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For 27 years a fence 60 feet high has marred the beautiful residence property of the late Chas. Crocker. It was a "spite fence," erected by Crocker to shut out the sunlight of a home whose owner, for sentimental reasons, would not sell the property. The house, with the light thus shut out, became uninhabitable; and it was sold as old lumber a score of years ago. The lot has remained vacant ever since. It was then worth about \$2,000; it sold this week for \$27,000. The "spite fence" could not prevent the growth of the community and the consequent increase in the value of the earth which it surrounded.—San Francisco Star.

CONSIDER THE POOR.

The East Oregonian believes that there should be one day of rest out of each week, for the employes of the Lewis and Clark fair, and it also believes more emphatically that there should be one day on which the thousands of poor people and workmen in the city of Portland and vicinity should be at liberty to take their families and enjoy all the features of the fair.

Both of these objects cannot be gained by closing the fair on Sunday. Sunday is the workman's only holiday, under the present social condition, and to close the fair on that day will deprive thousands of seeing and enjoying it.

Any other day would answer the purpose of physical and mental rest for the employes just as well as Sunday, and providence is not going to look unkindly on any plan of man's which has for its object the enlightenment, enjoyment and betterment of the poor, whom the Saviour blessed on more than one occasion.

Religious scruples in this enlightened and tolerant age are certainly not so blind to the common good that they would deny the masses who must work all week for their daily bread, one brief glance at the wonders that will be gathered at the fair, because the masses are released from toll, only on Sunday.

If all the employers in the city will consent to a Saturday holiday, for all employes, during the fair, well and good. Under that arrangement, close the fair on Sunday.

But if the workman cannot be released from his labor on a week day, so he can take his family and see all that is to be seen, don't turn him against the church, religion, God and every other holy thing, by denying his family what which others more fortunate see and enjoy.

There is a broad, tolerant medium in religion and worship, as in all other questions, and the church people cannot hope to win the friendship of those who need the church, by denying the families of those who are unfortunate enough to be poor, the privileges fully enjoyed by the more fortunate and well-to-do.

If all the workmen and their families can see the fair, on a week

day then close it on Sunday. If the working man and his family cannot see it except on Sunday, the wisdom of providence will not condemn the Christian people who consent to opening the doors that the poor may enjoy.

Until every boy and girl in Oregon reads "The Conquest," written by Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, and learns from her matchless stories of the settlement of the great central west, and the long, bloody struggle of the pioneers for mastery in the land of savagery, they will never know the cost of this western land they now enjoy. From the time the first hunters cleared the "wilderness road" across the Cumberland mountains from Virginia into Kentucky until the Pacific ocean was reached by the tide of settlement, the pathway was marked with blood and suffering. If ever a people had cause to celebrate an event in the history of the west, it is the centennial anniversary of the trip of Lewis and Clark across the continent. It is impossible for the younger generation, enjoying the happy homes of the west, to fully appreciate the meaning of such an undertaking as those heroes unflinchingly made. Had they failed, or had they turned back before reaching the goal, it is very likely the history of the Pacific coast would have been made by other pioneers than the Americans. These captains gave us the Oregon country, and Mrs. Dye has told the story as no other writer has ever done.

Umatilla county with an area of 1,879,680 acres, receives \$2,778.39 for the year 1904, as her proportion of the receipts of government land sales in Oregon, this amount to be applied to the county roads. With the county levy for this purpose the ensuing year should witness a greater improvement than ever in the country roads. The soil of Umatilla county is especially adapted to the construction of good roads, and very little money reaches a long way, in completing the work of nature. At least two or three miles of experimental crushed rock should be built the coming year, on some of the worst lanes leading into the county seat, and as the virtue of this kind of road is tested from year to year it should be extended as it proves valuable.

Indians with money have no trouble in securing whisky in this city. The same thing may be said of Lewiston where an Indian was arrested with a five-gallon jug hid under the hay in his wagon. In Pendleton the quart bottle is the limit, but it is passed with such frequency that the same happy result is obtained, through patience and perseverance. If the city would always get a fine from the drunken Indian, the curse would be somewhat relieved, from the mercenary standpoint, but the whisky peddler gets the first call upon the resource of the Siwash, and the city is left to feed a broke Indian in the city jail, while serving out a sentence. The whisky peddler should divide up with the community.

Winston's Weekly tells the following plain truth about the interstate commerce commission, its powers, duties and excuse for existence: "The principal function of the interstate commerce commission is to make an annual report to Congress, showing how badly the railroads of the country need regulating and how important the commission is to accomplish anything for the public good. Each report closes with a playful appeal to congress to amend the law as to justify in a small degree at least, the continued existence of the commission. To this congress always turns a deaf ear, and always will do so as long as the people permit the railroads to select their senators and congressmen for them."

The meat trusts paying 25 per cent less for cattle than last year, at the same time raising the cost of meat to the consumer 10 per cent. This makes their business 35 per cent more profitable to them, while both consumer and producer are suffering loss in consequence.

THE SULTAN'S SPEECH.

In the list of nations which are to be represented at the World's fair by national pavilions, Morocco probably will be missing. Secretary Stevens states that it is not now expected that Morocco will officially participate by erecting a pavilion, but that some use doubtless, will be made with the \$50,000 appropriated.

According to information received by the exposition commissioners from Commissioner J. W. S. Langerman, who recently returned from a mission to Morocco, being empowered as the Sultan's commissioner on his return, the amount appropriated by that potentate was \$50,000. A recent story is told by Mr. Danforth, assistant to Commissioner Langerman. The amount was not given with very good grace, according to Mr. Danforth who quotes the Sultan as saying:

"Here is \$50,000. Take it and do what you please with it. I don't care whether you use it for the World's fair or put it in your own pocket. I don't know where St. Louis is, except that it is somewhere in the United States, and I don't care, and please tell President Francis, whenever he is, to stop writing me letters about his fair, as I am tired of getting them."

Mr. Danforth says that the money was brought to Tangier in December by Langerman and deposited there. Being in silver, it required a caravan of about 20 mules to transport the money through the desert. When counted it was found to be all good money, however, with the exception of some \$500 counterfeit pieces.

THE POST'S NATIONAL EYE.

The Denver Post was the first newspaper in the country to hail the action of President Roosevelt at Panama as history-making and invincible. The Post forthwith declared that the president had not only seized the opportunity to write a great page in the history of the United States, but that he had thrust iron between the jaws of the raging opposition, upon which it would break its teeth. Today, if announcing himself as a candidate, Senator Hanna would have to give pledges to carry out his rival's policy.

William R. Hearst, the most persistent anti-Roosevelt agitator in United States, has been forced to declare he is not opposed to the Panama canal. He urges the adoption of Roosevelt's Panama treaty as a national measure. John Sharp Williams, Democratic leader in the house, writes that the Democrats will not make an issue of Roosevelt's action at Panama. "We are not idiots," says Williams. Senator Gorman, whose victory in Maryland on the negro issue placed him in front as the Southern candidate for the Democratic nomination, has lost prestige by his fight against the Panama treaty. The South is unanimous for the canal. And William J. Bryan is not saying a word. His speech on "The Moral Issue" let the canal alone.

The opposition has been reduced to the pitiful figure of Senator Patterson calling the president of the United States a traitor.

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