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ABOLISH THE BELL.

SURELY Fire Chief Campbell cannot be entirely serious when he says that the public fire alarm should be maintained for his special benefit...

There are other fire chiefs in the United States, some of whom have had quite a good deal of experience and all of whom are necessarily absent at times from the fire headquarters on official business...

SPECULATIONS ABOUT THE ORIENTAL WAR.

ABOUT the details of no war of modern times was so little known, or was news of actual occurrences so slowly learned, as in this war between Japan and Russia...

Those who have imagined that Japan would win an easy and speedy victory are probably doomed to disappointment. The Japanese, it has already been demonstrated, are the better fighters and the better tacticians...

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

A Socialist's View. Portland, June 11.—To the Editor of the Journal—Would you kindly publish a few words of one who feels strongly on the present situation in Colorado...

together with the genius for initiative which they have developed, still leave the outlook hopeful for the Japanese even though the Russians are now better able than ever before to get their men and munitions to the front...

OPEN AIR RECESS AGAIN.

IN these languorous days of spring when the youthful as well as adult heart yearns for the wildwood or the ocean beach, when the rains have practically ceased and there is seldom danger that the children may get wet...

That such a course should have a bad effect upon the health, disposition and mental progress of the pupils seems to us to admit of no doubt. No real mental relaxation can possibly come from a so-called recess in which the children from start to finish are under duress...

AN EXAMPLE SHOULD BE MADE.

THAT fraudulent affidavits were manufactured by the wholesale for use, on election day in the interest of the Republican machine and that hundreds of illegal voters were registered, with the design to carry the election by fraud, appears clear from the facts published in The Journal yesterday and previously...

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MATTER.

THE JOURNAL has neither the desire nor the disposition to prejudge the actions of the civil service commission, but the charges made against it, whether true or false, are of such gravity, and the allegations made are so circumstantial that in its own behalf it should demand an investigation that will fully clear up the matter...

ers have been patient as men could be under all sorts of outrages and efforts to stir them to resistance, while their officials have counseled them not to use violence but to appeal to their constitutional rights. But why do the capitalists strike at the Western Federation of Miners? Plainly and mainly because they are a socialist organization, having declared in favor of the international socialist demands...

should at least inquire into the condition of affairs? Can it be possible that we have become so selfish that we can not act as well as feel for our own people, who are being treated like slaves? Should we read an account of such an outrage being perpetrated in some other country in the American people would be up in arms at once and public opinion would be so strong that our officials would be forced to take some action...

THE DESCHUTES RIVER. From the Prineville Review. The Deschutes river has long been known as a peculiar stream in that it knows no flood season at the Bend. At the Big Meadows, 17 miles above, floods are common, a rise of 10 feet being not out of the ordinary...

Small Change

Was it a good sermon? Teachers are scarce in Chicago. Did you enjoy the excursion? There is more peck than boo about the Peckaboo shirtrivets.

The man who would rather be right than president is sure he is right. Uncle Russell will take a long vacation soon, spite of himself. Cherry trees remind many a gray-headed man of his boyhood days, "back east."

Illinois will have more influence than New York in the next national Democratic convention. A new religion, called the "Goo," has been started in Ohio. But it can't beat the Oregon Holy-rollerism. Ferdiearis need not imagine that he will be rescued by cash, a la Miss Stone, and then come over and lecture.

You can see a good many things at the St. Louis fair, but you can no longer see Alice—Roosevelt. He pa sent for her. The ministers are preparing for their vacation. The newspaper men will stay and fight the devil the best they can through the summer.

George Gould wants to go to congress. What does he want to do with Rockefeller? Is he bucking against Rockefeller. Congress is his'n. A Chicago man must marry before July 1 or lose an inheritance of \$200,000. He can safely wait till the afternoon of June 30, and then find a June bride.

Ants are being imported from South America—veterans of many revolutions—to eat up the boll weevil in the cotton plants. But what will be procured to destroy the ants? It has been discovered that Chicago hotels are not supplied with bibles. But the delegates to the Republican convention can take along a copy of the Dingley tariff law.

