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They Do It Once a Year

WHEN it comes to sheer accomplishment nothing can equal the productivity of the Oregon State grange. They do more toward setting the world in five days than the legislature, congress and Presbyterian general assembly rolled in one. In fact as we read the condensed report of their business as contained in the last Grange Bulletin, we think the famous six-day record of the first chapter of Genesis as the only one comparable. What took the Hebrew Jah six days to make the Oregon grangers undertake to remake in five.

The convention which was held at Myrtle Point because Marshfield quarreled about who was to look after bedding down the grangers, listened first to the address of State Master Palmer. This was as comprehensive as a presidential and gubernatorial message combined. What few points the master omitted were fully covered in the reports of the numerous committees.

The grangers take themselves and the world very seriously. They took no time off to play golf but Brother D. V. Poling led them in community singing of "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Nearer My God to Thee" so they got their minds off some of the grave problems of the world, the flesh and the devil which absorbed most of their attention. To show how many subjects the grange considered and took action upon, we submit the following summary. The democratic platform couldn't include as many topics as the grange expressed its judgment upon, as follows:

- Favored convening congress January 15th after each election.
- Opposed secret sessions U. S. senate.
- Asked legislative committee to try to abate clerk hire graft of Oregon legislature.
- Protested "false and vicious advertising of cigarettes" and discouraged cigarette smoking among females.
- Assured "Brother Taber" that the Oregon Grange was back of our national efforts in their efforts for 3,000,000 members in the near future.
- Favored Smith-Hughes vocational education program in high schools.
- Poisoned resolution looking toward making it illegal to promote for hire initiative and referendum petitions.
- Recommended that filings for water power must be followed by full development in three years, with permission for two-year extension; and that filings reverting to state shall not be renewed by same parties for two-year period.
- Approved plan to create power districts composed of contiguous territory in one or more counties.
- Appointed committee to recommend plan whereby state may obtain revenue from municipal and district plants of hydro electric energy.
- Instructed officers to attack Carkin appointment if they deem it advisable after obtaining legal advice.
- Indefinitely postponed proposal to boost jurymen's pay to \$5.00 a day.
- Demanded reduction in freight rates.
- Viewed with disfavor granting increase in armaments; favored printing text books at state plant; urged teaching evil effects of alcohol and narcotics; urged that grange have representation on state board of higher education.
- Called attention of chain stores to fact that farmers cannot buy unless they can market products at a profit.

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Living Within the School Budget

EUGENE is shedding quite a good many tears because the school district there is being forced to live within its six per cent limitation. It has a hard problem to supply all the varieties on the mixed educational menu of the day and keep a budget anywhere within bounds. It is easy to have sympathy for the school board and superintendent who are trying to spread the school money so it will go as far as possible. But if the state had a ten per cent instead of a six per cent limitation the same condition of affairs would result. There would be widespread clamor for new courses, for bigger and better playgrounds, for more expensive equipment. Ambitious "educators" could be depended upon to think up some new scheme "absolutely indispensable" for the schools.

We doubt if the children at Eugene will suffer one whit from the enforced economy. The idea that parents and society all exist to smooth the pathway for children is all wrong. Better leave a few bumps in the way for the children to worry over. Better whet the appetite for education by death than killing it by surfeit.

Completing the Santiam Highway

FOUR men from Lebanon made the trip over the Cascades via the Santiam pass the past week. They report that they found little snow in the mountains over this route, and what snow there was their Ford car equipped with a Seck differential had no difficulty traveling over. They returned via the McKenzie where snow banks 30 feet high were encountered.

This is the usual experience of early travelers over the Santiam pass—they find it much freer of snow than the McKenzie. This is the reason why the construction as quickly as possible of the Santiam highway is desired: because it will give nearly year-round open highway from the Willamette valley to central Oregon. The McKenzie is regularly closed six months of the year. The Santiam may be kept open virtually all the year. Its early completion is something that both sides of the mountains should unceasingly urge.

