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The result of the attempt made by the G. A. R. post at almost the last minute to arrange for the observance of Memorial day in Florence, shows the necessity of commencing in time to prepare for public exercises of any kind if it is desired to make them a success. Had steps been taken in time to have prepared a suitable program for Memorial day this year, without doubt there would have been a large attendance at the exercises. There were many inquiries as to what exercises would be held on the river that day and nearly everybody felt that it should be observed here this year as most of the members of the post went to Gardiner last year and no public exercise were held here. But as nothing was done by the post in the way of arrangements till last Saturday many people did not know that there were to be any Memorial day services held in Florence. The rainy weather prevented some from coming who did know, so when the time arrived there were but few people in town and the exercises were given up. We hope that next year preparations will be commenced in season and Memorial day not be permitted to pass unobserved by our people. Our children should be taught to respect and honor the old soldiers and one way to do this is by decorating their resting places with flowers; it however belongs to the G. A. R. post to see that arrangements for it are begun and carried out.

It did not take China long to decide that the polite refusal of M. de Giers to take no for an answer in the matter of the request for the concession permitting Russia to build a road from Manchuria to Peking must be heeded. Yesterday the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail telegraphed "that China so far from refusing to yield to the Russian demand has agreed that the terms of the concession are already settled." The prediction may be freely made that no exception will be taken to the action of China by Great Britain, although there has been some whispering in the British press on the subject. England recognizes that Russia is determined to control the approaches to the Chinese capital. If the facts were all known it would probably be seen that there is no disposition on the part of Great Britain to interfere with the program of her rival. She is doubtless ready to make the best of the situation, as shown by her recent agreement with Russia respecting spheres of influence. Evidently Great Britain will confine herself to the basin of the Yan-tse, and from present appearances Russia will look after the territory watered by the Yellow river.—S. F. Chronicle.

A GREAT manufacturing concern of Dayton, O., has notified its employees that henceforth preference will be given to young applicants for employment who had a kindergarten training, and after 1910 no applications for employment will be considered unless the applicant has had a kindergarten training. The company has conducted kindergartens for the benefit of children of their employes for a number of years and has observed the results. The educational classes and other enterprises which have been carried on for the benefit of the employes has resulted, in a few years, in completely transforming a poor factory suburb into a pretty residential district. If corporations would emulate the Dayton experiment, they would find that in a few years the money they had invested was returned to them. It does not need a statesman to see that social disorders which are liable to cost so much in the end can be cured at the root by properly educating the less fortunate citizens.—Scientific American.

Up goes our hat in honor of General Sumner. Oregonians are proud indeed of the dashing and brave commander of our volunteers, and no less of our gallant boys who make up his command.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

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The post office at Linneus seems to be short a mail carrier. This does not imply that anybody has disappeared from that vicinity lately, neither is there any mystery connected with the affair.

The simple facts in the case, we are informed, are these. Some year and a half ago a contract was awarded to W. K. Hardin of Kentucky for carrying the mail between Linneus and Florence for the term of four years commencing July 1st, 1898. About May 1st, 1898 an agent of Hardin arrived and made a contract with Joseph Morris by which Morris agreed to carry the mail for the four years for \$33 per year, the service called for, being one round trip each week; a bond being given for the performance of the contract. The distance between the offices is about eight miles, making a round trip about sixteen miles. This is less than half of what it is actually worth but the agent was a smooth-tongued fellow and no doubt persuaded Morris that he could earn that money easily. The agent also told the bondman that all the bond was for was to insure the mail being carried if Morris should be sick and unable to attend to it for a week or two.

After carrying the mail for several months Morris became tired of the contract and gave it up. The man who signed the bond to accommodate a neighbor has since been acting as mail carrier. He has decided however that he prefers to forfeit the amount of the bond rather than complete the contract and declines to carry it any longer. Until some other arrangements are made there is no regular carrier for that mail route.

This incident serves to show how unscrupulous are some of the men speculating in mail contracts and the means they employ to beat others—when they have a chance. They take contracts from the government at low rates hoping to find somebody whom they can persuade to do the work for a less price and thus leave them a profit. Too many of the contractors like it all the better if they can "beat the carrier out of part or all his pay." The fact that a man has made a bad bargain does not release him from fulfilling his part of an agreement. He should even be more careful to do his part when failure to do so will cause a loss to one who has assisted him or who has assumed responsibilities for the purpose of helping him. At the same time all men should be careful about making agreements with strangers, especially when a large amount of time or money is involved.

AN ANTI-TRUST CONFERENCE.

Toledo Blade: The governor and legislature of Texas are together working upon the trust problem. The latter is elaborating a stringent law to crush out trusts in the Lone Star state. When the bill is enacted, then the governor proposes to take a hand. He will invite the governors and the attorneys general of all the states to meet in Texas in June to discuss the feasibility of uniform legislation by all the states against the trusts.

