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A RECORD OF WHICH TO BE PROUD.

IT IS interesting and instructive, particularly at a time when other Portland newspapers are industriously concealing their circulation, to print a concise statement covering a period of two years showing month by month precisely the number of copies which The Journal circulated. It indicates clearly the remarkable way in which this newspaper has grown into the confidence and esteem of the reading public.

The average record, month by month, for 1904, is as follows: January, 11,907; February, 13,749; March, 14,522; April, 14,822; May, 15,184; June, 15,354; July, 15,801; August, 15,550; September, 15,595; October, 16,216; November, 16,816; December, 17,398.

THE GREENE-GAYNOR CASE.

AT LAST, after six years of enjoyment of their stolen money in Canada, and after a celebrated contest between the American and the Canadian authorities, Gaynor and Greene are likely to be tried in a Georgia federal court.

It is not yet certain that Greene and Gaynor can be convicted, or even tried, for their attorneys are of course resorting to every imaginable legal technicality to prevent a trial.

PARTISANSHIP MADE IT POSSIBLE.

THE GREATEST CURSE of this country has been its partisan politics. Through it the people have been robbed of untold millions.

Thus buttressed the trusts and combinations have waxed fat and arrogant. With the tariff wall to keep out competition they combined to rob the people of their own country.

THE BATTLE WITH STANDARD OIL.

THE BATTLE ROYAL that has begun against the Standard Oil company is based on the proposition that it is an unlawful monopoly in restraint of trade.

olies and unlawful practices a few Standard Oil magnates have absorbed and amassed hundreds of millions, the head of the concern, J. D. Rockefeller being popularly credited with being worth over a billion dollars and having an income of some \$40,000,000 a year.

STABILITY OF FRENCH REPUBLIC.

IF PRESIDENT LOUBET lives to hand over his office on February 18 to his successor, who will be chosen a month prior to that date by the senate and chamber of deputies, he will have made a new record in the history of the French republic.

DECLINE IN HOUSE RENTS.

THE REPORT in yesterday's Journal regarding the decrease in house rent on the east side of the river is a good rather than a bad sign.

SENATOR DEPEW'S CONFESSION.

SENATOR DEPEW, before starting for Washington, said: "Why should I resign? I intend now to do my real work in the senate.

More houses are needed in Bandon.

The State Development league has taken on new life and vigor. There is more interest being manifested in it than ever before.

SMALL CHANGES.

Only 25 days more to keep those regulations. Some symptoms of future mudthrowing already apparent.

The plaintiff and defendant in a divorce suit are usually very wide apart in their estimate of the amount of the defendant's property and income.

Try not to have to have to be sorry for yourselves. All railroads are paper railroads at first.

Some people would not be contained where it would be best for them. Seems as if it was about time to hear something of Pat Cross again.

The Russian douma will have plenty of trouble. J. J. Hill is one rich man to whom reasonable people don't begrudge his wealth.

Is Standard Oil bigger than Uncle Sam? But we fear the oyster war will not make oysters cheaper or more numerous in the dish.

That Santo Domingo revolution seems to have dimmed into the water-wagon. Senator Depew, 73 years old, says he is going to resign his directorship in 73 corporations and just begin his real work in the senate, for seven years.

There are 20,000 more men than women in Iowa, which is why the "Iowa idea" don't succeed.

Few consumers are much interested directly in the tobacco war. The water-wagon becomes less crowded daily.

Mr. Kellifer doubts that what was properly coming to him, but some others have not. There are always enough cars when they are not needed.

If Lawson is put on the witness-stand, will anybody else ever get a chance to tell what he knows, or doesn't know? One of an east side preacher's themes is "What and Where is Hell?"

Most girls are anxious to make names for themselves by marrying. It has been a long 10 days for some.

Yes, commercial organizations must keep busy. The valuable ability to smile, like others, can be cultivated.

Russia during the war sent 1,200,000 officers and soldiers into Manchuria, but a far less number will return.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

Lots of ice in North Powder. The "Powder" considers the "North." A Gilliam county wheat ranch of 1,700 acres sold for \$15 an acre.

Settlement and cultivation of the entire tract of over 200,000 acres of vacant land in the Christmas Lake valley is looked for this year. A determined effort to annihilate those politicians who serve themselves at the expense of their country, to punish those comparatively few men in the high walks of life who betray trusts, how many hundreds and thousands are there who are faithful to every trust?

