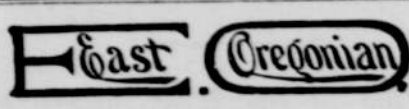


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As we progress we ought to make our surroundings satisfactory to the senses. And you here who live out in the great plains and in sight of the mountains and of the rapid rivers, around whom nature is so beautiful, it behooves you especially to see that the handwork of man adds to and does not mar the work of nature. I congratulate you upon this tree-bowered city of yours and upon the pleasure and, therefore, the good that must come with pleasure, given to all who come within your limits and see it—President Roosevelt at Boise City.

The Long Creek Light has been enlarged from an eight to a ten-page paper, in order to make room for land notices. It pays to be on the ground floor.

According to the report of the pension commissioner, Ware, upward of 22 per cent of all the "veterans" of the Spanish war have applied for pensions, and new applications are coming in by the hundreds every week. Evidently first estimates of the cost of that war will have to be revised and probably multiplied.

Umatilla county should begin now to arrange for an exhibit at the state fair, to be held in September. The wheat and wool records of the county are proud pages in Oregon industrial history. The members of the fair board are in the county arranging for the agricultural exhibit, should receive the utmost encouragement. Umatilla county has some prizes coming and she should bring them home.

There is reason to hope for a new O. R. & N. depot in Pendleton. If the matter is presented to the company properly, it will respond, as it always has, to every need of improvement. The warehouse space so greatly enlarged this spring, is evidence that the company recognizes the enormous increase in business here. The large number of transfer passengers here, who are compelled to wait from one train to another and the steadily increasing general demand for improvement, new office quarters and more waiting room conveniences, all combine to make a new and commodious depot building an early probability.

The boy who stopped an O. R. & N. passenger train at Weatherby, Or., to prevent its being wrecked by running over a steer, which he found fastened in a bridge, has become quite a hero, in the Oregon press, on the supposition that he had saved a wreck. The fact of the matter is, he did more damage to the train and caused more inconvenience to passengers by causing the engineer to make an emergency application of the air brake, than would have been caused by running over the steer. With the 100-ton passenger engine now in service, a 1,200-pound steer is as a fly to a wheelbarrow. In pioneer days, when 40-ton engines were in use, the boy's act might have prevented a wreck, but in this case, he only saved the animal's life.

The work of progress makes trying demands upon the citizen. With all the public business of the community to attend to, as the calls for time and money from worthy causes to answer, all the urgent improvements of civic and municipal life to be made and paid for, the modern business man has his hands full. There is little time left for recreation, little time left for home life. Evenings must be spent in discussing matters of public interest. Days must be crowded with strenuous labor, in order to keep a business going in a competitive age, and the interim between private and public duties is so brief that the average business man spends only one-fourth of his life at the home he loves and cherishes, beyond compare. The profits from business must be enormous to meet all the worthy calls for public contributions that are made, if any margin is left for the ceaseless drudge.

The object of the agitation on the subject of the semi-annual irrigation meeting at Baker City, is to encourage the holding of the meeting, in spite of the lack of interest. There should be no lack of interest on the subject in a state with 2,600,000 acres of idle land to irrigate. The meeting has not been abandoned by word recall. A little work on the part of irrigators, a little thought on the part of those interested in Eastern Oregon, will bring a good attendance to the meeting, and it should be called. The sound reasoning of Judge Hartman should be a rebuke to those who are willing to surrender to a lack of interest. There is no lack of interest in the subject in the minds of those who appreciate the work of preparing Oregon for the home-seeker. If the semi-annual meeting in Baker City dies for lack of interest, what assurance have we that the annual meeting to be held in Pendleton does not fall, on the same pretext?

INACTIVE CITIZENSHIP.

Is it possible that one-third of the citizens of the First congressional district of Oregon have so far lost interest in citizenship, that they no longer vote?

Has it come to a time at which the voter who bears the burdens of government takes no interest in its welfare?

Not only was this striking example of inactive citizenship shown in the congressional election last Monday, but the same spirit prevails all over the state. At the sewer bond election in Pendleton last winter and at the school bond election this spring, only a fraction of those interested went to the polls.

At Lewiston, Idaho, last week, 26 votes were cast in a school bond election, where 400 were expected. Reports from every section of the West show the same apathy.

This stay-at-home citizenship will ruin the country. It will allow the reins of government to slip from the hands of wily politicians who are on the alert for such opportunities.

It is better to vote wrong through mistaken judgment, than not to vote at all.

