East Oregonian

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This Date In History—March 21.

2014—Pocahontas, Indian princess, wife of John Rolfe, died of smallpox at Gravesend, England; born 1595.

1685—Johann Sebastian Bach, greatest musician of the famous family, born at Eisenach; died 1750.

1770—Lucien Bonaparte, second brother of Napoleon I., born at Ajaccio; died 1840.

1804—Publication of the famous "Code Napoleon," the law of France since that date. In the judgment of Napoleon's sharpest critics this code is a monument to his greatness.

1806—Benito Pablo Juarez, statesman of pure Indian blood, born in Oaxaca; died 1872.

1820—General George Crook, noted soldier and Indian fighter, died at Chicago, aged 61.

1870—General Joseph E. Johnston died in Washington; born 1807.

1838—Duc de Talleyrand of the noted old French family died in Berlin; born 1811.

SOME IRON NEEDED.

The hint that the outcome of the Multnomah county republican convention might be the projection of Charles H. Carey into the foreground as a candidate for the governorship, should be the signal for the Eastern Oregon members of that organization to inject a little iron into their demands for recognition. Eastern Oregon has asked for the governorship, and has insisted that adequate representation has been denied in the past to this part of the state. Portland has now both the United States senators. It virtually has the two congressmen—Tongue living at Hillsboro, a mere suburb of Portland, and Moody at The Dalles, which has closer connection social and commercial with Portland than it has with eastern Oregon. This gives Portland in effect both senators and both congressmen.

Is there anything more than Portland wants? Perhaps the people of that city would like a few offices local to the outside counties. A few county offices and a few legislative representatives added to the now long and potent list of offices held in the interest of that place perhaps would satisfy the inordinate greed of those who live in the state metropolis.

This is not a question as to whether one man or another receive the honors of political preferment. It is exactly the issue that was presented to the colonists in the early days—taxation without representation. If republicans be wise, they will accept no change in the form of their demand. Those who live east of the Cascades will insist upon having the governorship, or make their force felt at the polls. A large sized political hammer is just now the most effective implement for the outfitting of eastern Oregon republicans. If they discover that the hint as to Carey is backed by probability.

A DANCE HALL.

At the east limits of the City of Pendleton, just beyond the boundary, is a building in which are given dancing parties each Saturday evening. There gather a number of young people, many of them estimable, and merely desirous of passing an evening in the pleasures of social intercourse. Conducted along lines of recognized propriety, those parties need receive no censure. It is the undoubted right of all people to assemble there or elsewhere to do as they please, so long as they please to maintain proper standard.

The death of Elza Todd, who was drowned in the Byers millrace at sometime between 7:00 in the morning and sometime later in the early hours of the day, and the developments that came from the official inquiry by the coroner, together with authentic statements made by numerous persons, have operated to question the character of the place concerned, and to compel some sort of censure for those who conduct it.

It is pertinent to ask why it is necessary to go away from the center of the town to carry on such a social enterprise. Other clubs give dances in the usually occupied halls, and find no advantage in going so far away from where the major portion of the community live.

It is proposed here that facts related to the matter be sought out, and given to the public, with due regard to the persons responsible for the management of the place, and those who habitually resort there. Such investigation will be timely just now, with the death of young Todd fresh in the minds of all.

POINTS A MORAL.

Elza Todd was intoxicated when he fell into the mill race and lost his life. This is a disagreeable fact and one that the parents and friends of the young man naturally desire be kept in the background. It is sometimes necessary that one or a few suffer heartaches that many more may be saved them. And so it is timely to refer to the matter now. Deplorable as it is for people of any age to indulge in inebriation, it is especially to be deplored in a youth, in whom it promises excesses that will bring moral and physical destruction at the very outset of life. The end of Elza Todd's career points a moral that may well be pondered over by all.

THE PROXY EVIL.

The proxy system as now in force in the republican party of Multnomah county and in Oregon is false in theory and in practice most virulent. It should at once be superseded by a more just and modern plan.

Upon what principle of representative government does the man who has been by law intrusted with delegate powers undertake at his own discretion to delegate those powers to another? The party has elected him, John Jones, to do the work, presumably because it prefers him to William Smith, who was not selected and possibly was even rejected upon application. Now for Jones to turn this work over to Smith involves an unwarranted latitude of individual authority. It is a legislative conveyance which Jones has no right to bestow and Smith no right to accept.

These delegates are officers of the law. They are chosen at an election regularly called by the courts under statutes provided. The county clerk has certified their election to the officer and the law expressly states that they "shall be entitled to sit as delegates from the said precinct in such convention." It is not customary for elected officers to abdicate their functions in favor of some person arbitrarily selected by themselves. The law provides what shall be done when a tie exists between two candidates; but it says nothing of what shall be done in case a man wants to sell his vote for personal friendship or other consideration. It is presumed the delegate seeks or accepts the nomination because he expects to serve. It is assumed that within such short time as intervenes between primary day and convention every man will live and not change his mind and be on hand.

