

LEWIS AND CLARK CENTENARY.

Oregon must make preparation for celebration in a proper way of the centenary of the expedition of Lewis and Clark; and Portland must take the lead in such preparation, truly says the Portland Freeman.

Lewis and Clark were the first Americans who came across the continent to the Oregon country and the Pacific ocean. Alexander Mackenzie twelve years earlier had come from Canada passing through the continent and over the mountains from Peace river which flows into Athabasca lake.

It was not the acquisition of Louisiana that secured the Oregon country to the United States; but the acquisition of Louisiana was the hastening cause of the exploration of the Oregon country and therefore of the expedition of Lewis and Clark.

It was out of these conditions that the controversy between the United States and Great Britain known in our history as the Oregon question arose.

The national importance of the Lewis and Clark expedition comes out strongly in the brief history of the subject and even in this brief recital. It was that expedition that enabled us to follow up the claim based on discovery of the Columbia river and enabled us moreover to anticipate the English in their further exploration and discovery.

By this time several rides had been turned upon the animal and many bullets found a lodging place in his body. These seemed but to increase the anger of the brute, and he started on a general raid. Two cows walking along the street attracted his attention and he attacked them, killing both in short order.

Sauerkraut for the Army. A large quantity of sauerkraut will be purchased for the army in the Philippines. Bills were received by Major W. L. Alexander, purchasing commissary officer of the department of the lakes, on December 29, for supplying troops stationed in and about Manila with 20,000 gallons of sauerkraut, and it will be shipped from Chicago. With it will be sent 150,000 pounds of corn, 60,000 pounds of rice, 60,000 pounds of beans and 60,000 pounds of ham.

NEW CENTURY TASKS.

"Great Tasks for the New Century" are outlined in the World's Work for January. In these undertakings in the United States, in Europe, and in Asia, the roots of the new century will be changed, and a new direction given to social and political development which will profoundly affect civilization.

First in importance is the isthmian canal across Nicaragua. Public sentiment is unanimous in its favor, money and plans are ready, and it is probable that the first year of the new century will witness the beginning of the greatest engineering task of the age.

Other American undertakings will open the great lakes to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the sea to the Hudson river and New York, to the Mississippi and the gulf; thus enabling Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and Duluth to ship unbroken cargoes by way of the St. Lawrence, the Hudson and the Mississippi to the sea.

In England a new 28-foot canal is projected between Southampton and London. France plans to connect the Atlantic with the Mediterranean by joining the headwaters of the Loire and the Rhone and by deepening the channels of these rivers, which flow into the Atlantic ocean and the Mediterranean.

Germany has designed a system of commercial canals connecting all parts of the interior of the empire. The Kiel canal was primarily a strategic work, but the new canal from Lauenburg on the Elbe to Lubeck on the Trave is for commercial convenience.

It is an overwrought picture? We think not. It is the hard, terrible truth, and when set against it, Mr. Roosevelt's stilted lecture strikes as a discord.

TO THE SPOKESHOUSE. The Predicament of a Farmer Citizen of Grant County. Herman Worcester, aged 73 years, has just become an inmate of the Multnomah county poorhouse.

MAD MOOSE RAIDS A TOWN. Crazy Animal Injures Man and Kills Cattle at Farris, Minn. One man probably fatally injured, three dogs and two cows killed and several hundred dollars' worth of property destroyed is the result of the visit of a crazy moose to the little town of Farris, four miles from Cass Lake, Minn., on New Year's day.

Pontney Bigelow gives the readers of the New Year's Harper's monthly a peek into "My Japan," which he says has just enough of the original truth left to satisfy the most jaded of tourists.

AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

"Great Achievements in Modern Bridge Building," by Frank W. Skinner, associate editor of the Engineering Record, appears in McClure's magazine for January. While one of the oldest of the engineering magazines, bridge building is one of the newest in the principles and methods which it follows today.

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Scott Wilke, who served in the lower house of congress two terms, beginning with 1888, and who was assistant controller of the currency during President Cleveland's last term, is dying at his home near Barry, Pike county, Ill.

James Maloney, a well known Chicago sporting man was killed at Manila by an Australian prizefighter. The murderer then committed suicide. Both had fallen in love with the same girl. Maloney's wife and three children at Chicago are left penniless.

Express companies may fall into the hands of the trusts. Financial powers, Preliminary steps toward such an object are said to have been taken under the guidance of J. P. Morgan, James J. Hill and others who are fighting prominently in the recently reported railway deals.

As a protest to the forced resignation of Prof. George E. Howard, head of the department of history in Leland Stanford Jr. university, the resignations of Prof. W. H. Hudson, of the English department, and of Prof. C. N. Little, of the mathematics department, were tendered Tuesday.

