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The Republican party which blocks the way to that better block of order toward which La Follette has long striven and for the attainment of which he has given all within his power.

Nebraska corn and visitors in Southern California are reported to be suffering from the heat, but so far as Oregon is concerned "there ain't no such animal."

I WAS A FOOL

"I was a fool," said Mr. Edmondstone in his letter to the Portland school board. He added:

I have reason to believe Mr. Thomas to be a good machinist, but in the technical field, and as a builder, his knowledge is very limited, and his constant interference with the EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS OF MY DEPARTMENT WAS A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. A CONSTANT ANNOYANCE TO MYSELF AND MY EMPLOYEES AND BROKE DOWN THE MORALE OF THE FORCE.

The "Mr. Thomas" referred to is Director Thomas of the Portland school board. Mr. Edmondstone was until recently superintendent of properties of the school district. Some months ago charges were filed against the properties department and a committee was named by the board to investigate.

Few such spectacles occur. For such a farce to be enacted in the livery of the public schools is a travesty on the public school system.

THE CHIEF DESTRUCTIONIST?

Following his nomination for United States senator, Robert M. La Follette is stigmatized by the Oregonian as the "chief destructive radical" and the Republicans of Wisconsin are referred to, as a "peculiar population."

The latest figures on the Wisconsin Republican primaries give La Follette 335,523 and his opponent 132,879. This is a very heavy vote for La Follette, and by comparison, a very light vote for the rival candidate.

Such an appraisal as the Oregonian makes of La Follette is, of course, a matter of the paper's viewpoint. It is a view of things in Wisconsin which any American citizen or any American newspaper has a perfect right to hold.

Under the circumstances to say that La Follette is the "chief destructive radical" and that the population of Wisconsin is "peculiar" is a statement to which the larger body of Republicans will not agree.

als poured in their gifts. A benefit performance was planned. The clouds of shock and grief were pierced by the cordial rays of human sympathy.

Kindness resides in the majority of hearts. It is only the greedy few that at times misrepresent humanity.

BOOZE DESPERADOES

THAT if the sheriff of Polk county had been called into the case by Dr. Linville, state prohibition officer, the tragedy at New Grande Ronde would have been averted, is directly charged by the Dallas Itemizer in an article on this page.

In view of the statement of the ministers and the Itemizer, it is very certain that the state prohibition officer should have asked for the assistance and cooperation of Sheriff Orr. The bootlegger was an Indian. Most of the traits of the race still remain in spite of the white man's civilization.

There is another thing about it: Experience in these latter days has shown that there is no desperado more dangerous than the booze desperado. Almost every day, there are newspaper accounts of desperate resistance to dry agents, nearly always with attendant killings.

THE BUSINESS is no child's play, as gun fights and killings all over the country are abundantly proving.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

SINCE July 1 Seattle acknowledges the receipt of 824 cars of wheat, Tacoma of 1130 and Portland 3229, or 855 cars more than both the Puget sound ports combined.

Does the average Portland citizen understand what these figures mean? Does he remember the interstate commerce commission's decision of the Columbia basin rate case? Does he recall the 10 per cent rate differential granted by the federal body for the benefit of Portland, Vancouver and the zone south of Snake river, which among other commodities produces up to 15,000,000 bushels of wheat annually?

Does he reflect that it was the long contest initiated by this newspaper which resulted first in long deferred recognition of the Columbia water grade and second, as was predicted in a new Portland supremacy in wheat receipts, flour milling and wheat and flour exports?

But Portland's justly awarded advantage is not to be held uncontented. Seattle plans absorption of the differential in her wharfage charges. A preliminary move in this direction already has been made.

Thomas A. Edison says, "If I were to hazard a guess as to what young people should do to avoid temptation it would be to get a job and work at it so hard that temptation would not exist for them."

ments of what almost seem to be home folk. Reassured by accounts of personally wholesome living the whole circus atmosphere takes on a new attractiveness.

It is altogether the most forward step in show publicity since the days of Barnum. But one can't help surmising that the bright idea was born in reaction to the affairs at Hollywood.

CLOSE CHURCHES AND SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN

It would not be long until the People Would Reopen Them—It is the Only Organized Expression of Faith That Man is Somewhat Proud of.

From the Chicago Evening Post: Bernard Shaw recently expressed the opinion that it would be good thing to close up all the churches. This Shawian view, put barely, will occasion some thought, perhaps. Not a few people are talking about it, and they thought churches had outlived their usefulness and might as well be closed.

