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NUMEROUS DESCENDANTS.

Whenever a wealthy man dies es-Utah. Most of the wealthy men in retire from business. California had a legal wife and a num-This is evidenced by the number of of its magnitude, its granduer and magbeautiful young widows who have ap-nifience, equal in proportion to any expealed to the courts for a slice of their position ever held. It is an exhibition quasi husband's property. Sometimes of not only the grand resources of the they get a slice, and sometimes they state of Oregon, but of many of the don't.

descendants, is the large number that and mechanical; the habits and customs made application to the Lewis and of foreign nations, surounded with the Clark fair committee to sell relics af beauties of nature, affording wonderful Meriwether Lewis, claiming that they educational advantages for every visitor are descendants of Mr. Lewis and there- man, woman and child, and it is to be fore entitled to recognition. The regretter that the averacious hetel kings claimants of the Lewis toga are almost have put it out of the reach of the poorwithout exception mercenary, and er classes, but it may be an object lestheir wants as explained by letter are son in encouraging the rising generation that is the purpose of the good roads trouble will result. many and varied. A resident of Hick- to work with increased energy in order ley, Utah, wants to exhibit a cane to secure a competency sufficient to visit which he says was made by Captain another similar exhibition in the future. Lewis after his return to Virginia. The Hickley man says he is a greatgrandson of the explorer. Another man also a grand-son, says he has the identical sword with which Lewis slew an increase the overwhelming magnitude Indian chieftain, and he would like to of the Russian disaster, notwithstandsell the sword. A third grandson claims to own the hat which Meriwether Lewis wore on the memorable journey across the mountains in 1804-05, and he too would realize revenue from

the sale of the heirloom. When it is considered that Meriweth er Lewis lived and died a bachelor, it is passing strange where all of these grandsons came from. There is no evidence that Lewis was ever in California, and it is well known thant he was never married. Perhaps some Chicago college professor can explain the scientific principles of how a bachelor can have grandsons, but it is too difficult a problem for the average editor to combat, even more intricate than "How old was Ann." Had Mr. Lewis ever lived in California, there might be some excuse for these extraordinary heirlooms, and the only reasonable deduction to he made from the claims of these mercinary individuals and grand-sons, is that they had better be more thoroughly informed on the early history of explorers, before they make any such rash breaks.

A few years ago, there were over thirty one thousand of the famous hatchets that George Washington cut down the cherry tree with, although in justice to the people of Astoria it may be stated, that none of them were ever found here. They were owned only by truthful men. It was afterwards discovered, that there was a manufactory in New Jersey that was turning out lieves his own statements, for he must original George Washington hatchets know that with Japan in complete con-Astoria has afforded a good field for trol of the seas, with Russia depending disposing of stock in Washington trout farms and southern Oregon gold mines, plies and reinforcements a prolongation and California oil wells, and cashing of the war is utterly hopeless. Surely Saturday night bank checks, but it the St. Petersburg authorities are wiser eannot plead not guilty to ever purchas. than the ambassadors to the United ing any of the original Geo. Washington States, and even the pur-blind czar hatchets, and there are no grandsons of Meriwether Lewis living here, and for has pretty nearly arrived at its limitathese small blessings we should be tru. tions. ly thankful.

INJURE THE FAIR.

There is no one that desires to inten-Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland, but there is an apparent determination on the part of every one to contribute to its success. It is very probable that has also had a conference with the Britthe exposition management can not con- ish and German ambassadors. The oftrol the prices charged by the Portland fer of friendly services could not come hotels, but it is inevitable that a contin- from any quarters with greater grace will mitigate against the success of the maintained perfect neutrality through the street.

\$2.50 to \$4.00 for a room. These people will not again visit the fair, and their statement of the outrageous extortion will deter many others from goit was originated

If a man takes his wife to the fair children the rate is correspondingly in ing less than criminal folly. creased, making a visit to all of the While Russia has been considered one hotels will be full of gold, while the take a full month's salary to pay for a two days' visit at the fair.

tending, which thousands of them will pecially in California-there are a numbe, it will fail of its mission. The Port-families are suffering for the necessiber of adventurers who claim to be land press have called attention to the ties of life, and in this, more than any either his legal wife or his common law extortion practiced by the Portland ho- other cause, lies the Russian defeat on wife. A legal wife is defined to be tels, but it has had no effect and instead land and sea. from a legal marriage by a regular of decreasing, it is increasing. As a rule ordained minister of the gospel, or such actions would result in the decrease some official authorized to perform the of business at the hotels after the fair mariage ceremony. A common law is over, but the indications are, that wife exists principally in California and every hotel man will be a multi-millionis what is denominated polygamy in aire when the exposition closes and can

Those who have visited the exposition ber of common law wives on the side. from Astoria speak in the highest terms states of the union. It shows the pro-But the latest thing in numerical gress and development in arts, sciences

PEACE OR WAR.

