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CURRENT HOLIDAYS.

Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day in the morning, and a lovely morning it was in Astoria, too. Except in the huge cities of the country where the representatives of "Ould Ireland" are overwhelmingly numerous, there is rarely much notice taken of this anniversary, but there is always enough taken of it everywhere to force it before the public consciousness and this is alright, because anything strictly Irish is sure to have an elementally jolly relish to it.

INSOLENT BRAVADO.

"Judge" Andrew Hamilton, the swaggering insurance money manipulator, who hid in the purlieus of Europe until the investigating committees of New York had adjourned, and death had removed the witnesses that might have put him in the "pen," returns to the national metropolis with a big mouthful of insolent bravado and if his gall holds out, will succeed in proving himself whiter than the paper his dirty transactions were not recorded upon.

FALLS LUCKILY.

This day of the calendar is the sixty-ninth anniversary of the birth of Ex-President Grover Cleveland. The people of the United States will observe it by quietly resting from all labor, attending Divine services and other peaceful demonstrations, not forgetting a pertinent prayer or two by way of thanksgiving for certain obvious escapes time and dwindling majorities have provided. Astoria joins in the anthem.

EXCELLENT EFFECT.

The Farmers' Institute, which by plenty of hard work on the part of those who were inspired to get it up, has made an excellent impression on the community even if those for whom it was directly intended have failed to use it as was expected. Every phase of the two day session has been of distinct value; there have been some splendid and practical showings made in an illustrative and technical way, that will not be lost because but a handful of farmers have learned the lessons laid down: "The word will go out the wisdom of the hour will pass current over the country, the counsels imparted will find their way to other receptive minds and hands and there will be many successes traceable to the institute held in this city in March, 1906.

BUT ONE MONTH MORE.

The people of Oregon have yet thirty-one days in which to consider the claims of the thousand and one aspirants for public office in their respective bailiwicks and the state at large, and it behooves them to begin a deliberate inquiry into the relative merits of those who are seeking nomination, in order that when the day of primary election shall dawn, they will have made safe and perspicuous choice of men who are to be offered up on the altar of political evanishment, or enthroned in the "seats of the mighty."

The wireless methods of communication are making more rapid progress in Germany than elsewhere. A new station has been established at Oberschonweide which will place Berlin and Dresden in communication over a distance of 111 miles. Several other stations already exist. There are reports of a project for installing at Nordretch a wireless system of long distance telephoning.

A curious thing noticed at once by visitors to Moscow is the absence of whips among the cab drivers. There is a law prohibiting their use. There is not a single whip in use in Moscow. The excellent condition of the horses attests the benefit of this humane law. Moderation varies the world over. The whip is not in disuse in Moscow. They use it there on men and women.

The abolition of the Congressional free seed delivery should excite a cackle of protest from every American poultry yard.

Two little Buffalo girls, Betty and Polly, according to "The Commercial" of that city, met on an avenue on a recent Sunday and exchanged confidences, for they were old friends and had lived in the same block many years. Said Betty, casually yet reflectively: "Polly, this is the Lord's Day." "Oh, no, it isn't," said Polly, with vivacity. "This is Mary's day and next Sunday is Bridget's."

Commenting upon the death of David Smith, a St. Louis man, of hypochondriasis, last week, the Albany "Journal" says: "He imagined himself to be dying and he finally succumbed. With an imagination like that Smith should have written a historical novel." Evidently the paragraph was not penned by the book editor, who would know that for writing an historical novel imagination is wholly unnecessary.

The most interesting figure at the recent unveiling in Paris of a monument to Alfred de Musset, the French poet, was the old governess of the poet. Her name is Mlle. Adele Colin, and she is a nonagenarian. She was too infirm to walk alone, and had to be supported to her place. She is writing recollections of the past.

The onslaught of the retiring president of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals upon those who dared to take an interest in seeing how the wheels went round in his office is natural, perhaps, but in calling them "jaekals" he has at least given them one claim to his tender mercies.

Ex-Governor Hogg of Texas was the author of an expletive, "by gatlins," which he used frequently and effectively, and which should enjoy much favor in Texas.

The Senate gives notice that it will not stand by and see the sentiments of the Arizona single staters outraged. But when it comes to giving the Filipinos a fair deal and a chance to earn a living the Senate's sense of justice is conveniently atrophied.

Just what Judge Andy Hamilton came back from Europe for, is not explained by the suggestion that it was for something he forgot; of course, he might have overlooked that gold in the rocks under New York.

Mr. Jerome of New York still thinks the moral yearnings of that community are adequately gratified by the opportunity to do the right thing every time it has a chance to elect a District Attorney.

There are better ways to honor the memory of Christopher Columbus than by an October holiday, Mr. Solomon. Besides later immigrants need other things more than holidays.

