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PROPER HONOR TO A HISTORY-MAKER.

SIXTY-TWO odd years is a long time for a man to live, as the span of human life runs, after he has participated in a notable event—a long time to live after arriving at maturity and taking an active part in important affairs.

On May 2, 1843, 62 years and 137 days ago, F. X. Matthieu, at Champoug, a center of a sparse settlement, was one of 52 men out of 100 there met who decided on a provisional government and adherence to the United States against Great Britain.

The story has been many times told, and need not be repeated here. The majority—only two—under Joe Meek's rude but effective leadership, laid then and there the foundation, the corner-stone, for the commonwealth of Oregon. Of those 100 men only one remains; he has been the only remaining one for several years.

It is fitting and significant to notice and honor, as was done yesterday, this fine, sturdy old man, and all the more so because he was not a native of the United States. But he is an adopted son of the country and of the state; a state-builder and a country-builder.

The wilderness is disappearing; the savage beasts are scarce; the land teems with many kinds of fruits; instead of the panther's howl is heard the locomotive's shriek; wild nature has gradually surrendered to art and industry, and civilization has replaced savagery.

The exposition management has done nothing more appropriate than to set apart a few hours to the entertainment of this man and the commemoration of the event in which he is the sole surviving participant. May he live years yet in hearty enjoyment of the fruits of his labors, and pleasing memories of the earlier Oregon, and anticipations of even a "better country."

REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

THE Pittsburg Gazette advises tariff revision by the present congress, rather than to wait until the people shall elect men who will make a real and honest revision. With brutal bluntness the Gazette, a protectionist organ, says, in effect, that a pretense is made now at a revision of the tariff, if people can be fooled and robbed for 10 years yet by a "revised" tariff.

This is a notable expression of the policy of "revision of the tariff by its friends"—that is, by friends of the protected interests, every one of whom, and others, stand for special privileges to special men, corporations and interests, which policy costs the common people hundreds of millions a year.

The Gazette remarks "there is no doubt that the protective tariff is the basis of national prosperity." Speak for yourself. It never created a grain of wheat, a hop, a grape, a particle of sawdust, a drop of fruit-juice or a grain of gold—let alone coined dollars.

SMALL CHANGE

The sun wasn't lost. There are more expensive but few really better drinks than buttermilk. Half the time we can't remember the golden text.

BLESS THE DEAR BABIES.

SOMETHING like 1,000 babies are on exhibition at the exposition Auditorium building today, in a contest, and some of them, according to conditions duly announced, will receive prizes that they and their folks will be proud of all their lives.

JETTY WILL BE A SUCCESS.

IT IS encouraging and gratifying, even though we were sure of the fact before, to be assured by so high an engineering authority as General Alexander Mackenzie that the present plan of deepening the Columbia bar channel will give it a depth of 40 feet, it having been already deepened about four feet by the work so far done.

GETTING INTO THE NEW YORK'S BOOKS.

THE TESTIMONY of George W. Perkins that the New York Life Insurance company had contributed \$150,000 in the three last campaigns to the Republican presidential campaign funds, while long suspected, will be received from this authoritative source with every indication of profound interest.

WILL ROOT RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY?

Water Wellman in Success Magazine. Is Mr. Root to be the next president? It is possible—even probable. Despite his own belief that the presidency is not for him, the country may be wiser than he is. Nothing is more likely than that he may be made the Republican nominee.

A Woman Never Does.

From the Kansas City Journal. A loiterer on the street, whose wife was probably at home getting out a neighbor's washing to make money to buy the children shoes, asked a busy man the other day if he ever saw a baldheaded woman.

Royal Women Gamblers.

From the Chicago Journal. Marie Antoinette was a slave to cards. On one occasion she played for thirty-six hours at a sitting, with but an intermission of a couple of hours.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOMORROW

By H. D. Jenkins, D. D. September 17, 1906—Topic, "Daniel in Babylon." Golden text, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." Dan. 1:8.

Responsive reading—Psalm 114. Introduction. Daniel, like Ezekiel, was one of the hostages taken to Babylon from Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in the first captivity.

