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THE PRESENT DUTY.

IT IS one thing to argue that the world is not far advanced enough in civilization for universal peace. It is a very different thing to argue that the honor of the most advanced nations can only be maintained by carrying a chip on the shoulder.

It may be admitted that the Bedouins of the desert would be a pretty serious proposition for the peace congress advocates. There are a great many situations where blood-letting seems to be the only effective means of progress.

But to insist that countries like England and America may not be permitted to contemplate arbitration because national honor will decay is to argue against the peaceful progress of humanity.

The sociologists tell us that in the upward march of the race industrialism has superseded militarism. The peaceful evolution of industry has supplanted the devastation of arms.

If human experience goes to confirm this generalization of the scientists, why should there be any hesitation about accepting the conclusion, and marching ahead as rapidly as possible in any path that opens toward the universal reign of orderly industry?

At best we shall not see the swords turned into ploughshares in time to test the matter in one generation or in two, or in twenty. It has been many centuries since the world was so enjoined, and yet the best steel is still going into swords. To quit the undertaking is merely to retard the progression of events.

There will be wars and rumors of wars possibly to the end of time. But somewhere a people is to arise that will maintain its national honor in some other way. Just at this time the United States seems to have an opportunity and a responsibility.

SNOW RECALL UNDER.

The Judge Coke recall proposition has been revived by the Roseburg socialist lawyer, Lee Cannon. There is absolutely no grounds for this action, and if the matter ever comes to a vote of the people of Judge Coke's district it will be snowed under so deep that its promoters will be unable to resurrect it in a decade.—Coquille Herald.

Lane county looks at the matter in the same way.—Eugene Register. LISTEN TO THE WISE-ACRES And whether the railroads build into Coos county in six years or six months, just think of the number of people who "told you so."—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. A. T. Haines was hostess at an informal gathering Monday evening when several old friends dropped in for an hour or two at cards.

BAD IN SWITZERLAND.

Terrific Shock Felt Throughout Alpine Region. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 17.—A violent earthquake was felt throughout Switzerland last night. The movement was especially strong in the canyon near Berne and Zurich, in the district of Interlake and throughout the region of the Alps. So far as known there were no casualties. At Geneva, streets were derailed and in the mountains enormous avalanches occurred.

WORK FOR YOUR CITY—LET THE CITY WORK FOR YOU.

Profit not only by your own efforts for the advancement of Coos Bay, but by those of everybody else. This is done by owning real estate. Consider this—also the following list: \$1,575.00 for two lots on Broadway, near Hall. \$2,000.00 for two lots on Second, near Golden. \$1,600 for two lots on 5th St., with solid pavement. \$3,250.00 for fine prospective business corner, 100x100. \$800.00 for fine residence corner in West Marshfield. \$10,000.00 for one of the best 150 acre Dairy Ranches in the county. \$20,000.00 for the best vacant corner in Marshfield. We always have the best. I. S. KAUFMAN & Co., 177 Front St.

COMMON SENSE LAW

IT APPEARS that down in Oklahoma they really have eliminated the consideration of technical error from the determination of criminal cases. It is a matter of common knowledge that a little more than a year ago the Court of Criminal Appeals in that state laid down the rule which established the doctrine of "harmless error."

That announcement commanded attention throughout the country, and there was more or less skepticism about the persistence of the court to enforce the doctrine. There is no longer any ground for such skepticism.

But recently a lawyer appeared before that Oklahoma tribunal and proceeded to present one of the old-time legerdemain arguments in support of the contention that by reason of certain technical misuses in the trial of his client the verdict of guilty should be reversed. The court interrupted the argument with the following advice:

"We believe it is our duty to give the people of Oklahoma, as nearly as we can, a system of legal criminal jurisprudence, based alone upon justice and supported by reason, which shall secure to every man, be he rich or poor, full protection of his rights, and also to secure to the people at large the due execution of the criminal laws of the state. We think the safer and better rule is to presume that everything done in the court of record is regular until the contrary is made to appear, and to place the burden upon the party complaining of the action of the trial court to show how he was injured thereby. This, as we understand it, is the groundwork of harmless error."