It is better to go to the polls and waste your vote by supporting a losing cause than to stay at home and swell the tide of stultification. Citizenship is the emblem of individual activity. It is the distinguishing mark of the free man and if not exercised, and used to the glory of the government and the state, it might as well be removed.

The vote in the First congressional district last Monday did not represent two-thirds of the voting strength of the district. True, there was but one office to fill and no strictly local issues to lend ginger to the campaign, yet it was an election in which a representative of the state in the national councils was to be chosen, and that is sufficient to invite every citizen to exercise the franchise. Drifting is the curse of the times. Too many people drift. They follow the tide out or in, up or down, no matter which way it goes. The self-propelling, self-animating force of citizenship is losing its capacity just in proportion to the number of stay-at-home votes.

HOLD THE MEETING.

"It is suggested by several of the leading business men of the city," says the Baker City Democrat, "and the larger acreage owners in the valley that the invitation already issued and accepted by the members of the State Irrigation Association to meet in Baker City in semi-annual convention should be fully carried out to the very letter. As the season is very backward, it would come with very good grace to postpone the convention until July and in the meantime every detail should be taken care of properly and such a convention held then as would make millions for this country in the future. If the country association does not care to back up the work done in the last state convention by the delegates from here, a citizens' committee should take hold of the matter at once and see to it that Baker county's hospitality and business interests do not suffer. This is a matter of vital importance and worthy of the attention of every business man and farmer in the community. The consensus of opinion, as expressed today, is in favor of holding the convention not later than July." To all of which the East Oregonian cheerfully agrees.

The Lewiston Tribune gives voice to the following "outside view" of Oregon politics: "Hermann has been elected to congress by Oregon to succeed Tongue on the promise that, although he is said to be unfit and discredited, the party will nominate a better man next time and so the people were importuned to stand by the party regardless of its failures and mistakes. Another controlling factor was that Hermann would be able to get a share of administration spoils for his district, while a democrat would have no right to ask favors of the government. Thus our extreme party politics leads to the elevation of unfit men to the high places and prevents the fit man from taking any part in the shaping of public affairs. Still we prize our politics very highly and seem willing to pay several prices to have the public service abused and plundered."

The Fourth of July committees are diligently working on their preparations for the celebration. The people of the surrounding country can rest assured that the coming celebration will eclipse all former attempts. Special efforts are being made to entertain and provide for the comfort of the women and children to whom a long day in the city always becomes wearisome and fatiguing. Seats for their accommodation will be arranged so they can sit in the shade and enjoy the day, without feeling that it is to be a burden instead of an enjoyment. Already inquiries are being made in regard to special trains, and from all indications the surrounding country will help celebrate the great day in

GENERAL NEWS.