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The system is dangerous in practice, also, as has been said, and evidence of it is plentiful. It opens opportunities for fraud, for perversion or defeat of the popular will. In this way men repudiated at the polls may sit in the conventions. The contingency and the temptation are hostile to every consideration of fair play and public policy.

There is only one chance in a thousand that a delegate elected on Saturday cannot be in the convention the next Wednesday. If he cannot his delegation should cast his vote, and not somebody he may designate. If the delegation is antagonistic to the absentee's wishes, so much the more reason for his presence and for selecting only men who will attend. In this country the minority often has to submit to the majority. All chances of injustice would be eliminated by the election of alternates. We do not allow our delegates to national conventions to give their proxies out at their own discretion. No more should we in our county conventions.

At the first republican convention for the state of Washington, held in 1889, some Tacoma men who had been repudiated as delegates presented themselves with proxies which they had negotiated for, and thus sought by indirection an end they could not openly reach. They were refused admission and a precedent was set which has averted much mischief and has never been broken. A similiar precedent should be set this year by the republican party's conventions in Oregon. The time is auspicious for reform in this respect as in others.

HEROES WHOM BOYS ADMIRE.

Have boys lost their admiration for heroes? Or how is the ignorance of Bible characters reported from the colleges to be explained? Much of the Old Testament is a collection of heroic tales of a sort that appeals strongly to boy nature. What small boy doesn't like to hear about Moses and the plagues, Gideon and the lamps in the pictures, Sampson carrying off the gates of Gaza, Saul with the witch of Endor David and his sling, Elijah and the fiery chariot not to mention a score of others?

The story of the garden of Eden is attractive to children because of its picturesqueness. The serpent that walked erect and the cherubims with the flaming sword guarding the entrance make the place enchanted. But Adam is too shifty to be much of a hero, and a boy can never work up enthusiasm over Abel, who didn't seem to put up much of a fight against Cain. Methuselah, with his 969 years, is calculated to arouse interest, but, as the record doesn't tell of anything except his domestic life, the boy's enthusiasm for this patriarch soon flags.

Noah is the first real boy's hero in Genesis. The building of the ark gives plenty of opportunity for the imagination to conjure up the scene—the people scoffing at the builder and his final triumph when, safely in the ark, he has the satisfaction of shutting the door in the face of the mob struggling to get in.

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Abraham is a pretty good boy's hero, for his life includes the proposed sacrifice of Isaac and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, with the turning of Lot's wife into salt. Jacob's career is full of interest. It begins with the sharp bargain with Esau, continues with his working fourteen years with his wives, includes his dream of the ladder and his night wrestling and ends with his lament over the supposed death of Joseph and his final rejoicing at finding his son.

But perhaps the finest hero in the book of Genesis is Joseph. What boy is not stirred at reading of the wicked brothers putting the favorite son into a pit, and then selling him as a slave into Egypt? The story is admirably told, and the details are graphically presented. Take for instance this part of the account:

"And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid, and dipped the coat into the blood.

"And they sent the coat of many colors and they brought it to their father, and said: This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no."

"And he knew it and said: It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent to pieces."

"And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning.' Thus his father wept for him."

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How many boys have felt for Jacob while enjoying the anticipation of finding Joseph alive in Egypt! Then there are the butler and the baker and the Pharoah's dreams, the corner in grain and the final restoration—a tale to interest any boy.

With Exodus comes the delightful story of Moses in the bulrushes, the hearding of Pharoah in the palace, the ten plagues, the flight from Egypt with the waters of the Red Sea ensulfing the pursuing hosts, and the pillar of clouds by day and fire by night. The account of Gideon ought to do any boy's heart good. Is any of the fighting of Achilles more enthralling than the story of that field where the Midianites and the Amelekites and all the children of the east lay along the valley like grasshoppers for multitude? Gideon, it will be remembered, stood forth with 300 men, each armed with a trumpet and a lamp in a pitcher. At the word every man broke his pitcher, held up his lamp, blew his trumpet and cried: "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." The startled allies fell upon each other and finally fled. Then there is Sampson, who tied the foxes tails to firebrands and sent them through the fields of the Philistines. The story of how Sampson succumbed to the wiles of Delilah and of his final vengeance by pulling down the temple of the dragon makes exciting reading for any boy who is up and coming.

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The David and Goliath account is another classic. In the same narrative is that shuddering scene at night, when Saul consulted the witch of Endor and the shadowy form of the dead Samuel rose up to prophesy the king's destruction. Absalom, the rebel, might easily have been a boy's hero had it not been for his long hair—most boys won't accept a long-haired hero. Space fails to recall at length Elijah and Elisha, Mordecai, Esther, Jonah and Daniel in the lion's den.

It is hard to say why children are growing up in ignorance of this literature. If they are, as would appear from college figures, they are losing some of the pleasures that their parents used to have.—Kansas City Star.

The Collis P. Huntington estate, now being inventoried by the state's tax appraisers, acting with the executors, Charles W. Tweed and Isaac W. Gates will amount to about $28,000,000 or $29,000,000. The transfer tax will approximate $800,000.

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