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

No need of Oregon teachers lacking books to read. The Oregon Library Commission will send books to teachers for the postage. A fine selection is available on the subject of education, agriculture and home economics.

Photographs of Marshfield's school buildings were sent to the Department of Public Instruction this week to be used in an educational exhibit at Spokane.

Interest in the reading of library books is running high in the grades. Poor reading seems to be due, many times, to the inability of the child to take in the thought of a group of words at a glance. They are word readers. The reading of easy books will remedy this defect.

Statements showing the results of Dr. Straw's recent examination of school children for adenoids and throat trouble were mailed to some of the homes this week. Only 250 of the pupils were examined. This is owing to the fact that at first only a few children from each grade were selected while toward the last no one was omitted. The superintendent was greatly interested in this investigation for it is a phase of education that is receiving ever increasing attention throughout the nation, action being compulsory in many states, and it was gratifying to get first-hand information.

The statements were mailed so that parents would have correct information on the results of the examination of their children. It is entirely optional whether action be taken or not or whether any use be made of the facts. It is recommended that in cases where unnatural throat conditions were reported a physician be consulted, and his advice followed.

We are under obligation to Dr. Straw whose work both in making the examinations and in making the reports was entirely gratuitous.

A classification of the results of such general interest as it may have. Enlarged tonsils and adenoids, 115 Tonsils normal and no adenoids, 60 Tonsils slightly enlarged and slight adenoids, 11 Adenoids only, 40 Diseased tonsils and adenoids, 3 One tonsil enlarged and no adenoids, 20 One tonsil enlarged and slight adenoids, 6 Both tonsils enlarged and slight adenoids, 5 Diseased tonsils, 1 Total, 261

Marshfield's grade pupils are taking a keen interest in the reading of books from the city library as the result of a general effort on the part of their teachers assisted by a simple little device for recording the books read. The device consists of a board, stained dark, containing 24 bronze screw hooks, one for each letter of the alphabet. Large express tags are placed on these books—one for each pupil in the room. A printed list of desirable books for the grade is posted and as fast as pupils read books from this list the title is credited to them on their tags. The grade lists published by the Oregon Library commission were used as a basis for the first lists. It is astonishing as well as gratifying to note the interest. The first Saturday after the lists were posted nearly 300 children drew books from the city library.

GOOD RESTAURANT FOR SALE.

Party wishes to take up another avocation which is offered him, and will sell for less than cost. Fine business chance. Must go quick or not at all. I. S. KAUFMAN & Co.

WHAT'S THE USE?

(Written for The Times.)

Well, sometimes we gloomy grow, and our spirits downward go while the old Sou'westers blow 'round this way, and we dream of days of yore, sigh for things that are no more, tell our troubles o'er and o'er every day. But, just when we feel the worst, forth the rays of sunlight burst, and each struggles to be first in the praise of a climate, far the best, healthier than all the rest; full of Life and Hope and Zest are these days;

Clouds last but a little while, then the sun comes with a smile, bursting forth with pomp and style through the haze of the winter's threatening blast, while the skies are overcast with a darkness that won't last long, these days.

Guess we'd better happy be, when our winter storms we see, for this West is strong and free, wide and tall; What's the use of feeling sad? Why not be content and glad? Weather's lites worse back with Dad, after all.

R. O. GRAVES.

November 17, 1911.

THAT CHANGEABLE CLIMATE

(Written for The Times.)

I went down south where the air's so fine, That it warms your heart like a rare old wine.

A breeze stole down from the snow-kissed hills And wrapped me up with a thousand chills.

And a native sighed as he shook his head, "It's never done that before," he said.

I walked the streets where the lemons grow And the sun shone down from the vault of blue.

