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SCHOOLS AND THE FAIR.

Clatsop county will have an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair furnished by the public schools through the efforts of the teachers of Astoria.

Certainly so far as the girls are concerned, on the recognized theory that the natural course in life for the great majority is to become in time mistresses of homes, a training in the domestic science, which is to be their life work, can scarcely be looked upon as a fad.

The warrant for maintaining public schools, at which children of all classes receive their education at public expense, is that the public is benefited in full proportion to the expenditure by the manner in which the standard of citizenship is thus raised.

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congratulated that the teachers have evidenced a commendable desire to have the public schools of the city represented at the fair, for the educational facilities of a city is one of the most important considerations that actuate eastern families when looking for homes in the west.

UNFORTUNATE POOR.

A telegram was published in yesterday morning's Astorian of a poor woman with five little children having been found in a starving condition in one of the tenement houses of New York.

It is no doubt true that the many noble Christian men and women engaged in the work of foreign missions are deeply interested and honest in their work, yet it would seem to be more on the humanitarian order if some little time and money were devoted to the alleviation of suffering and destitution in our own country.

If there were no starving people in the United States; if there was an opportunity for all the poor children to attend Sunday school and their parents' church, and there was surplus money left over, then we would say, send it abroad to help the soul-starving people of foreign countries, but we are inclined to the belief that charity begins at home.

If 10 per cent of the money wasted by the wealthy of New York in foolish extravagance were devoted to alleviating the suffering and destitution of the poor, there would be no poor families in New York.

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slons would not help very many poor people in the east, but if all that is contributed through this land, there would be many more happy homes and the world would be brighter and look more beautiful to those in penury and want.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

What's the difference whether we say "the United States are" or "the United States is" so long as she am?

There are some men who have to be knocked down first and argued with afterwards.

Astorians should always say their prayers before going to bed, especially if it is a folding bed.

Having had May weather through February, March and April, they should be no complaint on the part of Astorians to a little April weather in May.

New York claims by 1920 it will be the most populous city in the world. By 2020 Astoria expects to assume this honor.

When in Astoria man is missing everyone's first impulse is to count the women in town, to see if one is short.

It is one of the unsolved mysteries how townmen can exchange umbrellas and each get invariably the worst of it.

A man will give up a dollar for a 50-cent article he wants, and a woman will give 98 cents for a dollar article that she doesn't want.

Tom Lawson asserts that he has spent over \$600,000 in his efforts to tell the truth to the American people. Tom could have saved a lot of money by hiring somebody familiar with the business.

Some people expect so much in this world that they kick because a pair of pants is not given away with a pair of suspenders.

The man in the Oregonian tower imagines that he is the only representative Oregon has in congress because he has had three of them indicted, but the petit jury will have a whack at it and there is liable to be a case of too much swelled head.

If France keeps on talking this way to Japan we may have an opportunity of judging of the relative merits of Jiu-jitsu and the savotte.

A London paper writer says that Emperor William and President Roosevelt are the only two great men left. Just wait until some of the Astorian citizens hear that.

A number of bombs have been shipped into Russia disguised as oranges. Next they will be telling us that a carload of dynamite has been shipped in disguised as pea nuts.

At this distance it is not quite clear whether it is the city of Philadelphia or the aldermen of Philadelphia in urgent need of money.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. N. Kendall of Portland is in the city.

W. F. Zwick of Seattle is in the city on business.

C. Wilson of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

H. Faubian of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

Marcus Wise of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.

W. H. Bilgen and wife of Albany are visiting in the city.

S. P. Bluet of Portland is registered at the Central.

F. S. Barrett of Grays river was in the city yesterday.

Dr. C. E. Linton has returned from a visit to Seaside.

John Woods of Portland is registered at the Occident.

S. S. Provost of Oakland, Cal., was in the city yesterday.

B. L. Newman of Castle Rock was in the city yesterday.

W. N. Andrews of Bay Center was in the city yesterday.

Walter Johnson of Portland is in the city on business.

J. E. Greenwood of Kalama is registered at the Parker.

M. G. Jelenko of New York is registered at the Occident.

F. A. Hill and wife of Portland are registered at the Parker.

C. Christensen of Orestown registered at the Parker yesterday.

Fred Davis of Warrenton visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Henry McGowan was over from his cannery yesterday on business.

R. C. Kinney of Portland arrived down on the noon train yesterday.

Mrs. Baker and daughter of Cathlamet were in the city yesterday.

Miss McDowell, who has been visiting in Astoria, returned to Portland last evening.

Miss Sarah Hoff, who has been in Astoria the past few months, returned to Portland last evening.

Horace Thing of McGowan's was in Astoria yesterday on business and



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