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PREMIUM PAPERS.

We are again offering either the Oregon Agriculturist or American Farmer free to every subscriber who says his subscription to the Weekly Guard one year in advance. For the free offer of silver and kitchen sets see the advertisement on this page.

QUICK WORK IN REPORTING CONVENTION

The republican nation convention re-convened in Chicago at 10 o'clock this morning. At 9:30 a. m. The Guard posted a bulletin announcing the nomination of Sherman, of New York, for vice-president on the first ballot. At 9:45 another bulletin was posted giving the detailed vote. At 10:50 another bulletin announced that the convention had adjourned sine die. That was quick work—explained, of course, by the difference between eastern and western time.

And it should not be out of place to mention the fact that the Guard yesterday had the largest telegraphic news report ever used by a Eugene paper, and probably by any paper in the state, outside of Portland. We are willing to have our daily convention reports of this week compared with those of papers in cities much larger than Eugene, confident that the comparison will redound to the credit of The Guard. The people of Eugene have received their news from Chicago just as quickly and almost as fully as the residents of cities of the Portland class. We call attention to this matter because the people of a community too often accept newspaper enterprise as a matter of course, failing to properly appreciate the labor and expense that it entails upon the publishers.

GOOD CROPS INSURE GENERAL PROSPERITY

How splendid are the material prospects of the nation as it enters the June reckoning of the fields nature is now preparing for the harvest! There have been eight successive crop years of great abundance. The new century has not been a failure—and now every condition promises for this year a yield such as the republic has never known, surpassing in its bounty even the richest harvested last year.

Over Seventeen million acres of wheat were sown in the spring, 631,000 more than last year. The spring wheat is in excellent condition—over 7 per cent better than at the same time a year ago, and surpassing even the average percentage of condition for the past ten unprecedented years. The condition of winter wheat, while low in some states, is for the whole country nearly 10 per cent better than it was a year ago.

TAFT AND BRYAN FOR CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY

The Literary Digest says the solicitude of Messrs. Taft and Bryan for the success of a bill to compel publicity of campaign contributions is remarkable. It is probable that the value of the farm products of the United States for the current year will exceed the total attained last year by over one billion dollars.

CALIFORNIA VIEW OF OREGON ELECTION

The dawn of the new bright day already reddens the sky. The short night of doubt and difficulty is nearly done.

ablest Republican newspapers of California, comments very intelligently upon the result of the recent senatorial election in Oregon. Its conclusions upon the growing independence among all parties and classes of voters is well timed, and conforms to the views enunciated by The Guard, when it adopted an independent political policy, believing it to be in line with the progressive tendencies of the times, which are the outgrowth of more pronounced individual action since the voter began to think and act for himself and to follow party leadership only so far as it agreed with his own inclinations and beliefs.

As the people of Oregon feel, so feel the electors in all parts of the country, and machine politicians may take heed to it. There is no doubt whatever that nine-tenths of the Republicans would prefer free trade with the assurance of personal integrity and ability in high office, to protection secured by the election of untrustworthy candidates, and that nine-tenths of the Democrats would prefer high protection with honest government to any other kind of a tariff with untrustworthy men in office. For the present it is useless to implore electors to vote for candidates whom they do not like for the sake of "the party."

MAKE MARKET DAY REGULAR INSTITUTION

There were a great many people in town for market day Saturday in spite of the rain. Had the weather been good there is reason to believe that the crowd would have reached record-breaking proportions. It was a good indication of the possibilities of market day interest among the farmers.

What should be done next Saturday is to form an association that will make market day a regular institution for one Saturday in each month. Such associations have proved wonderfully successful in building up the business of towns in the east, and the idea is gradually coming west, a gentleman from South Dakota telling the Guard Saturday that market days have been regular institutions in towns there for the past two years and that they have proven wonderfully successful.

The right plan would be to make this initial market day next Saturday the occasion for organization, and thereafter to have an auctioneer on hand on Saturday once a month, whose services would be free to all farmers who desired to sell stock, farm implements, or goods of any kind, also to provide some sort of amusement or gala features that would attract the crowd.

We believe that a regular market day would grow in popularity and largely increase the area of territory from which Eugene merchants are now drawing trade. It is worth trying.

