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Civic Congress at Last Session Listens to Interesting Papers on Important Subject.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS ELOQUENT DISCUSSION

F. B. Thurber Says Municipal Ownership Has the Approval of the Weakminded, Socialistic and Yellow Journals, and Opposes It.

The attendance at the exposition on 11:30 o'clock this forenoon was 13,355.

At the final session of the Civic Congress this afternoon at the exposition the question of municipal ownership and control of corporations occupied the attention of some of America's leading authorities on the subject.

THIS ENDS DISPUTE ON RATE QUESTION

Twenty-Seven Shillings Sixpence Agreed on in View of the Probability of a Shortage of Vessels to Handle Wheat, Barley and Flour.

TELEGRAPH WINS RACE.

Seam Fleet Races in River Contest That Is Very Close.

ALBERS' BID LOWEST.

Makes Best Bid for Large Government Forage Contract.

OREGON MOTHERS WILL PERFECT ORGANIZATION

The Oregon Congress of Mothers last night grew out of the Home Training association, which was organized in Portland last year.

M. E. T. CLUB WAKES DROWSY FAIR ECHOES

The M. E. T. club—the unique social organization of the Lewis and Clark fair, composed exclusively of exhibitors in the Machinery, Electricity and Transportation building—is celebrating a special day at the exposition.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Aug. 18.—Arrived down at 1 and sailed at 2:30 p. m. steamer Alliance, for Coos Bay and Eureka.

SHIPS CHARTERED FOR NEW CROP

Barks Cambronne and Invergarry Taken by Portland Flouring Mills.

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RUSSIA CONSENTS TO CONCESSIONS IN PEACE SETTLEMENT

Witte Ordered by Czar to Be More Tractable—Linievitch Wires He is Unable to Take Offensive Against Oyama—Admits Impossibility of Retaking Sakhalin.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—Upon receiving a message from Witte that Baron Kurama was uncompromising on the subject of cessation of Sakhalin and reimbursement for war expenses, the czar summoned the members of the national defense council.

BASH DENIES ALL ACCUSATIONS

Co-respondent in Taggart Divorce Scandal Says He Does Not Know Woman Well.

(Journal Special Service.) Wooster, Ohio, Aug. 19.—The court this morning dismissed from the evidence Major Taggart's charges imputing Lieutenant Rither and Clinton Spencer on the motion of Mrs. Taggart's attorney.

The deposition of Captain Bash was read this morning. Bash declared that he knew neither Taggart nor his wife intimately and that he never saw her under circumstances that would make confidences or intimacies possible.

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LEADERS OF EMPIRE STATE BRING CORDIAL GREETINGS TO MEN OF GREAT INLAND EMPIRE.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP IS KEYNOTE OF GATHERING

CLASSIC BUILDING IS DEDICATED WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES—PROGRESS OF WEST IS HOPE OF CROWDED EAST, SAY SPEAKERS.

The Empire State of the Union today made her acknowledgments to the inland empire. Men of national repute gathered in the New York building at the fair this morning at 11 o'clock and joined in the celebration of New York day.

"A noted gentleman told me the other day that he was very greatly surprised to find so much culture and refinement in the northwest of ours. A rather glibly complimentary, that there ought not to be any surprise. We have had the best blood in the United States to come here and to make the best citizenship of the United States."

"The best the country had to give," the speaker concluded, "has come to us and has helped us to make this great northwest what it is today. And New York herself has done more than her share in giving to us the best of her manhood and womanhood to give to us just that culture and refinement which has proved so surprising to a number of eastern people."

"This is the only territory over which flies the flag of the United States which is ours by right of discovery."

"We are proud of the work that has been done by the people of the northwest. My friends, there is no north, no south, no east, no west. We are Americans. There are great sectional questions which have caused these distinctions. Yours is that of irrigation. And we of New York are just as anxious that the arid lands of this northwest be irrigated as they are of the east."

"There never has been one word of protest uttered by the people of New York against the enormous sums appropriated for the purposes of irrigating lands thousands of miles away from the coast of the United States."

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HE SUSPECTS CHINAMAN AND HIRES BODYGUARD

THINKS REVENGEFUL ORIENTAL MAY HAVE BEEN THE QUALITY ONE—OFFICERS, HOWEVER, ARE ALSO WORKING ON FIRST THEORY.

ABANDONING THE THEORY ON WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING AS REGARDS THE MURDER OF MRS. MINNIE B. VAN DRAN, THE AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY STARTED THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE CRIME ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LINE.

Chief of Police Grizmacher was closed with Van Dran for a half hour this morning, the latter calling on the head of the department to advance a theory of the department which was considered sufficiently to be able to leave the institution. Trouble followed over the amount to be paid the porter and he filed suit to recover \$18 in Justice Grizmacher's court. His suit was compromised by the Chinaman being paid \$11.

While Van Dran did not accuse the Chinese of being in any way responsible for the poisoning of his wife, he expressed the opinion that the matter should be investigated, and asked Chief Grizmacher a number of questions relative to the nature, habits and disposition of the Chinese, particularly as to the likelihood of their seeking revenge when laboring under a real or fancied grievance.

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