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The question of whether or not the Oregon State Fair shall be held at Salem next year or in deference to the Lewis and Clark Centennial be held in Portland, will be up after a while. In the interest of the fair it had better come up now. In the opinion of the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE, it would be a mistake to attempt to hold the Annual State Fair at Portland in 1905 or at any other date, and it would be a mistake to try to hold it anywhere but where it has been held the past forty odd years. The State Fair is almost as old as the state. It has one of the best race tracks in the west and the track cannot be removed. Memories cling to its oak groves as meeting and camping grounds for the past generation and particularly among the pioneers, no spot on earth can take its place. It is a matter of regret that W. H. Wehrung and J. H. Settlemeir of the board of managers and Secretary M. D. Wisdom, have resigned. The old board of twelve had effectually wrecked the fair but under the management of the new board of which Wehrung, Settlemeir and Wisdom bore the brunt, its name has been redeemed and the biggest fairs in the history of the institution have been held the past three years. The attendance last year was on one day upward of 20,000 people which is the greatest number ever assembled on the grounds. The largest attendance is made the basis of an argument in holding the fair in Portland on the grounds that Salem is unable to care for so many people. But the fact is Portland would probably be as much embarrassed as Salem in trying to find accommodations for 20,000 people. Complaint is also made against the inadequacy of the street-car

service leading to the grounds. The exception is probably well taken and it is up to the people of Salem to remove the objection. To keep the fair up to its present standard requires the active co-operation of all its friends, who must see that such innovations as skipping an annual fair in deference to some other events is avoided.

Delay in the Russo-Japanese situation has worked to the advantage of Russia and to the hardship of Japan. Russia is vast in extent, enormous in resources of population and though rich as a world nation, is held down by the individual poverty of many of its people. Russians however are trained to patience and have the strength to wait. Waiting indeed is a fixed tradition of Russian diplomacy and strategy. Japan, is a small country of comparatively few people and limited resources. At a glance its a very uneven match with the odds in favor of Russia. Yet the result of war between the two nations cannot be foretold. What the outcome will be is only conjectural, are as similar cases submitted to arbitration of war. Japan has lost no time in recent years putting her soldiers through a course of modern methods in military training and she has had as instructors men from the armies of other nations. Her people are patriotic. The Japs are a virile race. They are also fatalists. Germany will hardly permit Russia an outlet by way of the Baltic sea nor is it probable the skill of her diplomats will find a way out through the Dardanelles. Her soldiers must be transported by land across the eastern continent and brought to Japan's door. Aside from the fact that other nations may be drawn into it, the outcome is uncertain. Geographies of today are likely to be useless as to the Orient in a very short time. "Spheres of influence" must become actual possession or be abandoned in China, and Russia or Japan must retreat to the music of the cannons roar from their present position.

There will be something doing at the next term of the United States district court for

the state of Oregon. Upon his return from Washington, U. S. District Attorney, John Hall, had arrested one dozen, lacking one, citizens of Umatilla county for alleged complicity in land fraud matters. The list indicted includes Charles Cunningham, sheep king of Umatilla county. The charge against Cunningham is: "Inducing others to take up homesteads to be transferred to him". Others induced are:

COUNTY JUDGE C. A. HARTMAN.  
 "Taking and certifying to testimony he knew at the time to be false."  
 NOTARY PUBLIC J. H. PARKES.

"Making out papers when he knew subject-matter was unknown to persons supposed to be giving it."

Asa Rayburn, Dallas O'Hara, J. H. Salling, Shelly Jones, Mark S. Haekelford, Kate James, John Doe, and Richard Roe filing on homesteads which they had never seen and falsely swearing to residence and improvement.

Cunningham was the star witness in the prosecution of Asa Thomson who has been relieved from his position as receiver of the La Grande land office. He is a man of wealth and an interesting legal battle may be expected at the next term of the federal court in Portland.

The Salem Journal is opposed to woman suffrage and sums up its objections as follows:

"It is a notorious fact that women are undeveloped in many respects for instance in playing euchre, and hence unfit for the ballot.

The frequency with which they are bringing suits to collect pay for kisses they have given some man is another argument against them.

They would insist on all campaign pledges being kept to the letter or bring a breach of promise suit.

There are many newspapers and politicians who flatter the women with promises of the ballot and then don't keep their pledge.

All such would have damage suits on their hands, and there are few prominent politicians in Oregon would escape indictment.

If a majority of the men and a majority of the women were favorable to suffrage, many "editors" might favor this dangerous element.

Some would be outspokenly

for the woman suffrage amendment if they were dead sure that it would carry, who are now against it."

Committee on platform 1905 National Democratic Convention: Henry Watterson, Louisville, Ky.; William R. Hearst, United States of America; Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain, Portland or Salem Oregon. To make nominating speech for presidential candidate, William Bryan, late of Urp; seconding speech, Governor Cleveland, of Oyster Bay.

A prominent democrat gives assurance that the democratic party will have a full ticket in the field in Polk county and suggests the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE give the democrats the "other barrel" next week.

Reform is passing up the line—of the Southern Pacific. The grand jury at Roseburg returned eighteen indictments for gambling, running bawdy houses etc.

At last accounts the Holy Rollers were headed toward Salem. It is at that place the "bug-house" is located.

If a man stops to shake hands with you, who never did before, remember that election time is drawing nigh.

The Russians and Japs will surely be "good and ready" when hostilities do begin.

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