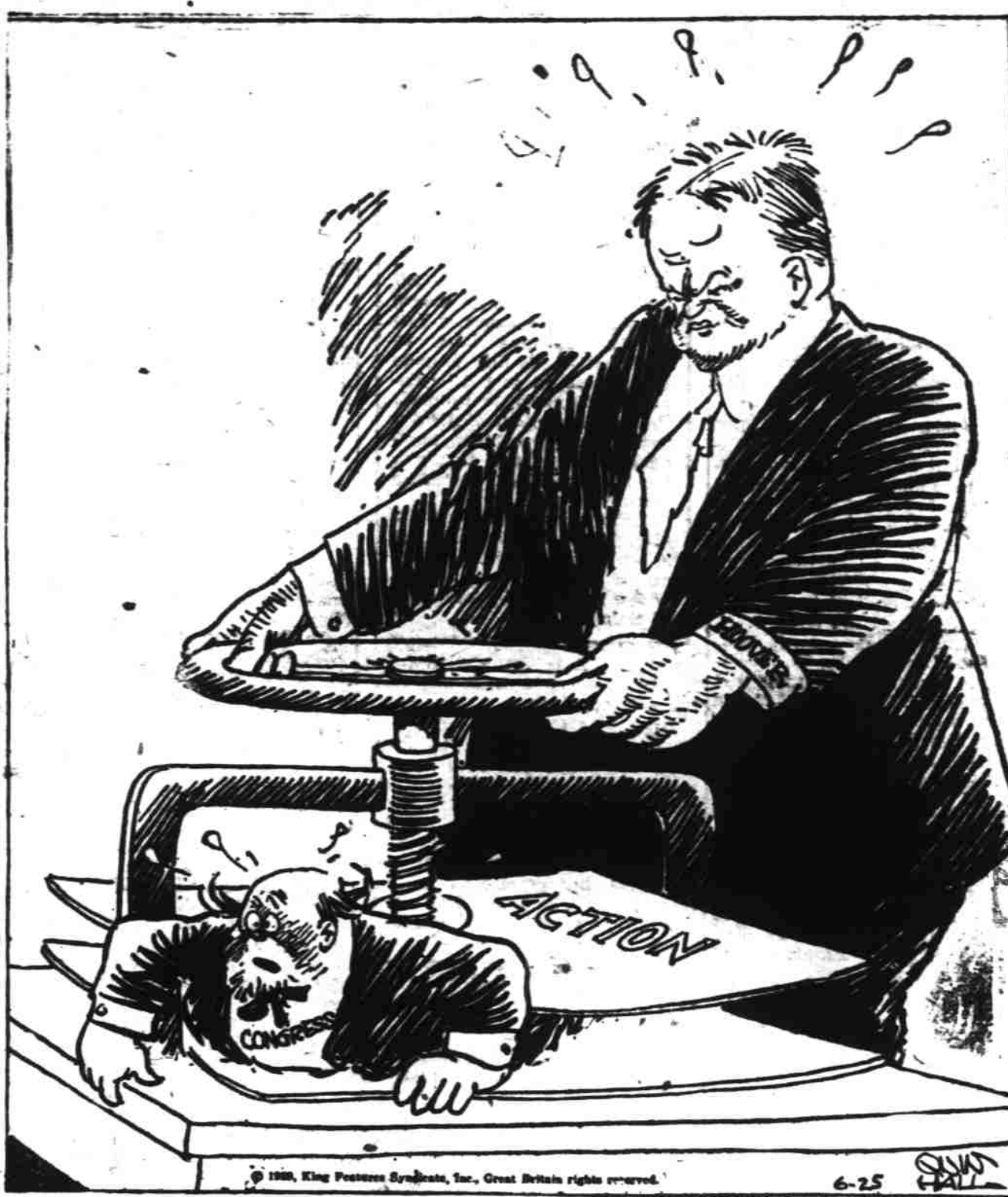
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Yet that is what many auto drivers do, in effect. We notice a wealthy Chicago man has been arrested following an auto accident, charged with "assault with a deadly weapon." Very accurate. The automobile is a deadly weapon, killing far more people than pistols do. The gas accelerator and the steering wheel are the "triggers" of this deadly weapon.

If we could only pound into the heads of auto drivers that the auto is a "deadly weapon" to be used with extreme caution, it might be possible to reduce the bloody toll of automobile fatalities.

Bearing Down



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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Make it June 15—
Or the Sunday nearest that date each year—

Meaning the holding of the annual pioneer or old timers' picnic held at the state fair grounds. Why? Because that is the anniversary of the date of the signing of the compromise treaty settling the boundary dispute, June 15, 1846, upon its ratification by the United States senate.