The plan is certainly a good one. It is now clearly understood that, under the constitution congress has not the power needed to sweep trusts out of existence. That power is one of those reserved to the states, and can be exercised by them through their state legislatures. But there are forty-five states, and it will require action by all of them to make legislation effective against the trusts. A conference of the governors, and of the legal advisers, of all the states, ought to result in the laying down of some general line of procedure, to be submitted to the legislatures for their consideration. The governor of Texas ought to make sure that the governor of New Jersey will be present at the conference. That state is the mother of trusts, simply because her laws are more favorable to their organization than are those of any other. And this is not due to neglect, but to design. The fees which are charged by that state have brought large sums into the treasury, and materially reduced the rate of taxation. The governor of New Jersey is the man with whom the conference should labor most strenuously.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22nd, 1899.

The return of the president has brought a swarm of politicians to Washington, and speeches and arguments for and against an extra session of congress are again heard in hotel corridors and other places where men congregate. There is also much talk about the unsatisfactory condition in Cuba, owing to the delay in disbanding the Cuban army, and about Aguinaldo's persisting in sending commissioners to negotiate for a cessation of hostilities, in the face of the repeated refusals of Gen. Otis—the last refusal has just occurred. There is little that is new in any of the talk for the simple reason that the situation has not changed materially in either of the cases mentioned, during the past week.

Washington is in a gala attire, in honor of the peace jubilee, which opens tomorrow and continues for three days. While the decorations are not as numerous as at an inauguration, some of them are handsomer than we have had at any inauguration, and more expensive, and the attractions offered to visitors are decidedly better than those at inaugurations, outside of the inauguration ceremonies which are of themselves the greatest of all attractions to the average American. From present indications, the out-of-town attendance will not be as large as those who planned the affair had a right to expect.

The president has, by rather plain intimation, given Great Britain to understand that, while a supporter of the policy of international arbitration, on general principles, he will not agree to submit the claims made by Great Britain in connection with the Alaskan boundary, to arbitration. In view of the fact that American and British delegates are, at this time, attending the czar's peace conference and jointly advocating the establishment of international courts of arbitration to settle all disputes between nations, it may seem a little queer that the president should practically refuse Great Britain's request to submit the Alaskan boundary question, which the joint high commission failed to settle, to arbitration, but it isn't. From the American point of view, the president's attitude is logical.

In fact, from the American point of view, there is little or nothing to arbitrate. Great Britain has put forth a lot of claims, not with the expectation that they would be allowed by arbitration or by any other method, but with the hope that if the matter should be submitted to arbitration, it might get allowed the port of Skaguay, which is believed to be its real object, in place of its other claims. Owing to the immense commercial interests of the U. S. in the Pacific, the president is not inclined to take any chances. The protest filed by the British Government against the intended sending of three companies of U. S. troops, to patrol the border for the purpose of preventing trouble between American and Canadian miners, was good-natured, and the troops will not be sent, although they will be kept where they will be available, if needed. It is stated with much positiveness, that Great Britain doesn't wish the boundary question settled upon any basis that will not give it an Alaskan port, and it is very certain that no such settlement can be reached with the consent of this government.

The commission to investigate the several isthmian canal routes, in accordance with the act of congress, will be composed of seven members, two army officers, one navy officer and four civil engineers, whose reputation is international. In addition to Admiral Walker, Col. Hains, and Prof. Haapt, who composed the commission which has just completed the final report on Nicaragua canal, the members are Maj. Symonds, Alfred Noble of Chicago, and Virgil Bogue and George L. Morrison of New York City. The duties of the new commission will practically be confined to an investigation of the Panama route, as there is little doubt that it will accept the exhaustive report just made by the old commission on the Nicaragua route as fully covering that. While the commission will do some preliminary work during the summer, it will not get down to hard work before the fall, owing to climatic conditions on the isthmus in the summer.

One of the most surprised Englishmen seen in Washington for some time, was present at a little gathering of politicians who happened to be discussing the political future of the state of Maryland. What surprised him was the statement made by one of the poli-

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It seems that Maryland was now a doubtful state, and that the party to which the franchise of the B. & O. railroad was thrown would elect the next state government, and the general acceptance of that statement by all present. It does seem a little odd. And it seems more odd, when it is remembered that the policy of the B. & O. railroad will be dictated by Mr. James J. Hill, who doesn't live within a thousand miles of the state of Maryland. No wonder foreigners fail to understand our political methods.

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LANE CO. S. S. ASSOCIATION.

