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OUR IMPROVING CITIZENSHIP.

AMERICAN citizenship on the whole is more moral, more virile, more aspiring in spirit than ever before in its history.

Some of its cries and shouts may be crude, passionate, or even inarticulate, but there is absolute certainty of the tendency of it all. We are outgrowing a number of ancient abuses and injustices, and around us are the signs of the coming of a nobler age.

With the waning of the honeymoon a man begins to look upon the kiss before-going-out as a daily task.

When ministers and public officials are able to please everybody the millennium will be at hand.

CENTER OF WEALTH

SOMEONE has asked just where is the geographical center of Coos county. With a compass and a map this spot could be easily found on paper but it happens to be marked out very exactly at a spot which is passed by many of those who make the trip overland to this locality.

WEARINESS.

I was tired of all my toiling in the sad and crowded town, and my rich, red blood was boiling, that I had to buckle down. "I must ruin reams of paper, or the wolf, before my door, will cut up a beastly caper—thus it is, forevermore. Others go a-galivanting to the mountains or the sea, but it's work in this old panting, fried and sizzling town for me.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING. Said William E. Gladstone: "Believe me when I tell you that thrift of time will repay you in after-life with a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams, and that the waste of it will make you dwindle, alike in intellectual and moral stature, beyond your darkest reckonings."

TO LIVE Live! Live! Live! and be glad that the sky is blue, Breathe your share Of sweet pure air, That God has provided for you.

Give! Give! Give! of whatever you have and hold, A word is worth while And even a smile Is good for its worth in gold.

Work! Work! Work! and be glad that's there is work to do, Do your best, And leave the rest To God, who believes in you.

Love! Love! Love! and be richer far, Grow each day, In some way, And life will be worth the living.

Poets are born—and all the great ones are dead.

People who are thrifty are apt to get a reputation for being stingy.

Some Coos Bay women waste a lot of powder when the enemy isn't in sight.

Unless a woman is a first class artist she seldom has a good complexion.

Every woman is generous to a fault—if the fault happens to be one of her own.

The heads of some Coos Bay men are like some of the rooms for rent in the want columns—unfurnished.

Why criticize the postoffice department? Some one proffered \$120,000,000 out of it last year.

If the time ever comes that a fellow can't kiss his best girl without a health certificate, there's going to be a pile of law breaking around Coos Bay.

LUMBER MEN TO PUSH TRADE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—Sawmill owners in Oregon and Washington catering to the foreign trade are at work on the organization of a large central selling agency through which it is planned to handle the business now done individually and through brokers. It will be organized along lines similar to those of selling agencies handling rail business, of which there is one in this city, the Douglas Fir Sales company with offices in the Yon building.

O. M. Clark of the Clark & Wilson Lumber company is chairman of a temporary organization effected a few days ago at a meeting in Tacoma and another meeting will be held there tomorrow to further discuss the mapped out plans and if possible perfect the organization. As the plans are yet tentative, the question of headquarters has not been decided, but one of the principal lumber shipping ports in one of the two states will be selected, and it is understood that local branches probably will also be maintained. The agency will have representatives in all of the principal lumber markets in the world where Pacific northwest lumber finds a sale, and it is hoped also that new markets may be developed by co-operation and concerted action.

May Handle More Business. Oregon and Washington annually send away millions of feet of lumber, the preponderance of which is Douglas fir, and the marketing cost is said to be a very material item of expense. By centralizing the business it is believed, too, that orders can be filled to better advantage, as one calling for immediate delivery may be divided among a number of mills affiliated with the agency. This is being done to a certain extent by the brokers now, but by organization the mills will be in position to handle a larger volume of business direct.

"Plans are yet tentative," said Mr. Clark this morning when asked for an outline of the project, "but we expect to hold a meeting tomorrow and then it will probably be possible to make a more definite announcement. I leave for Tacoma this evening to attend the meeting."

Douglas fir finds a demand in nearly all parts of the world and the field is constantly increasing, but the largest quantities are shipped to the orient, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the west coast of South America and Europe. In some of these markets it enters into competition with southern pine and the lumber from the Baltic, but in others again it has decided advantages from a transportation point of view. With the opening of the Panama Canal, it is expected that many new fields will be added to the list, prominent among them being the east coast of South America and several countries in continental Europe.