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, pastor of the Temple Emanuel, said: "On the whole I do not agree with the pessimism of either Dr. Hirsch or President Schurman on the general ambition of the people to become wealthy for their own sake."

Several rich Athens farmers wintering in southern California sent generous supplies of naval oranges to neighbors and friends.

Buena Vista building up fast, says an Oregon City Courier correspondent. A Toledo man has over 1,000,000 feet of logs in his boom, for a starter.

The Solo News publishes an interesting and quite elaborate statement of the resources of the "Porks of the Sea" region, of which Solo is the prosperous metropolis.

Twenty-four men and 40 dogs recently hunted all day on Long Tom for a bear, but not even his tracks were secured.

Seattle's new mayor is Mr. Frostid. If he had a "T" in his name he might keep the lid frozen down more effectively.

Last summer a number of North Yamhill young people went huckleberry picking and it was understood among them that the first one of them to be married was to give a dinner of the berries picked and put up that day.

Sawmills of Coos county are doing an immense business. One's output last year amounted to \$25,000.

Marshfield's city tax is only \$ milia. Out of 85 voters registered in Coos county January 5, 60 were Socialists, one a Prohibitionist and one a Republican.

Forty water tanks go to the spring at Frey's Butte for water, representing 40 families. Two years ago one could have counted the families in that vicinity on the fingers of one hand.

More houses are needed in Bandon. New Tillamook expects two railroads instead of none.

The new town of Astoria, terminus of the Sumpter Valley railway, is making exceptionally fine progress. Gold Hill will have 30 more street lights.

Bandon expects to have 1,000 inhabitants by the end of the year. A Wheeler county man found a meteor weighing 15 pounds in his onion patch, the second one discovered in that vicinity recently.

DERIDES SAGE AND MRS. GREEN.

From the New York American. "Russell Sage and Hatty Green are victims of a mania, a form that comes from money-getting. They have so centered their minds on a single thought that they have lost their mental equilibrium."

Dr. Parkhurst's comment was included in an observation to a reporter for the American, upon the removal of the statue of the Rev. Dr. Charles K. Parkhurst yesterday.

The latest announcement of modern philosophy is: "You may do what you want to, but don't get caught at it."

The reported statement of President Schurman were even more radical. He said, among other things: "It is a generation which has no fear of God before its eyes; it fears no hell; it fears nothing but the criminal court, the penitentiary and the scaffold."

Dr. Parkhurst then made his observations on the form of mania which, he said, possessed Russell Sage and Hatty Green. He continued: "The energies of their minds become so monopolized by the pursuit of gain and hoarding it that they have no surplus energy to exercise in other directions."

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PRINCIPLES AND PARTY NAMES.

H. R. Kincaid in the Eugene Journal. "Recently the editor of this paper received a letter from a person trying to recover the title of the direct primary law. This friend, as well as the writer of this editorial, supported Bryan for president against McKinley."

"The energies of their minds become so monopolized by the pursuit of gain and hoarding it that they have no surplus energy to exercise in other directions. Formerly there were not so many men who stood merely as money-makers, but there are thousands of them now."

"As to President Schurman's assertion that men fear no hell, it is undoubtedly true there is not the consideration of future punishment there once was. There are two pertinent facts bearing on this point: First, the pulpit is wickedly or cowardly negligent in presenting that aspect of scriptural truth. As a man saith, so shall he be."

"Secondly, there has grown up that disregard for positive authority, whether human or divine, that has lessened men's fear of scriptural and human laws; that is, the authority of a man recognizes the authority of law the more fear he will have in transgressing."

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MOSCOW AS IT IS TODAY.

London Correspondence Philadelphia Press. With Moscow now the center of interest in Russia, the following description of the ancient capital, written by a tourist who has recently returned from the country, is of great interest.

Moscow stands on the edge of the most magnificent and lovely portion of the vast central plain of Europe that stretches from Holland to the Ural. In the 11 miles of railway from Warsaw there is not a single tunnel and scarcely a low cutting.

The entrance to the city from the straggling western suburbs is not impressive by any means. The main thoroughfare, the wide, straight, tree-lined boulevard of the city, is not really only a vast Tartar village grown into an irregular metropolis of Slav and Asiatic, rich and poor, palace and peasant, of bewildering variety of every form of architecture, the whole with a diameter of over nine miles, a circumference of nearly 30, and a population of more than 1,500,000, of whom more than 100,000 have to be lodged underground.