I shed my coat and I shed my vest And I longed with fervor to shed the rest.

And a native sighed from a grateful shade, "It ain't been so warm in years," he said.

I staggered out on the sand-swept plain, The sky grew black and a sheet of rain.

Came down with a splash on my new straw hat And my nice white suit and the cuss that sat.

'Neath a dripping eave shook his gloomy head, "Why it never's rained here before," he said.

—DIXIE

Watkins' Pony Slough Reflections

A local minister complains and says the Chamber of Commerce, in recent pamphlets, forgot to mention churches. Never mind, brother. When our folks meet the strangers at our gates with a hymnbook under one arm and a wad of "snaps" under the other, they will know we are really not as bad as we look. Whenever a man tells you how honest and good he is, you will make no mistake in going straight home, padlocking your hen coop and throwing the key in the well.

You can't make a spaniel out of a bull dog nor a goat out of a lion. No more can Br'er West or the convicts, by parole, or by turning on the sprinkler, make honest men out of confirmed and habitual criminals—made so by nature and nurture.

Beware of the loud-mouthed reformed burglar or horse thief who goes about for so much per publishing what a bad man he has been—Take it from me he is either boasting of his former depravity, or else is a very great liar. In any case he is a coarse grained animal devoid of shame and discretion. The man who has done wrong and already repented remembers his transgressions in sorrow, in silence, in humility and in shame.

Sacred to the memory of W. C. Hawley, assembly, standpatter, who departed this life upon being elected to Congress. Total salary \$8,700 per annum. His motto: "Only the people's interest," and "Keep your eye on Uncle Joe" of such is the kingdom of heaven. Requiescat in pace. GEO. W. WATKINS

WORKMAN IS HURT.

Coquille Man Sustains Injuries In Peculiar Manner.

Chris. Christensen was quite seriously hurt Tuesday morning, while working for Frank Morse, installing the electric light plant at the Coquille Lumber company mill below the depot. He was helping build a wood platform and had stood several heavy timbers against the side of the mill with one end slanting into the mud on the ground. Christensen was working under these heavy timbers when another workman, not knowing he was there, shoved another timber out of an upper story of the mill in such a way as to strike against the timbers leaning against the building. Two timbers fell striking Christensen in the head, knocking him unconscious and cutting a hole in his ear. His hip was dislocated, but as no bruises are found on his hip it is thought that in trying to turn quickly in the mud to get out of the way he twisted his hip out of joint.—Coquille Sentinel.

Your friends are not as devoted to you as you think they are.

SERIOUS FLOOD AT BELLINGHAM

Train Service to That City Stopped on Account of High Water.

By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 18.—Bellingham is without through train service today on account of floods in the valley south of this city. The Southern Pacific discontinued yesterday on the line entering this city and on the Sumas-Seattle line. The Great Northern's service is restricted to points between Vancouver, B. C., and Burnington, fifteen miles south of this city. Service on the Rocky Island division has been abandoned. The Lyden branch of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia line is four feet under water.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific bridges crossing the Stillaguamish river, are in danger of going out and the whole Skagit Delta is under water, from the overflow of the Stillaguamish. The Skagit river is rising slowly but the danger mark has not been reached by three feet. Nooksack valley is under water and considerable damage has been done. It is snowing in the Cascades' foot hills but is raining torrents near the Sound.

M. F. PLANT IS ADRIFT.

Steamer With Broken Tail Shaft to Be Towed by Rosecrans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Wireless messages received here and at San Jose say that the steamer M. F. Plant, owned by the Alaska-Pacific Steamship company, is adrift with a broken tail shaft, off Point Arena. "S. O. S." signals were sent out late Wednesday, but later messages received from the vessel brought the information that it was in no danger.

The M. F. Plant was bound from Seattle to San Francisco. It will be towed in by the steamer Rosecrans, bound south from Portland.

WILL BUY BONDS.

