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NUMEROUS DESCENDANTS.

Whenever a wealthy man dies—especially in California—there are a number of adventurers who claim to be either his legal wife or his common law wife. A legal wife is defined to be from a legal marriage by a regular ordained minister of the gospel, or some official authorized to perform the marriage ceremony.

But the latest thing in numerical descendants, is the large number that made application to the Lewis and Clark fair committee to sell relics of Meriwether Lewis, claiming that they are descendants of Mr. Lewis and therefore entitled to recognition.

When it is considered that Meriwether 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 that he was never married.

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.

INJURE THE FAIR.

There is no one that desires to intentionally detract one iota from the great Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland, but there is an apparent determination on the part of every one to contribute to its success.

fair, for its success depends upon the attendance and the resultant gate receipts. Several prominent citizens of Astoria have visited the fair and in every instance they have been charged from \$2.50 to \$4.00 for a room.

If a man takes his wife to the fair and remains two days, the least possible expense is \$44.00. If he takes his children the rate is correspondingly increased, making a visit to all of the poorer classes absolutely prohibitive.

The Lewis and Clark fair is virtually an international exhibit and is a grand educational institution for the boys and girls, but if they are prohibited from attending, which thousands of them will be, it will fail of its mission.

Those who have visited the exposition from Astoria speak in the highest terms of its magnitude, its grandeur and magnificence, equal in proportion to any exposition ever held. It is an exhibition of not only the grand resources of the state of Oregon, but of many of the states of the union.

PEACE OR WAR.

Latest reports from Japanese sources increase the overwhelming magnitude of the Russian disaster, notwithstanding the reported escape of one or two warships to Vladivostok. The extent of Togo's losses are insignificant and does not seem possible that in such a terrific battle he could have escaped with such a slight loss.

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 Rojstvensky'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.

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 initiative in suggesting a speedy end of the war.

out the war, and whose powerful influence has evidently been recognized by the Japanese by allowing the first news of Togo's victory to be sent abroad through the American minister at Tokio and the American consul at Nagasaki.

While Russia has been considered one of the most powerful nations of the world it must be remembered that its soldiers and marines have nothing to fight for. No man can be a hero and fight for a country that he hates.

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 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 that is the purpose of the good roads movement.

McBRIDE ENDORSED.

Astoria Bar Association Name T. A. McBride 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 endorsing Judge Thos. A. McBride for United States District Judge Astoria, 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 recommending 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 position.

Respectfully submitted, CLATSOP COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desire to express their sincere and heart-felt thanks to the 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 answer, Thy face will welcome at the door. MRS. ELLA DONNEKA.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents 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 Oregon. All the saloons in Washington are closed on Sunday.

After a man is hit by a Portland hotel man, he hasn't enough left to hit the trail.

King Alfonso is learning English from a man in Milwaukee. He probably 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 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 trouble will result.

Astoria Grandpa—When I was a little boy like you I used to go down in the kitchen and watch the cook mash potatoes.

Astoria kid—Yes, grandpa, but I love to go down and watch her mash Charlie Gammel.

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 made?

Let me see, said the Upper Astoria minister as he was filling out the marriage certificate and had forgotten the date, this is the fifth is it not? No, sir, said the bride, this is only my third.

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 satisfied.

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

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

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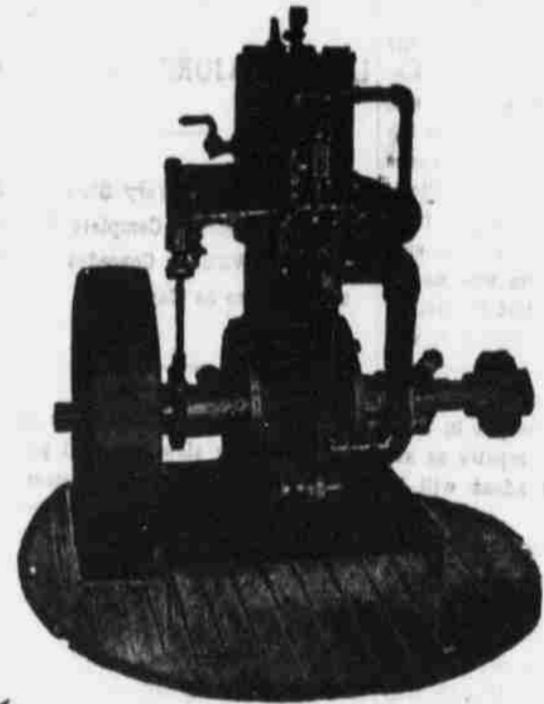
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