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THE OPEN DRAWBRIDGES.

THE QUESTION of keeping open the drawbridges unnecessarily is again being agitated. As a result of the previous agitation nothing was permanently accomplished. For a time some attention was paid to the rules laid down with the consent of the county court, but matters have again dropped back into their old ways.

TACOMA AND ITS PEOPLE.

THIS IS TACOMA WEEK at the fair, and Tacomans are much in evidence there, and certainly no visitors have been more welcome or better deserved good treatment and entertainment.

THE DIVORCE EVIL A REAL ONE.

MUCH COMMENT has been made upon the granting of the other day by one of our circuit judges of 30 or more divorces in a single half day's session of the court, and while about the same thing is going on in all our large cities, and proportionally in smaller ones, such an incident may well be made the text for renewed and sharper criticism of the divorce evil and the laxity in which the marital contract is held.

Bits of Kansas Philosophy.

I have noticed that the girl who uses pie for bait is a great deal more apt to get a bite than one who uses salad.

The Trouble With Portland.

From the Beaufort Southern Oregonian. The business men of Portland are greatly concerned about obtaining some of Klamath county's business and are considering the advisability of establishing a freight route between Ashland and Klamath Falls. That's the trouble with Portland, she has herefore waited for things to come to her and depends too much on Harriman.

A Powerful Incentive to Peace.

From the Philadelphia Record. The most powerful incentive to peace, after all, has been the want of money on both sides.

SMALL CHANGE.

The ignorant are said to be inveterate cigarette smokers. Can't we hire them to divide with the dogs? Football weather at hand. When Maggie Fox of Minneapolis found her lost bus containing \$500 she was that much ahead and that much behind. Chicago Journal. We bet not. She put it elsewhere next time.

IT IS FOR PHILADELPHIA TO SAY.

THE FIGHT, the preliminaries of which are now being arranged, between the reform and machine forces in Philadelphia will attract widespread attention. In no other city has the machine been so firmly entrenched; in no city has it been so indifferent to public sentiment and so frankly corrupt. In Philadelphia none of the politicians pretended to care what the public thought about anything; they cared nothing for what the newspapers said. They had the city by the throat, they stole what they wanted and so great was their power it never occurred to them that possibly the time would come when the reins would be wrested from them.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION TO THE FAIR.

WITH four more weeks of the fair, the most delightful season of our year still ahead of us, we are reminded to emphasize the advice we have lately been offering with great persistency, and that is for the people of Portland to take the opportunity which will soon vanish to visit the fair and there absorb all that it has to offer. It will be many years before another such chance is presented to them, very many before they will again be able to see such an exposition so close to home.

Girl Marriages in India.

From the Chicago News. More than 250,000 girls in India, 5 years of age or less, were already married when the last census was taken, and of these necessarily many have become widows. Between 5 and 10 years the number of married girls was well over 2,900,000; between 10 and 15 years it had risen to nearly 3,000,000.

Something as Good.

From the Detroit Free Press. A lady who is a lover of books entered a bookstore in Detroit. "Have you the last Literary Digest?" she asked. The clerk was a young woman, and evidently a novice at bookkeeping. "I'm sorry," she said, and promptly returned to say the magazine wanted was not in stock.

A Really Radical Change.

From the New York Times. Secretary Wilson is considering a plan for making radical changes in the method of publishing crop reports. The best radical change is abolition.

VICTIM OF THE PSYCHIC.

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory. In the story of Clarence Ladd Davis, poet, lawyer, politician and orator, who is said to have attempted suicide in Brooklyn recently, there is a moral that we would all do well to pay attention to. Not many years ago Clarence Ladd Davis was a man of great promise. He was far beyond the general run of mankind, an eloquent speaker, preeminently successful as a practitioner at the bar and in public life. Davis would seem to have been on the way to sure and certain fame and success.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

