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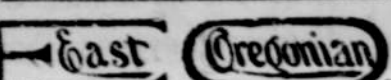
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Nothing was ever accomplished without work. The diligent land laws, through the operation of which millions of acres of the public domain have passed into the possession of speculators and land-grabbers, will not be repealed unless there is a united effort made by those who see the urgent need of reform along that line. Resolutions favoring repeal will avail nothing unless the American people can be aroused to action. There is work for every patriotic citizen in this campaign to save the most valuable of the settler and homemaker—George H. Maxwell.

Tom Johnson's three-cent fares in Cleveland and Columbia have made the poor people there so prosperous that they don't need his services any longer.

The defect in the tax law and the prospects of no funds from the 1903 levy has disclosed the financial pulse of Oregon counties as no other emergency would have done. Money talks.

That phase of the Idaho irrigation law which deals with the distribution of appropriated waters is to be tried out in the supreme court. Oregon must steer clear of the defects in other irrigation laws, for one backward step consumes more time and costs more effort than standing still. If we can't go ahead, be sure not to go backward.

Governor Dole, of Hawaii, believes in permitting the Chinese to come in to American possessions, but that the occupations they are to follow there should be restricted. If you unlock your door and invite the burglar, he will not leave your diamonds and carry off your old shoes. Once in and the Chinaman cannot be deflected. The only way to govern him is to keep him out.

The comparative strength of the parties in the first meeting of the Fifty-eighth congress will be, in the senate, 57 Republicans and 33 Democrats, and in the house, 205 Republicans and 178 Democrats. In the house of representatives there will be 118 members who have never served before, and in the senate 12 senators who will see their first service, except that of the 10 days' extra session of the senate last spring.

Just before the close of the campaign in Ohio, many of the mills and factories of that state closed down, attributing the cause to the prospects of Tom Johnson's election. This move of Senator Hanna's was sufficient to elect his man for governor. Now it remains for the senator to prove the truth of his assertions by smoothing out the industrial wrinkles in Ohio by starting the mills full force, with increased wages, to correspond with the increasing dividends of the capitalists.

The report of the commission of education for the last fiscal year places the total number of pupils enrolled in the common schools during the year at 15,925,887, or 29 per cent of the entire population. The average daily attendance for 1902 was 10,999,273, being 69 per cent of the total number enrolled. This is the largest average attendance on the number enrolled ever reported in the United States. The average monthly wages of teachers for 1902 was \$49 for males and about \$40 for females. Less than 28 per cent of the teachers were males, or 122,392 out of a total of 439,596. The total number of universities, colleges and technical schools is 638, of which 131 admit women.

avoided. For this reason I believe it should be called, that the \$300 exemption law should be re-enacted, the new tax law repealed, and the old law substituted." The East Oregonian also believes that the new tax law should be passed and that the \$300 exemption law should be re-enacted. If assessors will value property higher and rigidly observe the requirements of an exemption law, it is a blessing to the poor man.

"Elwood Hunter, of Bristol, Pa., has big, ripe, juicy, delicious strawberries on his dinner table nowadays besides supplying a quantity to those who can afford to pay 5 cents a berry for them. He is a farmer near the Pennsylvania town and he has an acre and a half devoted to them."—Salem Statesman. Freewater, Umatilla county, Oregon, in a higher altitude and higher latitude than Bristol, Pa., is now marketing the second crop of strawberries, and not at 5 cents per berry, but at prices within reach of the common people. An exhibit of the second crop strawberries is now to be seen at the irrigation meeting in this city and while the experiment of raising them is new, it promises to grow into a regular industry, so that Thanksgiving strawberries in Eastern Oregon may become the rule and not the exception.

Whatever other worthy work this meeting of the State Irrigation Association accomplishes, it must urge upon the coming legislature the need of irrigation laws. Oregon is in a chaos on this question. She is a center behind the West in this matter. She has no regulations upon this vital subject. The state irrigation commission is now in existence and its duties are well defined. It is an able and practical body of men well qualified to formulate a just and equitable law, and this convention should urge upon the legislature the need of speedy action. Just in proportion to Oregon's preparation to receive the benefits of government irrigation by the passage of wise laws, will these benefits be showered upon her.

