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GOOD EVENING.

Keep to a cheerful spirit,
then, though in dreariest labor
we shall have glad hearts,
though pressed by duldest cares,
we shall keep uncrushed hopes.
—Selected.

THE SMITHS.

THEY HAD A Smith's day at the Seattle Fair the other day and more than 6,000 bearing the name crowded into the exposition grounds, exchanged greetings and felicitated each other on possessing such a popular patronym.

This convention of the Smiths recalls the story started by some clever Smith years ago to the effect that all of God's chosen people were originally named Smith and as they individually transgressed some law they were given other names and in this manner the righteous were distinguished from the unrighteous. Anyway its a good name and there is not much evidence of race suicide in the family. Coos Bay has its quota of the Smiths. There's Al and Levi, Gordon and Harvey, M. C. and C. A. Smith. Then there's I. S. and Mrs. M. R. and "Billy" and W. E. and A. L. and A. B. and John—but if we continue to enumerate it will transform today's issue of The Times into a "Smith directory, and then it would be but a "drop in a bucket," compared to the endless branches of the great Smith tree.

So again: Here's to the Smiths! That universal clan, upon which "the sun never sets."

It is conceded that most of the rest of the human family has some of the Smith blood in its veins, and this being so we can honestly and cheerfully wish them everything that is good. One of their chief claims upon the friendliness of mankind is their universality; they are to be found in every land, clime and civilization; there is nothing exclusive about the Smiths; they are always "on tap;" the name is one to conjure with, in the world's liveliest centers as well as in its remotest fastness; one cannot get away from the family, no matter how far one travels nor how fast. The Smith is at one's elbow unceasingly everywhere, and he is generally welcome. The name is, presumably, Anglo-Saxon, but it has its derivatives in every tongue known to civilized man and now the Chinaman is claiming the right to use the name.

There are the born Smiths, all of whom trace their lineage to a common source; and there are the tentative Smiths, those who have momentarily assumed the popular name for expediency's sake, who do not try to trace their name at all, and permit no one else to do it, either. It is the one name that is elastic enough to serve everybody, under all sorts of pressure; and once it is taken over, there is no use trying to go behind it.

But, aside from these ambiguous uses, which, measured by the numerical strength of the genuine multitude, are but very few and far between; the Smiths are among our best people and always will be.

All the LATEST FALL and winter STYLES of Millinery will be shown at our fall opening next Wednesday and Thursday. — CLARKE MILLINERY.

MAIL SERVICE IS DISCUSSED

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Leaves Selection of Route to Department.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce this morning, the question of mail routes was brought up and after considerable discussion, it was decided to leave it up to the Postoffice Department. The Chamber of Commerce simply wants better mail service and what route affords it makes no difference to them.

Some talked against the proposed Drain-Gardiner route but others said that as the government required a bond from the contractor to get the mail through, Coos Bay didn't have any ground for protest.

Consequently no petition will be forwarded. As the Gardiner Mill company is understood to be figuring on the contract, it is not unlikely that the mail service here will be from Drain instead of Roseburg.

DIVORCE CARD IS THE LATEST

Prominent German Notifies Friends of Separation from His Wife.

BERLIN, Sept. 2.—Adolphe Soss, who recently obtained a divorce, has inaugurated in Germany what may become the style of divorced persons. Being annoyed by many questions of his friends concerning his wife's health and well-being, and desiring to save the many explanations he had printed "Divorce Announcements," which he sent to all persons who were his wedding guests. To a friend who asked an explanation he wrote:

"Since I was divorced, I have been greatly annoyed by questions of friends who were ignorant of this fact. It seems that all my friends were more interested in my wife than in me. Whenever they met me the first question always was 'How is Frau Soss?' Few ever thought of asking about my well-being. As you know, when I married I notified all my friends of the fact. To tell you the truth, I did not feel inclined to do so.

"I should have preferred to have some of my intimate friends, comrades of adventure, ignorant of the fact. But of course I had to do it. Society demands it. Now that I am rid of my wife, I think it is best to let my fellow men know it. I want to be of importance to my friends once more. Perhaps I desire women to pay more attention to me also. For these reasons I decided, after a complete understanding with the lady who was my wife, to notify my friends about our divorce."

The card was elegantly printed and followed the style of a wedding announcement. It contains the following:

"Herr Adolphe Soss and Frau Luise Soss, born Oberlinhuber, after a thorough understanding, have decided to notify their friends of their divorce.

"No acknowledgement of this announcement is needed."

FIRST BRICK FOR COQUILLE

The Coquille Sentinel says: Last Saturday the contract was awarded for the construction of the First National Bank on the corner of Second and B streets in Coquille. The contract goes to E. G. Perham of Marshfield, he being the best bidder.

The building will be thoroughly modern structure 50x100 feet, fronting on Second street with two store rooms on Second street and one on B street, the bank rooms occupying the corner of the building. The rooms of the bank will be 27x50 feet and the store room on B street will be a little over 20 feet in width by 50 feet deep. The store rooms on Second street will be each 25x50 feet. The second floor will be divided into fourteen office rooms which may be connected in two room suits if desired.

The contract calls for the completion of the new structure by the first of January 1910.

This is the first brick building for Coquille.

ALASKA CASE TO PRESIDENT

Sec. Ballinger Goes to Beverly to Defend His Attitude on Cunningham Claims.

(By Associated Press.) BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 7.—Sec'y. Ballinger of the Interior Department came to Beverly to go over with President Taft the situation that has developed in the Interior Department during the two months Ballinger was in the west. He came fortified with documents in reply to statements said to have been made to him by Louis R. Clavis, special agent in the land service with headquarters in Seattle. The inference had been drawn from Clavis' statements that the officials of the Interior Department had been eager to push Cunningham claims to patent without a proper hearing. The claims are valued at several million dollars.

MONDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 7.—Tacoma 1, Spokane 3.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 7.—Vernon 2, Portland 5.
OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 7.—San Francisco 1, Sacramento 2.
SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 7.—Seattle 10, Aberdeen 1.
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