Latest reports from Japanese sources of Togo's losses are insignificant and efit of the expenditure." does not seem possible that in such a terriffic battle he could have escaped with such a slight loss, but official dispatches confirm his statement. The escape of a few cruisers and one battleship will do Russia no lasting good, as they will be, and are today, virtually bottled up at Manilla as the first fleet was at Port Arthur, and in the end they will either become Japanese prizes or will have to be dismantled until after the close of the war, and will probably become the property of Japan as a part of the indemnity of the war, should

The vital thing now is, that the war is practically over, and that the time has arrived for making peace. Of course the absurd Count Cassini says the effect of Rojestvensky's defeat will be indefinite prolongation of the war, and he declares that Russia must fight on perhaps for years, until the tables are turned, but his utterances do not represent the people of Russia nor the people of the world who can see the utter hopelessness of the Russian cause. It represents the grand dukes of Russia who, in the event of Japan's ultimate victory, will, no doubt, be disposed from power and can no longer live in luxury off the earnings exacted from tyranical Russia off the wage earners, and it is increditable that the count even beupon a side-tracked railroad for supought to see that the autocratic regime

It is encouraging to hear that peace talk has been revived in Europe and there is an intimation that President Roosevelt is prepared to take the iniationally detract one iota from the great tive in suggesting a speedy end of the war. He had a prolonged discussion with the Japanese minister, as published in the Astorian dispatches and uation of the extortion being practiced than from the United States, which has

fair, for its success depends upon the at- out the war, and whose powerful intendance and the resultant gate receipts, fluence has evidently been recognized Several prominent citizens of Astoria by the Japanese by allowing the first Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents have visited the fair and in every in news of Togo's victory to be sent stance they have been charged from abroad through the American minister at Tokio and the American consul at Nagassaki. It is to be hoped that France and Germany, as well as Great Britain, will back up President Roose ing. If the fair is to be run for the velt's overtures should he see fit to financial benefit of the Portland hotels, make any, and certainly the American Oregon. All the saloons in Washington it will not subserve the ends for which people will gladly stand by their president in any efforts he may make to bring about peace. For Russia to oband remains two days, the least possi- stinately continue the struggle under ble expense is \$44.00 If he takes his existing circumstances would be noth-

poorer classes absolutely prohibitive of the most powerful nations of the The result will be that the safes of the world it must be remembered that its soldiers and marines have nothing to reasury of the fair management will fight for. No man can be a hero and be empty. This condition of affairs will fight for a country that he hates. No deter thousands of people from going, people will consent to be reduced to a Many clerks and men can not afford to condition of absolute serfdom, with no voice in the administration of governmental affairs, without freedom of press The Lewis and Clark fair is virtually or speech, and fight for such a country an international exhibit and is a grand or the maintainance of such laws. No educational institution for the boys and people will contribute from their scanty girls, but if they are prohibited from at earnings each month to keep a coterie of licencious dukes in luxury while their

GOOD ROADS.

The Baker City Democrat says: While most people recognize in an academic way the advantage of good roads, very few realize the actual cash profit to a community or a state of first-class highway lines of transportation. In new and comparatively sparsely settled regions, the first cost of construction adopted are usually wasteful, inadequate and in the long run, costly. Instead of building permanent roadbeds, it is the custom for authorities to limit the expenditure to enough for short periods, but require frequent and costly repairs,

In the mountains where construction is always costly, it is difficult to build and maintain permanent roadways, but education in the best methods of construction would doubtless result in an improvement throughout the state and movement. Whenever a policy of permament, high-class construction has profitable. The cost to the farmer of reaching the markets with his products potatoes. is reduced, the value of the property accessible by the better roads is ad- to go down and watch her mash Charlie vanced, town merchants share the ading the reported escape of one or two of living is immeasurably improved and vantage in increased trade, the comfor warships to Vladivostok. The extent every individual effected gets the ben-

McBRIDE ENDORSED.

