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THE AUSTRIAN ASSASSINATION.

The assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand d'Este, heir presumptive to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and his wife, the Princess von Hohenberg, while they were driving in the streets of the capital of Bosnia, will shock the world. We may expect a revival of stringent laws against anarchists and a renewal of precautions against assassinations. But experience has shown both to be futile. While it is possible to guard against bands of assassins and thwart plots in which many persons participate, it is beyond human power to prevent two or three individuals who are victims of a peculiar type of insanity from carrying out plans they have secretly laid. While the prevalence of assassination in Russia has given some grounds for a belief that political oppression is responsible, our own experience should warn us against such conclusions. We lost three of our most beloved presidents, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, through assassination. An attempt was made on the life of President Jackson. A lunatic named Weillbrenner tried to kill President Roosevelt in September, 1903. During the 1912 campaign another attempt was made on Colonel Roosevelt at Milwaukee. France lost President Carnot by assassination. Every nation has similarly suffered, and unsuccessful attempts at one time and another were made on Albert Edward, Alfonso XII, Alfonso XIII, Bismarck, Francis Joseph, Frederick William IV, George III, Henry IV of France, Isabella II, Lord Lytton, Napoleon I, Napoleon III, Pedro II of Brazil, Queen Victoria, William I of Prussia, William III of England. Two New York mayors, Gaynor and Mitchell, have been attacked and one mayor of Chicago, Carter Harrison, was killed.

Often there appears to be no discoverable motive for such attacks. Archduke Ferdinand has generally been highly esteemed. His refusal to give up his morganatic wife, then the Countess Sophia Chotek, won the admiration of the world. While Austria has been engaged in foreign difficulties the last year or so, there has apparently been internal calm. Austria-Hungary is a limited monarchy, with a parliament in which Austria and Hungary have equal representation. The two assassins were evidently insane. They must have known that whether they succeeded or failed death would be their portion. But for the intervention of the authorities against whom they made war they would have been torn to pieces by the crowd of peasants. If capable of reasoning from experience they must have known that the assassination would only aggravate conditions against which they protested.

Crazy as George III was, he sized up the situation when he said that his life was at the mercy of any man willing to forfeit his own. The possibility of assassination is one of the risks that every person of unusual prominence must face, whether he be an absolute monarch, president, mayor, governor or only a distinguished private citizen. We deplore the fact the more because society is comparatively helpless. The aged emperor, Francis Joseph, has the sympathy of the world in his affliction, doubly sore through the fact that his own consort, Elizabeth, met the same fate in September, 1898.

There is no better evidence of good faith in the advertiser than the quoting of prices. Of course mail order catalogues quote prices, but you cannot check them up with the goods—you can't tell until it is too late whether those catalogue prices represent real value. When our local merchants quote you a price you may go to the store and check them up with the quality of the goods. And the local merchant likes to have you do it.

The Tidings is on sale at Poley's drug store, 17 East Main street.

SURVEY SHOWS NECESSITY FOR NORMALS.

One of the last states to come to recognize the fact that any school system taught and conducted by untrained teachers falls far short in efficiency and in results for the boys and girls educated in such a system has been the state of Ohio.

From the very beginning of the history of the state until the past three years it has been the theory in that state that the high schools and colleges alone would prepare suitable teachers for the public schools. Young people, mostly girls, have graduated from high schools or have passed written examinations of county boards and county superintendents and have obtained teachers' certificates. Sometimes the newly graduated girl, the product of the elementary school and the high school of her own community, has thus obtained a certificate to teach; more often the graduate of the elementary schools has obtained such certificate without even the high school training.

One result of the system has been educational inbreeding of the most pronounced character. The community school has been taught by the untrained product of that school; new ideas, broader outlook, more efficient practices, and better conceptions have not been introduced, unless the local superintendent happened to be a well-trained, aggressive person, or some potent influence has existed in the community to bring about educational progress. In so far as the rank and file of the teachers have been concerned there has been stagnation.

The writer has observed teaching in the schools of fourteen states scattered from Cape Cod to the Golden Gate and he has found that Ohio with her untrained teachers has been most tardy in development and most crude in daily school room practice. In school room after school room visited in that state during the years 1909-1913, he found the untrained graduate of the elementary school or the high school doing the best that she knew how to do, but O, so weak. The boys and girls under the instruction of this weak teacher were later to be recruits to the teaching.

Feeling the need that existed in the state, several educators succeeded in having passed by the legislature a small appropriation to pay for an educational survey. Last year, while this survey was being made, the writer of this article was in Ohio giving summer courses for teachers. He was in weekly conversation and conference with the directors of the survey, hence he obtained direct information as to what was being done and what facts were being elicited. One of the clearest pieces of evidence brought out was the untrained condition of the teaching corps and the fearful results that had come from the work of such an untrained body.

After the report was published it was a very easy matter to obtain appropriations for three normal schools, which are now in process of erection in three different parts of the state. However, when the legislators and the people became informed of the situation in Ohio, as compared with other states, they did not wait for buildings for normal schools, but at once appropriated funds with which faculties were employed for the normals that were to be. Until the normals were built these faculties were to travel over the state holding schools of instruction. Although the normal school buildings are not yet completed, the faculties of the normals have been under employment and have been traveling about the state many months.

In addition to the regular state normal schools, three normal schools in each county will be established in connection with first grade high schools for the training of rural teachers. These will receive \$1,000 each annually and will be located by the superintendent of public instruction.