Did Monday cast a shadow of coming events in Governor Chamberlain's path?—Newberg Graphic. What, was Chamberlain running too? Why didn't the Democrats think of that. Mr. Richard Olney, when asked if he had ever been west of the Allegheny mountains, answered, it is said, "God forbid." Yet the savages this side the Allegheny mountains can vote.

The boot and shoe workers of Chicago being on strike, their union has passed a resolution declaring that any member guilty of violence during the strike shall be expelled. This is a good example for other unions to follow. Uncle Shelby Cullom can't understand why, after walking on eggs for 40 years, he is no longer lit. And the great, tremendous Spooner, up in Wisconsin, is amazed at other men's temerity. What is a senatorship coming to, me Gawd.



June 13.—We passed at between four and five miles a bend of the river and two creeks on the north called the Round Bend creeks. Between these two creeks is the prairie in which once stood the ancient village of the Indians. Of this village there remains no vestige nor is there anything to recall this great and numerous nation, except a feeble remnant of about 30 families...

SOMETHING UNCOMMON IN SPACE

(By Garrett F. Serviss.) (Copyright, 1904, by W. B. Hearst.) There is a question in meteorology under discussion just now which has a very broad application. As everybody is aware, we have had within the last two years some extraordinary cold summers...

Several observers having noticed an apparent increase of the opacity of the air, coincident with the cold weather, they have endeavored to determine whether the cause may not be due to the immense quantity of volcanic dust that was belched into the upper air by Mount Pelee and other craters during the historic eruptions in the West Indies two years ago. It is known that such dust, when blown, as it has been blown, may spread very rapidly through the

atmosphere, and it may be supposed to exercise a considerable absorbent effect on the sunlight. Professor Cleveland Abbe, of the weather bureau, seems disposed to put some faith in this hypothesis, and he has asked for data that may throw light upon it from observers in various parts of the world.

That our sun must be ranked among the variable stars is a fact which no one acquainted with solar phenomena can very well doubt. Unlike many variable stars, however, the changes in the sun's radiation are slight. Still, small as they are, they must have some effect upon the earth, which, as far as keeping warm is concerned, is related to the sun's rays in that capacity and other things related to his campfire. If the blaze dies down, or if a change of air currents puts him on the windward side, he immediately feels a chill. So, if the solar furnace falls off in energy, or if something occurs in the vast expanse of open space between our planet and the sun, the diverging from us even but a small part of the radiation that we are accustomed to receive, the effect may be disagreeable.

FUNERAL OF HIROSE.

Curious Mingling of Pagan, Christian and Military Rites. From Tokio, under date of April 10, a war correspondent of the Indianapolis News writes: The most impressive thing I have seen in Japan so far was the ceremony at Aoyama, the funeral, according to Shinto rites, of that gallant hero of the war, Commander Hirose, of the Japanese navy.

The Japanese are hero-loving race and new nations have had a better opportunity for hero worship than that accorded by the funeral of Hirose—a remarkable man; a fine sailor, who embodied in himself all of those qualities that the Japanese most value. He lost his life, as is well-known now, in trying to save Sigsbee his warrant officer, and the story of his exploit is the most memorable thing in the Port Arthur engagement.

The body of Commander Hirose was buried by the Russians when they found it in the water, and the Japanese they gave their antagonist a solemn funeral with all the military honors that would have been accorded to an officer of the sea. But that real funeral was deemed insufficient by Hirose's friends in Tokio, his old home, and it is in the midst of the milder weather of the spring that a more fitting ceremony was held at Aoyama, another service was held, at which Lieutenant Matsuura read a letter of condolence from Admiral Togo, which was followed by brief speeches in the value of a hero to the nation by Vice-Admiral Arima and Viscount Kano.

