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just what Lewiston and Grangeville did, and the result will be practically the same, we predict. The railroads (like Providence) help those who help themselves.

And right here it is pertinent to impress upon the people of Lane county that they have the power in their own hands to solve the railroad problem if they will get together and act decisively. An electric railroad to tide water on the Sluslaw would be but 70 miles in length, and would probably not cost over \$1,000,000, all of which would be subscribed in stock in Lane county, if the proper interest and enthusiasm was aroused.

As to the effect of the building of such a road upon Eugene and all Lane county, it is scarcely necessary to speak. It would mean emancipation from a grinding monopoly in rates and paucity of equipment, and an era of growth and prosperity almost undreamed of would be the sequence. More than this, it would awaken the railroad company to the necessity of bestirring itself to furnish the facilities demanded by the industries of the Willamette valley.

Why not exhale the revivifying breath of the spirit of enterprise that is abroad in other portions of the great west? What Lewiston has done, what Roseburg and Marshfield are determined to do, Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Florence may do.

BE INDEPENDENT

There is a growing independence of the press in this country that is one of the cheering signs of the times. The day of the hide-bound partisan newspaper has passed, let us hope, never to return again. And in this connection it must be noted that there is a world of goodly newspaper sense and sound advice in the cablegram sent by Joseph Pulitzer from Cape Martin, in France, to the members of the executive staff of the New York World, gathered recently at a banquet in Delmonico's, New York, in celebration of his sixtieth birthday.

Express to the editors, managers and entire staff my warm appreciation of their excellent and successful work for an institution which should always fight for progress and reforms; never tolerate injustice or corruption; always fight demagogues of all parties; never belong to any party; always oppose privileged class and public plunder; never lack sympathy with the poor; always remain devoted to the public welfare; never be satisfied with merely printing the news; always be practically independent; never be afraid to attack wrong whether by predatory plutocracy or by predatory poverty.

AS TO PRESIDENT KERR

The Oregonian takes exception to comment made by the Eugene papers upon the election of Mr. Kerr to the presidency of the Oregon Agricultural College, who it is admitted was a Mormon polygamist up to the time congress passed a stringent law making plural marriage a felony. Then Mr. Kerr discarded his plural wife or wives, and it is asserted by his friends, became an apostate to his professed religious faith. The Oregonian, knowing these facts, says: "Do the Eugene papers think they will help the cause of the State University by such methods?"

is shown in the editorial of the Oregonian. It virtually takes the position that a paper in Eugene should smother its honest opinions for selfish reasons; to promote the growth and win support for an institution of the city in which they are published. It is this idea that is proving the bane of modern journalism and which is insidiously dominating the politics and government of the country at the present time. Selfish motives are influencing editorial utterances and controlling the acts of public men. Why should not Eugene newspapers be honest and straightforward in discussing this and every other question of public concern regardless of its effect upon the state university?

The Guard has no ill-feeling toward the O. A. C., but on the other hand desires to see the school grow and prosper without the handicap of an unfortunate selection for president. We should oppose even more strongly Mr. Kerr's election to the presidency of the Oregon university.

Yet the position taken by this paper did not have its inception in a desire to help or hinder the school; it was a natural and honest comment upon a subject that is of more than passing interest to the people of Oregon. Mr. Kerr grew to full manhood a believer in Mormonism, and its lascivious doctrine of polygamy—repugnant to every true ideal of Americanism. He held to these doctrines until the shadow of the federal prison loomed threateningly above him, when he became suddenly convinced that his belief was erroneous, turned his surplus wife or wives out upon the world, as degraded creatures, and climbed into the Gentile band wagon—a safer and saner position for a man of little courage to take.

Let it be a Lane county movement exclusively, because it would be an easy matter to raise a million dollars for an enterprise that will increase our material wealth ten fold and bring prosperity to every languishing industry.

The newly-elected president may be leading a true, upright life—because open Mormonism, with polygamous tendencies, is under the ban of law—but is his character quite the ideal for the students of our colleges to emulate, even if his reformation be sincere and honest? Would the Oregonian endorse the selection of one John William January for the head of the Agricultural College, granting that his educational attainments were suitable for the position?

It may be well to state for the benefit of those who have expressed surprise because Bellamy Storor has not jumped into the midst of the Ohio fray, to "even up" that Bellamy is the sort of fool who invites new bruises before the old ones stop hurting.

The administration nas shown, by the agreement with Germany, that it can revise the tariff to a limited extent without congressional action; but how the demonstration will strike Joe Cannon and the other stand-patters is another story—not yet told.

The Wilkesbarre (Pa.) jury which convicted eleven dozens of membership in the notorious blackmailing organization—the Black Hand—didn't scare so it could be noticed when confronted with the evidence and its duty to the public.

Cheer up, all ye maidens handicapped by age! If Ellen Terry, owing up to fifty-nine summers, could pull off the love-at-sight thing and matrimony, on a kid of thirty-five why can't you do something equally as good?

Bishop Candler, of Georgia, now in Japan, is the latest reputable witness to take the stand and testify to the general all-around cussedness and moral worthlessness of the Japanese as a people.

