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WE WANT TO BE SHOWN.

It may be said, not in a derogatory sense, however, that the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific are actuated each by selfish motives, in their competition for control of the Central Pacific railroad.

At the time E. H. Harriman controlled both Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, together with the Central Pacific, he had under project extensive railroad development in Oregon.

A line was begun, which was to run from Eugene through Watson, across the Cascades, down the shores of Klamath lake, through Klamath Falls and on to a point in Nevada where it connected with the Central Pacific.

The development also called for continuance of the Deschutes line from Bend to Crescent, which was the extension of the line called for an east and west line across Oregon, from a connecting point with the Natron line at Crescent, in eastern Oregon, to Vale and Ontario on the eastern border.

Portions of some of these roads were built. The western line was extended from Klamath Falls northward to Kirk, along the route of the Natron cut-off. On the western end the same road was built from Eugene to Oakridge. Several million dollars have gone into this project.

The Union Pacific, under the name of the Oregon Short Line, has been built westward from Vale to Crane, a point in Harney county. The Deschutes line has been built to Bend.

There is any disposition of the Central Pacific that will insure the completion of these lines is the major part of them, that is the disposition of the Central Pacific that Oregon should strive for.

later bound to become known, not much was gained by its temporary suppression—not as much, probably, as society would gain by insisting that all who marry shall have seriously considered what they were about.

Not all the old-fashioned ways were perfect ones, but there is something to be said of the old-time spirit in which betrothals were arranged a good while in advance and weddings were solemnized in the full view and with the assistance of the whole countryside.

TRIBUTE FOR WASHINGTON TREATIES.

Appointment of Admiral Baron Kato as premier of Japan has peculiar significance to Americans, for the new office with the avowed intention to carry out the Washington treaties in letter and spirit. This is a triumph over the militarist leaders, to whom the treaties are repugnant, and is a step in advance toward making Japan a genuine constitutional monarchy.

Under the peculiar system of Japan the general staff of the army and navy has the right to recommend measures to the emperor independent of the civil government. The staff proposed measures to secure sources of supply on the mainland in order to strengthen the country's defenses, which were held to point to a progressive purpose against Japan's neighbors and to defeat the purpose of the Washington treaties.

The United States is the only power which has ratified the treaties. Possibly the three European signatory powers delayed awaiting the course of political events in Japan. Those who were ready to sign them in adjusting the economic affairs of Europe if they give final proof of co-operation in preserving the peace of the orient.

THE LUSITANIA.

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tion to the hired man without speech or locomotion, never removing his feet from the railing. And so it went along the Nile in those early days. What he does not presently tell us is how a race so capable, so extremely superior to anything that's happened since, permitted itself not only to lose the secret of telepathic long distance but actually to be effaced from earth.

A RECORD ALTITUDE.

The achievement of the Everest climbers, Norton, Mallory and Comberville, in reaching an altitude of 28,000 feet without the aid of artificial aids to respiration is not to be measured, by that of aviators who have previously reached great heights, because the physical exertion involved in mountain-climbing is a more exacting task than that of flying. Undoubtedly the Everest record stands for the world, and probably it will continue to do so until it is surpassed by the further efforts of the members of the present expedition.

It is interesting to compare the new world's record with familiar objects nearer home. Our own Mount Hood, a sizable and conspicuous landmark in these parts, furnishes a convenient yardstick. But another Hood on top of the present one would fall more than a mile short of the elevation reached by those intrepid Mazamas in Asia—3550 feet short, to be exact.

The dispatches relate that no oxygen has thus far been used by the climbers. A measurably efficient substitute was employed. The base of supplies for the expedition was at the base of the mountain. The staff proposed measures to secure sources of supply on the mainland in order to strengthen the country's defenses, which were held to point to a progressive purpose against Japan's neighbors and to defeat the purpose of the Washington treaties.

HARDING TAKES THE REINS.

President Harding's demand that congress pass the tariff and ship subsidy bills before it adjourns and that it give those measures precedence over the bonus bill constitutes a fair notice that he intends to exercise his functions as leader of the republican party. It is high time. For too long a period he has refrained from interference while congress dangled and wrangled by turns. It needs to be brought to a sense of duty, and the people look to the president to perform that duty.

The Underwood tariff is plainly out of date, and the emergency tariff is only a patch covering its worst defects. A new tariff, adjustable to changing conditions, is needed, and it is the duty of congress to frame it. By the way, the republican majority has already allowed the senate to consume more time than was expended on any preceding tariff for thirty years.

Unless congress is willing to provide means of paying the soldiers' bonus by imposing new taxation, it is not justified in delaying these necessary pieces of legislation in order to pass the bonus bill. Before it. That bill gives ex-service men a mere fraction of what they ask for the immediate future, and it shifts the duty of providing the money by passing the burden on to future congresses. This is a piece of cowardice prompted by fear of losing the bonus bill.