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Let's see: Is there a Williamson, Gen. et al. case? Perhaps, but we got tired and forgot it.

Edward Bok says men should marry before they are 35. But every boy can't marry a millionaires.

And still no federal judge. But there is no hurry.

Makes it 3,000,000, or as near that as possible.

Will the Willamette Valley Development league accomplish anything? It should.

Good day to go to the fair.

About the bumper crop in the United States. The Pacific northwest helps some.

But can a man who holds farmers' institutes nearly all the time be beaten?

Albany Democrat: The tone of the Republican press of Oregon generally indicates that there is a big split in the party.

Really we refuse to worry if the north pole is not found.

Bob Smith of Grants Pass is to be credited with getting out of the newspaper business, but will he promise to keep out of politics?

A preacher who quit his profession to engage in the practice of law made this explanation: "The average man will pay more to be kept out of jail for one day than to be kept out of jail for all eternity."

Don't abuse the weather man; you probably wouldn't do half as well.

Great is the airship man; he looks down on the best and biggest of us.

Well, if it must be so, perhaps the state can get along without Colonel Hofer in office, though few people could fill an office in a more lively and interesting manner.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Brick plant in Estacada soon.

"The rain was the finest thing that has happened," remarks the Estacada News.

Chinese pheasants scarce around Tallman. (Afraid of the tall man?)

Tallman Correspondence Albany Democrat: The little shower Monday evening has cheered us up considerably as well as the late potatoes which had about lost all hopes of rain.

Southern Oregon is getting a bad reputation for murders.

Mrs. Sadie Cary has entirely recovered from the serious injury she received some time ago by falling from a large hayrack onto the barn floor. It was very fortunate she did not fall on the large butcher-knife she was carrying in her hand, says the Estacada News.

Wax beans also in Irrigon.

Bass are about as good as there is in the fish line for eating.—Albany Democrat. Who brought 'em in?

Miners liked the rain.

Just as soon as enough men can be secured for the extra shift the Booth-Kelly company's big sawmill at Springfield will begin operating at night, thus doubling its present output.

Wayne Correspondence Tygh Valley Bee: After an exciting chase one day this week Myrtle Brittain finally succeeded in killing a bear. His dog caught it and he killed it with clubs.

Water system of Independence is estimated to cost \$24,000.

Chickens are not safe around some hopyards.

Fun and frolic run riot day and night in the hopyards, says the Independence Enterprise.

Estacada people are figuring on water-works and sewerage. The News says: "The sewer will cost \$15,000 and the railroad company asks \$7,500 for the water system, and it will take \$2,500 more for extensions and changes. This means a bonded indebtedness of \$15,000, besides \$4,000 needed for the school district. Perhaps Estacada can afford it."

Albany Democrat: Just as soon as the Southern Pacific trains reach Oregon the observation cars are taken off. The company seems to be afraid people will see the country up here, concentrating its efforts on California. Oregon just now, though, is furnishing it an enormous business.

North Yamhill Record: We would like to know why it is that when there is a violation of the game laws in this justice district that the accused is taken to McMinnville district to be tried. Are we to take it for granted that our constable and justice are incompetent, or is it a species of graft that is becoming almost an epidemic in this country? Just why an accused person should be taken 15 miles to plead when already within four miles of a similar court, adding cost of livery hire and drivers, is open to suspicion.

A YOUNG WOMAN WITH LOFTY IDEAS

By Rev. Thomas H. Gregory. The following communication, recently received at this office, I here print in full, reserving the right to make upon the same some frank criticism:

"Dear Sir: I have before me your article entitled 'The Higher Education for Women.'"

"In the main I agree with you, but there are a few corrections which I think you have given no thought to. 'Household cares and household work are all very well for the woman who has servants at her command or for the woman who has but one or two children to take care of; but what of those women whose husbands are barely able to feed the five, six, seven, even more mouths?'"

"Don't you think it is a positive drudgery to them? They wash dishes 1,000 times a year. Is it a wonder that they sigh for something higher than that?"

"I don't believe in a woman, wasting her years away washing clothes, washing dishes and scrubbing floors."

