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AN OREGON HERO

In all times and in all climes, from centuries before the Christian era to the present, and from the ancient Greece to Fair California, the teneat string in the gamut of human emotions has been the one attuned to vibrate to the deeds of a hero, says the San Francisco Call.

There is no man or woman who will not feel the blood pulse quicker upon reading of the death of the young athlete, Sumner Smith, near Portland, Ore., on last Tuesday afternoon.

The call to him was tragic and sudden, but gallantly he met it, counting not the cost, and was baptized a hero in the murky waters of the Willamette.

Restricting Immigration.

On the ground that the scheme would give the American people a better opportunity to "assimilate" foreign immigrants, Representative Adams has introduced a bill at Washington, providing that not more than 80,000 aliens from any single nation shall be admitted to the United States in any one year, says the New York Commercial.

It is noticeable that if such a law had been in effect last year it would have shut out 150,000 immigrants from Italy, 125,000 from Austria-Hungary and 56,000 from Russia, or about 332,000 out of a total of 860,000.

There has never been any great trouble about the "assimilation" of immigrants in this country provided they came with sufficient means to support themselves for a spell.

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industrious and thrifty enough to take care of themselves very soon thereafter. They quickly turn their hand to anything that promises to yield them a living.

Instead of helping to "assimilate" for immigrants, the passage of the Adams bill would be likely to have the opposite effect. If intending immigrants of nations like Russia, Italy, and Austria-Hungary knew that a law of this kind was in force they would make haste to be included in the limited 80,000 and, as a consequence, many of them would come here before they were financially prepared to do so.

If there is to be a further restriction of immigration it ought to be based on some intelligent and impartial principle, one that will deal fairly with immigrants from all nations.

First Voters.

An important factor that will have to be reckoned with in the coming presidential campaign is the great army of "first voters" that will take part in the contest. Ten years ago nearly all of these coming voters—at least, those who are American-born—were mere striplings, and consequently the campaign issues of 1892 or even those of 1896 will seem to them like ancient history.

What the addition to the total number of voters in the country is likely to be this year is very hard to conjecture, for the reason that between 1896 and 1900, so far as the election returns show, there was practically no gain in the number of electors.

Apparently owing to the fact that a vast multitude of voters did not go to the polls at all in 1900, the total popular vote in that year was only 40,000 greater than it was in 1896; and, if anything like a full vote is polled next fall, there should be an enormous and unprecedented increase in the total vote.

A thing that renders it extremely difficult to forecast what the increase in this vote may be is the fact that an exceptionally large number of immigrants have landed on our shores in recent years. In the eight years ended with 1903 over 3,500,000 foreign-born persons were added to our population, and a considerable proportion of these persons is now naturalized, and they will take part in the next election.

It is none too early for political leaders and managers to grasp the fact that "first voters" are likely to constitute a more important factor in the approaching campaign than ever before and, as a consequence, that they are likely to prove a greater unknown quantity than has ever been the case hitherto.

President Loubet has begun the sixth year of his administration, and bids fair to complete the full constitutional term of seven years. Only one French president, MacMahon, endured for an entire septennate, and in his case the fear of what might befall if he then rather unstable equilibrium should be disturbed was more influential to maintain him in power than was his administrative ability.

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ices for it. Of course the newspaper is all right to give notices of social meetings and public gatherings of all sorts, and most papers give more value in free announcements and writeups than the wealthiest citizen give to worthy objects in a lifetime.

The editor can do that—glad to get the matter to "fill up." But when it comes to work that is to be paid for—why, he shouldn't be bothered with that. There is such a thing as appreciating the advantages of a good newspaper, and the way to manifest it is when you have a job of printing, give it to your newspaper man.

If congress should grant all the special appropriations demanded for various purposes at this session, the government would absolutely be swamped. It would cost more than \$200,000,000 to meet the demands along a few lines only. Some of these are meritorious, others not so much so, and still others little short of raids, or attempted grabs.

Consumptives are to be barred from first class Pullman cars on the Santa Fe railway, and hospital cars on through trains will be provided for them, says a Kansas City dispatch. These cars will be especially equipped and none but sick persons will be allowed to ride on them.

Forty years ago the negroes of the south did not own a square foot of ground nor a roof to cover them. Now there are 130,000 farms owned by negroes, valued at \$350,000,000; 150,000 homes, outside the farm township, valued at \$255,000,000 and personal property valued at \$165,000,000.

A pack train of 25 horses, with all of their accoutrements, will be one of the novelties at the world's fair. The unusual spectacle will be sent by citizens of Wyoming to mark Wyoming day.