That was a great day in the history of the Oregon Country. Great Britain wanted the Oregon country, meaning all the territory west of the Rockies to the line of Alaska, which was 54 degrees and 40 minutes north latitude, down to the 49th degree of latitude, now the California line and then the Mexican line.

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tended the limits of the United States to the Pacific ocean; that added the first great extent of territory to the United States without a bloody war or the expenditure of great treasure.

Followed petitions sent to congress for aid in bringing the protection of the federal government to the little colony in the Willamette. Followed the missionary reinforcements in the two parties of 1837. Followed the Peoria party in 1839 and 1840. Followed the "great reinforcement" in the missionary party coming on the Laurov Joseph Lane at Oregon wagons in 1842. Followed the mountain men or independent trappers. Came the American board missionaries—the Dr. Whitman party—in 1838. Came the Catholic missionaries in 1838. Followed the provisional government voted at Champeog in 1843. Followed the White party of the year before. Followed the first wagon train bringing the Applegates and the Waldos and Nesmith in 1843. Giving the undoubted monument of title by occupancy to the United States.

Followed the settlement of the boundary question. Followed the act of congress of August 14, 1848 admitting Oregon as a territory, and its proclamation by Governor Joseph Lane at Oregon City, March 3, 1849. This had been preceded by the discovery of gold in California January 24, 1848. Had the missionaries under Lee not come, and had they not arrived when they did, there would have been no settlement of the boundary question as early as 1846, for there would not have been the title by occupation that led up to it. And had occupation not been predominant, under the provisional government, the Mexican war, the first battle of which (Palo Alto) was fought May 8, 1846, over a month before the ratification of the boundary agreement, would not have been undertaken, and neither Mexico nor Great Britain would have lightly yielded their claims after the discovery of gold in California.

Furthermore, had not Lee and his party come when they came, Jesse Applegate would not have been in Oregon preceding the Chicago convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln, and there would not have been a proxy of Leander Holmes sent on the advice of Applegate to Horace Greely, who as Oregon's representative secured Lincoln's nomination—and for this and other reasons, slavery might have still been an institution in the United States.

Great historic events came in clusters—one step followed another by divine guidance, think the many devout people—and each forward footprint was necessary in guiding those that were made after it.

Is that not a glimpse that justifies a greater attention to history here than has so far been given—far greater? Without the "old mission" Salem would not have been started, through the establishment of Willamette university. The Capitol might have been at Eola. Who knows? Or at old Fort Vancouver, the British seat of power. Is not that a glimpse too that justifies great preparations for the centenary celebration here of the coming of the missionaries, in 1834?

MRS. FOSTER INJURED
Mrs. David Foster, Corvallis, suffered a broken leg and painful lacerations, when an automobile in which she was riding left the road and plunged down the embankment near Zena. She was taken to Corvallis for treatment.

Editors Say:

COMPANY TOWN
The Baker Democrat-Herald calls attention to the fact that the little town of Burns, in Harney county, which had for years looked forward to the development of the great timber resources at its door, is now to be deprived of most of the benefits of that development through the fact that the Hines Lumber company has decided to build a town of its own at the site of its big mill only a mile and a half from Burns. Kelso, Wash., sustained a similar blow when the town of Longview was established by the Long-Bell Lumber company. Company-town growth is usually artificial and company-town atmosphere is seldom congenial to business people and others accustomed to free competitive conditions, but that is poor consolation to older established towns at their doors, which gain nothing of benefit from the increased population about them. So Burns, which had hoped that its day had arrived with the establishment of its lumber industry, will have to look elsewhere for its opportunity.—Eugene Register.

McNARY GETS FLAG
Senator Charles L. McNary, senior senator from Oregon, is one of the most popular men in the nation today. He is the father of the farm relief legislation which was passed and signed by the president last week.

Whether or not the farm relief does all that is claimed for it, the fact that McNary worked for several years on the plan entitles him to the recognition he is receiving. The flag that waved over the national capitol on the day the bill became a law has been given to Senator McNary as a recognition of his constant work. A pretty recognition, to be sure.—Morning Astorian.

