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An editor is frequently importuned to condemn things and customs which he hesitates in doing from the fact that opinions differ and we are oft-times impelled to concede to the other fellow a right to his own opinion and belief and to respect his honest convictions, though contrary to our own.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska made a strong and convincing argument against government ownership of railroads last Friday at the Cottage Grove chautauqua. The senator is a pleasing speaker and has practical ideas on all public questions. It is a pleasure to listen to him and he is in big demand on the Chautauqua platform.

The Cottage Grove Chautauqua for 1915 closed last Friday at the end of a week of perfect weather. The attractions were satisfactory and the attendance and prevailing good feeling was such the Ellison-White company had no difficulty in obtaining guarantees which assure a return of the Chautauqua next year.

The French have been making heroic efforts to drive the Germans back from their front in France and their desperate efforts have resulted in horrible slaughter on both sides. For a distance of eight miles the front was strewn with dead bodies and the stench was horrible. It has been predicted that this battle will seal the fate of France.

Over Europe of the future, no matter upon which side victory rests, declare medical men and scientists, will sweep the devastating hand of physical blight. Children with crippled forms, weak bodies and unbalanced minds will fill the cradles of every nation now at war, offspring of the men made unfit for parentage by the rigors of the great conflict.

In many cities July 15th has been designated as Wilson day for the purpose of honoring President Wilson and endorsing his conduct in relation to the foreign policy of the government. Flags and bunting will be displayed, there will be parades, speeches and music, not in honor of Wilson, the democrat, but of Wilson, the patriot. The American people are solidly behind their chief executive in his controversy with Germany.

"No man should be so shortsighted as not to give every encouragement to the man who is trying to make a newspaper there," says the U. of O. Bulletin. "He can do more for the town both at home and abroad than any other one man. He should be backed up in his effort to do business at business prices and in a business way. It would be just as sensible for you to let your schools run down, or your stores run down, or your churches run down, as to let your newspapers run down."

Certainly our country should be learning very fast the old truth that the best possible guarantee of peace is to be ready for war. Without any war a year for a youth in camp is the very best possible closing year of his education. It fits him for peace as well as for war. It is best for his health, improves his bearing and gives him the initiative which is necessary to begin life aright. It is the cheapest and most necessary insurance policy that a nation can take out.

"Lead a Hand," the Oregon prison paper, editorially sizes the crime game up as follows: "Before starting out to turn a trick in the crime game, just ponder a few moments over the fact that you have one hundred and seven million people against you—that you must pit your wits against all of them. How do you expect to win against such odds? It can't be done—the very fact of your incarceration is proof that you are a failure in the business of crime—a business that does not pay even decent board and clothes. It's a dinged poor stick of a man who can't make his board and clothes. Are you in that class?"

Grants Pass celebrated as one man Tuesday the beginning of the extension of her railroad line to Crescent City, by Southern Pacific interests, and Kerby, the terminus of the present line, celebrated Wednesday. The people of Grants Pass voted bonds and constructed that first ten miles, and it is a consummation worthy of congratulations and wide rejoicing that they are now able to turn the project over with contracts let for its extension to the ocean, which was the original idea of the projectors. That is the spirit that builds prosperous and progressive cities. —Oregon Statesman.

Definite and accurate information regarding the climate, resources, products and advantages of Oregon has been made available to all sections of the United States by the presentation, by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, of copies of the Oregon Almanac to more than 2500 prominent public libraries. These copies were sent out within the past few days and at least 800 acknowledgments have already been received. Copies of the Almanac have also been sent to the traffic department of all railroads and the resulting correspondence indicates that they will have a marked effect upon the volume of tourist travel in this direction this year.

In order to escape seizure by Germany, all the mail for Russia from the United States and western Europe now passes through north Sweden and Finland. The little town of Karungi, the Finnish station nearest the Swedish frontier, has suddenly become a most important place. It has a large new custom house and several new hotels, for many travelers are using the new railway route to Russia. About a thousand bags of mail a day pass through the town.—Youth's Companion.

Gordon Falls, one of the most beautiful of the numerous cataracts in the Columbia Gorge, and which is on the line of the new Columbia Highway, has been formally presented to the City of Portland by S. Benson, the capitalist who has for several years been spending his time and money so freely for the improvement of this scenic region. The tract on which the fall is located comprises 380 acres and was purchased by Mr. Benson two years ago for \$21,000.

Thirty-six thousand acres of land in Pine Valley, Baker County, will probably be thrown open for entry within a few weeks if present plans are carried out. The tract has for several years been tied up under a Carey Act project, the promoters of which failed to raise the necessary funds with which to carry it on. The entire tract is favorably located for irrigation.

