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THE HARVEST MOON.

Beyond the mountain's purple haze, At farthest stretch of sunlight rays, Where falls the veil of night, Far in the east, where day hath birth, Just where the heaven touches earth, Behold a wondrous sight.

IT WAS WELL DONE.

The splendid manner in which the Round-Up performance was handled each day brought forth universal commendation from those who witnessed the show and so did the good work of the accommodations committee in caring for the crowds.

Nor was it accidental that the thousands of people who were here from abroad to see the big show were provided with sleeping and eating places. There were at least 10,000 outside people here Saturday and they all had to eat. Many of the number had been here for several days and so required sleeping places. They were provided for and the almost utter absence of complaints as to poor accommodations is more than gratifying.

DONT GO CRAZY.

The Round-Up is a wonderful show and there is no reason why with proper handling it cannot be continued successfully as a permanent annual attraction. It is a show that appeals

to people and they will continue to come to see it if the standard is maintained.

In the view of this paper it is essential though that local people keep their heads and not become unbalanced by the success of the show. Otherwise it will soon be all up with the Round-Up.

The Round-Up is sure of success as long as it is conducted along present lines. But it won't do to let it become professionalized. It would then soon degenerate into a mere "wild west" show and would become famous as a graft.

Nor would it do for the Round-Up to try to monopolize local attention entirely. It is sport, not business and is of value not so much because local people may make money off it as because the show makes people sit up and take notice of Pendleton once a year.

There are some who would sacrifice everything for the Round-Up just as Oberammergau does for the Passion Play. That would be the height of folly. Don't let the thing run wild. Busy people don't care for Oberammergau only once every 10 years and they would not care much for Pendleton if we had nothing here but the Round-Up. Our commercial, industrial and educational affairs are of first importance of course. Were it not for these features of Pendleton life the Round-Up would amount to but little.

Boost the Round-Up strong and loud. But keep it in its proper field. Don't let it run to seed for if we do everybody will soon grow tired of it.

SCHOOL WORK IS ON.

School work is resumed in Pendleton today and if the dearth of vacant houses is a good criterion then the enrollment this fall should break all previous records. There is scarcely a habitable vacant house to be had and it may be that our school houses will be taxed to the limit.

It is regrettable that the \$100,000 voted for the erection of a new high school and for the completion of the Lincoln school is not yet available. High school students will have to get along with the present school during the coming year. But no doubt the bonds will be passed upon in due time and perhaps the new building will be ready by next September. It is to be hoped so at least. If Pendleton is to continue its good record as a fine school town then proper buildings must be provided.

Thankfully the great majority of local taxpayers stand firmly for the making of such improvements as are necessary.

LET THE OREGON LEAD.

It is rumored in official circles at Washington that the old battleship Oregon is to lead the grand naval parade through the Panama canal when the big ditch is completed. The rumor is taken as being authentic and if such proves to be the case the people of Oregon and of the west in general will rejoice.

There is no vessel afloat more entitled to lead the procession than the Oregon. The Oregon is no mere peace battleship. She has a war record that cannot be beaten. Never in history did another fighting ship make such a race as the Oregon and arrive in fighting trim as did our battleship. Such a run will not likely be made again because with the completion of the canal it will not be necessary for ships to go around Cape Horn.

The Oregon made the long trip in time of need. She should be allowed to lead the procession through the canal.

The district fair was likewise a fine attraction, though as a spectacle it was overshadowed by the Round-Up. It would have been hard to entertain the people of evenings had it not been for the fair.

President Taft is on his big popularity tour and the success or failure of his meetings depends much upon whether the accounts be written by his own press agents or by those of the opposition.

Get ready to attend the commission form of government meeting tomorrow night.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY SKETCH.

United States Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska, was born in Omaha, September 18, 1859 and is therefore fifty-two years old today. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, supplemented by two years' study in Germany and a law course at Michigan University, from the law department of which he graduated in 1881. Two years later he married. In 1885 Mr. Hitchcock established the Omaha Evening World and is now publisher of the Omaha Morning, Evening and Sunday World-Herald.

He was elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress, but was defeated for reelection to the Fifty-ninth. He was more successful, however, in his attempts to be a member of the Sixty-fourth and Sixty-first congresses. He was nominated in the democratic primaries for United States Senator in

August 1910, under the Oregon plan he ran for United States Senator in November and was elected. His term expires in 1917.

SEPTEMBER IS IN HISTORY.

1014—A violent storm caused the inundation of a large portion of Flanders.

1069—City of York burned by the Norman garrison.

1773—Polish Diet finally ratified the treaty of the partition of their country between Russia, Austria and Prussia.

1793—Nelson, being applied to for assistance by the Maltese, sent a Portuguese squadron which appeared before Valletta on this day.

1804—Italian privateers culminated their depredations on French and English commerce.

1811—Dutch surrendered the Island of Java to the British.

1854—Florence Nightingale, with other nurses arrived at Scutaria to care for the suffering among the Anglo-French army.

1864—An engagement between French and Mexican forces on the Rio Grande because a quadrangular fight, in which the French and Confederates were routed by the Union and Mexican soldiers.

1868—General Hindman was assassinated at Hindman, Arkansas.

1870—Franco-Prussian war. First balloon mail leaves Paris. Carrier pigeons sent with intelligence to Tours. Paris isolated by the Prussians. Versailles occupied by the Prussians.

1901—Czar arrives at Dunkirk on a visit to President Loubet.

1908—Senator Foraker declared he had nothing to fear from correspondence made public by W. R. Hearst, showing his connection with Standard Oil company.

1910—Claus Larson made trip by boat through the rapids at Niagara Falls.

A BIT OF ENGLISH HUMOR.

The night train was approaching Blackheath, outside of London, and two Americans, unacquainted with the locality, were in doubt as to the station. One peered out through the window into the unresponsive darkness and sank back to his place. The other did precisely the same.

"Is it Blackheath?" inquired the first.

"The Lord only knows," replied the other in hopeless fashion.

A small, apologetic, shrinking sort of Englishman, sitting next, spoke up. "I beg your pardon," he said softly, "for intruding upon your personal and private conversation, but as I happen to share that knowledge with the Almighty, permit me to say that it is Blackheath."—August Lippincott's.

AN AVERAGE.

A western representative in congress was talking one day of his record while in that body. "I'm not ashamed of it," said he. "I think I've done very well on the whole. When I reflect upon it, I am reminded of an epitaph that I saw once in an old burying-ground in a country town of my state.

"This epitaph devoted a verse of four lines to the virtues of the good man who lay beneath the stone, and concluded with this line in prose: "He averaged well for this vicinity."—August Lippincott's.

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