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SCHOLAR, AUTHOR, STATESMAN, DIPLOMAT, GENTLEMAN.

JOHN HAY, who died this morning, will rank in history as a statesman of first-class ability. There have been men of greater brains, perhaps, but Hay as a public man and a private citizen was undoubtedly a great success.

When in 1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected president and faced the awful ordeal of civil war, he selected, with the penetrating judgment characteristic of him, two young men for private secretaries—John Hay and John G. Nicolay.

Mr. Hay was never a politician of the vulgar sort. He sought and found distinction honorably, thoughtfully, decently, cleanly.

Perhaps we give Mr. Hay too much credit, for behind the secretary of state is always the president. There was McKinley, who declared that "the period of exclusion has passed"; there is Roosevelt, who shirks no responsibility on account of his cabinet appointees; but we imagine that a great deal of this notable work, of which we can herein only indicate the tenor, was done on the intellectual initiative of John Hay.

We respect and honor John Hay. At his bier we bow, not with a tear, but with a thrill of pride that such Americans grew and lived and acted.

And after all the proper tributes to his memory as a statesman and diplomat are written and uttered, we love, beyond and above all that, the man who wrote—who had it in his brain and soul to write—"Jim Bludsoe" and "Little Breeces." Hay's work as a scholar, author, diplomat and statesman may fade with the flight of the ages, but no generation of mankind will forget that Jim Bludsoe held the nozzle of the Prairie Bell against the bank that the last galoot got ashore; or that nothing but angels saved "Little Breeces" or fail to smile and shed a sympathetic tear when they remember the lines:

Well, I think that savin' a little child And bringin' him to his own Is a durned sight better business Than losin' around a throne.

THE CANADIANS ARE AMONG US.

MEANTIME let us not forget our Canadian friends who also have a day today, but owing to their own observance of July 1 at home may not be here in such overwhelming numbers. But they will do things right and they will make such a showing that no one who participates or observes it is likely soon to forget. The Canadians are something more than next door neighbors, for many of them are now part of us, while many others are in plain view from our back yard, with much the same interests, sometimes so closely interblended that one can scarcely disentangle them, with a common heritage of language and many similar impulses and aspirations.

A person can no more change his real beliefs, religious or otherwise, than he can change his height, or the color of his eyes, or the tone of his voice. I say his "real" beliefs.

SMALL CHANGE

Don't forget the importance of good roads. Now, July, there's the fair—the best ever on earth. Good-bye, June; we love you. Come again next year. Don't overlook Chastauqua. It will be better than ever.

CONDITIONS GETTING WORSE IN RUSSIA.

IF THE MOST RECENT reports are true, and nothing is inconceivable in the present condition of affairs in Russia, then the world is confronted with one of the most extraordinary spectacles it has ever witnessed in its topsy-turvy career.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Hops won't be "so bad." Yamhill should show up more. Much building going on in La Grande. Vetch is coming to be a favorite crop.

A NICE SISTER CITY.

TACOMA is a city of which the whole Pacific northwest is proud, and it has every right and reason that can be suggested for being proud of itself. In 1900 Tacoma, according to the federal census, had a population in round numbers of 38,000.

Condemns Professional Lobbyists.

From the New York Herald. Governor Herrick of Ohio has declared his purpose to set on foot a movement for the eradication of professional lobbying in the legislative halls of Ohio.

Never Would Do.

From the Chicago Tribune. "This bill," said the chairman of the legislative steering committee, "must not be allowed to become a law in its present shape."

Killed by a Tick.

From the Joseph Herald. The three-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholas died Friday morning of the little one's death was caused by a tick which adhered to the body and simply sucked the life-blood away.

How Times Have Changed!

From the Chicago Journal. Joe Choate says Roosevelt would get as many votes in England, in proportion to the population, as he got here last fall. There was a time, not so long ago, when a statement like that would have been enough to damn any American politician.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOMORROW

By E. D. Johnson, D. D. July 2, 1905—Topic: "Sennacherib's Invasion"—II Chron. xxxiii:1-23. Golden text—"With us is Jehovah our God to help us, and our right our battle."—I Chron. xlii:1.

Returning to the study of the Old Testament for the last six months of the year, we should remember the point reached in our previous studies, since that constitutes our new point of departure. We had pursued the history of Israel under the sovereignty of Saul, David and Solomon until we reached the division of the original state under the baneful reign of Rehoboam, son of Solomon (I Kings xii).

A Chicago court has decided that hat trimming is not an art. Now let some wise judge declare that wearing military is a disease. North Yamhill Record: Some of the leading Republican papers are keeping up a wall because the Democrats have elected their candidates for a number of the most important offices in the state.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Portland, June 10.—To the Editor of the Journal—As a visitor to your city and fair from Seattle, Columbia, I wish to state that the exhibition far exceeds all expectations. The advertisements which have been sent out by the fair management are in my opinion too modest.

President on Long Trip.

Washington, Cor. New York Sun. President Roosevelt rode 18 miles in an automobile yesterday, walked back over the same road for a distance of 18 miles at a good gait, and then returned to the White House in his own carriage.

One Cause of Railroad Disasters.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. There is too much ground for the belief that the appalling slaughter on American railroads is due more to lax supervision than to any other cause.

Right Kind of Talk.

From the Echo News. What is the use of the country knocking Portland? Put yourself in place. Could you do any better, if you had the same amount of money as we have, and the same event that has just occurred in the history of the Pacific coast?

Popular.

From Life. "What ever became of Dolly?" "She is getting a thousand dollars a week on the stage."

Respectable Nails, Lawyer.

Mr. Samuel H. Merrill, who Collier's for June 24, said in "The Nails" will make the following: "When it looked as if the Philadelphia were in a fair way to win their property from the rubber trust lawyers' secret' assault on New York courts, the Philadelphia were to work trying on the revolutionary legal trail. It was a brilliant counsel—fighting for the perpetuation of the political machine in the most powerful in the States."