ACCUSE GRAY OF OTHER DEEDS

Abductor of Oakland Girl Is Bad Actor—Reputed "White Slaver."

ASTORIA, Ore., July 26.—George Gray and Ethel Metcalf, who were arrested in an Alderbrook boarding-house, were taken to Portland by Chief of Police Kenney, in response to a telegram from Sheriff Quine, of Roseburg, to meet him there, where he would take the prisoners to Roseburg. The girl will be held as a witness against Gray and others on a charge of white slavery, and will then be turned over to the care of her family at Oakland.

Gray says his real name is St. Clair but he had on his person a discharge from the penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash., bearing the name of Bob Mooney, and he answers in every detail to a description in the local police headquarters of Mooney, sent out from the penitentiary. He is also wanted at Stevenson, Wash., for swindling a man named Carl out of \$150 in cash. He says he is not related to Gray at Oakland, but that he is a friend of the latter, and that he got into this case in order to help the other Gray. A letter addressed to A. M. M., Los Angeles, was also found in his possession which is thought to have been written by himself. It states that he would probably need \$500 soon to help a friend and requests the person addressed to send the money as soon as it is needed.

This is thought to be the same "friend" to whom he wrote the letter of introduction for Miss Metcalf, which friend was to "look after her" on her arrival, until Gray should follow.

It appears from the statements made by both Gray and Miss Metcalf, that Mrs. Brown, for whom the girl worked in Oakland, was at the bottom of the business; that she was in love with F. O. Gray, who was engaged to Miss Metcalf, and loaned him \$550, and then caused his arrest at Oregon City on a charge of swindling her, when she found that he was not willing to give up Miss Metcalf.

She is said to have given the man Gray, alias Mooney, alias St. Clair, a sum of money for expenses to take the girl away in order to be rid of her. In the opinion of the local police it is one of the most definite cases of white slavery, and that the admission made by both the man and the girl go far to establish the criminal intent of the former. On June 29 a man accompanied by a young girl, answering the general description of these parties, registered at a hotel in this city under the name of "George Bailey and wife," of Seattle. The man at once began making inquiries about a man who is believed to be a white slaver, but nothing more was seen or heard of them.

BROWN IN DOUBT

Not Sure About Conviction of Alleged "White Slaver."

The Roseburg Review says: District Attorney Brown has not decided what charge he will lodge against "George Gray," arrested at Astoria Tuesday with Ethel Metcalf, whom he enticed away from Oakland, Ore., three weeks ago. It was at first believed that the man's purpose toward the unsophisticated girl was white slavery, but the story told by the girl to the Astoria officers and printed in the Portland newspapers contains no statement that would incriminate the man in this regard. District Attorney Brown will decide what charge to file against Gray after he has questioned the girl. The girl and her erstwhile companion will arrive here from Portland with Deputy Sheriff Stewart, and Miss Metcalf will be taken before the grand jury.

Unless the girl accuses Gray of trying to induce her to lead a life of shame, which she has not yet stated, a charge of white slavery cannot prevail against the man. She left Oakland with him of her own free will, it seems, and about the only paragraph in the statute that appears to fit the case is lewd cohabitation, which is punishable by jail imprisonment at the most. Jurisdiction on such a charge would obtain in Astoria. Another provision of the statute makes it a penitentiary offense to hold illicit relations under promise of marriage where the female is "of previous chaste character."

TICKLES FIANCEE INTO FAINT; GOES TO JAIL

SHARON, Pa., July 27.—Instead of leading Katie Roth to the altar, Richard Bem started for Allegheny to serve 60 days in the workhouse. The two got a marriage license and Bem called on his fiancée last night to arrange for the wedding. They got into a friendly tussle and Bem twirled the girl's arm around until he dislocated it. When she began crying Bem tickled her in the ribs to make her laugh. Miss Roth screamed and pleaded for him to discontinue.

Finally she became unconscious. Today she swore out a warrant for Bem's arrest on a charge of assault and battery. She told the "squire" that Bem tried to "tickle her to death."

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WRITES ABOUT NEW BOULEVARD

Mayor Straw Revives Plan for Drive From Marshfield to the Sea.