Elhaj W. Blaisdel, one of the founders of the republican party, and who is said to have been the first man to propose the name of Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, is dead.

"The World of Graft," or the realm of the criminal, by Josiah Flynt and Francis Walton, is represented by the first of a series of papers which will appear in McClure's during the year.

"The Revenge of the Four" is told as a true story of the Ross incident between a husband and wife, and is illustrated with drawings from studies of types in the rogues' gallery. If a true story from the "under world," it is but another proof that truth is as strange as a stranger than any novel fiction.

GENERAL NEWS.

Admiral Dewey is confined to his home in Washington by an attack of influenza. A bill making kidnapping a capital offense was introduced in the legislature in Tennessee.

There is a famine in the province of Shanai, China, and it is said five million people are starving. A resolution was adopted by the Missouri house of representatives memorializing congress to allow the Filipinos to establish a government of their own.

General MacArthur reports the surrender of Delgado, commander in chief of Iloilo province, Panay. He also reports that other important surrenders are expected during the next few days.

On Tuesday a bill granting a pension of \$50 a month to Horatio N. Davis, father of the late Senator Davis of Minnesota, passed the senate. Mr. Davis was a captain in the commissary department.

The state department will be called upon to act in the New Year. Under the law the warrant of extradition must be issued by the secretary of state when he is satisfied of the sufficiency of the application.

A fine stick of Oregon pine 115 feet long, has arrived at Lawley's yard in Boston. In a finished state it will be the main boom of the Lawson yacht, one of the boats building to compete for the America's cup.

The interests in control of the New York Central have under consideration a plan of merging the Big Four railroad into the New York Central system. The ownership of the Big Four is vested absolutely in the Vanderbilts.

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Copies of general orders from the Philippines received at Washington show that a large number of native Filipinos have been convicted of murder and other crimes and sentenced to be hanged or to long terms of imprisonment.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

Ex-Governor J. W. Leedy, of Kansas, the last fusionist governor, is now a resident of Seattle. The Marion county tax levy for 1900 is \$6.25 on sheep or scalp bounty tax was levied.

A \$50,000 fire occurred at Dawson, Alaska, on the 6th inst. It started in a building occupied by Cribbs and Rogers. It is rumored that C. S. Miller has made a rich strike at his Captain's Landing on Gravel creek, about five miles north of Granite.

General Manager George J. Mohler, of the Columbia Southern, has tendered President Lytle his resignation, to take a better position with another transportation company. Quite a demand is being made by taxpayers in Lane county for an amendment to the present laws regarding the collection of taxes, making the taxes payable in two installments.

Ed Turk, of Sumpter, has given \$1000 bonds at Canyon City for appearance before the circuit court. He is charged with embezzlement of \$2575.84 belonging to Ah Yow, a Chinaman. The foreign wheat shipments from Tacoma for the first two weeks in January aggregate 1,222,846 bushels, valued at \$674,661. This exceeds the shipments during any one month in 1900.

Henry Carpenter, the son of Mrs. De Murray Blumauer, of Portland, died at Long Beach, Wash., a few days ago, of heart failure. His mother accompanied his remains to San Francisco for burial. J. C. Meiss, a well known resident of The Dalles, died very suddenly Tuesday night from acute congestion of the lungs, aged 60 years. He came from New York to The Dalles fifteen years ago.

Mrs. Mary Smith, widow of the late Green Berry Smith, and mother of John Smith, Corvallis, died Tuesday night, aged 71 years. She was ill only since last Wednesday. Her malady was pneumonia. I. G. Chapman, a saloon keeper at Haines, Baker county, is under arrest for selling liquor to minors. He sold liquor under a government license only, the people of Haines refusing to allow him to have a county license.

The depositors of the defunct Portland Savings bank may hope to see the affairs of that institution wound up within the next six months, and to receive, if all goes well, within that time dividends amounting to 15 per cent on their claims. The bank failed in 1893. W. W. Carter, who worked as a brakeman on the Northern Pacific Railway during the summer of 1898, previous to which time he was a cook in the Northern Pacific restaurant, in Spokane, is reported to have made \$50,000 in a grubstake investment in the gold fields of Alaska.

Mrs. O. E. Farnsworth, of Heppner, Ill., reported, she had fallen heir to \$100,000 through the estate of an old bachelor uncle at Akron, Ohio. His name was Smith, and he left property valued at \$200,000, and Mrs. Farnsworth and her sister were the sole heirs. William Caplinger, a veteran of the Mexican civil wars, was at his home in Woodlawn, near Portland, for several days ago, after a lingering illness. He was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, December 12, 1822, and in an early age moved with his parents to Montgomery county, Indiana. He came to Oregon in 1850.