The piano manufacturers of the country have formed a trust. Well, what of it? It is not half so bad to have trusts dealing in luxuries as to have trusts that deal in the necessities of life. The most of us can get along without a piano in the house, but there are few mortals who are able to get along without food and clothes. Let the manufacturers of pianos and all other commodities of this character form all the trusts they want to, but the thing to be done is to corner the necessities of life.

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the senate committee on privileges and elections, in which he declares himself very "strongly in favor of the passage of the bill in question," stating his belief "that it would tend greatly to the absence of corruption in politics if the expenditures for nomination and election of all candidates, and all contributions received and expenditures made by political committees could be made public, both in regard to state and national politics."

COUNTRY NEEDS MEN OF NATIONAL SPIRIT.

What this country needs is men of national spirit, remarks an observing exchange. No more hopeful suggestion could be made to the college graduate as he starts on the traditional "journey of life." It is particularly applicable to the young men of the West, where opportunity is unlimited and the horizon is unbounded. There are too many provincials already. There are too many people of limited vision, who quickly lose themselves in the great company of the bait and the blind when their educational advantages should make them leaders of a larger life.

Franklin may have seemed visionary when he answered the question about American claims by sweeping the map from Labrador to Mexico. John Quincy Adams was counted over-enthusiastic when he pushed the Louisiana boundary line to the Western ocean and foresaw ultimate triumphs of his country upon the waters of the Pacific. Steward met fierce opposition when he urged the acquisition of what his antagonists were pleased to call the "rock and ice" of Alaska.

But these men were of the type that wins. To Jefferson's timid mind it was a dangerous stretch of the constitution when he doubled the area of his country by the largest real estate transaction in the world's history. The quick response of the people to the Louisiana purchase impressed him with the power of the national spirit. A study of the hardy pioneers who played such heroic parts in "the winning of the West" was a splendid preparation for the work of a later President whose vision had not failed to reach with clear conception the limits of the opportunities of the United States as a world power.

The city council should not forget that the people of Eugene are practically unanimous for a gravity water system. They have voted for it time and again and will be satisfied with nothing less. When this late city election was allowed to go by default, it was generally understood that all the candidates were in favor of the plan and willing to work to that end; that all opposition to the wishes of the majority had been abandoned. This being the case, every member of the council stands pledged upon his honor to carry out the wishes of his constituents. We do not know that there is any disposition to do otherwise, but we do not know that at this time there would be no evasion, quibbling or unnecessary obstacles interposed. The matter is too important for any trifling, and the people will set the seal of their disapproval on the acts of any man or men who disagree.

1908 will register the greatest crop of berries and cherries that Oregon has ever produced, says the Portland Chamber of Commerce Bulletin. Quality is magnificent, quantity almost unlimited, and while humanity is enjoying this fruit the maturing hay crop insures a big increase in the dairy output, which has been greatly benefited by as good spring pastures as were ever known in this section. Residents of the Northwest should take pains to see that their Eastern country friends are made familiar with the unequalled conditions which make dairying so profitable here.

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two souls. But he's been up against one of the hot-and-cold, alternating brand, and been the goat for few angel-level stunts.

No married man will raise any objection to making a law of the dietum of the magazine Spionon who says every married woman should have an income of \$5,000 a year, so long as he isn't compelled to furnish the coin.

Whether the selection of Sherman for second place on the ticket was a wise choice has not been fully determined yet. It takes some time to thoroughly determine a comparatively unknown man's financial standing.

There's a mint bed in the White House garden, but, with prohibition waves a-raging, it would probably be worth any servant's job who told that it supplied flavoring for anything but sauces.

Sir Robert Hart, who ought to know, says the Dowager Empress of China "has magnetic power over all officials." If stories that occasionally leak out may be believed, she also has beheading power over them, and uses it.

This London medical authority, which asserts that many middle-aged men die of stupidity, will have to guess again. They may over there, but they certainly do not in this neck of the woods.

The Guard's campaign against that depot bill board has won out the unsightly dead wall having blown down Saturday night. There are no limits to the power of an untrammeled press.