Astoria Bar Association Name T. A. Mc-Bride for District Judge.

At a meeting of the Astoria Bar Association held last evening the following letter was directed to be sent to President Roosevelt indorsing Judge Thos. A. McBride for United States District judge Asforia, June 4.-The President, White House, Washington,-Sir: At a special meeting of the Clatsop Bar Association of Clatsop county, Oregon, called for the purpose of recommeding to you a suitable man for appointment to the office of United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, was held in this city this day, and Hon. Thomas A. McBride, the present judge of the circuit court of the Fifth Judicial District of Oregon, was unanimously endorsed for that po-

Respectfully submitted. CLATSOP COUNTY BAR ASSOCIAT'N

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desire to express their sincere and heart-felt thanks to many kind neighbors and friends for their assistance and words of comfort during the illness and death of their daughter, Evalina Jeanette Fannon, and to the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and assure them that their kindness will never be forgotten.

MR. and MRS. THOS. FANNON And Family.

God hath called thee, darling Lena, From this world of grief and pain; To be with Him in endless glory, Where we all shall meet again,

Oh, how glorious shall be that meeting. Father, mother, sister, friend: All forgot, then, this sad parting In that bright world without pain.

Sleep on, then, sainted Lena. Angels guard thee evermore; And when to our call from God we ans

Thy face wilt welcome at the door. MRS, ELLA DONNEKA.

The Hess restaurant, on Eleventh street, is considered the family restaurant of Astoria. The best meals and the best service in Astoria, 120 ElevenOUT OF THE ORDINARY.

With Comments by a Layman. If the Portland hotels would give excursion rates there would be more people attend the fair.

It might be a good scheme to run Sunday excursions from Washington to are closed on Sunday.

After a man is hit by a Portland hotel man, he has'nt enough left to hit the trail.

King Alfonzo is learning English from a man in Milwaukee. He prob ably speaks it with a Schlitz accent.

Charles Shubert, a young man from Chattanooga, Tenn., was fined \$20 last week for snoring in church, the trial judge holding it to be a breach of the peace. It would cost Tom Linville an even thousand, but the law is not enforced in Astoria.

Philadelphia will be spared all the bother some day when it gets big enough to use electric lights.

Galileo's tower has been converted into a restaurant. This goes to show that American methods are rapidly taking root in Italy.

In Arkansas some of the legislators have been accused of selling their votes at \$125. Indignation is rife among those pillars of the state who held out for the union scale

Astoria man-:-So your wife went to the Portland fair to study nature? Chinook man-:-Yes, and from the size of her hotel bill it must be among the six best sellers.

With the country building up so rapidly and the time becoming so much material and methods that may do well faster between New York and Chicago it will soon become a serious question as to who will get the jiu jitsu hold and annex the other.

> The astronomers at Flagstaff have succeeded in photographing the canals on Mars. We don't know about the kodaking rules up there, but hope no

Astoria Grandpa-When I was a litbeen adopted it has been found highly the boy like you I used to go down in the kitchen and watch the cook mash

Astoria kid-Yes, grandpa, but I love

The Chicago Western Union messenger boys struck because a non-union driver delivered a load of coal at the office. Are the bottle babies of Chicago sure the nipples they use are union

Let me see, said the Upper Astoria minister as he was filling out the marraige certificate and had forgotten the date, this is the fifth is it not?

No, sir, said the bride, this is only

Bryan bought a Jersey bull calf for \$50. It was reported in some of the papers as a heifer calf and the price at \$500. Mr. Bryan has set the matter right in his Commoner, and the incident is closed and the country is satis-

The tendency of women to invade and monopolize every walk in life is given new emphasis by the threatened revival of the hoopskirt.

Mrs. Ace living in Portland recently gave birth to four boys. Four aces are hard to beat.

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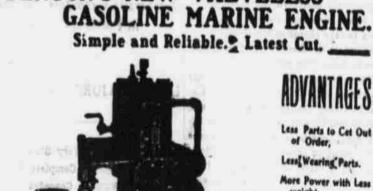
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