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The Bryan Boom

Billy Hearst refuses to join in the welcome that is to be extended to Billy Bryan on his return from his trip around the world in eighty days, more or less.

This renaissance of Bryanism presents an interesting subject for study, and Mr. Hearst is probably not the only ambitious politician who would like to see it wane and die.

And Colonel Bryan himself seems not displeased at the call that comes to him from his countrymen across the sea, and is hurrying home to receive the warm welcome that is promised by his millions of admirers.

And in the meantime the preparations for the grand home-coming reception go merrily forward. At the New York wharf there will greet the returning statesman ten trainloads of lanky, deep-lunged Missourians...

Good Crop Prospects

This being a time of critical development in many important crops the forecasters are busy. They are studying the government reports as well as the advices sent them from correspondents.

The winter wheat crop, Mr. Clews says, is practically assured, and the best government report indicates a total wheat crop of 713,000,000 bushels, which is 20,000,000 bushels larger than the previous harvest.

to surprise, however, if there was more or less deterioration of the crop during the next six weeks, so that a bumper crop is out of the question.

The corn crop is backward; planting does not yet seem to be complete. There is, however, an abundance of time to make up for these deficiencies.

At present our foreign indebtedness is decidedly heavy, and considering the present activity in trade and the low condition of our bank reserves, it is probable that we shall have to depend still longer upon the foreign markets for banking facilities.

Graduates and Their Ideals

It is quite the custom of the press to have a little good natured fun at the expense of each year's crop of graduates.

With sympathy rather than sarcasm should these graduates be received into the world of affairs. Usually they come there with high ideals, but it is only the unthinking who laugh at them on that account.

Some of their high ideals may appear very impractical, and it is likely that they will be compelled to modify them in the course of years, but they and the old world are both better that these recruits enter the battle possessed of intentions of fighting honorably and wedded to uplifting ideas.

There is no sensible person who believes that the world is as good as it might be, although admitting that it is getting better all the time, so that those who, just starting out in life, are filled with a desire to make things better should be encouraged rather than lightly treated on account of their worthy ambition.

He who has never had any high ideals is a poorer individual than the one who, having had them, has had them somewhat shattered.

Now they have S. A. D. Potter back in Portland they are not so anxious to pass sentence on him for his forgery of school land deeds.

Of course they would be willing to see him go free if they could get their money, even part of it back. Revenge strikes our own pocket is not sweet with any of us.

Swift and Terrible Justice

A few days ago John Joseph Kean was sent to prison for twenty years for the crime of kidnapping. He was arrested, tried and convicted within a space of twenty four hours, a splendid example of quick work in the courts, stirred to action by an outraged public sentiment.

This monster carried off Charles Frederick Mirth, the seven-year-old son of a Philadelphia dealer, detaining him six days, using three vacant houses as lodgings, thereby baffling the police, who at last secured a clue as to his haunts.

"If the person or persons who have stolen my boy, Charles Frederick Mirth, will immediately communicate with me, I am ready to enter into negotiations with them for the prompt return of the boy to his heart-broken parents.

Finally the afflicted father offered, through the press, \$5000 for the return of his boy. Kean called over this offer, and before any deal was made the police received the clues which enabled them to capture him.

This crime has stirred Philadelphia to its foundation. The bright, ruddy appearance of the boy and the beauty of his dark eyes, touched a sympathetic chord among Philadelphia mothers who feared for the safety of their own children.

Kean is a degenerate and perhaps insane. But his insanity had method and responsibility in it. He was too dangerous to remain at large. Some years ago he had been a bank clerk and as such had decamped with about \$25,000.

This thing of rich men praising the advantages of poverty is becoming a great fad since Andrew Carnegie set the fashion. Senator Steve Elkins, of West Virginia, erstwhile star route mail jobber, railroad and corporation burko steerer, expressed the following sentiment at the state convention of bankers at Wheeling yesterday:

"After a certain point wealth becomes a burden and robs its owner of ease and repose, yet I have observed how eager and willing people are to struggle along through life with the burden of wealth upon them. Very rich men never whistle. Poor men always do. Bird songs are in the hearts of the poor man. This is well. In every condition of life there is compensation."

A member of the British parliament has been unseated for entertaining voters at a garden party. Over here we are not so particular, the agents of candidates for congress, if not themselves, "entertaining" voters in saloons and questionable resorts and paying so much a vote for the purchasable element.

That Senator Morgan, of Alabama, is a great old man. He celebrated his 82d birthday yesterday with a long speech in the senate in favor of a sea-level canal at Panama. To him more than any other man progress in construction of the great undertaking may be attributed.

Jason and Ann Maria Lee

Hon. W. D. Fenton, at the reinterment of Jason Lee in Oregon soil beside the wife who preceded him, Ann Maria Pittman Lee, referred to her and closed his address as follows:

She came west and paid the sacrifice with her life. She was married to Jason Lee on the 16th of July, 1837, not far from where Salem now stands. She died on the 26th of June, 1838, and is buried in the old mission cemetery. In that sacred spot where we are about to re-inter all that is mortal of Jason Lee lies buried the wife of his youth and the infant son for whose birth her life was sacrificed.

