

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Chicago has the honor of being selected as the place for holding the next Republican Convention for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt as next President of the United States. The convention will meet at 12 o'clock, noon, on June 21st. When the nomination and election is such a sure thing, it really seems almost unnecessary to go to the expense of holding a convention.

The Evening Telegram of December 14, 1903, comes to us as an Industrial Edition, and consists of 64 pages full to the brim with good words for Oregon. Thirty-two pages are devoted to the commercial interests of the state, 16 to the mining interests, and the other 16 to the news of the day of publication. It is an honor to the state and a credit to its enterprising publishers.

W. I. Buchanan, lately U. S. minister to the Argentine Republic, has been appointed minister to the Republic of Panama. Mr. Buchanan is a trained diplomat, with a thorough knowledge of the Latin-American races, and although his appointment is only temporary, it is hoped that his services will be particularly valuable to both countries during the formative period of the new republic. Panama has already called an election, to come off January 20, to establish a permanent and regular form of government on the Isthmus. A permanent government is an unknown quantity in South American politics, and this is as likely as any to prove an iridescent dream.

The rumored retirement of Porfirio Diaz from the presidency of Mexico is a step to be regretted, though his long and faithful service of twenty-six years certainly entitles him to a rest from his labors. The proudest monument in his career will be the public schools of Mexico. Education is universal, it will shortly be made compulsory, and the peon child may now pass from his a-b-c to the highest diploma entirely at government expense. All this has been accomplished in spite of the continued opposition of the church and the church party, which numbers seven out of eight of the entire population of the country.

Recent labor troubles in different cities brings out one fact in great prominence. It is that the employers, not the unions, took the offensive. This is carrying the war into the enemies country. The National Manufacturers Association, under the leadership of D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, seems to be a fixed fact, and willing to fight to the bitter end. They have a strong organization, unlimited capital, and a fixed determination to succeed. In the recent Cloak Manufacturer's strike in San Francisco, the factories shut down at once, and non-union hands were immediately imported from the East. The manufacturers claim that "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and the labor unions cannot logically deny the right they themselves exercise, that of organization.

The Youth's Companion in 1904.

As the years increase the Youth's Companion endeavors to keep pace with them in all that is wise, beautiful and progressive, and not only to retain but to deserve the honorable and exceptionally high place it holds in the confidence and affection of three generations of readers. The greatest living authors in all branches of literature continue to contribute to it.

Among the important series of articles will be one on the occupation of the farmer in many parts of the world—in England, in Ireland, in India, in Argentina, etc.

The annual announcement Number of The Companion, describing the principal features of the Companion's new volume, will be sent to any address, free.

The new subscriber for 1904 will receive all the issues of The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1903 free from the time of subscription, also the Companion Calendar for 1904, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.

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Musical Recital.

Last Saturday evening occurred the first public musical recital of the season. As usual with these recitals, the chapel was filled to overflowing. The program was not only interesting but highly educational as well, especially since it contained such compositions as Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso and the Haydn Sonata No. 2.

Each number was well rendered and was of genuine musical interest. This is all the more noticeable when it is considered that none of those who appeared in solos were artists, with the exception of Miss Agnes Love.

The O. A. C. orchestra of 12 pieces rendered the opening number with splendid spirit and ensemble. The composition was by our local composer, Ruthyn Turney, whose talent is not confined to the violin alone, as his work in the band and orchestra will go to show. Among the violin pupils, Miss Kerker excelled for technic, Mr. Kerker for tone and Master Max Miller for courage in facing the audience for the first time with so difficult a composition. Master Miller is only 12 years of age.

The Ladies' Chorus elicited the warmest applause with Shilling's arrangement of the Blue Bells of Scotland.

The piano solos of Miss Sproat and Miss Hawk, of Philomath, were delivered in splendid style, while Miss Ranney's selection deserves special mention as it was performed from memory. The last number on the program was Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso, which was rendered with consummate skill by Miss Agnes Love. Miss Love is already an accomplished pianist with superior technic and interpretation, and her future may be looked forward to with interest. Her repertoire comprises many of the leading works on piano.

Sup't Denman mailed last week a circular letter to his teachers setting forth the work which our schools are to furnish in the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, and which is to be returned to Lewis and Clark Fair at Portland in 1905. This letter has the endorsement of State Sup't J. H. Ackerman. In his letter to Sup't Denman he says:

FRIEND DENMAN:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your circular to teachers concerning the proposition of a school exhibit for the St. Louis Exposition. The circular is first-class, and, if you have not already done so, may I suggest that you send a copy to each county superintendent in the state. I am glad to know that you are taking an interest in this matter as I have every reason to believe that the teachers of Benton county can prepare a very creditable exhibit. With best wishes for the success of your exhibit, I am, as ever, truly yours,

J. H. ACKERMAN,
Sup't Public Instruction.

Wood.

We want a few cords of dry fir or maple wood, on subscription account, at once.

Letter List.

For the week ending Dec. 12, 1903. Persons calling for these letters will please state date on which they were advertised. They will be charged at the rate of one cent each:

Miss Sylvia Anderson, R. Z. Brown, F. B. Davis, Ruth Gream, John Hickam, W. J. Igo, Mrs. H. H. Kreger, R. S. Mickles, Harry E. Miller, Mrs. B. Miller, Bernard Muller, Miss Georgie Martin, G. L. Powell, Frank Peterson, Miss Anna Raennusen, Mrs. Abby Smith, John B. Slater, Miss Martha J. Smith, Ike Smith, Miss Mamie Star, Claud Thompson, Jessie Walker, T. H. White, Cyrus Walker.

B. W. JOHNSON, P. M.

Holiday Rates on the C. & E. R. R.

The Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Co. have made a round trip rate of one fare between all stations on account of the Christmas holidays. Tickets will be good going from Saturday, Dec. 19, 1903, to Saturday, January 2, 1904, and for return at any time up to and including Monday, January 4, 1904. Minimum charges 25 cents.

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Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Or., November 15, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Philip H. Johnson, of Monmouth, county of York, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6122, for the purchase of the E 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec. No. 18, in Township No. 13 S., R. No. 6 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1904.
He names as witnesses: Charles Newman of Invalde, Oregon; Hiram Newman, Fred Hubler, Frank Fisher, all of Monmouth, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of January, 1904.
ALGERNON S. PRESSER, Register.

Don't You Hear
Chem Bells?

Them Xmas bells. They have been jingling with us for the past month, and now Santa Claus has given us permission to jingle them for you, and from now until January 1st, 1904 we shall make them jingle merrily. If some of the melody does not get into your house it won't be our fault. The choicest things will go first. No need to wait until the last moment; buy now. You need not have them delivered now. We will store them for you and deliver them when you say. Here are a few suggestions: Our stock is now at its best and you have time to make your selections leisurely.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

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T. L. CHARMAN,
Administrator of the Estate of L. Diller, deceased.
Dated December the 4th, 1903.

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