Plan to Prevent Attack Made on Values of Postal Savings Banks. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—The trustees of the Postal Savings Bank at a meeting today, decided to announce their willingness to purchase from the public postal savings bonds at par. This action was taken to maintain the parity of these bonds, the first sale of which recently made New York at the low rate of 92.5.

TRIBUTES TO R. M. JENNINGS

MARSHFIELD BUSINESS MEN EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF EFFORTS OF DEPARTING CITIZEN—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

At a meeting at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce last evening, Marshfield business men united in expressing their appreciation of the efforts that R. M. Jennings has put forth in behalf of advancing this community during his residence here. The attendance was not large owing to other meetings, conflicting with it but it expressed the sentiments of all. Mr. Jennings will leave next week for Eugene where he will take up his duties as district manager for H. M. Byllesby company, a position to which he was recently promoted. The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Our fellow townsman, R. M. Jennings, has been promoted to a larger business sphere, and Whereas, By such change, we have lost one of our most energetic and persistent workers for the upbuilding of our city and the entire county. Now, therefore, Be it resolved, That while we rejoice with R. M. Jennings upon his advancement, yet we lament over his loss from our midst. It is the confidence and energy of such men that cause a community to grow and to flourish, and it is the ability and tireless efforts of such men, that places an infant city upon such a sound and solid working basis, that the future has only to add to the former structure that it may answer changed conditions and growing demands.

Be it further resolved, That we recommend R. M. Jennings to the confidence of the citizens of the City of Eugene, and that a page of the records of this body be set aside for the inscription of these resolutions. C. F. McKNIGHT, Chairman. M. C. HORTON, HENRY SENGSTACKEN.

CONGRATULATE CAPT. MAGENN.

Friends of Captain Macgenn of the steamer Breakwater, which sailed last Tuesday for Coos Bay, congratulated him during his stay here this time on his election as a Lieutenant in the Marshfield division of the Oregon Naval Militia. Captain Macgenn had drilled the members there frequently in seamanship and other work.—Portland Oregonian.

COOS BAY, PACIFIC COAST RAILROAD TERMINAL

The Southern Pacific Railroad company, who have been buying and condemning right-of-way all along the route from Eugene via Florence and Gardiner to Coos Bay have just let the contract for the building of 23 miles of railroad from Eugene westward toward Gardiner. The fact that this railroad is now building to Coos Bay is accepted as the best evidence that other railroads are pressing toward the same goal and the Southern Pacific is determined not to lose the advantage of being first here. This surmise is further supported by activity of no less than three other independent crews of railroad surveyors and right-of-way agents.

The Coos Bay and Boise railroad, supposed to be an extension of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, is obtaining right-of-way from Roseburg to Coos Bay with the intention of building as far east as Boise, Idaho.

Two other railroad companies, one known as the Pacific Great Western supposed to be backed by the Hill interests, and the other commonly known as the Summer project, backed by French and English capital, are buying rights-of-way from Eugene to Coos Bay along about the same route as that now being built on by the Southern Pacific.

All these facts point conclusively to big developments on Coos Bay. Coos Bay has been denied its birth right for a long time by a combination of obstructionist forces. The Southern Pacific railroad delayed building here because by so doing it would challenge water competition which would mean terminal rates to Coos Bay and loss of revenue from all points in the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue river valleys. The federal government's aid for harbor improvement until the present time has been rendered ineffectual by those with interests elsewhere who recognized that Coos Bay (improved) would jeopardize the shipping interests of other coast cities. But the building of railroads to Coos Bay will start the greatest single development since Seattle grew up over night.

The entrance of railroads means terminal railroad rates for Marshfield and the consequent growth of distributing and manufacturing centers here. The powerful influence of railroad corporations with the government at Washington will secure the proper improvement of Coos Bay harbor, a harbor that will attract foreign trade to this port of the Bay is the natural outlet for the whole of Oregon, northern California and southern Idaho.

