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The will of the present is the key to the future, and moral character is eternal destiny.—Horatio Stebbins.

CHAMBERLAIN AND THE SCHOOLS.

THERE WAS much virtue in the appeal of Governor Chamberlain before the State Teachers' association at Salem for strengthening the common schools of the state.

It is safer to have all the future citizens well educated than a few highly educated and the balance unlettered. The best results will be when every child in the commonwealth will have time and opportunity for a complete and wholesome course in the common schools.

AN OBJECT LESSON FOR FARMERS.

THE FINDINGS in an experiment at Corvallis command attention. The experiment occurred on the Agricultural college farm, and is illuminative of the monumental folly of Oregon appearing as an importer of hog products.

The experiment was under the direction of Dr. Withycombe, and its purpose was to ascertain the value of alfalfa in the production of pork.

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hog industry in the Willamette valley is as good as a gold mine, and it proves beyond the possibility of even question that the importation by Oregon of pork products from high-priced eastern farms and high-priced eastern markets is sheerest waste of our substance.

COAL PLENTY; NO FUEL.

THE Heppner Gazette says that the fuel problem there is already a serious one, that many people are now out of both wood and coal, that the prospect of getting fuel for next winter is discouraging, that coal dealers give consumers no encouragement.

What a commentary this situation is on economical and industrial conditions in this country. There lie immense quantities of commercial coal within 20 miles of Heppner, and not only that small town, but many towns, even Portland, need it.

SCHMITZ FOR MAYOR AGAIN.

EUGENE SCHMITZ announces to the public that he expects to be elected mayor again next fall. There is an "it," however. He will endeavor to become mayor, and is confident he will succeed, if the supreme court shall reverse his conviction in Judge Dunne's court, as he expects.

Mr. Schmitz very positively asserts that he is not guilty of anything, that he is a victim of political persecution, and that all the evidence against him has been trumped up by Heney, Burns and Langdon at the instigation and in the interest of Rudolph Spreckels and James D. Phelan; and Schmitz seems to think the public will or ought to believe him.

We can readily believe that Spreckels and Phelan were actuated in part by selfish motives, though this is not certain, but the evidence against the mayor is too overwhelming. To be sure, it is the evidence of grafters and bootlickers or of their victims, most of them people whose unsupported individual word would not go far, but it is incredible that all of them are lying against themselves as well as against Schmitz, and equally incredible that all that boodle was being disbursed without the mayor knowing it and getting a share.

But it does not follow that Schmitz, in the case of his "it" working right, cannot be reelected mayor. We cannot think this probable, but it may be possible—in San Francisco.

THE COURT WANTS TO KNOW.

THE REPEATED and continued though finally unsuccessful attempts of John D. Rockefeller to avoid service of a subpoena and giving testimony have been taken generally as confession that if he testified he would have to give evidence injurious to the defendant—the Standard Oil company—though he has said heretofore that he has had nothing to do with Standard Oil business for years and knows little or nothing about its affairs.

Oil is not only guiltless of any crime, but is a semi-philanthropic corporation, why do these men dislike so exceedingly to discuss its affairs as witnesses?

The Standard Oil, notwithstanding their denials of its wrongdoing, has been convicted of accepting or compelling unlawful rebates in more than 1,400 instances, after due trial and an able defense, and is liable to maximum fines amounting to nearly \$30,000,000.

Reclaimed land in the vicinity of Stockton, California, says the San Francisco Chronicle, will, owing to the heavy yield of tubers and the high price they command, return at least \$300 an acre to the owner. One tract of 2,400 acres, it is asserted, will bring about \$720,000. Potatoes are not as pretty as oranges, but as a dead sure thing crop they beat the latter all hollow.

The Portland excursionists are scheduled to spend only two hours at Hoquiam and five or six hours at Aberdeen, and not to go to the nearby town of Cosmopolis at all. This may be the best they can afford, but it ought to be considered beforehand that those towns are important places, and should be brought into closer commercial relationship to Portland, which is practically as near to them as Seattle or Tacoma is.

The foreign trade of Canada, observes a writer in the current Harper's Weekly, has grown during the last 10 years from \$229,000,000 to \$552,000,000, and is now two and a half times per head that of the great American republic. The expansion of her home market is attested by the statistics of her economic prosperity. Last year her railroads carried 30,000,000 passengers and 102,000,000 tons of freight and earned \$106,000,000. The paid-up capital of the banks in the United States is \$787,000,000, and the sum of their assets is \$787,000,000. In 1905 the revenue of the Dominion was \$71,000,000 for 6,000,000 people, as against \$29,000,000 for the United States with 85,000,000 people.

A good vacation trip for some Portland people—saying nothing about the heat—would be to go up into the wheat belt and see where the bread comes from and how the 60,000,000 bushels of Pacific northwest wheat are harvested.

A young man in New York celebrated by shooting off a revolver, and killed a young woman standing in a window. A similar "accident" nearly happened here. The deadly and worse-than useless revolver is the cause of countless tragedies.

Rumors increase that Harriman is going to get busy building in southwestern Oregon. We'd like a chance to hurrah for Harriman once.

A bolt of lightning passed through a Palouse farmer, and he was only stunned. He must be a tough citizen, though not in an undesirable sense.

There can be no great amount of fun without some accompanying or consequent misery, as every Fourth of July celebration proves.

Our Biggest and Best. From the Boston Globe. According to recent measurements taken in France, England and the United States, the English woman is the tallest, the American woman weighs the most, the average being 117 pounds, and the French woman is the smallest.