The government of Chile is trying to borrow \$5,000,000 in New York City. The cable between Manila and Guam is laid and will be spliced to day. There is considerable doubt about the ratification by Colombia of the canal treaty. A German Antarctic expedition has discovered land hitherto uncharted, and in large tracts. British, German and Swedish scientific exploration parties are lost in the Antarctic regions. The health of Bourke Cockran, which was very critical all winter, has much improved of late. The window glass trust has advanced the price 20 cent on small sizes and seven per cent on large sizes. A volcano is in eruption in the Loo Choo islands, which belong to Japan. Their principal product is sulphur. By the Galvestone, Ga., cyclone, over 100 persons were killed outright and about 40 others fatally injured. The month of May just ended was the driest in the history of New York City, and within one degree of the hottest. Methodist Bishop Hartford has left for Africa. The year's tour, which he has mapped out, will cover over 30,000 miles. President Baer, of the Reading Company, by threats of discharge, is turning the miners working for him to turn out more coal. Six hundred square miles of first-class farming land in one body are under water on the low side of the Mississippi, near Keokuk. The Ames Banking Company, of Toronto, has precipitated a panic in Canadian business circles. Hold-up men yesterday shot and killed the conductor of an East St. Louis street car, who interfered with their robbery of the passengers. Evidence is accumulating that Russia's occupation of Manchuria is peaceful, warlike and everything else tending to make it permanent. Colonel Minor, in command at Fort Leavenworth, issued 10,000 rations to the destitute of Kansas City, Kan., as an emergency, acting without orders. Custom house statistics show that \$50,000,000 of diamonds have been imported into the United States in the last two years upon which duty has been paid. There is rebellion in French Indo-China, where French troops and garrisons are surrounded by superior numbers of Chinese and are in great danger. A sailor whose tongue, tonsils and a portion of whose larynx was also removed at Baltimore, can talk intelligibly. Cancer caused the removal of the organs. The election of delegates in Denver to draw up a new city charter, resulted in the defeat of the straight republican ticket by a majority of from 100 to 2,500. Johann Most, the famous anarchist, in a speech at Chicago, advised his auditors to make a flag and the constitution of the United States and refrain from violence. A prisoner—George L. Tyndall—at San Quentin, Cal., succeeded by jumping 100 feet off a balcony. He was badly crushed and died without regaining consciousness. The freight handlers and employees of wholesale houses in St. Louis, who are, least of all, the plagues of the fight, their places being generally filled with non-union men. The Jews of Odessa, Russia, are arming systematically to defend themselves against any possible massacre similar to that of Kishinev. Men and women are now armed with revolvers. A condition of wage slavery prevails in Porto Rico from a great surplus of labor and extortionate system of store checks, by which merchants realize 40 per cent profits off the poorer classes. Rev. David Greig, of New York, accuses from the text, "Has the Civil War Settled Anything?" that many of the results of the war are liable to be lost by the reactionary tendency of the times. Some of the larger firms of textile manufacturers of Philadelphia have announced their intention of conceding the demands of the strikers who went out last Monday. Between \$5,000 and \$6,000 operatives are out. Recent events have proven the existence of a well organized Mafia, an Italian order with almost exactly similar purposes as the Chinese High-binder society, in nearly all the Eastern cities of the United States. Clara Morris, the actress, denies that she identified the body of the suicide, David E. George, last winter at Enid, Ok., as that of Wilkes Booth. Others acquainted with Booth aver that he was killed in 1855, according to accepted history. The striking employees of the Salt Lake City Light & Power Company have returned to work without any concessions being made them. The situation is a truce, their demands being taken under advisement by the company. A million dollar estate left by Albert S. Burris, of Auburn, N. Y., is in litigation. Burris, who was a gambler, left the entire fortune to a young girl, who was not a relative. The estate is now being sued for by a woman who claims to be Burris' widow. In a semi-religious address, David R. Forgan, vice-president of the Evanston First National Bank, told his auditors he would like to accumulate \$1,000,000, but that he hoped he never would, as it would make him intolerably hard and selfish, as great fortunes did all their possessors.

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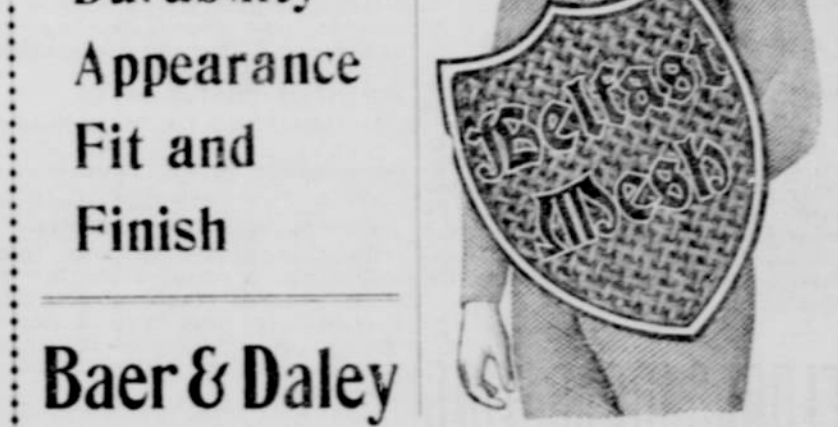
Most people have an idea that rheumatism is contracted like a cold, that the damp, chilly air penetrates the muscles and joints and causes the terrible aches and pains, or that it is something like a skin disease to be rubbed away with liniment or drawn out with plasters; but Rheumatism originates in the blood and is caused by Urea, or Uric Acid, an irritating, corroding poison that settles in muscles, joints and nerves, producing inflammation and soreness and the sharp, cutting pains peculiar to this distressing disease. Exposure to bad weather or sudden chilling of the body will hasten an attack of Rheumatism after the blood and system are in the right condition for it to develop, but have nothing to do with the real true causes of Rheumatism, which are internal and not external. Liniments, plasters and rubbing will sometimes reduce the inflammation and swelling and ease the pain for a time, but fail to relieve permanently because they do not reach the seat of the trouble. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism because it attacks it in the blood, and the Uric Acid poison is neutralized, the sluggish circulation stimulated and quickened, and the system is purified and cleansed, the aching muscles and joints are relieved of all irritating matter and a lasting cure of this most painful disease effected. S. S. S. is a harmless vegetable remedy, unequalled in its power to reduce the inflammation and swelling and ease the pain for a time, but fail to relieve permanently because they do not reach the seat of the trouble. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism because it attacks it in the blood, and the Uric Acid poison is neutralized, the sluggish circulation stimulated and quickened, and the system is purified and cleansed, the aching muscles and joints are relieved of all irritating matter and a lasting cure of this most painful disease effected. S. S. S. is a harmless vegetable remedy, unequalled in its power to reduce the inflammation and swelling and ease the pain for a time, but fail to relieve permanently because they do not reach the seat of the trouble. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism because it attacks it in the blood, and the Uric Acid poison is neutralized, the sluggish circulation stimulated and quickened, and the system is purified and cleansed, the aching muscles and joints are relieved of all irritating matter and a lasting cure of this most painful disease effected.