One bent of the Southern Pacific bridge across the river at Harrisburg, Lin county, gave way under a long passenger train, and as the train was stopped one long coach spanned the chasm. Part of the train was pulled back to Harrisburg, and the one car left in its precarious situation. A hand-to-hand fight for possession of the county treasurer's office took place at the court house in Spokane between the forces of A. L. Smith, republican, and George Mudgett, democrat. Smith has the possession of the office, looking all the doors. Mudgett jumped in through the window and let in his deputies. Smith still holds the fort.

Airship Possibilities.

Count Zeppelin has accomplished much in the way of constructing an airship, but it is quite probable the credit of solving the problems of aerial navigation may be gained by his country instead of Germany, for according to recent reports Professor Langley has a ship which he claims can carry six men and travel at the rate of 100 miles an hour. He is now waiting for some one to furnish him with money to perfect it, and it is not likely he will have to wait long, for good authorities consider his machine much more practicable than that of Zeppelin. The race is evidently close, and the end may be reached much sooner than is now expected.

Where Are Smith's Heirs. Ypsilanti Smith, the Terre Haute recluse who left \$10,000, may have left blood relatives in New England, but none has been discovered, says a Boston dispatch. His wife was Caroline Seale, daughter of Cambridge, and of her surviving relatives only two have been located. They are Mary C. C. Goddard, a school teacher of Cambridge, who is a first cousin, and William Davenport, secretary of the state water board, who is a son of a first cousin. Both announced that they would file a claim to the property and it remains for the courts to decide if their relationship is sufficiently close to make them the legal heirs of Smith's property.

His Money Away. Indications are that Michael Bickner, who died very suddenly at Prairie Depot, Ohio, some days ago, was worth \$50,000 or more, though at the time of his death very little of his property was in sight. He was a well shooter and skilled in all production, while at work some days ago he was stricken with apoplexy and died without regaining consciousness. The relatives began to look around for some of the money, and up to date have discovered about \$30,000 in bank and street boxes about the country. It is thought that he concealed other sums, and a search is being made about old buildings on the premises.

The Way to Keep Cider. Cider will keep if it is boiled, reduced at least one-third, and then bottled. A raisin, or a few mustard seeds, may be put in the bottle previous to pouring in the cider. The corks must be fastened with wires, and the bottles be placed in a dark, cool closet.—January Ladies' Home Journal.

Many goats continue to die in the southern part of Polk county, and in a few cases sheep have been as seriously affected. U. S. Grant, an expert on diseases of goats, says that the death of both the goats and sheep is due to worms.

Recognition of the O. R. & N. Co.'s efforts to establish a steamship line between Portland and Hawaii and the Philippines, the directors of the Portland & Pacific coast steamship company, a committee whose duties shall be to call upon the merchants and induce them to give to O. R. & N. company the preference in the matter of traffic. Treasurer-elect Mudgett scored a point in the county treasurer's contest at Spokane. Judge Richardson issued an injunction directing ex-treasurer Smith to cease all efforts to cease all interference with Mudgett, to surrender all moneys, books and public property, and quit all interference with the plaintiff in the collection of the public funds.

At Starkey, near the line separating Union and Unatilla counties, the logging camps are all busy banking \$20,000,000 worth of logs at the Grand Ronde Lumber company. Lohn's camp will put in 4,000,000 feet, Richardson's 3,000,000 feet, Combs' 2,000,000 feet, Sullivan's 2,000,000 feet, Mike Nelson's 2,000,000 feet, Riley's 1,000,000 feet, Briggs' 1,000,000 feet, Young's 1,000,000 feet.

A passenger train on the Astoria & Columbia River line, bound for a landslide near Clifton about midnight Saturday night. The engine was derailed and rolled into the river. Engineer W. M. Scott remained on the engine and was killed. His body has not yet been recovered and is supposed to be under the engine in the river. Fireman James Davis was also thrown into the river but was rescued. He is now in the hospital at Astoria suffering from a broken hand and several bruises about the body.

The westbound Northern Pacific passenger was wrecked at 7:30 Sunday morning at the mouth of Solah canyon, seven miles from North Yakima. Seven coaches were thrown from the track and badly demolished. The injured are Hugh P. Hall, knee bruised and leg sprained; E. D. Burke, San Francisco, \$20,000 in bank and street boxes about the country. It is thought that he concealed other sums, and a search is being made about old buildings on the premises.

George Mohard, collector for the Trades and Labor assembly, left his home in South Eugene with \$500 to turn over to the treasurer. When a short distance from his home he was accosted by two masked men, who ordered him to throw up his hands. In cool compliance Mohard struck one of the robbers in the face with his knuckle and another robber fired a shot which pierced Mohard's left lung. As he fell to the ground the men relieved him of his money. The injured man is able to get up and walk to a distance of four or five miles, when the police were notified, but they have not caught the men.