The Question of a Proper Introduction

By Beatrice Fairfax. Dear Miss Fairfax—I have read with great interest your little bit with C. B. A. on the subject of introductions.

By Arthur Brisbane. Many men were busy in the club. Mr. Daniel Cahalan was giving a patriotic Irish dinner in honor of Mr. O'Donnell.

By John Anderson Jayne. An open letter to a young man: My Dear Boy: Your friend has watched your progress with a great amount of interest since you confided in him your determination to become a successful business man.

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This Date in History. 1755—British embarked on expedition against Ticonderoga and Crown Point. 1777—Americans abandoned Fort Mifflin. 1779—New Haven captured by American force under Governor Tryon of New York.

Taft and the Poets. A certain newspaper having observed that the name of Taft presents serious obstacles to the political rhymester, a poet on the contrary staff of Harper's Weekly rises to remark: "The rhymester read this note and laughed."

St. Paul's Bargain. From the Philadelphia Ledger. The cheerful clerical with which the St. Paul paid a \$20,000 note for rebating indicates that it considered it had a bargain.

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A BOTTLE THAT IMITATES COSMIC CARPENTRY

With the way our earth is constructed, it has everything to do with it. This earth and the water on it, and air around it, are supplied with a certain amount of heat. The inside of the earth is supposed to be very hot, perhaps boiling hot.

This Thermos bottle will keep liquids cold all day, or it will keep things boiling hot for hours, as you prefer. The Thermos bottle is made of a certain temperature, high or low, remains at that temperature, no matter what the weather may be.

The statements seem extraordinary; but, according to Mr. Murphy's explanation, they are entirely simple. There is no heat in the Thermos bottle. The bottle is constructed in such a way as to prevent heat from coming out or going in.

First Thing on Payday. Letters from the People. Antelope Shed Their Horns. Portland, July 8.—To the Editor of the Journal—I see by the Journal of June 28 that Cephas F. Clapp of Forest Grove wants to find out if the antelope shed their horns.

Senator Gearin Made "A Pretty Fair Talk." From the Eugene Guard. A member of the state university graduating class remarked in the Guard office yesterday that ex-Senator Gearin's address to the class was a "pretty fair talk."

Still Bucking. From the Rainier Review. Judge Cleland of the circuit court for Multnomah county has decided that the law creating the Port of Columbia is constitutional, but the people of Astoria (or at least those who claim to represent the people of that graft-ridden community) have decided to keep on fighting.

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Small Change

Now you can go to the coast. It was a glorious Fourth, all right. It's a long time between holidays, now.

There is more law than law in some courts. This is the day after, when it's different. Portland is a good place to spend a vacation in.

Judge Lowell is always an instructive and pleasing speaker. The Hague conference won't declare against war on the trusts.

Rainfall seems to be having a perpetual go-as-you-please race. Now begins the biggest wheat harvest on record east of the mountains.

A commencement orator advised "Use your head." To butt in, we suppose he meant. If he had been born earlier Orchard would have claimed that he stole Charles Ross.

Though it is summer, there hasn't been a (Chancellor) Day-break for several days. The July dividends by the big corporations will be \$31,549, but most of us were not in it.

There is one good thing about a mosquito; he frequently stays in one place long enough to be killed. Suppose the farmers' wives should strike for an eight-hour day—wouldn't there be warm times in the country?

Mosquitoes are reported to be numerous and active at Oyster Bay, but this story may be made up by nature fakery. Perhaps a lot of Oregon men who never voted for woman suffrage before will do so next year just to show those western suffragists that their advice was not needed.

Dr. Felix Adler, now in Portland, is credited with saying that you cannot serve your fellow man without touching him. But he did not mean "touching" in the trust or graft sense.

Oregon Sidelights. A commercial club may be organized at Jacksonville. A fuel famine is expected next winter up the valley.

One "Jag" of cherries sold at Milton brought \$125. Within three weeks 50 lots of a Medford addition were sold.

Best prune prospect in the history of the valley is the report. A good new hotel will probably be built soon in Prineville.

Three tons a day of cherries have been shipped from Milton. A new variety of valuable granite has been discovered near Central Point.

On one trip the steamer Della took 1,200 cases of cheese out of Cloverdale. The Linn county recorder's office did a larger business last month than ever before.

Cows in Tillamook have been bringing their owners over \$10 a month for several months past. Tillamook dairymen received over 12 cents more per pound for butter fat for May than for the corresponding month last year.

Prarie's infant industry will take its first milk Monday morning when the head case will transform it into cheese, says the Miner. A Canyonville well worth \$300 put its head under the water and pushed forward until it had choked to death. Looka, like a case of suicide.

Klamath Falls people have offered rewards aggregating \$300 for the arrest and conviction of a dog poisoner, eight dogs having fallen victims in one day. A Sherman county farmer's new well, pump, windmill, reservoir and all combined, cost \$1,700, which he thinks is cheap, as compared with hauling water.

A second artesian well has been struck near Fort Klamath, water being found at a depth of 130 feet, and flowing 8 feet above ground. It is clear and pure, and has a temperature of 40 degrees. Many strangers have been visiting Myrtle Point during the past week, looking for opportunities for investment or for engaging in business or establishing homes in this beautiful valley, says the Enterprise.

Pendleton Tribune: The O. R. & N. cannot supply enough local trains during the entire year to transport the wheat the people of Umatilla county want to get to market. It is clear that one local passenger to Portland "wouldn't pay." Why, they have paid enough more than they should for freight to Portland in 20 years to make up the deficiency on a local passenger train for a century. If, indeed, there should be any deficiency.