In order that a channel not less than sixteen feet in depth may be established between Tillamook Bay and the docks at Bay City, the government has ordered the dredge Oregon to Tillamook Bay and the work will be pushed vigorously until completed. It is expected that the dredge will be employed in that vicinity the balance of this season and all of next.

The potato growers of the Pacific Northwest see good times ahead, as prices are going up steadily. The crop will be a choice one this time as the weather has been most favorable for an excellent growth. Strict quarantine regulations against the tuber moth have prevented the importation of a large quantity of potatoes from California and other states and this tends to keep the market strong.—Pacific Homestead.

Robert Lansing has been appointed Secretary of State by President Wilson. This is the office from which W. J. Bryan resigned. Mr. Lansing, a son-in-law of former Secretary of State John W. Foster, became counselor of the state department upon the retirement of John Bassett Moore and has been regarded as President Wilson's mainstay on questions of international law in all the difficult negotiations thrust upon the United States by the European war. It was a matter of common remark that he commanded the respect and admiration of the foreign chancelleries to a marked degree.

The tenth annual international dry-farming congress and exposition will be held at Denver, Colorado, Sept. 26-Oct. 10. Preparations are being made for large displays of farm products from several foreign countries and there will be the usual large exhibits from the United States.—Pacific Homestead.

The little boy was on his knees in his little night dress saying his prayers, and his little sister couldn't resist the temptation to tickle the soles of his feet. He stood it as long as he could and then said: "Please God, excuse me, while I knock the stuffing out of Nellie."—Ex.

The government plans to carry mail by airship to a town in the Ozarks not reached by a railroad and where the people know no conveyance faster than an ox wagon. Imagine the sensation that the first trip will create.

A new sheep barn on the Iowa state fair grounds will cost \$25,450; an excessive sum at first thought, but none too large for the benefit of the exhibitors of such thrifty domestic animals as the producers of wool and mutton.—Pacific Homestead.

The Imperial Valley in lower California was visited by an earthquake on Tuesday. Eight persons were killed and a million dollars' worth of property destroyed.

Harry Thaw is on trial again in New York to determine whether he is crazy at the present time.

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## SUPERVISORS DIVIDE COUNTY

County Superintendent of Schools E. J. Moore and Supervisors A. I. O'Reilly and Miss Jennie Bossen met last week and reappointed the supervisory district of Lane County. This action was made necessary by a reduction in the size of the supervisory force.

Mr. O'Reilly under the new arrangement will take over most of the territory formerly in C. R. Stahlman's district and Mr. Moore and Miss Bossen will take most of the district which was in Supervisor Aylesworth's district.

Mr. O'Reilly's new district will include all the territory he had last year and districts south and east of Cottage Grove. Miss Bossen in addition to the west end of the county will have all districts west of the Long Tom and the Coyote. Superintendent Moore will have his old district and in addition territory around Junction City to the east of the Long Tom, to the Benton and Linn County lines and the districts reached by the road to Lorane.

## INDUSTRIAL NEWS OF THE STATE

Portland, June 21.—Contracts have been signed up for hard surfacing 66 miles highway, 10 miles concrete and brick, 56 miles Warrenite bitulithic.

Freewater contracts let for two new school houses, \$8306 and \$83033.

Rainier.—Union street improvement to cost \$2454.

Weston.—Marshall hotel to be remodelled.

Albany has built hard surface pavement to Masonic cemetery.

Bandon to pull down hills and bulkhead water front.

Newberg handle factory idle for years in full operation.

Coos Bay lumber shipments leading all Pacific Coast ports.

Two railroads announce new work to be started at once that will mean an expenditure of several millions of dollars.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company will build a 30-mile extension to its line recently completed from Riverside, westward to Crane Creek Gap.

The Southern Pacific announces it will electrify its line between Whiteson and Corvallis, a distance of forty-three miles, as an extension of the existing electric unit between Portland and Whiteson.

A crab cannery at Empire and fish cannery on Rogue River persist in running in spite of game codes, fish wardens and labor laws.

North Bend tries to get water supply in competition with Coos Bay Water Co.

Astoria.—Hill steamer Northern Pacific lands 484 passengers and 350 tons freight, largest load since started.

Yamhill and Tillamook counties will expend \$20,000 on Sour Grass road.

Glendale.—Reuben sawmill to be operated with 25 men.

Eugene.—State University will put in printing plant.

The law collecting a five per cent tax on trading stamps is driving that form of advertising out of Oregon.

Albany.—Linn County cuts out all but one county school supervisor.

Portland.—Federation women's clubs advocates free homes for rural school teachers.

Eugene factories committee to investigate potato starch industry.

Portland.—May building permits for 1915, \$432,065. For May, 1914, \$643,380.

Pendleton has selected architects for new city library.