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pressionable and immature characters, look at it this way: A good book is a friend, either for the brief acquaintance of hours or for a lifetime. It is a friend who is a delightful pastime; if for the other it is something to remember and cherish. Yet of the books that are sensational, that offer an appeal to the sensual and the sordid, how many are there that will be so recalled? They were not friendly, any more than some chance-met roue who spins his yarn of dalliance, nor do we so remember them. Shallow and insincere, for all their pretense at teaching morality by the fictionizing of sex "problems," they part from the reader as though having left a single idea, a single ideal, worth retention. They are, whoever's name may be signed in gilt, no more than trash. And as trash they seek the dustbin.

The hours that are given to reading, particularly to the perusal of fiction, are important in every man's life. It is a great extension, and certainly more than any of us imagine, they are character forming and of indelible impress. From books, from good books, we have unconsciously studied and gained our concepts of moral philosophy and human happiness. We have seen men and women at their worst and their best, have lived with them, laughed with them, suffered with them, aspired and achieved. And so truly have the pictures been drawn that we know them for our own. We have seen a man's saving graces, humor and downiness; from these contrasts we might evolve at least an inspiration to live worthier lives. Books are counselors, and wise ones, even the lightest of them. The novelist who protests against the entrance of lower and sordid elements into the home is more than justified in his conclusions.

It seems to be admitted now by the pundits, as it long has been by the public, that certain books, certain types of literature, are of tremendous importance in the development of the child. In them a definition of good and evil, gently done, instantly apparent to the child and having the force and effect of awakening the juvenile conscience. Children who read such books never aspire to emulate the "bad man," but always compare themselves as valiantly and generously as the hero of rags or satin. What the pundits have not admitted, but which appears to be a conclusion almost as inescapable, is that the adult mind is also susceptible to the influence of reading. It is not always mature, and possibly for the reason that a strain of evil needs only the touch of a sympathetic book to quicken it.

Publishers are largely at fault for the condition, not the public. The famous, eager public believes implicitly in the burbs which announce each sort of best-seller. It believes, as well, that what everybody else is reading is the thing to read. Then, too, if you but cloak it with a false respectability, a tale to make Boccaccio blush will wander to the prurient taste and stimulate sales. There is money in it. But there is money as well in good books. Good books are abundant and abundantly demonstrated. There is fame, too, fame that will endure long after pandemonium is molder and forgotten.

In what it says of itself, "A tribute to achievement," the Hologram Washington Sunday and "Masonic Temple Edition" of seventy-six pages, a remarkable piece of newspaper work. The occasion was the dedication of a home for the Masonic bodies. One of its eight sections has the news of the day, of course, and one is strictly Masonic in character, but the other six tell of the industries of the Grays Harbor region and their possibilities. Lumber naturally leads; the prestige of the port is discussed; a school section tells of the county's "hostages to fortune," agriculture is not forgotten, while the playground idea is emphasized in the last section, that recites the marvels of beach, lake and woods for the seeker after fun, fun and feather.

There is a movement to curtail long credits on diamond engagement rings. It is a wise one. A girl should get the title in fee simple, with abstract. Her ring should be an unpaid-for ring if she knows it.

Mayor Brown of Seattle says 800 quarts of liquor were on the floor of the republican convention at Chehalis and there were 824 delegates. The mayor's figures must be wrong. Republicans are not "hogs."

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NEW YORK BABE NOT SMALLEST

Writer Recalls Olympic Infant That Weighed 1 1/2 Pounds. TILLAMOOK, Or., June 15.—(To the Editor, The Oregonian.) On June 11 is a news item from New York, entitled "Babe Smallest Ever Born." This, I think, is a mistake.

In the city of Olympia, Wash., one of my near neighbors gave birth to a little girl perfectly formed, that weighed just 1 1/2 pounds. For three months after birth this baby lived in a common cigar box, wrapped in cotton, being too small to dress till then. She was nourished by dropping milk, one drop at a time, in her little mouth.

Her father was in the east when the child was born and did not see it nor know how diminutive it was until he returned home three months after the child was born. His wife was very sensitive about the size of the babe, and few people were allowed to see it in infancy. So his wife went to the doctor and he gave him by his wife asked as soon as he entered the home, and seeing no cradle, there was the baby. He went to the doctor, pointed to the cigar box, and there he found the mite.

His finger ring he then slipped up to the babe's arm to the shoulder. A silver dollar held between him and the baby's head, entirely covered the babe's face. The date of the child's birth was about 35 years ago, had all these details as to the baby from the father himself, a personal friend. I think he still lives in Olympia and can verify the story. He is 82 years of age, she was average size. His other children were of normal size at birth.