This man and this woman together will sleep at last. The work which they did has outlived them. She in her sphere and he in his performed well their part.

Lee was born in Canada in 1803. A devoted Methodist he came to Oregon in 1834 with the idea of converting the Indian. He was not long in realizing the hopelessness of that work, and the school he founded for the education of the Indian was transformed into one for the education of the whites—the beginning of Willamette University.

In all justice and duty the National League of Republican Clubs was expected to pass resolutions of confidence in our president, but they overdid the matter—fulsome flattery was not called for. "World's first citizen!" We have a good many just as good "first" citizens right here in Eugene. Then that he has "gained not only the respect and love of his countrymen, but the esteem and admiration of the whole of mankind."

The county assessors of Western Oregon have a need to raise the S. P. Co's valuation for taxable purposes, to \$10,000 a mile. That seems a just move on its face, but after all what will it amount to? The railroad company will simply raise freight rates sufficiently to cover the increased expense and the people not the stockholders of the corporation, will pay the taxes.

It transpires that the year before Beveridge, of Indiana, was elected to the senate he was paid a fee of \$5024 by the New York Life Insurance Company. That is probably the reason this distinguished reform statesman has been ready at all times to oppose all kinds of grafts and investigate all the trusts—except life insurance, Beveridge and that other distinguished reformer, District Attorney Jerome, seem to be two of a kind.

At last there is a disposition on the part of the federal authorities to protect the public domain, so long the prey of unprincipled grabbers. At Helena, Mont., the other day Judge Hunt imposed a fine of \$250 on Christopher Toeler, a wealthy Nebraskan, for fencing government land. The punishment was light, however, because of extenuating circumstances, and besides the defendant was rich and prominent in business circles.

Dowie, the Crazy Apostle

John Alexander Dowie? Well, they have men not so crazy as he in insane asylums, at least there for hallucinations no more remarkable than his.

"I have always been." "When did you first become conscious of the fact?"

"It gradually grew. I resented the revelation, as it were, and for years was grieved and angry if any one suggested that I was Elijah. I am not a visionary man. The first time it came to my attention was in Melbourne, or Sydney, Australia, while at the head of a Bible society. One night I was asked to preach a sermon. I went to supper and ordered two meals, which I forgot to eat. I had been thinking over my subject and could not get beyond Elijah.

"I was thinking of his remarkable career, and my supper got cold. One of my deacons told me I had a message from God. I laughed and said: 'You go away and let me alone.' He said: 'I want to tell you you are Elijah.' He said that three times and walked away. I was much distressed, for he could not have known that I had been thinking of Elijah for an hour. I spoke, and my last idea was that I was Elijah.

And this man got not only one man but thousands of men who had sense enough to make and save money to put their thousands, their all in many instances, into his control! What fools these mortals can be, especially when the supernatural is under consideration.

Great is the power of the press, despite the indifference some people affect as to what the newspaper say. In San Francisco, the powerful old line, home and foreign fire insurance companies admit that it is the newspapers that have compelled them to cut loose from the smaller companies and proceed to make settlements without further delay.

Competing railroads nowadays strive for straight tracks and easy grades, no matter what the cost. For instance the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. will spend some \$600,000 for the practical rebuilding of their track between Troutdale and Bonneville, along the Colum river, a distance of but twenty-three miles. Curves nearly equal to those of four complete circles will be eliminated.

Mrs. Emma Watson's wages of sin from the Oregon land frauds are said to have been lost in the San Francisco fire—jewels and costly wardrobe. Anyway, even if she has the gewgaws she has the good sense to sink her woman's vanity and not wear them now she is in custody at Portland. The simpler she may dress the more sympathy for her.

Mrs. Emma Watson, mistress of Puter, and his accomplice in Oregon land frauds, is in the same jail with him at Portland, though in different quarters. There is a fitness in it, as it was through Puter's solicitude for her safety that he went to San Francisco after the earthquake and was caught.

For three full days and nights that horrible mob at Ballystok with slight abatement during the day sacked and burned and maltreated Jews, murder and outrage on women being parts of the program. It is hard to realize that man, created in the image of his maker, can do such deeds.

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Willamette House. 80 West 8th St., Eugene, Ore. RATES \$1.00 PER DAY. Board and Room \$4.50 per Week. Meals \$2.50 per week. WM. LILWALL, Prop.

Logs and Lumber Demand. "Some two or three years ago a logger came to Tacoma with a load of logs for sale. He did not find a single active Jeannud, so concluded he would try the effects of a good dinner on a mill man. The mill man, after the dinner but not the logs, after three days ago a logger came to Tacoma. The mill man nudged him up, and he succeeded in getting any logs."

"The man with logs to sell in the Columbia, Gray's Harbor, Puget Sound is not liable to be seen these days. Fir logs in Gray's Harbor have reached 80.50. In Puget Sound logs are scarce and in the Columbia are about holding their own in supply."

"The Eastern & Western Lumber Company, of Portland, confesses that the lumber business is good, but insists that the loggers are getting the best of it. There is a heavy demand for logs along the river, as the Puget Sound and Astoria mills are running night and day."