It has always been conceded that such developments insured a city of Coos Bay, second to none in size and importance in Oregon, and the chance for the fulfillment of this prophecy is now at hand.

The Southern Pacific railroad owns over a quarter mile of frontage on the bay at the south part of Marshfield at the mouth of Coal Bank Inlet and adjoining frontage equally extending along Coal Bank Inlet. This property should furnish the Southern Pacific railroad with adequate terminal grounds. Large sums of money are now being expended in bulk-handling and in other improvement of the frontage. This company's control of the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern railroad, which now uses part of the land for depot and dock purposes, gives to the Southern Pacific an entrance to the above-described terminal grounds. So, Marshfield can count on big developments.

In this little summary of the railroad situation it is interesting to mark the extensive transfers of land around Coos Bay that have attended the railroads' activity. About 200,000 acres of farm and timber lands and hundred of city lots have passed into other hands in the past few months. By far the most notable transfer of city acreage was the purchase by the Reynolds Development Company of the large tract joining the city of Marshfield on the southwest. The closed portion of this land which is situated in the level belt along Coal Bank Inlet is now known and platted as First Addition to Marshfield, and a very active sale of lots there is now in progress.

\$3,000, which I think will be made." Senator Bourne has repeatedly urged the commercial organizations of the state to investigate, collate, demonstrate and inform each one of their national representatives as to local necessities and the justice upon which the claim for federal assistance is made, and further urge them to equip their national representatives with information and hold each one responsible for his cooperation. If he makes good, retain him. If he fails through limitation of ability or lack of interest substitute another in his place when the opportunity presents itself. Give hearty cooperation and assistance to your public servants while in office. It is only the very exceptional man who when discredited at home can be properly accredited abroad."

BOURNE VIEW OF WATERWAYS

OREGON SENATOR MAKES STATEMENT RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT AID TO COOS COUNTY HARBORS AND INLETS.

The Portland Journal presents the following in a statement by Senator Bourne of Oregon on conditions on Oregon waterways, only his statements relative to Coos county being reprinted here:

Coquille River. "The work on this project comprises the removal of snags and rocks and the dredging of a low water channel 140 feet wide through the Bandon shoal, and 100 feet wide through other shoals up to Coquille, with a depth of nine feet between Coquille and Riverton and 100 feet from Riverton to the mouth, together with construction of some regulating works to secure the assistance of the natural wear of the water in maintaining a channel. It is estimated that funds now on hand will be sufficient to conduct the work through the present year, but if not an allotment can be made from the emergency appropriation. Coos Bay and Harbor. "The work done on this project for the past fiscal year has resulted in a channel about 100 feet wide and 17 feet deep at mean low water to a point above Marshfield. This is an increase of five feet in depth of water to a point above Marshfield. With a four and one-half tide there is now available a depth of twenty-two feet at highest tide. There has been appropriated \$90,000 for dredging the bay channel and 75 per cent of the work had been completed to June 30, 1911, at a cost of about \$37,000, in view of which the district engineer believes that the bay channel can be completed and maintained for a year with funds on hand. The work done by the dredge Oregon has cost only about three fourths of the original estimate and the balance of the saving is due to decreased quantities of work necessary. "Plans for a sea-going dredge for work on the bar were prepared and bids advertised for, but as the lowest bid was regarded as excessive the plans were revised and new bids advertised for during November. The new sea-going dredge cannot be completed before the stormy season of 1912-13, and for this reason, though the district officer makes an estimate of \$60,000 appropriation in the coming river and harbor bill, the chief engineer thinks no appropriations will be necessary prior to the passage of the river and harbor bill of 1912. The necessity in this particular will be more definitely known after the new bids have been acted upon.

Coos River. "During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, 558 snags were removed, 2200 cubic yards dredged and the project completed by clearing the channel with a width of 50 feet. Maintenance of this condition will require an annual appropriation of

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WASHINGTON WINS GAME.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18.—The University of Washington won from the University of Oregon here today by a score of 29 to 3.

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