"I am only a young girl of 18, and I assure you I would much prefer looking through a microscope, watching eclipses, to washing dishes. E. B. R."

I was brought up to be very respectful to the ladies, both young and old, and I greatly deplore the fact that I shall be obliged to speak to this young woman quite plainly.

And, in the first place, my dear young woman, you are mistaken in thinking that the "dishes," the "clothes" and the "floors" were not aware of the fact that among the collateral of the home were dishes, clothes and floors, and that they all needed, from time to time, to be washed.

I know perfectly well that about the home life there is a vast amount of what some people call "drudgery," together with a whole lot of responsibility and the bitterest of other things.

I am not going to be fool enough to say that drudgery and self-sacrifice are within themselves a thing to be desired, but I am going to say that we, as men and women, are all too ready to accept cheerfully and gratefully.

In other words, it is not "drudgery" but love for those we love. In that which duty bids us do, there is no thought of the mental, the cheap or the belittling.

The mother about whose knees are gathered the children that she loves; the wife who is fortunate enough to have the husband upon whom she can unreservedly bestow her affection and esteem, may, by the logic of circumstances, be forced to wash dishes and scrub floors and do lots of other things that she would rather not do, but she does not complain.

Like the noble woman that she is, she makes the best of the situation, the meanings keeping her face cheerful, and her heart sweet.

And let me say to you, my dear young woman, that one such loving, patient, faithful wife and mother is worth a million of your new-fangled women, whose only aim is to get, palaver and run up dress-makers.

I blame no woman for hiring somebody else to wash dishes and scrub floors for her, if she is able to, but I must be allowed to say that for the woman who deliberately criticizes her womanhood rather than take the risk of being obliged to do a little work I have not a particle of admiration or respect.

The man who loves his wife will, as a matter of course, try to make her burden as light as possible. Because he loves her he will relieve her of as much drudgery as he can; but the true man, the man who is a gentleman, will not carelessly throw her burden down and run away from her home. He will bear her load as well and as cheerfully as she can.

As to the truth and its not when I said that such women are the "salt of the earth," the cement of society, the conservators and saviors of humanity.

Meaning of the Armistice. From the New York World.

The peace envoys at Portsmouth have reversed the common rule by postponing the signing of an armistice until after the terms of peace have been agreed upon.

It is estimated that the Japanese have close to 1,000,000 men in the field, and the Russians between 600,000 and 800,000. A year before the close of our civil war the federal forces numbered 975,000 and the Confederates somewhat less than 600,000. In the war with Spain the United States raised 575,000 men. It took three months to muster out most of the volunteers and a further three months in the Philippines had to wait until they could be replaced with regulars.

To transport the bulk of Oyama's army home Japan can move 400 miles south by sea to the coast and then ferry it across the Yellow sea. Russia's tank is less easy, though her army is smaller. Roughly speaking, it is 6,000 miles by railroad from Harbin to Moscow, twice as far as from New York to San Francisco.

General Treppoff says that Russia may bring part of her army home by water, a plain confession of the inadequacy of the Trans-Siberian railroad.

In any circumstances the evacuation of Manchuria will be slow. Russia reserves the right to maintain railroad guards along so much of the line as she keeps. But Japan, with her renewed claims on Manchuria and her strengthened friendship with China, will see that the tactics of 1903 are not repeated. There will be this time no Russian army left in Manchuria under the guise of railroad guards.

China's strategic advantage over Russia lies in the fact that she can turn her soldiers back promptly to productive occupations. It does not follow that a large proportion of Linchitch's army will be released from military service on reaching Russia. Before the war Japan's peace strength was less than one sixth of Russia's—140,000 men, as against more than 1,000,000. This fixed burden of maintaining a fearful draught on Russia's resources and manhood. It is a burden which Japan will have no occasion to assume.

Modest Old Chicago. From the Boston Globe.

No one is surprised to see a new theory of the creation of the solar system advanced by a Chicago astronomy professor. The only remarkable thing is that he didn't claim that he had a hand in it himself.

A Surprise. From the New York Mail.

Mr. E. H. Harrison's life has been three times as long as that of any other man we did not know that there were so many Equitable policy-holders there.