The streets in Japan are always crowded, but I never saw any street in Tokio so jammed with humanity as was the route to the cemetery. The throng was thickest on the slope which leads from Kojimachi to Akasaka, past the palace of Prince Kitashirawa. Hence the procession had to pass through a lane of people 20 feet deep on either side, mostly townsfolk in haori and kamama, but with a good sprinkling of Europeans also.

retired with the Ouzge and the remainder found asylum on the Platte river among the Otozoo, who are themselves declining. Opposite the plain there was an island and a French fort built there in 1804. It is now no longer there, the successive inundations having probably washed them away, as the willow island which is in the situation described by Du Pratz as small and of recent formation. Five miles south of this place is the Grand river where we saw the first willow. The course nearly south or southeast and is between 80 and 100 yards wide where it enters the Missouri near a delightful and rich plain. A racoon (Procyon Lotor) a bear (Ursus Americanus) and some deer (Carcacus Virginianus) were obtained today.

But there are other possible causes of obscuring screens between the sun and the earth. We know that space contains a great deal of scattered matter in a great variety of conditions. The vast forms of the nebulae prove that some of this matter is capable of being gathered in enormous cloud-like aggregations. There is also evidence of the existence of "dark nebula"—that is to say, of regions in space from which no light comes and through which, perhaps no light, or comparatively little light, can penetrate.

Now, the whole solar system being in flight, in a northwesterly direction at a speed of not less than 13 miles per second, and the nebulae, light and dark, and the other scattered substances that space contains lying in all directions around us, it is not impossible for the sun, with his planets, to run through a vast region containing a cloud of atoms, whose effect might be perceptibly to weaken the radiation of the sun while it was traversing the space containing them. There are difficulties in the way of such a hypothesis, and yet in some respects it is more satisfactory than the volcanic theory.

Anyhow, the great voyage through space just referred to is certainly taking place, and as passengers on one of the cosmic ships engaged in it, we might well welcome such a break in the monotony of the long trip as an encounter with a not too dense nebula would afford.

The dense crowd about the graveside parted as 400 bluejackets, sturdy fellows, and visibly affected, shouldered their way through the ranks of soldiers beside the grave and waited in silence. Then came carriages with elaborate liveries, of the higher officials, civil, military and naval, and the diplomats, and these passed on.

There then came in sight an aged Shinto priest, dressed in his white and wending old-fashioned red lacquered shoes. Above his head a tall bluejacket carried an immense sliver flag, on which in Chinese characters was written the name and rank of the deceased officer. Then came a company of marines carrying the white banner and the Japanese flag, and young sakaki, the sacred Shinto tree, covered with the white paper go-hei.

Two naval officers came next, carrying decorations, and behind them the sun, with his planets, to run through a vast region containing a cloud of atoms, whose effect might be perceptibly to weaken the radiation of the sun while it was traversing the space containing them. There are difficulties in the way of such a hypothesis, and yet in some respects it is more satisfactory than the volcanic theory.

As they ceased and the temple bell rang out there was a sharp word of command and a click of triggers, followed by the prayer of honor to the Japanese. It is necessary to know that the actual committing to the grave of the mortal remains is the least important thing about a Shinto funeral. In effect the so-called partakes more of a mikuri, a little farewell to the departed who is off to join his revered ancestors. The primitive ideas concerning death and all connected with it which underlie the Shinto funeral rites are not expressed today, but they remain very much alive.

Since his death was reported Commander Hirose has been the recipient of many honors. The emperor raised him in rank something like 20 numbers, and this morning he sent special offerings to the dead man at the Marine club as a token of extreme favor, something that has never before been done by the imperial household for any officer under the chokunin rank. Then, too, Hirose, a fine athlete, was one of the best jujitsu experts of the Kano school and had reached the fourth rank. This morning the sixth and highest rank was conferred on him as a posthumous mark of honor.

Oregon Sidelights

Two new warehouses are being built in Corvallis. Albany is to have a five-day street "carnival" next week. It took 40,000 shingles to roof an Oak Grove, Benton county, barn.

Several new houses are being built at Falls City, and more are needed. The Springfield News is to have a new press, and will otherwise improve itself.

A new 25,000-foot-a-day mill is about to be started at Sogers, Washington county. A muckle swindler is working Benton county. But there are worse ones abroad.

One Crook county firm sheared an average of 11 pounds each from 5,609 head of sheep. Eighteen Adventist converts were "emmersed," according to the Corvallis Times, last Sunday.