Quite in contrast with Ohio are such states as Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Illinois, Washington or California, states where the policy for years has been to liberally support normal schools. The teaching force, as a whole, in each of these states is normal trained and the schools are famed for their efficiency and progressiveness.

In such a classification, where is Oregon at the present time? Where will be she in the future? The writer has taught in the schools of Washington, Oregon and is now in California. The training given teachers in Washington and California is one of the causes which accounts for the high state of educational efficiency in those states. Oregon has many strong teachers, but the teaching force as a whole needs the inspiration and help that comes from a normal school system.

To one who has worked in several states, Oregon among them, a great need of the elementary schools of that state is a system of normal

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Our city is simply one big family. When this is discarded there is little progress. When there is a united pull for anything its accomplishment is made easy.

It pays to read the advertisements of enterprising home merchants. They are the people who make it possible to have conveniences right at your door, so to speak.

Any business is more respectable than what is termed loafing. A young man had better sell clams by the palful than hang around public resorts, murdering time and his own reputation.

Give the boy or the girl a chance, and if nothing else comes of it, they will be better men and women for the time spent within college walls. And better men and women is the crying need of the world, yesterday, today and forever.

If you should undertake to write a letter to an absent friend every week telling him all the news, you would get a faint idea of the task in preparing a newspaper. Many of our townspeople recognize this and take pleasure in giving items of news. It helps us and is appreciated.

The corn crop is declared to be a bumper one all over the country. Wheat is holding its own and in many sections oats have broken local records. Practically every crop is reported good throughout the country. We need not hesitate to spread some butter on our mashed potatoes.

We try to print all the items that are news, or that will encourage, help or cheer any of our citizens along life's rugged road. We all doubtless would enjoy reading all the news when it's about the other fellow, but our policy is to turn over to the gossips the spreading of scandals that only leave sorrows in their trail.

The fly's attack is insidious and therefore the more to be guarded against. He buzzes into the houses, drops his deadly disease germs where they will fertilize, and buzzes out again to pick up a fresh cargo. Swat him; he is your enemy.

Because the fly is small and does not roar like a lion or devour its prey at a mouthful, mankind pays little attention to it. But the fly is as deadly a foe to civilization as any of the pests of more fearsome aspect, which man makes it his business to exterminate.

The few cents that can be saved by buying goods away from home is injuring your community to the extent of many dollars by retarding progress and the increased valuation of all kinds of property, including your own. Stand together, and together all will prosper. Divided and prosperity will flee. You know what the Bible says, that "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

The farmers have just as much to do in building up and improving their town as do the citizens of the town. It is to their interests to have up-to-date merchants, machinists and mechanics. How can they expect these conveniences if they send to all the large cities for merchandise that should be bought of the home dealer?

The happiest man in the land today is the successful farmer. He sits under his own vine and fig tree, undisturbed by the maddening noise of the great city. Banks fail, railroads go into the hands of receivers, booming towns collapse, business stagnates. But the wise farmer can snap his fingers at these things. He is the monarch of all he surveys on his broad acres.

After deciding to publish a paper at the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet, to be edited by the convicts, the prison officials were somewhat embarrassed—not to say surprised—to find there was not a printer among the 1,500 inmates.

Ashland Tidings wants ads bring results.

schools to vitalize, invigorate and lead.

The one normal school now located at Monmouth is doing its part to meet the problem, but one normal can do comparatively little. There should be a normal school in the southern part of the state and one in the east to serve as educational centers for those great empires, each larger than many of the states.

HARRY W. SHAFER,
Principal of Hanford Union High School, Hanford, Cal.

"It is apparent that thirty standing committees in each house would be ample provision to take care of the legislative business of congress," says J. David Thompson, law librarian of congress, who has completed an analysis of the legislative methods of congress. Mr. Thompson found that out of the 38,000 bills and joint resolutions introduced into the sixty-second congress, only 457 public acts, 73 public resolutions and 180 private acts and six private resolutions were acted upon. Further, he found that of the 73 committees, only 31 had anything to do with legislation which became law, and on the house side only 22 committees out of the 54 acted on bills which became law.

Probably the showing up that Lorimer has had in connection with the failure of his Chicago bank will put an end to his political aspirations. He actually had the nerve to talk of running for United States senator only a few days before his bank "busted." But he never was so very reticent; he always had nerve enough. If he avoids the pen, he may yet run for senator. He will be prosecuted.

One way of spending your vacation is to read the accounts of the preliminary yacht races.

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A critic calls Henry James the greatest of living writers. How Elbert Hubbard will rave when he sees this.

It may be all right to take your wife into your confidence regarding your business affairs, providing you are not making too much money. She might want a new hat.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our appreciation of the kindness of friends and fraternal orders during the sickness and death of our father, C. P. Jones, and for the floral tributes.
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Clean-Up Sale

A few items that should interest conservative shoppers

18-in. Shadow Lace Flouncing, formerly sold from 40c to 60c a yard, now 25c a yard.

Ladies' 75c black embroidered silk Lisle Hose, now 35c a pair

Entire stock of Sun Shades reduced

Remnants in silk, wool, crepe etc. at special prices.

45-in. Embroidery Flouncings reduced. Dainty exquisite patterns in sheer swiss and rice cloth, for Russian tunic effects.

Boy's Porosknit Underwear, regular 25c garments, now 20c a garment.

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Lot ladies' \$4 tan and black Oxfords now \$2 pr.

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