The hoodoo is still doing business with poor San Francisco, which is now wrestling with a big bunch of strikes—things which may become as costly and as dangerous as earthquakes.

Should Boss Diaz, of Mexico, decide that he needs Guatemala in his business will Uncle Sam look the other way or say nay? This is rather an important question in Central America just now.

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THE GOOD OLD WAY

Some years ago David Baker, a distinguished poet of Maine, after the birth of his first child, wrote and published the following pretty poem: One night as old St. Peter slept He left the door of Heaven ajar. When through a little angel crept And came down with a falling star. One summer as the blessed beam Of morn approached, my blushing bride Awakened from that pleasing dream And found that angel by her side. God grant but this—I ask no more That when he leaves this world of pain, He'll wing his way to that bright shore And find his way to Heaven again.

HARRISBURG ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

F. P. McDaniel was down from Creswell Sunday for a short visit with Mrs. McDaniel and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter visited with friends at Eugene over Sunday, returning on the afternoon train Monday. Miss Kittie Baber and Miss Clara Smith visited with friends at Junction City one day the latter part of last week. Professor and Mrs. L. B. Gibson and little son were at Creswell the latter part of last week, visiting with relatives and friends. Cal Briggs was down from Cottage Grove Sunday for a visit with his father and sister, as well as with his many friends in this section. Douglas Love returned Sunday evening from Portland, where he had been for some time past. He left Monday afternoon for Coburg to resume work on the railroad, with a bridge construction gang. Claude Hardisty, who was severely injured in one of the S. P. mills at Marcola a short time ago, has about recovered and went back to his work the first of the week. He was accompanied by his brother, Hugh Hardisty, who will work at the mill also. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nixon, of Seattle, and Miss Edna Bridges and her brother, Ralph Bridges, of Pleasant Hill, were here yesterday for a day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nixon. Mr. and Mrs. Bridges are brother and sister of Mrs. Nixon, and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Nixon to their home in Seattle, where they will remain for some time.—Bulletin.

OREGON NEWS

Charley Sterling, of Springfield, Lane county, who recently sold a fine farm near Vancouver, Wash., visited his brother, James A. Sterling, at his home in the latter city, meeting in over fourteen years. His son, Chester, accompanied him.—Drain Nonpareil. John P. Jones, the traveling passenger agent of the S. P., was taken seriously ill with gastritis at Los Angeles, upon arriving there this week. He was taken to a hospital. He went there to attend the meeting of the Mystic Shriners. Corvallis Republican: The Home Telephone Company is constructing a trunk line from Corvallis to Peoria, and it will be in operation a week from today. The trunk line of the same company from Portland to Corvallis will be completed by June 15, if all is well. It is now in operation as far as Jefferson. Governor Chamberlain and Tom Richardson, of Portland, will leave next Tuesday for the Coos Bay country on an inspection trip. Harrison A. Melvin, of Crook county, who killed S. H. Horrace last fall, has been discharged, the grand jury finding not a true bill. The suspension bridge at Oregon City has been closed to traffic and is said it will be fall before it can be opened. Something serious is said to be the matter with it. A bill providing for the fees of sheriffs in counties of more than 100,000 people will be referred to the people upon a petition of 6000 names from Multnomah county, the only one affected. Henry Von Witzingerode was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1881 for life. He was a model prisoner, never violating a rule. The governor has pardoned him and he will go to Umatilla county and live with Mose Taylor, himself just released from the pen. A fire swept Kent Monday. Following is a list of the losses: Grover Summons, barber shop and residence; A. K. Hall, postoffice, and Kent Recorder, newspaper plant; Chas. Boardman, drug store and residence; J. H. Battonmiller, postoffice building; L. Scharkewitz, business building; K. Thompson, store building and residence; W. Kentner's meat market; J. Patterson's residence; Kent Commercial Company, implement warehouse and all contents. The loss is estimated by business men at from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Insurance on the whole property destroyed amounts to about \$9000.

OPPOSED TO SHEEP LAW

Cottage Grove, Or., May 9, 1907. Editor Guard:—Having just been reading in the Guard something of the new sheep dip law, and want to say that the sooner those who propose to dip healthy sheep against the will of the owners give up the fool idea the better it will be for all concerned.

The Smart Alecks who got up the law belong in some sort of a "dippy" establishment, and as soon as "Dr. Dippy" comes prowling around here he will encounter something worse than Hooligan ever experienced. I have 30 head of fine blooded South-downs that haven't even a tick on the whole bunch, so thoroughly were they dipped some years ago, and no man need apply for the job of dipping them till they need dipping. It is a shame and a disgrace on the state to allow such things as this act of the so-called legislature to get into print and thus herald to the rest of the country the fact that a majority of the men we sent to Salem ought to be kept there permanently. S. B. MORSE.