HISTORIAN LECKY.

Right Hon. William E. Hartpole Lecky, the noted historian, who died in London last week, was born at Newton Park, near Dublin, March 26, 1818. Mr. Lecky was educated at Cheltenham college and Trinity college, Dublin, taking the B. A. in 1839 and M. A. in 1843. Although intended for the church, young Lecky soon discovered that he did not care to assume a rectoryship, and he turned to writing.

While at the university he had published a series of studies called "The Leaders of Public Opinion in Ireland," but he now took up more serious work. Between 1861 and 1864 he wrote "History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe" was given to the public. This is now considered by many the forerunner of the outspoken agnosticism of the times. Following came a "History of European Morals from Augustine to Charlemagne." His "History of England in the Eighteenth Century" occupied 10 years in the writing, the first volume appearing in 1878. In his next book, "Democracy and Liberty," he caustically attacked William Ewart Gladstone. In his last notable work, "The Map of Life, Conduct and Character," he severely scored Cecil Rhodes and Mr. Chamberlain. In criticism his pen was always a trenchant one. As a speaker he was no less forceful, and since 1895 he sat in parliament as the representative of the University of Dublin. He was the holder of many honors and degrees. In 1897 he was made a privy councillor. He married in 1871.

VICTORIOUS TAMMANY.

New York's new king has boyish smooth, pink cheeks and eyes the color of a bright summer sky. He dresses in solemn black, which suggests his resemblance to a fresh faced Irish priest. He was born 41 years ago in the gas-house district of the East side; studied in the ward school; went to work in John Roach's shipyard at 15; followed baseball when a youth; drove a street car; kept severely sober; saved his money; and in 1879 started a modest saloon in his native gas-house district. He was rather young to be owner of a saloon, but in five years he was able to buy another, and in due time owned five profitable barrooms.

Twelve years ago he became Tammany leader of the eighteenth or gas-house assembly district. He was soon known as one of the most reliable of the Tammany lieutenants, a man who held his district, said little and had plenty of money. Murphy's political work was along the regular Tammany line. He kept up several clubs and associations in his district for his constituency. He never went outside of his own district lines. Tammany's life has always been through the melodrama of New York's East Side. That region is the center of the melodrama of the world. The boss is the stage manager, whose word is law. And he must be read in the midst of it. Croker was a child, boy, man and leader out of the East Side. So is Murphy. But nobody suspected the pink-cheeked "Chick" Murphy was a greater man than Croker. The dark-browed Croker was believed to be the greatest of the bosses. But today Murphy stands in the glare of a victory that makes Croker's success in 1897 seem second-class.—Denver Post.

ROASTS SOCIETY.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette of Los Angeles, Cal., made a scathing arraignment of the "four hundred" class in an address before a local women's club recently.

"The smart set is nothing but an excrescence on real society," said Mrs. Burdette. She declared that no such aggregation could ever be other than an insignificant factor in the life of a great nation. "When asked to consider the society woman," said Mrs. Burdette, "a large proportion of the not over thoughtful will immediately hang on the eye line of the mental gallery the portrait of a chameleon-like creature that baffles recognition, as she reflects the horse show, the ball room, the street, the banquet hall, the boudoir, the automobile, as a creature that is all things to all men and nothing to any man. "She is a creature whose favorite companions of what is called the sterner sex are insipid and brainless creatures, who are called men only because they are not women. She is a woman whose whole life is one of questionable gaiety, who smokes at dinner with the men, and who drinks rather too much at times. The announcement of her engagement brings a smile with the uplifted eyebrow, and her divorce suit is accepted as a matter of course."

THE SILENCE OF THE HILLS.

The windy forest, rousing from its sleep, Voices its heart in hoarse Titanic roar; The ocean bellows from its rocky shore; The cataract that haunts the rugged steep, Makes mighty music in its headlong leap; The clouds have voices and the rivers pour; Their floods in thunder down to the ocean's floor; The hills alone mysterious silence keep. They cannot read the ancient chain that bars Their iron lips, nor answer back the stars. They cannot hail, nor their wild brooks. Ah, me! What cries from out their stony hearts will break In God's great day, when all that sleep shall wake! —William Prescott Foster.

