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I have lived to know that the great secret of human happiness is this: never suffer your energies to stagnate. The old adage of "too many fires in one fire" conveys an untruth. You can not have too many—poker, tongs and all—keep them all going.—Adam Clarke.

**INEXCUSABLE IGNORANCE.**

If the answers to letters of inquiry regarding the Lewis and Clark Fair, sent out by the Oregon Daily Journal to parties in Eastern cities, represent the general knowledge of the fair, in that section of the country, there is a great deal of dense, inexcusable ignorance on this historical subject, there.

If the people of the East do not generally know of the Lewis and Clark expedition and of the plans now being carried out for its commemoration, there is truly a great work ahead for Oregon newspapers. The truth of the matter is, the provincialism and narrow views of the far East, blind all eyes to subjects and events not concerning them directly. It was the New England sentiment in congress which prevented the government from sending assistance to the struggling Oregon settlers—it was the New England sentiment which thanked God that the Rocky mountains lay between Boston and the Oregon wilderness.

People of that old coast have not mingled widely with the world. They have not touched shoulders with the ideas and views of people of sister states to any great extent. There is a tendency to stay in the shell year in, year out. There is a world of education and enlightenment there, but it is confined to dead issues and antiquated subjects. Current history, current events, thrilling touches of the present day and age are not parts of the New Englander's life, it would seem. They are wrapped up in the history of their own little sea coast towns of five to fifty thousand.

The movements of the other 90,000,000 people of the nation do not concern them—do not claim their attention. Although the work must be done free of charge, by Oregon newspapers, the East must be educated. The old shell of provincialism must be pried open by the Westerner and a little sunlight of twentieth century events forced in for the little Easterner curled up within.

The great spirit of Western enlightenment must invade the East. The young offspring of the pioneer must send back a token to the lethargic dreamer, bidding him to awake and know that the war is over, the highway to the West open for travel and that the greatest country on earth lies within a week's travel of Boston.

Oregon newspapers have already done more to bring the two sections of the country into closer communication than all other agencies combined. The work is not yet finished. Until every hamlet east of the Alleghenias has read the story of Lewis and Clark and of Oregon's great anniversary event of 1905, Oregon journalists must not rest. It is almost startling to the average Oregonian to think that there are prominent people in Philadelphia, in Boston, in New York, in all the great cities of the East, who have not yet read of Lewis and Clark's expedition.

A little levy of poverty-stricken corporations, not named in the news item, have employed a lawyer of Portland and will test the validity of the corporation tax law of Oregon. All right, gentlemen, test it. The farmers of Oregon, the stockmen and merchants who have been paying the taxes and building up the state, are willing for you to test it. They will only fasten the law more firmly on the statute books and your efforts to dodge a just tax will only make the people more determined that you shall pay it. Just a little coal liberator's reason on this matter will convince these dodgers that

it is but common justice for capital to bear its share of the burden of government. Oregon is not after the corporations. It is a plain business deal, and yet they cry "persecution."

If Miss Maris were convicted of the charges against her, she will prove to be the most versatile swindler in the land office department. In order to obtain some valuable timber lands in Southern Oregon, she is accused of using six "dummy" home-stealers—names of men not in existence—and the entire proceeding of land entry and final proof is systematically carried out on her office records, without a hitch and the "dummies" then deed over the land to real estate "sharks," one of whom is indicated with her. It is one of the most clever pieces of wholesale fraud brought to light in Oregon, and if she is the author of it, she deserves credit for her originality.

American cattle, from the healthful districts of Indiana, while being shipped to South America, developed pronounced cases of foot and mouth disease, en route. They were confined in pens on board the vessel, in which Argentine wool had been shipped to this country, and as the Argentine sheep have this disease, the authorities say the cattle contracted it from the infected quarters on the vessel. A movement is now on foot to quarantine against the wool from that country.