Mayor E. E. Straw is again reviving the plan for a boulevard from Marshfield to the sea, across the peninsula, and has taken it up again with the owners of the property which the highway would cross to see what they would be willing to do to secure its completion at an early date. Among these is the Reynolds Development company which has replied as follows to his letter:

Replying to yours of the 25th inst. regarding the proposed boulevard east and west from Marshfield to a point on the lower Bay, will say that we heartily approve of this improvement and will co-operate with you for its speedy completion by hereby agreeing to dedicate to the City of Marshfield a strip of land two hundred feet wide thru the entire length of our property, said strip to be as near in line with Elrod avenue extended as may be found practical to get a proper grade, and extend from there in a generally westerly direction to the west line of our property; said boulevard is to be kept within three hundred feet of our north boundary line, and to follow such a line as your engineers may decide will give the best grade for the purpose.

It is to be expressly understood that we reserve the right to lay water mains throughout the boulevard wherever we may deem necessary to serve our adjoining property and also to cross same with streets whenever we may consider same necessary for purposes of opening up and serving our adjoining property; also the City of Marshfield is within one year from the date of the acceptance of this offer, to clear a roadway not less than forty feet wide throughout the entire length of the proposed boulevard. Within two years from date the City shall agree to grade a roadway at least twenty feet wide over the strip so cleared and within three years from date of acceptance a six-foot plank shall be laid on this grade for the entire length of same. It also being expressly understood and agreed that no abutting or adjoining property shall be specially assessed for any improvements to be made on the strip of land which it is hereby proposed to donate to the city. The amount of land which it is hereby proposed to dedicate to the city will be something over fifty acres of a value not less than twenty five thousand dollars. With the donations that will be made by other property owners we believe the city will never have an opportunity to acquire a like area for parking purposes on the upbuilding of a modern city we trust that you will find your way clear to accept this offer, which will be held open for sixty days from this date.

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To Interest Children in Agriculture and Stock

N. C. MARIS, field assistant of the Extension Department of the Oregon Agricultural College, who is in Coos County enlisting the interest and aid of the people in the prizes to be given the boys and girls of Coos county in connection with the county fair, returned today from a successful trip to the Coquille valley. He found about 2500 Mr. Maris was in North Bend where he speaks tonight and will return to take the work in Marshfield tomorrow.



TWO SHETLAND PONIES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE FAIR THIS FALL—ONE BY BEN OLCOTT TO THE SCHOOL BOY OR GIRL EXHIBITING THE BEST THRO OF CHICKENS OF BREED, AND ONE BY THE PORTLAND UNION STOCK YARDS TO THE CHILD EXHIBITING THE BEST SOW AND LITTER PIG.

HOMESTEAD LAW VERY STRINGENT

United States Land Commissioner Arthur K. Peck has recently been advised of a radical change in the homestead regulations that will, unless greatly modified, practically prohibit further entries on government land in this section. The new ruling went into effect June 6 but it was delayed in reaching here.

The most radical provision in it is that at least one-sixteenth of the homestead be placed under cultivation within two years from the date of entry. As the usual homestead consists of 160 acres, this would mean that ten acres would have to be cleared. In this vicinity, the timber makes it practically an impossibility to clear and pull the stumps on that area, at least by the homesteader without means. Mr. Peck took the matter up with the Roseburg land office officials, pointing out the hardship that it would work on future homesteaders in this vicinity. The matter has been taken up with the Department at Washington and it is hoped that a modification of the regulation can be secured.

SEVEN COMBINE IN INFANT'S ADVENTURE MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., July 27.—If a combination of seven means luck, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. The date of this city should be particularly fortunate. She arrived at 7 o'clock; is the seventh member of the family, weighs seven pounds, was born in the seventh month at No. 7 South Seventh street.

First Addition to Marshfield is residence district where you can get 50 foot lots for \$300 apiece on terms.

Advertisement for Packard Shoes for Men. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and a Packard shoe. Text: 'THE Packard SHOE FOR MEN. You will find PACKARD SHOES adapted for all recreation purposes—they are made in trim, smart models of the best tanned and softest leathers and the workmanship is the most skillful that can be secured. We should like to demonstrate these facts to you. Kammerer Says: "The one best bet in the Clothing Line on Coos Bay today is at The Toggery where'

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