POLITICAL BEANS SPILLED
When Theodore Roosevelt entertained Booker T. Washington in the White House he brought down upon his head the wrath of all southerners, but nothing serious happened because Roosevelt didn't expect anything from the South anyway. A similar incident arose and similar animosities were stirred up by Mrs. Hoover when she entertained the wife of Congressman De Priest of Chicago. There is, however, an important difference: Herbert Hoover has visions of making permanent the temporary break in the solid South and the political capital being made out of the recent incident may spoil those plans.

The republicans have been doing all they could to make anti-South Democrats feel at home in their midst; they have assured all concerned that the lily-white brand of Republicanism was to be in control of the southern organizations, there being no danger therefore of negro domination. Just as they had everything fixed up and their executive committee was about to welcome the new members into the Republican fold, bang goes the De Priest incident. Providence can usually be counted on to take care of the Republican party, but in this instance the charm seems to have failed and much fat has gotten into the political fire.

The incident will make the present administration stronger with the northern negroes, but that is little consolation. The party has shown itself capable of carrying the north without the colored vote which at the last election was largely corralled by the Smith force. What profit, ask administration leaders, in gaining support where none is needed if by doing

so we lose that which we do need?—Yakima Republic.

HANDSOME PROSPERITY
Anyone who imagines that the human race is losing its good looks should listen to Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, famous American anthropologist. We are growing more beautiful he says. And this development may be expected to continue. Changed conditions inevitably bring their physical changes. We shall become more intelligent, with larger brains. As for looks:

"The face will, it may be expected, proceed slowly in refinement and handsomeness of character. The eyes will be rather deeper set, the nose prominent and rather narrow, and the mouth still smaller, the chin more prominent, the jaws more moderate and the teeth smaller."

"The body will tend to slenderness in youth, the breasts will become smaller, the low limbs will tend to become longer, the upper limbs shorter, the hands and feet narrower, the fingers slenderer still and the fifth toe will become still smaller."

Unfortunately hair and teeth will deteriorate, and the use of the brain more than the body will tend to digestive disorders. But possibly something can be done to counteract these tendencies. Eat the proper food, be cheerful and rosy. The race will grow steadily less brutal, more human.—Astoria Budget.

CHINAMEN, DAGOS, FROGS, LA-DIES AND BOBBED HAIR
By Ed. Kelly
It is risky business to call a Chinaman a Chink, an Italian a Dago, a German a Heintie or a Freuchman a Frog.

And a woman who prefers to be called a "Baby" and "poor thing," there is dignity in "woman," but everything that ever wore skirts has been called a lady. The less her right to be dignified as woman the stronger her insistence that she is a lady.

Bob Hart in his book "The Eastern Question" says the Chinese are "well-behaved, law abiding, intelligent, economical, and industrious; they can learn anything and do anything; they are punctiliously polite; they worship their religion and they are so firmly that they scorn to think it requires to be supported or enforced by might; they possess and practice an admirable system of ethics and are generous, charitable and fond of good works; they are religiously obedient and make rich returns for any kindness, and though they know that money will buy service, a man must be more than wealthy to gain public esteem; in no country has 'honor by father and by mother' been so religiously obeyed and hence their days are long in the land God has given them."

A way back in 1492 an Italian had the nerve to sail into the unknown with three little boats and a crew of little less than thirty by his men, kept on sailing until he found the land his faith told him was there. Was he a Dago?

The Germans and the French have proven their right to respect and admiration in a thousand ways and examples.

While no particular harm is meant in the average use of Chink, Dago, Heintie and Frog, if you know it is a little less than what I mean? There are many of that same kind of people who will quickly compute the calibre of any one making careless use of such terms.

Confucius advocated single tax quite some time before Henry George.

Mencius is said to have been one of the world's greatest thinkers. He said: "I love life and I love righteousness. If I cannot have both I choose righteousness."

Chuang Tzu was the greatest propagandist of Taoism. He protested the materialism of his day and advocated a return to nature.

Many others of the Chinese are remembered by their enduring expressions. Their thought, added to ours, should be of value to us both.

Yes, I've been reading about them and there is lots more to tell.

Although bobbed hair is thought to be a sure forerunner of bald heads, women have as much right to bald heads as men. What wouldn't we men do to avoid the penalty of long hair?