Marion County will lay 20,000 yards hard surface roads this year.

Astoria.—Dredge Chinook removed 150,000 tons sand from bar at mouth of Columbia last week.

MARK TWAIN'S HUMOR.

(Goodwin's Weekly.)

It is said that with the armies in the trenches and especially the German armies, the books of Mark Twain are more read than those of any other author.

Some of the extreme literary editors of the east are trying to analyze this statement and to find the cause of the especial popularity of Twain.

It is simple enough. Mark knew just how to express an idea as it was presented to him by an inexhaustible sense of humor. He was not often really witty but he had a droll way of presenting things which all at once converted people and they gave the credit to his wit.

The most literary people of Ireland are in Cork, that is there are more of them there than in any other spot in the Emerald Isle. Mark was going there to lecture and the literary bon ton of the city met and agreed to attend his lecture in a body, but to sit in silence and applaud nothing that he said. Twain reached the city and in due time stood before the Cork audience and began his lecture. The house was profoundly, painfully still. Mark felt it and shot a joke at it, not a ruff of applause. Mark tried another with like result. Then he gathered himself up and in its best form shot his masterpiece at his hearers. The same result.

Twain waited a moment and then with his natural drawl accentuated, he said: "I will digress for a moment from the subject of my lecture to explain that when I fire that last joke at an intelligent audience, they always laugh."

That was too much for the Corkonians and they shook the house with yells. Now anyone can see that what changed their minds was not the wit of the remark, it was, so to speak, as though Twain had stolen up behind them and unexpectedly hit the crazy bone of every one of them.

That is what fascinates everyone who reads his books; when they are not expecting it something so droll strikes them, that in their souls they cheer.

Mark caught the art in a mining camp. The unexpected was always happening and Mark caught the gift of anticipating and using it.

And so the ripple of laughter that followed him in life, is still following him and making poor humanity glad.

"The Littlest Rebel," 6

reels, at Rex, June 29.

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## COTTAGE GROVE SAMPLE STORE

### Mrs. George Berry Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Frank Henderson received a letter from her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Geo. Berry, of near Stockton, Calif., late last week stating that a former severe surgical operation at a Stockton hospital had proven unsuccessful and she would undergo another operation, which she dreaded very much. Mrs. Berry was formerly Miss Edna Wallace of this city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ves Wallace, and her mother left this city late last week for Stockton to attend her daughter while she is recovering from her illness. Mrs. Berry was for a number of years a compositor in the Leader office.

### COURAGE.

(Youth's Companion.)

Occasionally you hear a man say that he fears nothing in the world except to do wrong. The statement is important if true. Most of us fear it, or at least endure it with a soldier's fortitude? Or would our untried nerves give us trouble?

We are an imaginative people; and imagination is close cousin to fear. Moreover, we read, and we look at pictures, and a too vivid conception of the horrors of war is not a good preparation for facing them.

On the other hand, we are an intelligent people, accustomed to reason about our actions, our needs, and our duties; and a clear, educated intelligence that conquers fear is a far better source of courage than the stolid ignorance that does not know what fear is.

All experience seems to show that men are brave collectively who are not especially intrepid as individuals. The pride of following or of setting an example is the greatest stimulus known to man. There is a world of comfort, too, in the touch of a known shoulder and the sound of a known voice. Men will laugh at danger together who would run from it alone. Again, actual conflict is too quick for the imagination. The danger comes and it is over before you can think what it means or where it leads; and a succession of such experiences breeds the courage of habit, the surest of all.

It is true there is the lonely night watch of the sentinel, whom no comrade cheers, and the perilous adventure of the scout, who seems to take off his life and leave it behind him as he would any other little knickknack that might prove troublesome. But even those adventures may become easy through use.

The great comfort for the ordinary man is that there are other ordinary men, many of them, and that they are all likely to bear themselves with equal fortitude. In our Civil War the American soldier, going from the farm, the desk, and the shop, proved himself one of the best fighters in the world, and we may be sure he will prove himself so again, if the occasion comes.

A GENTLE REPROACH.

The summers are very hot in Texas, but a few summers ago the weather was hotter than even Texas weather ought to be, and during the succeeding winter there were a number of days when the weather would have been called cold even here in the North, says a writer in the New York Sun.

The average colored man wears very few clothes in Texas during the summer, and the same clothes do duty, as far as they can, in winter. This particular summer had been oppressive to even the colored population, and it dwelt in the memory of one representative of the race when the unusual cold of midwinter came along.

The wind was out of the north, and a bitter gust came blifing round the corner of a street in Houston one day as this colored man was humping along in his inadequate raiment. Shivering, and

with chattering teeth, he turned quickly and faced the wind, and as if he were addressing some one in front of him, he exclaimed:

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