CONFIDENCE IS BELIEVED FIRM

Advisory Board Must Have Listened to Enemies of Schools. PORTLAND, June 16.—(To the Editor.)—It is most unfortunate that so much unjust criticism is fired at the school board, particularly at a time when confidence and harmony are most needed.

Let all our growers be vigilant at this time. The insects that are now in Oregon, I noticed their work last season, perforating the leaves. By going to the bean fields and looking at the leaves, you can see the work of the insects. Several of the southern states are suffering severely from their ravages.

HOW TO DESTROY BEAN BEETLE

Alert Home Gardener Can Soon Clear Patch of Destructive Pests. BANTON, Or., June 14.—(To the Editor.)—On page eight of The Sunday Oregonian, June 11, is pictured and described the Mexican bean beetle. Several of the southern states are suffering severely from their ravages.

ROBIN PAYS FOR HIS FRUIT

Spray Worms Gobbled Up by Mr. Redbreast. PORTLAND, June 16.—(To the Editor.)—Much is being said about the robin these days of strawberries and cherries. I must admit that he has good taste and does eat many of our small fruits.

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Those Who Come and Go.

Tales of Folks at the Hotels. When it comes to being a circuit judge, Charles Stone of Klamath Falls was a circuit judge for three months, recently, to fill in a gap, and in that time disposed of more than 200 cases. At that rate it would not take him long to dispose of most of the litigation in the state in the course of a year.

Rotarians arriving in Portland yesterday expressed dissatisfaction with the much-advertised climate of California. They declared that they could not get warm until they reached the Willamette valley, and so they were thoroughly comfortable in Portland yesterday, and consequently feel more kindly toward the climate of Oregon.

Not such a snuff. Paragraphs are now announcing that this is the month when college graduates will tell statesmen how to run the world. Well, they probably know as much about it as the statesmen do, if results are any indication.

Burroughs Nature Club.

Can You Answer These Questions? 1. Is a snail a real fish or just a legendary name? 2. If mosquitoes give people malaria by biting it from a poison they inject?

Answers to Previous Questions. 1. Where can I get reliable reading on how to prune trees? 2. Will hot weather kill toads? Sometimes, if the temperature is too high. Toads and frogs both stand cold better than heat.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of June 17, 1897. Washington.—Representatives of the republics of Hawaii and the United States signed the treaty which, if ratified, will make the islands part of this country.

Oregon was reconquered yesterday in the memories of the Indian war veterans gathered in convention here.

High Schools Close Successful Year

"Mr. Bob" at Benson proves success—Graduation exercises prove notable events.

Flappers' Teeth Are Admired

But Elinor Glyn warns against smoking too much since it is bad for breath and the teeth.

More Truth Than Poetry.

By James J. Montague. A king on a Balkan throne, In the days that are long gone by, Was safer to leave alone.

It isn't the populace now Who fear to offend the king, Least haply he raise a row And order them all to swing.

Weddings in Water the Newest Thrill

Brides scorn airplanes and speeding autos as "old stuff" and promise to love, etc., posing in the "briny."

Dehydration, Food Marvel of the Age

Article tells how 17,000 tons of fruits and vegetables are being reduced to 2000 tons this season.

"The Hand on the Shoulder"

Hitherto unpublished fiction story tells what happened to Marian, 24 and obscure, when the man appeared.

Checker Fans, Here's the Latest

It's a game of lawn checkers. The novel checkerboard consists of squares of grass sods and earth.

Shakespeare by Amateur Collegians

Life sketches by W. E. Hill show amateur dramatics in humorous light.

Canterbury Tales From Smoking Car

One boy found his gold in milk, another in chickens, while a third cleaned up at Monte Carlo.

Why Dempsey Can't Decide

Difficulties encountered by champion in choosing the girl he loves best are related.

The Ghost That Hypnotized a Bank President

How official became involved in \$500,000 defalcation, because a guilty person threatened to commit suicide and haunt him, told in interesting story in The Sunday Oregonian.

Fete of Roses to Be Best Ever

Plans and complete programme for Rose Festival this week with color photo of Queen Harriet in tomorrow's paper.

In the Magazine

Beautiful illusion of home. Exchange. "Doesn't your wife get lonesome at some of the old times?" "Oh, no!" She has a mirror in every room.

Auto Camp Has New Radio Set

New apparatus which is now receiving radio concerts for benefit of visiting autoists told of in radio department.

Mother Goose Tale Color Book Feature

The old woman who swept the cobwebs from the sky one of several features in this magic section for children.

The Oregonian Caters to All

Features range from the comic section with "Polly and Her Pals" to the moving picture, dramatic and sport sections and the editorial page.

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