Full as is Moscow of sharp contrasts, both in color and in form, of a strange mixture of east and west, of a grotesque check by jowl with shambling hovels, of fantastic palaces and weirdly grotesque churches, she reminds you of some universal exposition to which every city of the world has sent its own characteristic building. This does not mean that Moscow is "eclectic." Far from it; for she is the very center and center of ancient Russia; but it shows how the city has grown to the making of her, and how versatile and adaptable have been her artists in borrowing from Greece, Italy and Byzantium, from Mongol, Goth and Slav.

So multitudinous have been these borrowings that nature has had less to say of Moscow than of any other town. The perpetually varying results of these borrowings are everywhere, and above it all, the deep, dark, sound through all, as the Kremlin bells sound through the city, is the strongest, ineradicable feeling of religion.

Of the first Moscow that Yuri Dolgorouki founded on the hill that was to bear the Kremlin, nothing is left save the churches "in the wood, which recall the churches of the fourteenth century of 1154. A Tartar invasion wiped it out, and again they destroyed the Cathedral of the Archangel which Michael of Novgorod built on Kremlin hill. By Ivan II, however, the city was again famous slopes were first surrounded with a wall of oak, and when Dimitri Donkoi died in 1389 Moscow was the largest and most thriving of the states in the north-east of Europe. A stone replaced oak in the great Kremlin walls.

It was by Ivan III, who succeeded in 1462, that the great two-headed eagle was taken as the emblem of his country, and its early form may still be seen on the wall of Granovitskaya palace, in the Kremlin. The St. George and the Dragon—which was the device of her founder, Fortunate—became the arms of Ivan the Terrible came to power in his eighth year, in 1548, and 10 years afterward he took the name of czar. It was an ill-omened association for the beginning of a Russian title, for never, since Caracalla, had lived a man who deserved so thoroughly the title of "the scourge of the world." By him was formed the bodyguard of the czar, the "oprichniki," the picked bravos who carried bludgeons carved with a dog's head, and did their master's will, and their own, throughout the city.

The inhuman cruelty, the more than barbaric tortures, the fiendish delight in pain, which characterized his reign, the Terrible need not be here detailed.

In the Vasil-Blazhenni, St. Basil the Martyr, the amazing church in the Grand place, or Red square, the visitor to modern Moscow may see his most appropriate monument, a mixture of Gothic, Moorish, Indian, Byzantine and "Oriental" styles, the loss of a beauty its reckless effort to be original. Each of the roofs of its nine chapels are different.

The towers and cupolas are in bewildering disorder, some cut with large facets, others bristling like a hedgehog's back, a third like a pineapple, a fourth copied from a melon, a fifth in spiral folds, a sixth in hollowed channels, a seventh like a Gothic spire entirely unlike the rest.

At Fort Clatsop. January 10.—We proceeded across Clatsop river to the place where we had left our canoe. The tide was coming in, immediately embarked for the fort, at which place we arrived about 10 o'clock at night.

During their absence the men had been occupied in hunting and dressing skins, but in this they were not very successful, as the deer have become scarce and are, indeed, seen chiefly near the prairies and open grounds along the river.

This morning, however, there came to the fort 13 Indians. They are of the Cathlamet nation, our nearest neighbors above, on the south side of the river. The 13 of them, whose name was Shikawaka, having been absent on a hunting excursion as we passed his village had never yet seen us; we therefore showed him the honors of our country as well as our reduced finances. He said he had a fishing net, a present of Indian tobacco and a basket of wapatoe in return, for which we gave him a small piece of our tobacco and three lbs. of trading goods. They had brought dried salmon, wapatoe, dogs and mats made of rushes and flags, but we bought only some dogs and wapatoe. These Cathlamet men speak the language of the Chinooks and Clatsops, whom they resemble in dress and manners.

Imitation Is the Sincerest Flattery. From December (Holiday Number) Paradise of the Pacific, Published as Usual.

And now a southern California newspaper, imitating The Portland Journal's satirical content, with a view of sending four mads of San Bernardino to Honolulu this winter.

Could Spare Him. From the Washington Post.

There are some senators who would be unblissful in voting to pay the expense of the president's trip if he should decide to take a long one right now.

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