The telegraphic news item sent out from Astington on Tuesday following the Heppner flood, to the effect that an O. R. & N. relief train had fallen through a bridge and killed four men and two horses, was untrue. Many inquiries have reached this office in regard to the occurrence and Superintendent J. P. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N., corrects the item by saying that nothing of the kind happened and that there was no foundation for the story.

One of the most disastrous coal mine explosions in the history of the West, occurred at Hanna, Wyoming, yesterday. There is a tendency on the part of the coal mining companies to reduce the means of escape from underground works, on account of expense. There should be more rigid government restrictions in such matters.

The next legislature of Oregon will be called upon to appropriate \$25,000 to pay the deficit in the coyote scalp bounty fund. When this amount is paid, Oregon will have spent \$212,000 for coyote scalps, many of which were imported from Idaho, Washington and California, to the border Oregon counties.

The collapse of the shipbuilding trust is a natural result of its fraudulent capitalization. It was two-thirds water and was soaked in bogus stock values from its inception. Schwab, as head of the steel trust unloaded one steel plant valued at seven million, for thirty million dollars, upon it and a like accompaniment of financial corruption has followed its entire career.

The specie of harmony which reigned in the Iowa republican convention yesterday may be judged from the statements of the press that not a person prearranged by the bosses to be temporary officers of the convention, was chosen by the delegates.

Three thousand tons of Oregon flour is going to Japan on an Oregon steamer next week. This does not sound like Oregon is a frontier settlement. She holds an enviable place among the commercial factors of the world.

The get-rich-quick fever has reached the Philippines. A native doctor is under arrest for imposing upon his unsuspecting brethren with a scheme equally as brilliant as the American product.

Out of fourteen circuit judges in Oregon, three of them hold over until the election of 1906. These hold-overs are Judge Ellis, of the Sixth district and Judges Sears and George of Portland.

The St. Louis street car men have decided to strike on July 4, unless their demands are granted. This is a number on the celebration program not arranged by the committee of sports.

Gold dust amounting to \$9,000 was obtained from beating the carpets in the minting room at the San Francisco mint this week. Not many carpets are worth their weight in gold.

The Northwest wheat yield for 1902 was 41,678,000 bushels, and less than 2,000,000 bushels of that crop now remain unsold. The new crop has a clean granary.

Japan is not satisfied with the Manchurian situation and talks war. Talk, in Japan, as elsewhere, is very cheap.

The third term bugaboo has no terrors for President Diaz, of Mexico, who is nominated for his seventh term.

The minister who resigned his pastorate at Seattle this week and went to work in a sawmill, because he thinks the tendency of the church is toward moral stagnation, has taken a coward's position. If every minister should do this, there would be no one left in the pulpits to fight against moral stagnation. Every man is honor bound to do his best to improve the conditions around him, and the higher his position the greater his responsibility. It is cowardly to flee from a duty, no matter how irksome it may become. The way to encourage wrong and moral stagnation is to run away from them. The way to check them is to stand your ground and make a fight.

The alarming increase of foul murders and robberies on the Pacific Coast makes thoughtful citizens shudder for the safety of the community. There are too many men without visible occupation living in every city in the country. Too many of them are engaged in the secret work of ascertaining who, in the community, has ready money, which may be obtained by the easy method of forgery or the next step—a knock on the head in the dark. The law-abiding people of every community should insist that every doubtful man give some evidence of his occupation, or move on. It is the only safeguard left by which the innocent may be protected.

The costly lessons of the past should prompt campers in the mountain districts to be careful of their fires. It is a violation of the law to leave fires burning and campers should be made to understand that they are liable for building fires in unsafe places or letting them get beyond control. The state lost over \$4,000,000 worth of forests last year and the misfortune must not be repeated.

The drunk Indian is going to cause trouble in Pendleton sooner or later. There are too many men ready to risk the danger for the small price. As long as Indians can get whiskey with money, that danger is present. The worthless white men who peddle it out to them are worse than the Indian. If the law cannot reach them, it is time to ascertain the reason.

