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God is not far; man is not far. From Heaven's porch where paeans roll. Man yet shall speak from star to star. In silent language of the soul! Yon star-strewn skies be but a town. With angels' passing up and down! —Joaquin Miller.

STOP WHISKEY PEDDLING.

A false idea of economy in the conduct of the federal court in Oregon is denying Pendleton a deputy United States marshal, when such an office is needed here every day in the year.

The penurious federal court will not allow pay to the city marshal for making the arrest of whiskey peddlers. It will not allow for the board of federal prisoners while under arrest and in custody of the city authorities and seems to take about as little interest in suppressing violations of federal statutes as it is possible to take.

There are about 1200 Indians on the Umatilla reservation adjacent to Pendleton and this tribe is a fertile field for whiskey peddlers and "boot leggers." Not a day passes that does not witness drunken Indians on the streets. Dives exist in this city for no other purpose than that of reaping a harvest from the Indians, and yet their license is renewed regularly without a protestation from any part of the community.

Very few arrests are made for selling whiskey to Indians and the trade is flourishing. The city authorities have more than the present force can do to attend to the city's business. A deputy marshal should be appointed for Pendleton for the purpose of breaking up the Indian whiskey traffic.

Then the community should do its part and when the owners of certain dives apply for a renewal of license such a storm of remonstrance should be visited upon the city council that that body would deny the application for license.

There are enough home-loving, moral people in this community to shut up the dives. Will they stand responsible for the present condition?

Will a saturnalia of vice now be continued in this city, or will the people co-operate to check it?

Nature's plan is not unwise in bringing the drought to Wyoming and the inundation in Kansas at the same instant. It is man who is unwise in not completing and controlling nature's blind forces. The flood can be controlled and the stored waters used in bringing fruition to the drought-stricken districts. Man must bring equilibrium to nature's unbalanced plans. The foundations for perfection have been laid deep and strong by nature's God; it now remains for man to lay the walls to perfection. When there is excess of any force it must be saved and distributed where there is dearth. It is not impossible. It is not utopian. Some day it will rain at man's will just as the electric flash now carries his thoughts around the globe, and in that day the river floods will be at man's command, just as the shimmering mountain brook now obeys his skill. It is not idle prophecy which gives birth to these thoughts; it is an unfaltering belief in the evolution which has made the 20th century world better and nobler than the 16th century world.

It is a difficult matter for the city council to make an iron-clad rule to apply to all citizens alike in the enforcement of the sewer connection ordinance. Each individual case of violation of the ordinance demands a specific treatment. Wholesale prosecutions by the council and the im-

position of lines would mean the wrecking of many little homes, where poor men are just starting to pay on property or are nearly paid out and yet leniency with some people means license. It is a delicate matter for the committee on sewers to handle. On the wise and conservative action of this committee depends the future of many a home in this city, for small as the sewer bill may seem to some, yet it means all to others. Where the monthly income is already claimed by the property installment and living expenses, this additional expense cannot be met without disorganizing the fixed plans upon which depends the home. Sewer connections are extremely expensive. Labor is costly and fixtures come high. All these things must be considered in every case before prosecutions are made. The East Oregonian would much rather see the sewer ordinance violated by 10 men able to bear the expense, than to know that the enforcement of the ordinance would wreck the finances of one poor man in Pendleton. It also believes the sewer committee shares this sentiment.

Rather than vote for a Cleveland-Parker-Wall street democrat this fall, there are thousands of democrats in Oregon who will either stay home in disgust, or vote for Roosevelt in desperation. Roosevelt represents something. He is young and venturesome and vigorous and has shown a solid friendship for the West in urging irrigation and forest preservation and in ferreting out land frauds, among his own appointees. These things have not been forgotten by the West and the democratic voters of Oregon will vote for Roosevelt on these slight qualifications rather than hitch their chariot to the dummy star of Wall street, A. B. Parker, or to the inexcusable abortion of democracy, Grover Cleveland. The East Oregonian has been in favor of W. R. Hearst, even though his candidacy may have been ridiculed and his motives scandalized by the sluggish-blooded press of the land. He represents an aggressive principle of antagonism to the trusts and would in no instance compromise with them. This is sufficient platform for any party and if the cold-blooded trust democracy of the East triumphs and places the choice of a trust democrat or a trust republican before the people, the East Oregonian will choose the trust republican.

