

AN IDEA, AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

The Oregon Historical society proposes a commemorative celebration at Portland, in 1905, of the centennial anniversary of the Lewis and Clarke expedition to the Pacific coast.

"Thomas Jefferson," says one historian, "was the father of United States explorations. While lesser minds were absorbed in proximate matters, his profound sagacity penetrated forests, and sought to reveal the extent and resources of the new nation."

Ledyard was with Captain Cook in his voyage to the Pacific, and had been the first in Europe or America to propose a trading voyage to the north-west coast.

Retraining in 1789 to the United States, the thought grew upon Jefferson, and in 1792, while secretary of state, he proposed to the American Philosophical society that some citizen should be engaged to ascend the Missouri river, cross the Rocky mountains, and follow a western river to the sea.

Jefferson, however, never lost sight of his favorite project, and when he entered the White House in 1801, the idea developed into the stupendous diplomacy which gave us Louisiana, and put our western border in contact with the distant Pacific northwest.

Besides 14 United States soldiers, the party included nine young Kentuckians, two French voyageurs, a hunter, an interpreter, and a negro servant of Captain Clarke.

In the spring of 1804, it was reinforced by a detail of six soldiers under a corporal, with nine boatsmen, and proceeded by leisurely stages up the Missouri river. It went into winter quarters in October, in the country of the Mandans.

In the spring of 1805, the party pushed its toilsome way up the Missouri, crossed the Rocky mountains, and after enduring severe hardships and encountering insuperable perils, followed a tributary of the Clearwater, and after that the larger stream to its confluence with the Snake; passed down the Snake river to the Columbia, and thence down the great river of the west.

Space will not permit a detailed account of the party's explorations. It passed the winter of 1805-6 near the Columbia's mouth, the spot selected for the fort being about 200 yards from the bank of Lewis river, near its entrance into the bay, on the Clatsop or Oregon shore.

The winter was passed in hunting for food, in making treaties with the surrounding tribes, and distributing medals and certificates of kindness to the leading chiefs.

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SOME TIMELY TOPICS.

Educational theory and practice are just now in a chaotic state of transition. One question upon which the subject hinges is that of "Freedom and Free Will."

Professor Fullerton discusses "Freedom and Free Will" in an interesting manner in the current Popular Science Monthly.

The evidence of the second man differs in many respects. He was alone when the shooting occurred. It was shooting a mark, taking pleasure in hitting a target, not the bull-eyes, when the rubicund face of a rustic appears above the hedge across the field.

The world seems to be full of 'couldn't help's of the two sorts; the man who stumbled on the stairs couldn't help falling to the bottom; the man who was thrown from a horse couldn't help being thrown.

"The thing to be attained is a proper balance, a norm, so to speak. One should not be put into himself what he cannot be easily eliminated, nor should he indulge in both mental and physical exercise, thereby causing an excess of waste, which the kidneys are unable to deal with."

"When a business man takes a vacation he can afford much more physical exercise. I went over to Michigan last summer and cut the connecting links between me and the world."

"The athlete is not the best prepared man to resist disease. To have a blacksmith to oppose no assistance to pneumonia and the strongest athlete to die quickly of typhoid."

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GENERAL NEWS.

A bill introducing the jury system in Porto Rico has passed both houses at San Juan.

The population of Berlin, including the suburbs, is 2,469,876, as compared with 2,076,946 in 1895.

Harry Elkes bicycled Jimmy Michael in a 15 mile bicycle race, motor paced, in New York Saturday night.

Frank Carr died at Philadelphia, following a boxing contest. He was knocked down and his skull fractured.

An Austrian engineer, William Kress, has invented an airship which is pronounced to be better than Zeppelin's.

Oscar Aaron, a bicycle rider, died Saturday in New York, from injuries resulting from a fall during the six-day bicycle race.

About 200 negroes have left for San Francisco, whence they sail for Honolulu. The negroes are going to work on sugar plantations.

Discussing the Nicaragua canal, the Novye Vremya says Russia is not interested in the matter, but naturally sides with America.

Captain Montgomery D. Parker, of the Eighth Infantry, died in the military hospital at Manila the night of the 17th inst., of dysentery and liver trouble.

Grave fears are felt regarding the health of Li Hung Chang, owing to a severe cold that he caught on the day he visited General Chaffee.

There is a persistent rumor that ex-Governor Merriam of Minnesota, now director of the census, will be given a place in the cabinet, some time after March 4.