A man who prefers the metropolitan daily to a home paper because "it's got more in it," reminds one of a man who picked out the largest pair of boots in the box because they cost no more than a pair that fitted him.

Senator Gorman is becoming wiser. He has given up his opposition to the increase of the American navy.

The Japanese shot away \$100,000 worth of shells at Vladivostok and not even a mule was killed.

The direct telegraphic communication between Mukden and St. Petersburg is the longest in the world. It extends over 6,000 miles.

A recent French duel was interrupted because one of the combatants got a blister on his hand.

The threatened coal strike is likely to interrupt hostilities in the far east.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

CONSTIPATION

"For over nine years I suffered with chronic constipation and during this time I had to take an injection of warm water once every 24 hours before I could have an action on my bowels. Happily I tried Cascarets, and today I am a well man, suffering no longer with intestinal ailment. Thanks to you I am free from all this this morning. You can use this in behalf of suffering humanity."

Cascarets advertisement with logo and text: Best For The Bowels, Candy Cathartic, They Work While You Sleep.

DECORATING advertisement with illustration of a woman painting a wall and text: The quiet, artistic beauty of any home is easily marred by lack of taste in wall decorations.

B. F. ALLEN & SON. 265-7 Commercial Street.

BLACKSMITHING advertisement: CARRIAGE AND WAGON BUILDING, FIRST-CLASS HORSE SHOEING. Logging Camp Work.

St. Louis World's Fair News FROM HEADQUARTERS

A Great Combination Offer

St. Louis Globe-Democrat Twice-a-Week Issue of the Astorian advertisement: Both Papers \$1.50 ONE YEAR

THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT is issued Semi-Weekly, eight pages or more, every Tuesday and Friday.

GREAT MODERN NEWSPAPER

If you want all the news of the World's Fair, all the news of the national campaign, and all the news of the earth, you must have the GLOBE-DEMOCRAT and THE ASTORIAN during the coming year.

The ASTORIAN, Astoria, Or.

Reliance Electrical Works advertisement: We are thoroughly prepared for making estimates and executing orders for all kinds of electrical installing and repairing.

Dr. T. L. BALL DENTIST advertisement: 524 Commercial street, Astoria Ore.

Dr. VAUGHAN, DENTIST advertisement: Pythian Building, Astoria, Oregon.

Dr. W. C. LOGAN DENTIST advertisement: 578 Commercial St., Shanahan Building

C. W. BARR, DENTIST advertisement: Mansell Building, 573 Commercial Street, Astoria, Ore.

JAY TUTTLE, M. D. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON advertisement: Acting Assistant Surgeon U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

Dr. RHODA C. HICKS OSTEOPATHY advertisement: Mannell Bldg., 573 Commercial St.

C. J. TRENCHARD advertisement: Insurance, Commission and Shipping. CUSTOMS HOUSE BROKER.

FRAEL & COOK TRANSFER COMPANY advertisement: Telephone 221

DRAYING AND EXPRESSING advertisement: All goods shipped to our care will receive special attention.

W. J. COOK, Mgr. advertisement: A household necessity—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD

Table with columns LEAVE, PORTLAND, ARRIVE. Times for Portland Union Depot for Astoria and Way Points.

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SEASIDE DIVISION

Table with columns LEAVE, PORTLAND, ARRIVE. Times for Astoria for Warrenton, Flavel, Stevens, Hammond and Seaside.

*Sunday only. All trains make close connections at Goble with all Northern Pacific trains to and from the East and Sound points.

O.R.&N. OREGON SHORT LINE AND UNION PACIFIC advertisement with logo.

70 hours from Portland to Chicago. No change of cars.

Table with columns Depart, TIME SCHEDULES From PORTLAND, Arrive. Lists routes to Chicago, St. Paul, and other cities.

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE

—From Astoria— All sailing dates subject to change.

For San Francisco every five days.

Steamer Nahcotta leaves Astoria on tide daily except Sunday for Ilwaco, connecting there with trains for Long Beach, Tloga and North Beach points.

Through tickets to and from all principal European cities. G. W. ROBERTS, Agent, Astoria, Ore.

The DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD advertisement with logo.

DELIGHTFUL ROUTE DAYLIGHT RIDE DIZZY CRAGS DEEP CANONS

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

See nature in all her glorious beauty, and then the acme of man's handiwork. The first is found along the line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

W. C. McBRIDE, Gen. Agt. Portland, Or.

LUXURIOUS TRAVEL

The "Northwestern Limited" trains, electric lighted throughout, both inside and out, and steam heated, are without exception, the finest trains in the world.