Opinions of Marion County Editors

JOURNALISM AT WILLAMETTE
A chair of Journalism in the Willamette University, bearing the name of Edgar B. Piper, would be a most fitting memorial to this journalistic correspondent and able editor. Those who graduate from such a department attain cultured minds and all do not drift into newspaper drudgery. Some become correspondents, others men or women of letters, still others special writers, and some authors of fiction and other works. A journalistic school is supposed to enlarge one's faculties and train the imagination. There is a demand for all kinds of reading, in newspapers, magazines and books. The field is ripe for superior, trained intellectual development to other than society news and editorial calling, small local outlets and catering not to readers who are desirous of seeing their names continually in print.

Students in these schools of Journalism should be guided not only for newspaper materiality. Some should be turned out as magazine writers, those with such ability can be fitted for good fiction, historical sketches, pure literature, or be able to obtain and retain elevated positions as national or international correspondents. It should not be all for a newspaper career. It would be an error to have this Piper memorial drilling the young people for work on dying dailies in towns of ten to twenty thousand population or on weeklies installed at every crossroads.—Woodburn Independent.

LAUGAARD, OAKES ON ENGINEER BOARD
O. Laugaard of Portland and Ivan E. Oakes of Ontario Monday were reappointed by Governor Patterson as members of the state board of engineering examiners.

Robert M. Betts of Black Butte, Lane county, was appointed a member of the board to succeed Frank S. Ballie, formerly of Portland.

The appointments are for terms of six years.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

June 25, 1904
Governor Chamberlain delivered the principal address at the big farmers' picnic held at Independence. A fire alarm disturbed the latter part of the address, the audience breaking to witness the conflagration.

The national Republican convention, in session in Chicago, nominated Theodore Roosevelt of New York, president and Charles Warren Fairbanks of Indianapolis, vice president.

Conrad Krebs, president of the Krebs hop company and familiarly known as the hop king of Oregon, returned from a two months' trip in California.

Attorney A. O. Condit returned from a two months' trip in the east, where he attended the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Buffalo.

HIGHWAY BOOSTERS GUESTS OF SALEM

Luncheon Held for Redwood Route Leaders; Giese Presides at Table
Radiating California sunshine which they found after arriving in Oregon, the caravan of the Redwood Empire association was greeted by the Salem Cherrians on their arrival in Salem Monday noon and entertained at luncheon at the Hotel Marion. After an overnight stop in Eugene the 14 cars of the party traveled through Corvallis and Albany where they were cordially received and reached Salem shortly after noon. About 40 men and women made up the delegation including representatives from San Francisco, Eureka, Humboldt, Grants Pass and other cities along the line of the Redwood highway.

After a short trip about Salem and through the state house grounds the caravan moved on to Oregon City and Portland where they were tendered a banquet at the Hotel Multnomah last night. Their destination is Vancouver and Victoria, which they expect to reach Sunday, June 30.

King Bing Giese presided at the luncheon in honor of the visitors. Fred Williams on behalf of Mayor Livesley and C. E. Gates of Medford on behalf of Governor Patterson extended the greetings of city and state to the guests. King Giese in a brief talk told the Californians something of the scenic, climatic, industrial and agricultural resources of Salem and vicinity. H. C. Ridgeway of San Rafael responded to the welcome and called on Alfred Roncovieri, supervisor of San Francisco. Clyde Edmondson general manager of the tour, and R. J. Wade, secretary of the chamber of commerce of Eureka who responded briefly. Mr. Wade emphasized the fact that the Redwood was now an improved two-way highway, and that the object of the caravan was to assist in developing travel the full length of the Pacific coast. He presented the King Bing with a beautiful picture of the road going through the giant redwoods. Emmett Hayden of San Francisco presented a resolution expressing appreciation for the courteous welcome given the party.

Grants Pass was represented by a quartette of members of the Cavenem. Appearing in "native" costume they entertained the company with some songs and stunts.

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22 BURGLARIES OF RESIDENCES ARE CONFESSED

GRAB BURGLAR AND MALEBAND CAUGHT IN ACT

WOMEN HELD FOR LOCAL BURGLARY

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY ON FRANKLIN ST.

DIAMOND JUST VANISHED INTO THIN AIR