SHOULDERS HIS BURDEN.

Hon. G. W. Phelps, of Heppner, who was chairman of the house committee on assessment and taxation in the last session of the legislature, and who framed the tax law that is causing so much commotion throughout the state, in an interview at Heppner the other day, said he should not attempt to shirk the responsibility that fell on him for framing the bill, and that if a special session is called he shall still favor the new law. It is to be expected that Mr. Phelps will change his views when he gets down to Salem again, for the sentiment generally throughout the state seems to be favorable to the old law, which provides for payment of taxes in two payments, in April and October.—Times-Mountaineer.

GENERAL NEWS.

British Columbia is hard up, and work on all public improvements has stopped until the legislature meets. Japanese manufacturers are counterfeiting American trade marks, and more readily to sell their goods in Japan.

There are many indications that the Central American republics will soon enter upon a general war of reprisals and buswhacking.

Evidences and suspicions are accumulating that the United States will not allow the Colombia to cross Panama back into her government.

A fast train and a fire truck dived by running horses collided in Chicago. The horses were killed and several severely injured.

Two more victims of the "Purdue special wreck" in the outskirts of Indianapolis, have died. Twenty-seven badly injured victims are living.

Mrs. P. N. Moore, of St. Louis, has been elected president of the National Association of College Alumnae of Women, which met in Milwaukee.

Charles D. Purry, chief of the New York fire department, contemplates resigning. If he does he will receive a pension of \$3,000 per year.

Frank Frappier is under arrest in Brooklyn, charged with robbing the Canadian Pacific railway of thousands of dollars by means of dummy payrolls.

Thirty-two thousand dollars in cash prizes are offered the national Horse Show association, which holds an exhibit at Madison Square garden November 12.

The Santa Fe railway company will spend \$2,000,000 filling in "China Basin," a great mud flat on the edge of San Francisco Bay, adjoining the company's property.

Thomas Walsh, 14 years of age, was drawn into a rope-making machine at New York, and his body torn and perforated with 1,000 steel needles. He still lives.

The Bogota, the loyalist gunboat from which shells were thrown into Panama, has had a very varied career. It is an American-built boat and has been wrecked four times.

The schooner Rosebud, of Menominee, Mich., turned turtle on Lake Michigan and George and Edward Cota and their sister were drowned. It was a pleasure craft.

Canadians are worried about the expansive destinies of the United States and want England to purchase Greenland before America reaches out and gets a clutch on it.

Strenuous efforts are being made to settle the differences between coal miners and operators before next Monday in the Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and New Mexican fields.

Senator W. A. Clark is being sued for \$50,000, alleged to be the value of ore taken from drifts extending from a property into that of P. J. Hennessy and W. H. Abbott, at Butte.

When Congressman Robinson left his home at Fort Wayne, Ind., to attend the special session, 1,500 pounds of merchandise followed him by mail, postage free, and in due time owned five profitable barrooms.

Miss Maude Kauter, an accomplished student in the normal college at Marion, Ind., is under arrest charged with "raising" \$1,000 to \$10 with pen and ink. The work was done with great skill.

There is no likelihood of trouble along the Mexican frontier from immigration of Chinese into the United States, as Mexico will readily absorb a large number, and cannot be easily overstocked.

William J. Honn, of Charleston, Ill., has been indicted by the grand jury for murder and his bond fixed at \$7,000. He was last January forced into a midnight marriage, and his wife died suddenly soon after.

The American Steel & Wire Company will move to Cleveland from Chicago. At the former place it will reopen with 2,000 more employees than it has worked heretofore. The unemployed are all residents of Chicago.

The famous firm of seed raisers and dealers, D. L. Lafford & Sons, of Philadelphia, has failed and a receiver has been appointed. It was founded in 1784 by David Landreth and has been in the Lanereth family ever since.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Patrick Cunningham, of Portland, shot into a box containing three sticks of dynamite. The explosion killed him.

Pension examining boards will be appointed at Pocatello and Lewiston, Idaho, in addition to those already in existence.

Experts say that the rock now being used in Portland in repairing her streets is so soft that worms will eat it readily.

