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O, river, beating 'gainst thy crags alway!  
 My kin thou art in boundless aspiration!  
 Thou wouldst take mountain heights within thy sway—  
 Yet canst not rise above thy banks of clay—  
 My kin again, in piteous limitation.  
 —Carrie Blake Morgan.

A large delegation of German citizens will greet the German scientists who are due here this evening on the O. R. & N. east-bound train.

Once more Pendleton bows to the efficient volunteer fire department. One thing that the enthusiastic public should learn to do at a fire, is to let the firemen manage the case. They are drilled for that purpose, and any interference make a bungle of their work.

Everybody sympathizes with a woman in trouble, no matter whether she is guilty or not, and Miss Ware who is under bonds for fraudulent transactions in the United States land office at Eugene, is the center of attraction in Oregon just now. Whether she was used as a tool for land grabbers, or whether she was a land grabber herself, is not yet determined.

There is reason to hope for a new O. R. & N. depot in Pendleton. If the matter is presented to the company properly, it will respond, as it always has, to every need of improvement. The warehouse space so greatly enlarged this spring, is evidence that the company recognizes the enormous increase in business here. The large number of transfer passengers here, who are compelled to wait from one train to another and the steadily increasing general demand for improvement, new office quarters and more waiting room conveniences, all combine to make a new and commodious depot building an early probability.

The Fourth of July committees are diligently working on their preparations for the celebration. The people of the surrounding country can rest assured that the coming celebration will eclipse all former attempts. Special efforts are being made to entertain and provide for the comfort of the women and children to whom a long day in the city always becomes wearisome and fatiguing. Seats for their accommodation will be arranged so they can sit in the shade and enjoy the day, without feeling that it is to be a burden instead of an enjoyment. Already inquiries are being made in regard to special trains, and from all indications the surrounding country will help celebrate the great day in this city. Pendleton is to be the host on that day and will make every visitor welcome.

The Lewiston Tribune gives voice to the following "outside view" of Oregon politics: "Hermann has been elected to congress by Oregon to succeed Tongue on the promise that, although he is said to be unfit and discredited, the party will nominate a better man next time and so the people were importuned to stand by the party regardless of its failures and mistakes. Another controlling factor was that Hermann would be able to get a share of administration spoils for his district, while a democrat would have no right to ask favors of the government. Thus our extreme party politics leads to the elevation of unfit men to the high places and prevents the fit man from taking any part in the shaping of public affairs. Still we prize our politics very highly and seem willing to pay several prices to have the public service abused and plundered."

THE BOOTH ROMANCE.

To many people, the fact that John Wilkes Booth, the slayer of Lincoln, committed suicide in Oklahoma in 1901, will seem a travesty on history. The old narratives of the chase, capture and killing of Booth are too well founded in the minds of old and young Americans to admit of denial, yet it seems they are untrue, if current reports are authentic.

There was always more or less of mystery surrounding the death, and final disposal of Booth's body. Several accounts, purporting to come from the "only men who knew," have been published regarding the burial place of Booth, and the historical facts to be obtained on the subject are exceedingly scarce.

The positive identification of a suicide named David W. George, at Enid, Oklahoma, as John Wilkes Booth, by persons of such prominence and personal acquaintance with Booth, as his own nephew, Junius Brutus Booth, Clara Morris, the actress, Joe Jefferson the intimate bosom friend of Wilkes Booth, lends truth to the apparent impossibility.

According to the testimony of a Memphis lawyer he has acted as confidential agent of the assassin for the past 40 years and has been in touch with him every day since the murder of Lincoln.

It reads like a romance, yet stranger things have happened. Booth had friends, influence and money at his command. It was a day of intense hatreds and passions, a day when almost miraculous deeds were being done about the storm centers of the war.

In the deep sorrow of the hour, it would have been easy for vengeance to make a mistaken stroke.

Booth's double once captured and disposed of, aided his escape, for the nation believed the murderer dead. To become lost in the tides that overflowed the Southwest after the war, was an easy task. To live in disguise for 40 years is not an impossible thing, and the identification of the body as that of the actor-assassin by friends of his bosom changes one of the most romantic, yet sorrowful pages of American history.

This is not the first instance of the kind in history. Marshal Ney, who was condemned to death by his enemies in France, after having served his country during all the best years of his life, is said to have died in North Carolina only a few years ago. The prisoner who was shot for Ney, was not Ney. The old warrior was exchanged in prison, secretly given his liberty by friends in power, came to America and lived a secluded life in the South, as an instructor of the French language. It reads like a romance yet the story has been verified by good evidence and it adds another tinge of probability to the romance of John Wilkes Booth.

HOLD THE MEETING.

"It is suggested by several of the leading business men of the city," says the Baker City Democrat, "and the larger acreage owners in the valley that the invitation already issued and accepted by the members of the State Irrigation Association to meet in Baker City in semi-annual convention should be fully carried out to the very letter. "As the season is very backward, it would come with very good grace to postpone the convention until July and in the meantime every detail should be taken care of properly and such a convention held then as would make millions for this country in the future. If the county association does not care to back up the work done in the last state convention by the delegates from here, a citizens' committee should take hold of the matter at once and see to it that Baker county's hospitality and business interests do not suffer.

"This is a matter of vital importance and worthy of the attention of every business man and farmer in the community.

"The consensus of opinion, as expressed today, is in favor of holding the convention not later than July."

To all of which the East Oregonian cheerfully agrees.

The removal of President Forbes from Pendleton, marks an epoch in Eastern Oregon educational work. He has been so closely allied with the progress of higher education in this city, that his departure is regretted. However, the management of Pendleton Academy will start next school year with an increased attendance and a faculty fully able to complete the work so well begun.

TODAY.

I love this age of energy and force.  
 Expectantly I greet each pregnant hour,  
 Emerging from the All-Creative Source,  
 Supreme with promise, imminent with power.  
 The strident whistle and the clanging bell,  
 The noise of gongs, the rush of motor-tored things  
 Are but the prophet voices which foretell  
 A time when Thought may use unfeathered wings.

Too long the drudgery of earth has been  
 A barrier 'twixt man and his own mind.  
 Remove the stone, and, lo! the Christ within!  
 For He is there, and who so seeks shall find.  
 The great Inventor is the modern Priest;  
 He paves the pathway to a higher goal.  
 Once from the grind of endless toil released,  
 Man will explore the kingdom of his Soul.

And all the restless rush, this strain and strife,  
 This noise and glare is but the fan-far-ade  
 That ushers in the more majestic life,  
 When Faith will walk with Science unafraid.  
 I feel the strong vibrations of the earth,  
 I sense the coming of an hour sublime,  
 And bless the star that watched above my birth  
 And let me live in this important time.  
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



There have been times when the wild beasts have been more merciful than human beings, and spared the woman cast to them in the arena. It is astonishing how little sympathy women have for women. In the home the mistress sees the maid with the signs of suffering she recognizes so well, but she does not lighten the sick girl's load by a touch of her finger. In the store the forewoman sees the pallor and exhaustion which mark womanly weakness, but allows nothing for them. It is work or quit.

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