The tenth annual convention of the Lane Co. Sunday School Association convened at Pleasant Hill May 18th and 19th. Was called to order by the president, Mrs. Clara J. Bond of Irving. Mrs. Ella Benham being absent on account of sickness, Mr. Wm Pitney was appointed secretary pro tem. A good substantial program was rendered. Most of the officers, and 35 delegates were present, ten being from Cottage Grove. Lane county is divided into six districts as follows: Junction City, Eugene, Springfield, Creswell, Cottage Grove and Siuslaw. Statements from presidents of these districts were received, all of which were very encouraging and showed the work to be in a prosperous condition.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and bad condition of the roads the convention was well attended and a great deal of zeal and enthusiasm for the work was manifested and everyone felt strengthened and encouraged to enter into the work with more enthusiasm than ever. The president appointed the following committees, on credentials: D. Read, Evelyn L. Barton, L. N. Peck, who reported 36 delegates present. On finance, A. J. Zunwalt, Wm. M. Pitney, W. L. Wheeler, they reported no money on hand and recommended that all schools in the county be urged to pay the two cents per capita of the average attendance for state, county and district work, and also that a collection be taken up to defray the expenses of the convention, which was \$4. Carried. Collection \$2.21. Committee on nomination reported the following, which was adopted:

- Vice. Mrs. Clara Bond Irving
Vice pres. Will Bristow Creswell
Sec. Wm M Pitney Junction City
Treas. J S Kelley Pleasant Hill
Dir. pres. Mrs Mitchell Eugene
" J J Jones Cottage Grove
" R G Callison Springfield
" Mr Burton Creswell
" O Bennett Junction City
" F E Fremont Siuslaw

Committee on resolutions submitted the following resolutions which were adopted, Resolved,

That we tender our thanks to the good people of Pleasant Hill for their words and acts of welcome. And be it further Resolved, That the Lane Co. S. S. Association ever hold in remembrance the early pioneers of this vicinity, and especially the name of the venerable patriarch Elijah Bristow who settled on this ground on which we now stand in 1846, and built the first house in Lane Co., and who so kindly dedicated this ground to school and church purposes. Resolved that we put forth a greater effort for the coming year, and let our motto be: "Lane County for Christ," and that the thanks of this convention is due Sister Clara Bond for her zeal and good work for the success of the Sunday school in our county, and that these proceedings be sent to our county papers for publication.

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BRANTON'S CONFESSION.

Shortly before Claude Branton was executed he handed a sealed letter to Sheriff Withers to be delivered to Rev. E. M. Patterson. The letter was a confession of the crime for which he met death together with the request that it be made public in ten days or two weeks after his death. In it Branton acknowledged firing the fatal shot thus confirming the testimony of Courtland Green while on the witness stand.

In the confession Branton gives a short sketch of his life and points out how he took the step in the wrong road. He speaks too of how his conscience reproached him so that he was always uneasy after taking the life of his fellowman.

The paper shows one redeeming trait in him to have been a desire that his relatives should not suffer for his crime.

SIOUSLAW IMPROVEMENTS.

We clip the following from Monday's Guard: A Washington dispatch of May 27th says: Specifications for work on the Siuslaw river bar, under the new appropriation, were prepared and forwarded to the chief of engineers last month for approval, and if they are returned approved in May advertisements for carrying on the work will be published. There is \$31,927 on hand for this work.

GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By A WEST CORRESPONDENT.

May 22nd, 1899.

Flirting is becoming a popular amusement on Lake creek.

Mrs. Roy Egglestheim is living on her place again. People are talking unpleasantly of the absent Roy.

Some corn has rotted in the ground and that which didn't was planted so late that it is not likely to all get ripe.

If anybody doubts that this region is fast filling up with people let him go to meeting at the school house and count the babies there and he will cease to doubt.

That notorious weather liar, the oldest inhabitant says we never had so backward a spring before. But grass is growing with unprecedented vigor and all kinds of fruit promise to break all records.

We may have a school yet. Seth Simmons, Almon Rowe, Thomas Kehler and J. A. Burnett, for various reasons, talked of sending their children to other districts and it was proposed to skip a term, but that would leave C. S. Simmons, Ernest Amon and Fred Rowe and Messrs. Peplot, Evans, Steinhauer and Wheeler without school advantages and a teacher is being looked for.

May 20th, 1899.

Fred Rowe made a trip to Elmira last week.

Miss Annie Alamsi is doing housework near Elmira.

Ernest Rowe is building the handsomest house in these diggings. It is a two-story, bay-windowed affair and stands on a fine site.

The neighbors bring lunch to the Sunday meeting at the school house and at noon spread a free table. There are services twice on Sunday, followed by Sunday school.

A little son of Mr. Swanson of Alpha is reported dangerously ill. The father is working on the Southern Pacific (Oregon and California) railroad near Cow creek canyon.

Fred Rowe had a logging bee May 9th. I wrote you about it and mailed my letter at the post office on the 11th, but it seems to have gone astray. It contained several news items. The bee was a success. [The letter was not received at this office. Ed.]

One of the travelers over the mountains this week was Marion McVey, son of Mr. and Mrs. McVey of Alpha, who came all the way from Klamath to see his mother, who he had not seen for six years and who lay on her death bed. She died the day after his arrival, and he made the trip of 53 miles to Eugene and return to get a coffin. Another son residing in Minnesota, was expected.

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