- Pendleton schools open today, fine new buildings all ready. Malheur county is going to advertise itself more, regardless of government irrigation. Prune drying the order of the day in Yoncalla. Amity Correspondence: McMinnville News-Reporter: Our F. M. has been missing for a few days and some are afraid he has been held up on the Trail at the exposition. Coos Bay News: Miners and company men are wanted at the Beaver Hill mine. Manager Chandler says he has work for 100 more men. Showers everywhere welcomed. Oakland Owl doing a better business than ever—deserves to. Newberg Enterprise: Reports from different fruit growers indicate that prunes are going to grade very high this year. Probably the difference in the grade will in a measure make up for the shortage in the crop. Hundreds of bushels of vegetables "that beat the world" in one garden near Bend. Onions from one to three pounds all around Bend. Landsekers plentiful around Grossman, Wallawa county. The long-talked-of sawmill in the northern edge of Crook county promises to become a certainty in the near future. The cost is about \$35,000. Rattlesnakes numerous in Antelope. Seven teachers in the Ontario public school. District fair at Roseburg will be a success, of course. In the Bend school district are 250 school children enrolled, as against 250 a year ago. "Grands" Carper appears to be getting young again. He says he hopes he will not have to live alone this winter. Promise correspondence Wallawa Democrat. If he could cut the "r" out of the middle of his name he might be all right. No more forest fires. Longest dry spell experienced over. Big vegetables in Lincoln county. Sherman county potatoes ripen late. The greatest sport in the world is trolling for salmon. J. C. Toel and Freddie Store caught four Chinook and 20 Silveride salmon on a single line in the lower bay Monday.—Coquille Record. And, my, we are 700 miles away. New brick building in Madras soon. A Crook county man who has lived there for 34 years says he never saw so dry a summer.

THE PLAY.

The first of the musical comedies is here and will remain at the Marquam for one week. It is an old friend—"The Chaperons"—and was warmly greeted last night by a houseful of people. There isn't so very much to say about "The Chaperons," because most people know it. And knowing it they expect to hear a rattling good line of comedy and some whistling songs, and singing in brilliant costumes. Which is exactly what patrons of the Marquam found last night. A musical comedy with a plot would fall of course, and as a play has been anything but failure, it is pitiable. It is merely an excuse for clever songs and sayings and while the company may not equal the standard set by the original "The Chaperons" at the theatre to tell its friends just what happened—and how; who was good and who was not.

RACE WHITNEY.

"Captain Jinks" at the Melrose. "Every once in a while the church and stage come plunk together, and do you know, I think it does them both good. Says Madame Tretton, she tries to overcome the prejudice of Madame Jinks, mother of the man she loves; and that is the only serious line in the play of the week, "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," at the Melrose. The Little Girl Who Couldn't Say "No" and "Talk Talk Talk." The most satisfying work in the organization is that of Doris Goodwin, an engaging little soprano who held up the show admirably. There is plenty of rich comedy in "The Chaperons" and if you are of a musical turn of mind you will enjoy it down to the ground.

LEWIS AND CLARK.

Near the Columbia river. September 18, 1805. Captain Clark proceeded to the creek, along which the road was more steep and stony than any he had yet passed. At six miles distance he reached a small plain, in which he fortunately found a horse, on which he broke camp, and after resting on a tree for the party in the rear. Two miles beyond this he left the creek and crossed three high mountain ranges, rendered almost impassable from the heavy snows of the winter, and the quantity of fallen timber. After climbing over these ridges and mountains, and passing the heads of some branches of Hungry creek, he came to a large rocky mountain. This he followed for four miles, then turned to the right down the mountain till he came to a small creek to the left. Here he halted, having made 31 miles on his course, and found the water of the mountainous route over the mountains almost doubled the distance. On descending the last mountain, the heat became much more sensible after the extreme cold he had experienced for several days past. Besides the great draft in the morning, two pheasants were their only food during the day, and the only kind of birds they saw were the blue jay, a small white-headed hawk, a larger hawk, crow, and raven.

Arbuckle's Practical Philanthropy.

The practical philanthropy of John Arbuckle, the head of the American Sugar Refining company, is shown in the offer which he makes in the World of an opportunity for a fortnight's outing at comparatively no expense for working men and women. The Arbuckle estate, at New Paltz, N. Y., has been set aside for recreation and amusement, in the place selected, and for the two weeks stay there, including railroad and boat fare from New York and return, Arbuckle sets the cost at \$1.15 for women wage-earners and \$1.25 for men. This includes a free use of the golf course, clubs and balls; tennis court, net and racket; free boats and fishing in the Walkill river, and meals and rooms. Desirous to extend the work of providing for old men and women, and even younger persons incapacitated from hard labor, Mr. Arbuckle offers a prize of \$100 for the best idea on how to provide employment for this class on the Mary and John Arbuckle farm. Buildings are being erected on the farm in which such persons can live and work under the best conditions. At most everything will be produced on the farm, so that those living there can pay all expenses on half what it would cost them to live in the city and feel independent and self-supporting.

Some of New York's Features.

Victor Smith in New York Press. We have 5,000 cubs in use. There are 75 cemeteries, 400 care of our dead, and to provide our souls for salvation there are 1,010 churches. We have 175 pawnbrokers and 47 courts. Of social and political clubs there are 400. About 350,000 persons in the Brooklyn bridge daily. Our floating population is about 175,000. The subway carries 350,000 unhappy passengers a day, and the elevated manages to crawl along with about 1,000,000. We have over 10,000 street railway employees.