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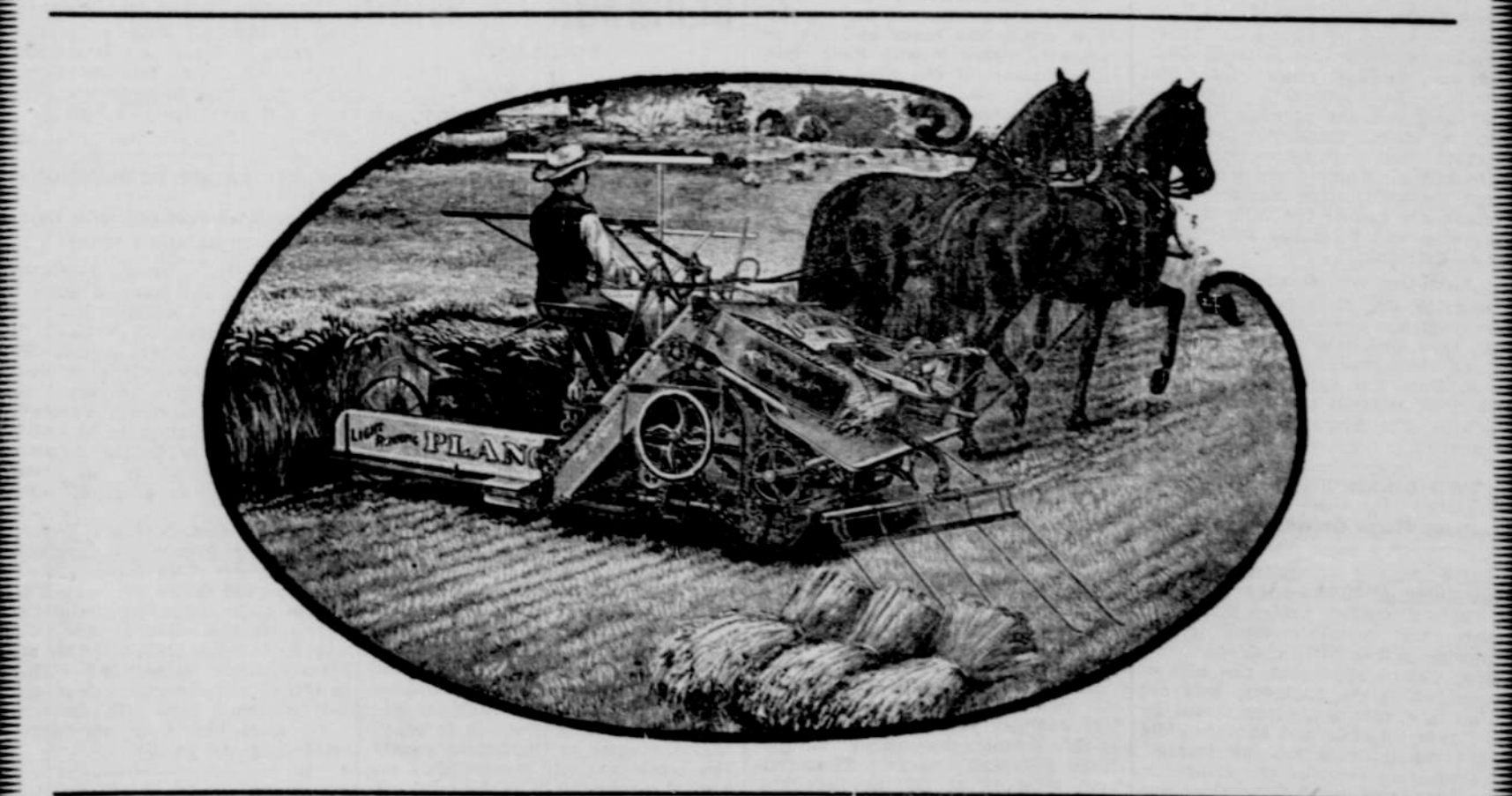
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