Chris Peterson stabbed and instantly killed John Coffin at Huntville, Utah, Saturday night, in a row over a family affair.

George Gregory, formerly of Ellendale, Wash., was crushed to death under a loaded wagon, on the Nome river, on October 24.

The National Woolgrowers' convention will be held in Portland in January, in conjunction with the National Livestock convention.

A movement has been started in Portland to erect a monument to the memory of Jason Lee, the pioneer missionary of Oregon.

Patents have just been issued to the California & Oregon Land Company for 25,635 acres of land in the Roseburg and Lakeview districts.

Henry M. Barrett has been relieved of the position of superintendent of city delivery in the Portland postoffice, and hereafter will serve as a clerk.

The town of Ranier has been ordered closed by the city council. Gambling has become a nuisance, and hereafter no games of any kind will be allowed.

Samuel Baumann, of Portland, has been held in the Multnomah county jail without bail, for killing Adolph Burkhart, on Halloween night, near Portland.

Fat cattle from Jackson and Josephine counties are selling at 2 1/2 cents for cows and 3 1/2 cents for prime steers. This stock all goes to the San Francisco market.

Charles Oberg, a plasterer of Portland, has sued the Northern Pacific for \$25,000 for injuries received in the wreck of the Elks' excursion train, near Centralia, some weeks ago.

The jetties at the mouth of the Columbia were not injured by the storm Friday night, as at first thought. A portion of the jetty trestle was destroyed, but the jetty is intact.

Willamette valley wheat shippers complain bitterly of the shortage of cars on the Southern Pacific. They claim discrimination is being shown in favor of the grain shippers.

James McGuire, who has been held in the Multnomah county jail as a witness against the O. R. & N. train robbers, is now accused of being one of the principals in the hold-up.

The Astoria & Columbia River railroad track has been cleared of the rock slide which blocked it Saturday. The point at which the rock fell onto the track will be closely watched.

Alex McGill, when arrested in Portland Sunday for stealing cigars from a dealer, was found to have three stolen overcoats on his person. He was taken to a long ulster which he wore.

Kris Klein is on trial at Seattle for entering a pasture belonging to the Fry-Burns Company and driving out 111 head of mutton sheep, afterward selling the sheep back to the owners at a good price.

A section of the dam on Silver creek, near Salem, belonging to the Salem Light and Power Company, was washed out Friday morning, seriously damaging the new work in progress there.

Frank B. Poor, president of the Citizens Light and Power Company, who is under arrest for larceny on nine counts, at Seattle, says the arrest is nothing but spite work on the part of his enemies.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company will this month begin the installation of a system out of Victoria, B. C., to extend to the Aleutian Islands, and thence down the Asiatic coast to Hong Kong.

Pierce storms at the mouth of the Columbia river, have washed out three sections of the jetties since Tuesday night, causing a loss of thousands of dollars and delaying the government work greatly.

One hundred decorated and illuminated automobiles will be in parade in the coming auto show, to be held in San Francisco on November 7. A silver cup worth \$100, will be given as a prize for the best show made in the parade.

The Kaga Maru, an Oriental ship, arrived at Seattle Thursday and reports that the castaways from the American ship Benjamin Sewell, who abandoned the ship on the coast of Formosa, have been eaten by the natives.

The county clerk of Union county says that the absence of the tax levy will work great hardship on that county. It will cause the price of warrants now selling at 95 to 99 cents on the dollar, to depreciate and cities will almost be compelled to suspend business.

W. H. Wehrung, of Hillsboro, who will have charge of the Oregon exhibit at the St. Louis fair, will make a personal canvass of the state this month, for the purpose of collecting the exhibit, and arousing an interest in the subject among the various county courts.

For 35-Year Franchise. An ordinance has been introduced before the city council of La Grande granting a 35-year franchise to the Sparta Electric Light and Power company for the purpose of erecting lines of wire through the city. Action has yet been taken in the matter.

Ovel Moe, who died in abject poverty at Olympia, Thursday, held a note for \$50 against John Alexander Dowie, the "Zionist," who is worth millions of money. The note was seven months over due at the time of Moe's death, and will be immediately collected.

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