ROBBERS ENTER EUGENE DRUGSTORE BY SKYLIGHT AND BURGLARIZE SAFE

(From Monday's Guard.) W. L. DeLano's drug store was entered some time last night, the safe opened into and something like \$200 in cash, besides a number of valuable papers stolen. The robbery was first discovered about 7 o'clock this morning by the clerks, John Buster and John Cartmell. As they entered the store and went into the rear room they noticed that the back door was ajar. Knowing that the door is always kept locked and bolted during the night and being certain that it was left that way Sunday evening, then at once began to make an investigation. They immediately discovered that the safe had been tampered with. The doors of the safe were closed, but two half-inch round holes were found in the outer door and steel borings were found on the floor directly beneath them. Robbers had been there and boring into the lock through the first steel sheeting of the door had tapped the levers which control the bolts of the lock and worked the combination.

The outer doors of the safe being open it was an easy matter to then secure the contents. The inside door is never locked and the cash drawers and the drawers containing papers and documents are secured by only flimsy locks and were easily picked out. The cash box was carried away, but the two other drawers were left beneath the safe after the robber or robbers had ransacked them and found nothing of value taken.

Entered Through Skylight. The safe cracker entered the building by letting himself down through the skylight with a rope. He evidently reached the roof by climbing a ladder telephone pole in the rear of the building, or by a ladder which stood against the wall of the building. He removed one of the panes of glass from the skylight, making a hole plenty large to admit him, and tied a half inch rope to a round stick of wood about four feet long and two inches in diameter. The skylight is directly over the prescription case, and as the man let himself down by the rope he knocked a bottle off a shelf and broke it, spilling the contents on the floor. This seemed the only bunglesome thing the fellow did, everything else indicating that he was an expert in the safe cracking business. In searching for oil to assist him in boring through the tough steel door of the safe he found a bottle of liquid sheep dip which one of the clerks had mixed up during the previous day or the day before. It had the color of oil and the robber thought it was such, as he used it in his operations. As there is no oil whatever in the stuff it proved of little value to him, but in the darkness he probably did not know the difference unless the smell of the dip put him "wise."

Was a Professional. The location of the holes in the safe door and everything else connected with the robbery indicates that the miscreant is no novice at the work, but that he is a professional, and knows all about the mechanism of a safe. The holes are directly above the bolts which control the combination, and in each instance the hole tapped the bolts. The fellow left absolutely no clue to his identity, being careful to leave nothing behind him which would give the officers a tip as to where to start in to look for him. The entire job was of the kind that baffles the officers entirely, and shows that the robber was an old hand at the business.

Officers Working on Case. Chief of Police Farrington and Sheriff Fisk have each made a thorough investigation of the robbery, but report that they are unable yet to obtain a clue to the perpetrators. Chief Farrington says the night officers say last night was one of the quietest for a long time, scarcely a person being seen on the streets after midnight. There have been several suspicious looking characters in the city for the past two or three weeks, but none were seen around today. Night Officer Purdy was in the rear of the drug store and tried the door about 3 o'clock this morning, and it was securely locked, so the robbery must have been committed after that time or the work was going on then. The night officers jailed several hobos who were found on the depot grounds some time before 12 o'clock, and one of them had \$30 in cash, but he couldn't have been one of the robbers, as the robbery was evidently not committed until after Purdy tried the door of the store. The hobos were released this morning and ordered out of the city.

Suspect Arrested. This afternoon at 4:30 a man suspected of the robbery was arrested at the depot by Chief of Police Farrington and Deputy Sheriff Hammond. He was taken to the sheriff's office from Springfield in a buggy, arriving at the depot just as the train pulled in. The officers think they have the right man.

MOUNTAIN LAKE IS NOT SUITABLE HEAD BANKER SNODGRASS WAS ENDORSED

Mayor J. D. Matlock, City Attorney S. D. Allen, City Engineer G. A. Waggoner and Councilmen W. W. Callkins, R. B. Henderson and T. H. Garrett returned last night from a trip to the lake in the mountains above Coburg and about twenty miles northeast of Eugene, where they went for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of securing a supply of city water there. They made a thorough examination of the lake, its surroundings and outlet, but were not very favorably impressed with it as a suitable source for a water supply. An official report will be made at the next meeting of the city council.

In conversation with some of the members of the party today a Guard reporter learned that the lake is about 1000 feet above the level of the valley from where the party started up the mountain and is about 1000 feet long by 800 or 900 feet wide. There seems to be plenty of water in the lake, which is said to be 25 feet deep in some places, but it did not appeal to the city fathers as being just the thing they desired. The water appears to be somewhat stagnant, and there is some doubt about there being flow enough to supply the demands of a city water system.

Resolved, by the district convention of the Sixth District, W. O. W., in regular convention assembled, that we heartily endorse Head Consul I. L. Boak, Head Clerk John C. Latsch, and Head Auditor F. A. Bertschy and Head Banker P. E. Snodgrass for re-election to the respective offices that they now so efficiently and worthily occupy, and that the delegation to be elected by this convention be and they are hereby instructed to vote for the above named officers for re-election at the next head camp session. And we heartily endorse the safe and sure banking adopted by the head banker whereby he has returned to the order over \$7500 since the commencement of his term of office with absolute safety to the funds of the order. Meet at Springfield. The next convention will be held at Springfield, of which, the nominating speaker said, Eugene is a suburb. A split bamboo fishing rod for a dollar. CHAMBERS HARDWARE CO.

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