter of pretty accusations in the papers.

That actress who handed to her husband when she divorced him the \$100,000 and spent on the public streets falls short of the main point—a brief service by the commission in lunacy.

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SHORTCOMINGS IN LEGISLATURE

Model License Head Finds "Dry" States Carefully Affected. LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 18.—(To the Editor.)—A very lucid article by Governor George H. Hodges, of Kansas, in a Philadelphia weekly publication calls attention to what he interprets as the weak points of the present legislation in our states.

One point he seems to have overlooked in searching for the causes of the trouble is the Kansas Legislature. Further, we read of the shortcomings of the colonies of another state—this time it is West Virginia.

Has it never occurred to Governor Hodges that there may be some explanation of the troubles of these states in particular? He overlooked the fact that three of them are prohibition states and the fourth, Colorado, has voted to accept that idea.

Isn't the acceptance of such an ungodly proposition as prohibition of itself a part of the individual as to make him lacking from the standpoint of statesmanship? It is a strong probability that "there is a reason" for the deficiencies of the Legislatures of Kansas, Tennessee, West Virginia and Colorado, cited by Governor Hodges, and that the absorbing character of the prohibition issues has obscured all other points.

Never again will a Congressman be elected in the United States without declaring himself either for or against National prohibition. There will never be another general election without the great issues before the people.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of June 24, 1890. Washington.—The House, now having possession of the silver bill, apparently proposes to send back to the Senate a non-committal report. It is generally supposed a conference then will submit a more suitable bill in which both sides will give and take.

New York.—The State Senate committee yesterday heard the testimony of Recorder Richard Croker, a Show water leader of the McGowan faction. Croker declared McGowan's story to the effect that the witness had \$180,000 in a satchel to bribe Aldermen to consummate McGowan's appointment for Commissioner of Public Works was absolutely untrue in all particulars.

Victoria.—The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company's steamship Sardonxy is reported a complete wreck off Queen Charlotte Islands. The ship is supposed to have gone down in a storm last Tuesday. No lives are yet known to have been lost.

Sacramento.—W. A. Lawson, editor of the Marcellus Appeal, who has been visiting along the Tyghoos and Show water Bay country. The price received was about \$15,000.

The Southern Pacific will cross the Steel bridge next Tuesday, using the new remodeled Union Pacific depot on Couch street. Portland and passenger business will after that date be done on this side of the river. The West Side passenger will run into the Union Pacific depot.

Herman Deichels, who recently wedded Miss Fair, is so good an athlete and boxer that it is said he would like to tackle Sullivan if the feat could be accomplished in case.

A brilliant audience last night received Wm. Cranford, the Senator-elect from the Marquand Grand theater.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, June 24, 1865. Notice has been published that an assessment of 50 cents a share has been levied on the Portland and Pacific Coast Gold and Silver Mining Company for the month of June, payable in gold coin at the offices of the company.

Cairo, June 12.—The United States transport Kentucky, with 900 passengers, principally paroled soldiers and their families, left Shreveport for New Orleans, June 9. About 9 o'clock the same night it was discovered the boat was taking water fast and before she could land she sank in 20 feet of water. She sank in three minutes from the time the peril was first noticed. It is supposed 250 persons and 2500 horses were aboard.

New York.—Charles A. Page, newspaper correspondent has been appointed United States Consul to Zurich, Switzerland.

Reports from the East say that it is confidently expected that the Army will be reduced to 100,000 by the year's end. President Johnson is said to favor retrenchment as a means of returning to specie payment, which he will recommend.

Washington.—The family of President Johnson, his daughter, Mrs. Patterson, have arrived to take charge of the executive mansion.

Full returns from the late election in Washington Territory have reached us. Mr. Denby is elected to Congress. Two years ago the Copperheads carried the territory by 200 majority. Reminders of that party are few. The polls does not exceed, probably, 4000. We believe the present political change is without a parallel.

Our dispatches this morning state that Major-General James is assigned to the military command of the Department of Oregon, with his headquarters at Portland.

Sergeant Samuel M. Parsons, of the Oregon Cavalry, has been, by the Governor, commissioned Second Lieutenant.

Minimum Water Rate. PORTLAND, June 22.—(To the Editor.)—Will you state through The Oregonian the number of cubic feet of metered water allowed the minimum water user in Portland per month?

The minimum rate is 50 cents a month. This entitles user to 100 cubic feet.

PORTLAND, June 20.—(To the Editor.)—The best time to transplant rhododendrons is in the fall, about October.

They say there is a good demand in Portland for cultivated plants. Florists would buy them wholesale.

Land in Central Oregon. SEATTLE, Wash., June 20.—(To the Editor.)—I noticed an ad in one of your papers saying Secretary Lane had thrown open 50,000 acres of non-irrigable land in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. I would like to know Register and Receiver about it and they know nothing of such orders.

Will you please let me with whom I can communicate to get the exact information in regard to this land and oblige.

LOUIS H. GERSON.

What you refer to probably was the designation of lands (already open for entry) as subject to entry under the new homestead law, permitting entries of 320 acres.

Transplanting Rhododendrons. PORTLAND, June 20.—(To the Editor.)—What is the best time to transplant rhododendrons? Where can a market be found for them?

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Clarke Bros., florists, 287 Morrison street, advise that the best time of year to transplant rhododendrons is in the fall, about October.

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Not Unless Deserted. PORTLAND, June 21.—(To the Editor.)—Can a married woman, separated from her husband, conveying divorce file on timber claim?

CONSTANT READER.

Before Bulgaria moves against Turkey she wants to know what there is in it.

The Oregon pioneer has one merit that overshadows all—he walked in.

The quake was a long way from the show. No need of being afraid to go.

The President takes his two weeks off, just like the hands.

This is Secretary Himes' busy day. Do not disturb him.

Tom Taggart is a good old scout. He provides ball for the gang.

Who's Who? What's What? What is the best article to buy for a particular need? Where is the best place to buy it? What is the right price? The answer to these questions means much to your happiness. To answer them rightly you must know men and markets and must be able to compare intelligently. Perhaps the very information you want is in the advertising columns of The Oregonian.

They are day-by-day directories of who's who and what's what.