The appeal of the people of Upper McKay creek for more permanent county road improvement should not go unheeded. Temporary bridges, grades and fills are extremely costly in the end, because the expense of repair must be repeated after every storm. There is a way to build permanent county roads. This is not a frontier pack train country any longer and the people are justified in their demands for good roads. Umatilla county could do nothing of more public benefit than to buy a rock crusher and road roller and begin some permanent work. The settlement of the county and the rate of taxation demand more conveniences in the country districts.

Tiring of the celebration a 10-year-old son of John Ericson, of Butte, crawled into a loaded coal car, and while he was asleep the coal was dumped into the Northern Pacific bunkers, burying the child and crushing him to death. His body was found Friday after all search had been given up.

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LAND OFFICE REMOVAL.

The Pilot Rock Record, speaking of the removal of the La Grande land office, pertinently says:

There is talk of consolidating the Burns and La Grande land offices, and locate the office at Baker City in the new government building at that place. This would be an unwise move on the part of the government. Land offices are supposed to be located where most convenient to intending settlers.

There is no government land that will ever be homesteaded in the neighborhood of Baker City. The bulk of the business of the La Grande land office comes from Northern Grant and Southern Umatilla counties, and if a change is to be made at all from La Grande, in the interest of intending settlers and those who have already filed on land, it should be removed to Pendleton.

Baker City is simply the center of a prospective mining country. It is not an agricultural country and is not accounted a very good stock country. There is no justification whatever for the establishment of a land office at Baker City.

Pendleton can be more easily reached by the citizens of Grant and Harney than Baker City, and besides, it is contiguous to a large section of country that has been filed upon and thousands of acres of government land yet open to settlement or those looking for a home. There are no inducements to the homeseeker in the vicinity of Baker City.

Land offices are not supposed to be changed about for the purpose of benefiting the railroad or helping out some town that depends upon the amount of money that is annually thrown away in wildcat mining schemes.

The land office at La Grande, if removed at all, should be placed at some point in the district where it will be most convenient to the majority of those who have business to transact at the office.

OLDEST FAMILY ON EARTH.

Of the 400 barons in the British house of lords about a dozen of them date back to 1400, the earliest being 1264. The oldest family in the British isles is the Mar family, in Scotland, 1093. The Campbells, of Argyle, began in 1190. Talleyrand dates from 1199, and Bismarck from 1270. The Grosvenor family, the duke of Westminster, 1666; the Austrian house of

Hapsburg goes back to 952, and the house of Bourbon to 864. The descendants of Mohammed, born 570, are all registered carefully and authoritatively in a book kept in Mecca by a chief of the family. Little or no doubt exists of the absolute authenticity of the long line of Mohammed's descendants. In China there are many old families, also among the Jews, but in point of pedigree the mikado of Japan has a unique record. His place has been filled by members of his family for more than 2500 years. The present mikado is the 122d in the line. The first one was contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar, 666 years before Christ.

GERMAN RAILWAYS.

The German government railroad exhibit at the St. Louis fair shows the block system and switch signals now in use in Germany. More than 1500 feet of track, in the construction of which both iron and wooden ties were used, have been laid. There are a station house, two switch towers and one intermediate block signal post. One of the switch towers is fitted with mechanical and one with electrical signal apparatus.

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At intervals of about seven miles are placed intermediate block posts, with a similar signal and switch apparatus. By automatic arrangement the levers are all locked, so that one train cannot leave the station until the train ahead has passed the next post, thus preventing one train from running down another. All the material used in construction was brought from Germany.—New York Tribune.

Leo Chapman, Roy Harris, Fred Gredenning and Ralph Bester, of Bloomington, Ill., loaded a small cannon July 4, using a broomstick for a ramrod and pounding it with a baseball bat. When fired the cannon exploded and all four boys were badly injured.

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