August Belmont, who has been ill at Hempstead, New York, with typhoid fever, has successfully passed the crisis of the disease, and is now rapidly improving.

Clyde shipbuilders recently placed orders for 150,000 tons of plates in the United States at a saving of \$50,000.

Roanoke, Virginia, Elks Christmas day fed 500 of the poor of that place. Several long tables were in the middle of the building and 500 visitors looked on.

Colonel Henry B. Harshaw, ex-state treasurer of Wisconsin, died Tuesday at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of cancer of the tongue. He served in the "Iron Brigade" during the civil war.

The libel suit of Baron Von Schroeder against John D. Spreckels, of the San Francisco Call, for \$250,000 was ended Saturday, the jury bringing in a verdict in favor of Spreckels.

Almost \$17,000 has been contributed for the Admiral Philby memorial fund named in memory of the famous commander of the Texas and later commander of the Brooklyn navy yard.

To shield his mother from abuse and save himself a beating with a poker, Albert Albertson shot and killed his father at their home in Chicago. Albert was 17 years old, was arrested.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

The R. E. Seelye residence in Salem was burned Monday. The family were away from home.

The Oregon farmers' congress will convene at Salem, January 7, instead of January 8, as first announced.

Mrs. R. K. Lien, aged 42 years, died at her home on Howell Prairie, Marion county, Monday.

Mrs. Corina Madison died at her home near Salem on Monday, aged 47 years, of inflammation of the blood.

Samuel B. Newkirk, aged 62 years, died at the state asylum for the insane, at Salem, Sunday of apoplexy.

Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer is suing the Spokane street railway for \$50,000 damages, alleged to have been incurred by being thrown from a street-car a year ago.

The gross earnings of the Oregon Short Line for the second week in December showed a decrease over the same week last year. This is accounted for by a general falling off of traffic in Idaho.

Granite has refused to allow a liquor license to a dealer who persists in keeping his saloon on the street. He claims the right to remain because he was there before the town was incorporated.

Mrs. O. C. Thornburgh died at her home at Forest Grove, aged 88 years. She had been in failing health for some time, and death was not unexpected. A husband and three children survive her.

Judge Eakin, as judge of the Eighth judicial district, has appointed a committee from the Union county bar to arrange for a proper observance of John Marshall day on February 4, at the court house in Union.

Peter Roth, an old and well-known resident of Columbia slough, near Portland, died December 27. He was 74 years old, and had made his home in that neighborhood for a long term of years, engaging in dairying.

The new wing at the Oregon state penitentiary has been completed, and will be occupied as soon as the steam cooking apparatus can be placed in position. The bathroom and steam-heating plant are already in use.

A man named Reeve, and Al Douglas, were hunting ducks near Tangent, Lin county, when Douglas' dog ran against his master's gun, discharging it. The shot took effect in Reeve's face. The wound is not dangerous.

Harry Moffatt, of Oregon City, was frozen to death something over two weeks ago near Dawson City. He had gone alone to Dawson Creek for a hunt, and was caught in a snow storm and wandered aimlessly about for two days.

J. M. Patterson, who was appointed postmaster of The Dalles, December 17, took charge of the office Thursday, assuming the position as acting postmaster. An article of H. B. Riddell, which proposed Forrest S. Fisher had filled since Riddell's removal last summer.

Pearl Gordon and Charles Beck became involved in a quarrel at Wallace, Idaho, and both the woman and the man used pistols. The result was that the woman may die and the man will probably recover.

J. B. Smith, of Jamestown, North Dakota, is in Heppner with the view of buying several thousand sheep. It is estimated that 100,000 sheep will be sold in Norway county between now and shearing time.

Pete Schimmels and Charles Benn were killed in the Tiger-Poorman mine, at Wallace, Idaho, Christmas day. They drilled into a missed hole when the blast exploded, horribly mutilating both. Both were unmarried and were new comers.

THE QUESTION OF EXERCISE.

Dr. Albert H. Hoy, who has published a book on "Eating and Drinking," discussed the much mooted subject of exercise and creates a much waste matter to be taken up by the blood and to be eliminated from the system.

Blockland Bros. of Union county, have recently secured a fine brooded turkey that cost them \$13.50.

Don't Wear Elk Teeth.

The lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of Denver, has appointed a committee to draft resolutions against the wearing of elk teeth as emblems of the order.

Working the City.

The issue of street improvement bonds under the Bancroft act in Portland, now amounts to \$217,833, an analysis of the city's present interest, or \$13,000 per year.

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