Officials of the Zion City Bank have dishonored a draft of John Alexander Dowie, Elijah H. Ahe there such anger and cold practicality in celestial minds?

The kaiser may or may not play the great American game, but he surely knows by this time that cardinal rule: The fellow caught bluffing loses the pot.

On this anniversary of the Great Blizzard, we can be thankful for the weather of this morning. Snowshovels will keep over without camphor-balls.

The Slavs who are returning to Europe in anticipation of trouble in the coal regions, are merely making a home run on a strike.

From the disclosures made in the Claiche case, it is apparent that the term "vice-squad" was not a misnomer.

A local contemporary prints a heading, "Close shave for Nordica." Who was the thrice-fortunate barber, we wonder?

And sure enough, the army in the Philippines was able to do something brilliant as soon as H. C. Corbin got back to the ensanguined roll top desk.

"Few millionaires laugh," says Andy Carnegie; and yet all millionaires can see the point of Mr. Carnegie's libraryless libraries.

ORIGIN OF STEEL PEN.

"We owe the steel pen," said an inventor, "to a man named Gillott—Joseph Gillott—an Englishman. Gillott was a jeweler. He lived in Birmingham. One day accidentally splitting the end of one of his fine steel jewel making tools, he threw it peevishly on the floor.

"An hour later it was necessary for him to write a letter. Where, though, was his quill pen? He searched high and low, but couldn't find it. Looking finally on the floor, he discovered not the pen, but the broken steel tool.

"I wonder if I couldn't make shift to write with this?" he said.

"And he tried to write with the split steel, and, of course, he succeeded perfectly.

"To this episode we owe the steel pen, which has superseded the quill all over the world."—Louisville Courier Journal.

A puckerless persimmon is now grown by the agricultural department, but Jack Frost handles the old kind to perfection.

Canada was first to reach Japan with relief for famine sufferers. Our neighbor on the north is in the swim and alive to opportunity.

Perhaps the railroads are warranted in halting with pleasure an era in which the pursuit of a pass is to be the exception, not the rule.

President Roosevelt and his cabinet are opposed to war. So are Congress and the people. The next thing to do will be convince China.

After the Republicans of Missouri make their state platform the Democrats will be welcome to the leavings. By the law of natural selection, they will select the worst of the debris.

It is claimed that the new election law in Pennsylvania, provides for an honest system of registration and throws a perfect safeguard around the ballot box. The people are beginning to think more kindly of Governor Pennypacker, who called this extraordinary session of the legislature.

Money does not always talk. What was spent by insurance company lobbyists has remained discreetly silent regarding its present stopping place. Omaha Bee.

Men of moderate means continue to look respectfully at the strawberries and boy prizes. Boston Globe.

A Los Angeles policeman has invented a new kind of automobile wheel. It is claimed that a person run over by it dies in a far more humane manner than when the old pneumatic tire is used. Los Angeles Express.

Those Ohio Republicans who are clamoring for Bridgroom Longworth to run for Governor two years hence should give Nick time to think it over.—Atlanta Constitution.

That sound like a cross between the crunching of icebergs and the wind hitting the mercury bulb at forty below is the Fairbanks Presidential boom getting under way.—New York Herald.

Should General Porter's reference to Lincoln be recommended to the President or the Senate? He never attempted to massage the back of a political porcupine.—New York Evening Post.

The natural excitement in Chicago incident to the acquisition of a genuine Van Wyck picture is greatly augmented by the fact that it is seven feet long by six feet wide. Kansas City Star.

"I write with that in hand to salute the American people," says President Castro. It has been known that Castro talks through his hat, but this is the first intimation that he is also writing in same way. Chicago Journal.

There is little reason in lamenting that the new Russian Cabinet is not going to be responsible to the Assembly after the British fashion but will be independent of it, as is the German Ministry. For Russia to get in the course of a single year a system of government comparable with that of Germany in freedom will be a gain vastly greater than there was ground for expecting two years ago.

The Ohio idea of railroad fares seems to be infecting the railroad themselves. General Booth has at his command by the recent gift of George Herring a home colonization fund of \$500,000, and he is employing it wisely in distributing the surplus of England's population in the unsettled lands of the empire. Canada offers at present the best field for such work, and it is profiting accordingly.

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Political Information

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

REGISTRATION

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906. Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 5 p. m. Registration books opened after primary election, April 2. Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 3. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 30. Last day for filing petitions for County officers, April 1.

DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.

Circuvassing votes of primary elections for state offices, May 3.

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 12. Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4. Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4. Last day for filing nominating petitions for county officers, May 19.

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4

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CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR GOVERNOR.

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th

JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated. J. R. WHITNEY Albany, Oregon.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.

J. H. ACKERMAN

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