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Views of Leading Men

The United Press Association, of Washington, D. C., whose splendid news service from the national capital will soon be a feature of the Daily Guard, sends some interesting gossip this week concerning prominent men and public questions.

Senator Hopkins, of Illinois, a member of the committee on Cuban relations, which will have to do with the situation in the Island Republic at the coming session of congress, is of the opinion that annexation in the Island Republic at the coming session of congress, will be the only permanent solution of the problem.

"It seems to me that annexation is inevitable," he said. "But never against the consent of the Cuban people. The more intelligent people of Cuba believe their best interests will be subserved through annexation to this country. When that sentiment becomes sufficiently strong Cuba will ask to be taken in; there will be no seizure on the part of the United States."

Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, says the annexation of Cuba should not be contemplated unless the Cuban people request to be made a part of the United States. "In the present situation of Cuban affairs," he said, "I believe it unwise to speculate on the probability of the annexation of the island. The good faith of this government is involved. We should not talk of union until the Cubans ask to annex us."

Mr. Spooner came to Washington at the request of the president and discussed with him public questions. He is of the opinion that there should be a reform in our currency system and advocates legislation to that end by congress. He regards the passage of a law giving elasticity, with safety, to the currency issues of National banks, as of great importance to the welfare of the nation.

notes by national banks, subject to a graduated tax to prevent over issues and the removal of the restriction upon the retirement of notes.

Simplified Spelling

Apparently the department of commerce and labor is playing hide and seek with the president's recent order for simplified spelling. The last bulletin issued by it contains fourteen hundred words, and but three were shortened according to the new form.

With this latest addition The Guard plant will be equipped with every possible facility for doing work that it is possible to acquire, and the plant will be entirely new in all departments. The Guard is spending thousands of dollars in this endeavor to give the people of Lane county a thoroughly up to date newspaper simply because its business justifies the outlay, having outgrown its former plant.

Oregon Text Books

The Oregon Text Book Commission was appointed four years ago by Governor Chamberlain and is composed of the following prominent citizens:

Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian; William M. Ladd, of the Ladd & Tilton bank, both of Portland. P. L. Campbell, president of the State University, of Eugene; William M. Colvig, attorney, of Jacksonville, and Charles A. Johns, attorney and mayor, of Baker City.

On the second Monday in July of next year the commission is to meet and make such changes in the selection of text books as seems advisable.

There is one feature of the school book question to which the commission should and very likely will give attention, and that is the cost of the books to the purchaser, says the Baker City Democrat. There is large room for reduction in this and if it cannot be obtained the commission might inaugurate a movement which would result in the state printing the text books.

Beets Require Irrigation

Is it not about time for Lane county to revive the agitation for a beet sugar manufactory here? We can raise as good sugar beets as they do in Northeastern Oregon and Eastern Washington. Now is the time to talk it up—Register.

The above article is about like advising the erection of a stamp mill on a mining prospect without sufficient pay ore in sight to pay running expenses. If the Register had advised "Irrigation" therewith it would have hit the mark.

The Register should either openly and heartily advocate irrigation, or cease advising the people on a matter in which it is not posted.

Glad to See Them in Jail

A young minister went to the county jail at Portland to preach to the prisoners. Here is his opening remark:

"My dear friends, I am very glad to see so many of you here before me this morning. Even the severe discipline of the prison could not suppress the shout of amusement from the prisoners at this statement, and the minister's effort at apology and explanation was drowned as the prisoners threw aside all restraint and laughed heartily."

Guard is Growing

The Evening Guard is rapidly forging ahead as a daily newspaper. It will soon print a large special edition, for general and foreign as well as local circulation, which will be a credit to Lane County and to Oregon.

Editor Geer, of the Pendleton Tribune, has had a long whirl at politics and has reached a very sage

conclusion, with which most well-informed observers will agree. He says: "No man can figure on probabilities or 'indications.' There are no probabilities or indications. Nothing figures in these contests but the final figures. Three years ago every newspaper in Denver, for instance, opposed with all the power it possessed the election of a certain man for mayor, but the abused man was elected 'triumphantly.'"

The people of Roseburg do not purpose to submit to the action of their city council in granting a 50-year water and light franchise to the Willamette Valley Co. They have accordingly filed a petition with the city clerk, asking that a special election be held on December 10, giving the people a right to acquiesce or reject the franchise.

The president and wife send condolences and White House flowers to the daughter of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, a very graceful tribute to the woman who for four years of stern warfare held rank as first lady of the Confederacy. It is nearly forty-two years since she fled the capital, Richmond, and Union soldiers marched through its streets, rewarding them for the many weary months and incalculable shedding of precious blood before its treachments!

King Thanh-Thai, of Annam, also known as Cochinchina, is a merry old soul. His latest joke was the killing of one of his numerous wives and serving her body for dinner, forcing the members of his court to partake of the unwelcome dish.

Henry Hose cut the throat of the public woman who consorted with him till the last cent of his money was gone, at Portland, then cursed her, walked to the police station and coolly related his crime as he gave himself up. But as with intoxication, there came a reaction. In his cell a few hours later he was completely cowed, shook as with the ague and could hardly find voice for his chattering teeth.