The pictures of the pope which have been hunted out from among the miscellaneous collection in printing offices, in anticipation of his early death, can be laid back on the shelf. The old gentleman has gone out for a drive.

A movement is on foot to organize the farm laborers into unions, throughout the West.

**DRIFTWOOD.**

He was a hard and common lot,  
Which thousands bear as well as he,  
He bore it meekly—his was not  
The nature to rebel.

He seemed a commonplace, who tried  
A good machine to be;  
The columns of a railway gauge  
Were not more dull than he.

And when he died, strange hands laid  
Laid  
His dull life's secret spring:  
A rose, a lock of baby hair,  
And half a broken ring.

A beauty, radiant as the sun,  
And haleful as the moon;  
A woman for whom youth was done  
Too utterly, too soon.

She often laughed a laugh, we knew,  
To which joy lent no breath;  
She laughed at all things sad and true,  
At children, love and death.

Yet when they nailed her coffin close,  
They laid beside her rose,  
A broken ring, a wiled hair,  
And a little lock of hair.

—E. NESBIT.

Refus Cheate believed in hard work and struggle. When some one said to him that a certain fine achievement was the result of accident, he exclaimed: "Nonsense! You might as well drop the Greek alphabet on the ground and expect to pick up the Bible."

William M. Evans once told this story on himself. "A few summer days ago at the earnest request of one of his younger daughters, he sent up to her country place in Vermont a donkey for her use. She had read about donkeys, but was not familiar with their peculiar vocalism. The animal's strange noises inspired her with profound pity for its evident distress. So she wrote to her father, 'Dear Papa: I do wish you would come up here soon, my donkey is so lonesome.'"

At the trial of Horne Tooke, Lord Eldon, speaking of his own reputation said: "It is the inheritance I have to leave my children, and by God's help, I will leave it unimpaired." Here he shed tears, and to the astonishment of the presence on the bench, the attorney general, began to weep. "Just look at Mitford," said a bystander to Horne Tooke, "what on earth is he crying for?" Tooke replied: "He is crying to think what a small inheritance Eldon's children are likely to get."

Probably the most successful appearance ever made by anybody in any theater occurred at San Francisco some years ago. The place was a colony of rough miners at that time and women and children were seldom seen. One evening during a performance at the theater, a child was heard to cry, whereupon a rough, blackbearded giant leaped upon his seat and shouted: "Stop them d—n fiddies and let's hear the baby cry. I haven't heard one for a week or two for years!" And the fiddles did stop and the baby did cry, while tears rolled down the cheeks of wifeless, childless men.

Tutulla, June 20.

**FLOOD LOSSES IN KANSAS.**

The daily papers greatly exaggerated the losses to farmers. It was assumed that something like a third of Kansas and as large a portion of Iowa and Missouri were devastated. In the first named state the greatest loss. For 200 miles, over a strip of valley land two to five miles wide, the water rushed for five days. In the currents the crops are gone. Not more than one-half of this was tilled land, on which crops were wiped out. If the crop loss amounts to \$2,000,000 the probable maximum, it will be but a trifle in a state which markets \$220,000,000 of farm products annually.

A dozen towns lost from \$35,000 to \$100,000 each. Topeka's loss—by far

the largest, proportionately of any of the afflicted communities—probably \$1,000,000 or more. Here was the greatest loss of life—71. In Kansas City the property loss is greatest on the railroads, and will reach to \$7,000,000 or more. The losses farther down the streams is lighter, proportionately, because of the preparation time given. The governor of Kansas issued an appeal for help for the thousands who lost homes and property. The generosity of the nation has been manifest in the abundant donations coming in for the sufferers, who are especially in distress, and there is no reason to assist them.—From "The Recent Floods of the Middle West," issued an appeal for help for the thousands who lost homes and property. 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