About 300,000 head of sheep will be pastured by permit in the Cascade mountains this summer. Prof. Hlaw is teaching horse training in eastern Oregon. He can make horses either Haw or Gee.

An almond tree in a Forest Grove yard will produce a good crop this year. It closely resembles a peach tree. Hotels in Gilliam and adjacent counties are obliged to hire Chinese cooks, white help of this kind not being obtainable.

Over 42 years ago a plum tree was taken from ex-Governor Geer's father's farm near Salem to Douglas county, and it is still bearing large crops. Some strawberries near Grants Pass run 25 to 35 berries to the box, while the usual number is 60. One man, on a 2 1/2 acre patch, will have 700 crates.

Some Washington county dairymen are filling their silos which have been proven advantageous. Mr. Garrigus of Banks has two of the largest silos in the county. The course of study of the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth has been increased from three years to four years, with a view to providing a course for teachers who intend teaching in high schools.

A freight train Tuesday evening killed a 715 cow belonging to J. W. Hays—Gold Hill News. Surely more than 175. The News must have made a misprint. No big railroad's train would run over a cow worth only \$75. Tattooing is growing in favor among western flockmasters for branding sheep. It consists of pricking tiny holes in the ears of sheep and filling with indelible ink, the holes forming letters or numbers. These characters are permanent and cannot be erased or altered.

Just as Elder Carl of Newberg was feeling especially happy over the arrival of a baby in his home, some tramps came along and carelessly set fire to his barn, which with all its contents, including a horse and cow, was consumed. Neighbors made up quite a purse for him.

A Wheatland, Yamhill county, man last year raised seven acres of tobacco, which eastern dealers pronounced to be of good quality. He has two tons yet on hand, for which he is offered 2 1/2 cents a pound. He thinks first-class tobacco can be grown very successfully in that locality. Oakland Owl: Douglas county is all right in every sense of the word, and as last year, with splendid crops and general prosperity, it is going to harvest one of the biggest crops in its history, Presidential year "don't cut much ice" with Douglas county prosperity.

The hog law carried in Josephine county, but it was not acted by the law. This question should have been left for decision to those who are affected by it. The best solution of this matter, says Courier, would be a local option hog law. Several Pendleton men who were preparing to erect business buildings, several of them to cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000 each have abandoned this intention. They will do nothing until they see whether prohibition carries in Umatilla county. The local option law, the East Oregonian says, has squelched the building boom there.

Leland correspondent of the Rogue River Courier: When we read such lies in the Portland Journal as that editor prints regarding some of the Republican candidates, he should be made to prove his words or sign a libel. It is intended, and a little misleading, we must expect, but to make up a pack of lies that person should be made to eat his own words. OREGON LITTLE STORIES.

From the Chicago News. There is a well-known story told by Dean Ramsay years ago of two old ladies of his church. "Was it no a wonderful thing," said one of them, "that the French were so victorious over the English in battle?" "Not a bit," said the other, "Ginna ye ken the Bretilian say their prayers before gan into battle?" "Aye," returned the first, "but canna the Frenchmen say their prayers as well?" The reply was, "Hout! Hahberin' bodies! Who could understand them?"

A London city missionary who worked in the slums of a certain district and was well known to the thieves that swarmed there began his service one day with the words: "I think I know what of you stole Mr. —'s gold watch, and I shall be glad if you will send it back to me before noon tomorrow." He made no threat, and indeed, spoke very gently. The next day he received eight gold watches.

Kinglake, the historian of the Crimean war, was approached by a spiritualist one day, who told him that the speaker had had a command from the recently deceased Mr. Kinglake to convert "William Alexander Kinglake" to his doctrine. "Well," said Kinglake, "even in heaven one has a right to expect accuracy. My name is Alexander William Kinglake." The commissioner left at once. Cause and Effect. From the Philadelphia Ledger. "I never knew till now why this is such a windy country," said the bright little girl, traveling through Illinois. "And have you discovered why?" asked her father. "Of course. See all the windmills on these farms we're passing."