If all the churches were to be closed, he said, in substance, it would not be long until the people felt the need for them, and that they would demand their reopening. This is strong testimony to the need for some organized embodiment of the spiritual impulses and aspirations of men; some outlet for their religious feelings. The remedy which Shaw proposes, for indifference to the church, and, incidentally, for the failure of the church to get at the cause of the indifference, and to adjust itself to the changing removal, is too drastic for adoption.

Is this true? With the same number of rooms, same material, it is manifest one story building requires twice the cost of a two story building. The cost of a two story building is expensive because of the increased cost on this score becomes a heavy item, which six members of the school board have in mind for the sake of the children.

THE HOLLYDAY SCHOOL: Director Woodard Argues for a Two Story Building. Portland, Sept. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal: In your issue of the morning paper say:

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: What a peaceful world this would be if we could only see to it that we were not so much concerned with our own interests.

SIDELIGHTS: A Portland woman complains that her husband is a human iceberg. She says that so many couples reach that glacial period of matrimony.—Eugene Register.

Letters From the People: Manufacturers announce many new creations in synthetic fur, but the public is conserving its enthusiasm for the appearance of the first synthetic glowing ember.—Detroit News.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town: Among recent arrivals from east of the Cascades are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson of Pendleton.

Among town visitors are Dr. M. O. Reeves and family of Walla Walla. Astoria citizen spending Friday in Portland included B. F. Stone and R. D. Pinneo.

Among town visitors is H. G. Euders of Ashland. Fred C. Pell of Corvallis is among recent arrivals from the country.

Among town visitors is J. E. Nelson of Hillsboro. R. C. Magarell of Tillamook is transacting business in Portland.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

Mr. Flavel continues the story of her husband, Captain George Flavel, who played a part in the history of the Astoria and navigation at the mouth of the Columbia.

Captain George Flavel was a man who could master fate. Other men had equal opportunities but he made the most of his and bent conditions to his profit.

One of the reasons why my husband made a success as a pilot on the Columbia river was that he was not afraid of a rough sea. He was a fearless and was a pilot but he was any sort of weather to assist vessels in need of help.

My husband, in addition to his tugs and his pilotage business, had a wharf and bought coal from the ships and had brought coal to the coast from Australia and elsewhere. This coal business proved quite profitable.

THE NEWBERRY TYPE: From the Washington Star "Did you ever buy a vote?" "Never," replied Senator Sorghum. "But of course I am not in a position to cross-question my political friends as to what they shall do with their money."

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader. The tug Sea Lion left Astoria Tuesday with the third Benson ocean-going log raft.

Spontaneous ignition of celluloid goods in a show case caused a fire at Bend which destroyed the stocks of the Woman's Exchange and of the Riverside florists.

The Oregon supreme court now is practically a year behind in the consideration of appealed cases, according to an announcement made at Salem Wednesday.

The last strip of land was procured for the Pacific highway right of way into a large tract of country in the city council purchased for \$1500 a piece and 4000 feet long through the Sheriff's office.

William F. Eberhard of McMinnville was elected president of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Association at a state convention held in Salem Monday. The 1923 convention will be held in Portland.

Six violator deaths were reported to the coroner at Seattle during the 24-hour period ending August 31. The 1921 assessment valuation of Walla Walla county was \$39,319,540. This has been reduced this year to \$36,173,120.

More than 400 carloads of prunes have been shipped from the Walla Walla district since the opening of the prune shipping season. Two hundred and fifty men and 136 teams on the Spokane county bonded highways have completed road work amounting to \$109,415 during the last month.

The budget adopted by the directors of the Caldwell schools this year is \$12,000 under that of last year. The Pacific Valley Fruit Association held its annual picnic at Emmett Sunday, with 200 present, none of whom had lived in Idaho less than 25 years.

Movement of potatoes from Idaho has practically ceased, farmers claiming that the late rains have ruined the ground is more than they can get for.

At the Elks' carnival tonight there will be a double wedding ceremony performed in the presence of the queen. The bride and groom will be present to witness the event.

Dallas and Falls City have succeeded in securing a route for a railroad, for which negotiations have for some time been conducted with Mr. L. Gerlinger of this city. The line will be 12 miles long, from Dallas to Falls City, east of the Siletz Indian reservation.

A. L. Belding, triple murderer, is on the Pacific coast in the criminal department of the state circuit. Eight jurors have been obtained out of 19 examined.

Mayor Williams has received a letter from Herman Terwadow in which he claims that in driving over the bridge near the Eastern Lumber company's wharf his horse was killed and was injured to the extent of \$75.

Extensive alterations have been completed to the Mount Tabor school building on West avenue and the Base Line road. The building has been entirely renovated and put in shape for the coming term, opening Monday.