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the perversity of human nature we hang on to what wants to get away and push off what wants to come to us. The time has passed when any one who had the temerity to say that the sooner we were rid of the Philippines the better for us is derided and abused, for that view is now almost universal among thinking men. On the other hand Cuba is a nuisance at our very door, and the sooner we take charge of her affairs for good and all the better. American men and American capital will develop the island and make it a rich, prosperous, law abiding territory.

It is announced that the government will look more carefully to the enforcement of its rule regarding the roads over which rural free delivery is established. The present requirement is: "Roads traversed shall be kept in good condition and unobstructed by gates; there must be no unbridged creeks or streams not fordable at any season of the year."

Next January is the time for the text books in the schools to be adopted. There are complaints of the physiology, histories and some others now in use and it is understood teachers and superintendents generally will urge a few changes. The agents of the book concerns are now swarming through the state in the effort to work in their books. The commission consists of Harvey W. Scott, of the Oregonian; William M. Ladd, of Portland; Charles A. Johns, of Baker City; William M. Colvig, of Ashland, and President Campbell of the State University.

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The Waste of Our Great Natural Resources. By JAMES J. HILL, President Great Northern Railroad.

HERE are our American children to find standing room and the tens of millions of the future a place for wholesome industry? This is an intensely practical question. IT IS IMMEDIATE. For within twenty years we must house and employ in some fashion 50,000,000 of additional population, and by the middle of this century, at a time when the child now born will be in the prime of life, there will be approximately TWO AND A HALF TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE in the United States as there are today.

No nation in history was ever confronted with a sterner question than this certain prospect sets before us. What are we to do with our brother, whose keeper we are? How are we to provide our own children with shelter and their daily bread?

Rational consideration of our potential resources and of available future employment for this great multitude must, of course, proceed together. LABOR MUST HAVE MATERIAL TO WORK UPON, and labor and material must also be so conjoined that the sum total shall be an increase of product equal to the advancing demands upon it, while at the same time our natural resources shall not be EXHAUSTED. Only thus can the future be made safe.

The mighty wealth of this continent was adequate, with ordinarily provident handling, for an INDEFINITE INCREASE of the demands upon it. The inheritors of this wealth have already so far dissipated it that some prudent care of the residue cannot be postponed without certain disaster.

Within forty-four years we shall have to meet the wants of more than 200,000,000 people. In less than twenty years from this moment the United States will have 130,000,000 people. Where are these people, not of some dim, distant age, BUT OF THIS VERY GENERATION now growing to manhood, to be employed and how supported?

The first step is to realize our dependence upon the CULTIVATION OF THE SOIL. The next will be to concentrate popular interest and invention and hope upon that neglected occupation. We are still clinging to the skirts of a civilization born of great cities. We at this very moment use a slang which calls the stupid man "a farmer."

GENIUS HAS SHUNNED THE FARM and expended itself upon mechanical appliances and commerce and the manifold activities whose favorable reactions filter back but slowly to the plot of ground upon which stands solidly THE REAL MASTER of himself and of his destiny.

IF WE COMPREHEND OUR PROBLEM ARIGHT ALL THIS WILL CHANGE AND A LARGER COMPREHENSION OF AGRICULTURE AS OUR MAIN RESOURCE AND OUR MOST DIGNIFIED AND INDEPENDENT OCCUPATION WILL FOR THE FUTURE DIRECT TO THEIR JUST AIM, IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF METHODS AND THE INCREASE OF YIELD, THE WISDOM AND THE SCIENCE AND THE WILLING LABOR OF THE MILLIONS WHO THUS MAY TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY AN UNIMPAIRED INHERITANCE.

The True Purpose of Imprisoning Criminals

By EUGENE SMITH, Famous Criminologist

IT is not easy to see how punishment ever came to be regarded as an EXPIATION for crime. The expiatory nature of suffering depends on its VOLUNTARINESS. Yet this absurd idea is the only ground on which a dangerous criminal is now discharged after a CERTAIN TERM of imprisonment.

Public protection is the only motive which justifies the state depriving a criminal of his liberty, revenge being wholly alien to its majesty. But imprisonment that is not reformatory insures protection ONLY WHILE IT LASTS. Therefore we can protect ourselves from the criminal only by life imprisonment or by reformation, and reformation seems to be more humane, besides being less expensive. And reformation presupposes THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE. The criminal must be treated UNTIL CURED. The question of his guilt is wholly immaterial, and attempts to make the punishment fit the crime are an absurdity. Only OMNISCIENCE can measure guilt. Under the old criminal system the state figured as an avenging fury pursuing the criminal.

UNDER THE NEW IT IS A BENEFICENT POWER STRIVING TO AID HIM, AND NO CRUELER WRONG CAN BE DONE TO HIM THAN TO SET HIM FREE WHEN HE IS INCAPABLE OF SELF CONTROL.

A Poem for Today. I Prithce Send Me Back My Heart. By Sir John Suckling. PRITHEE send me back my heart Since I cannot have thine, For, if from yours you will not part, Why, then, shouldst thou have mine?