Whatever else they may call Senator Bourne, the most prominent "second elective term" boomer of them all, he gave nobody cause to call him a quitter.

A headline in the East Oregonian says "State druggists may come to Pendleton." Nothing strange about that—the town went dry, we understand.

Some of the professional politicians who have received the "back-to-work" call are not enthusing over it—not so you would notice it.

Up in Eastern Oregon the non-partisans are still voting for Chamberlain. He gained an hundred votes in Crook county last week.

There is still time to do a whole lot of cleaning up before Wednesday. Take advantage of the good weather and get busy.

The republican platform doesn't suit William J. Bryan. Somehow, we suspected all along that it wouldn't.

Heart to Heart Talks. By EDWIN A. NYE. Copyright, 1908, by Edwin A. Nye.

BECAUSE— Don't gamble, young man. Because— Every game should be played for the sake of the game. Real sport should not be lowered to the plane of betting. Clean sport demands that the game should be played for the love of the game itself and not for the money there is in it. Do not spoil good sport by bad practice.

BECAUSE— It is a cheap and mean way to make a nasty dollar. Each time you win the other fellow loses. You get his money for nothing. How do you know he can afford to lose? The loss may make him commit a crime. Where does that leave you? Be a man. Pay your way. Earn your own. Don't try to beat your way.

BECAUSE— Gambling will lead you away from good company into bad. Gamblers do not belong to good society. They and their kind herd together. If you herd with them you must get down to their level. You can't keep clean and live in the mud.

BECAUSE— It will unfit you for business. The fellow who sits up half the night to play poker is in poor shape to solve business problems the next day. He who keeps his eye on the race track or the board of trade quotations must take his eye off his business. And he who negotiates business is unreliable. He cannot serve two masters.

BECAUSE— The fever of gambling will soon get into your blood and vitiate your life. Instead of giving every man a square deal you will come to look for the advantage you may take of every man. And shortly you will come to the place where the fine fish to honest endeavor and the fine edge to honor will disappear.

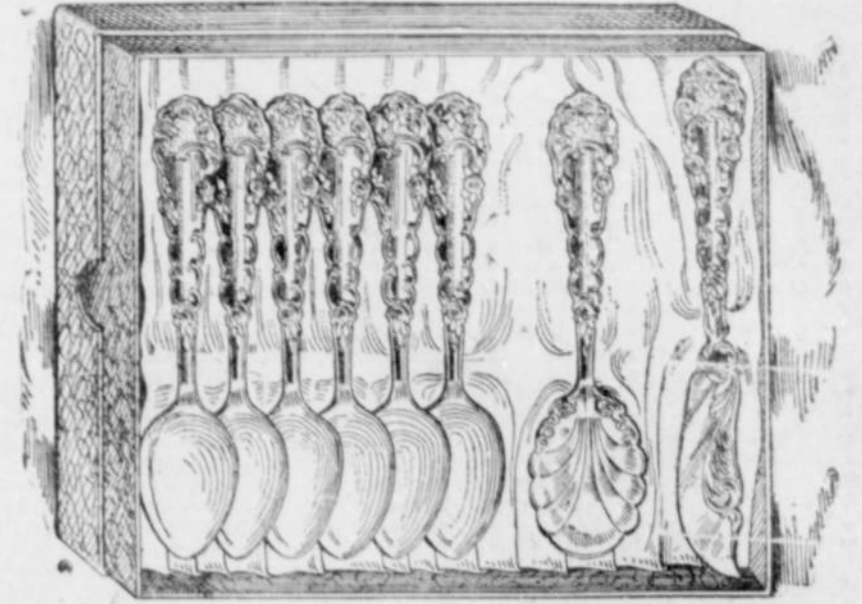
BECAUSE— Add this perhaps is the last thing that will restrain you—so we put it last—because it is wrong.

ONLY A FEW MORE OF THESE PREMIUMS LEFT

WE HAVE on hand about fifty of the silver sets, and 60 kitchen sets, which we gave as premiums last year. We want to close them out and when they are gone will order no more.

Our Proposition

To do this we will give every subscriber of the Weekly Guard choice of either of these splendid premiums (as long as they last) if he will pay \$1.50 for one year's subscription.



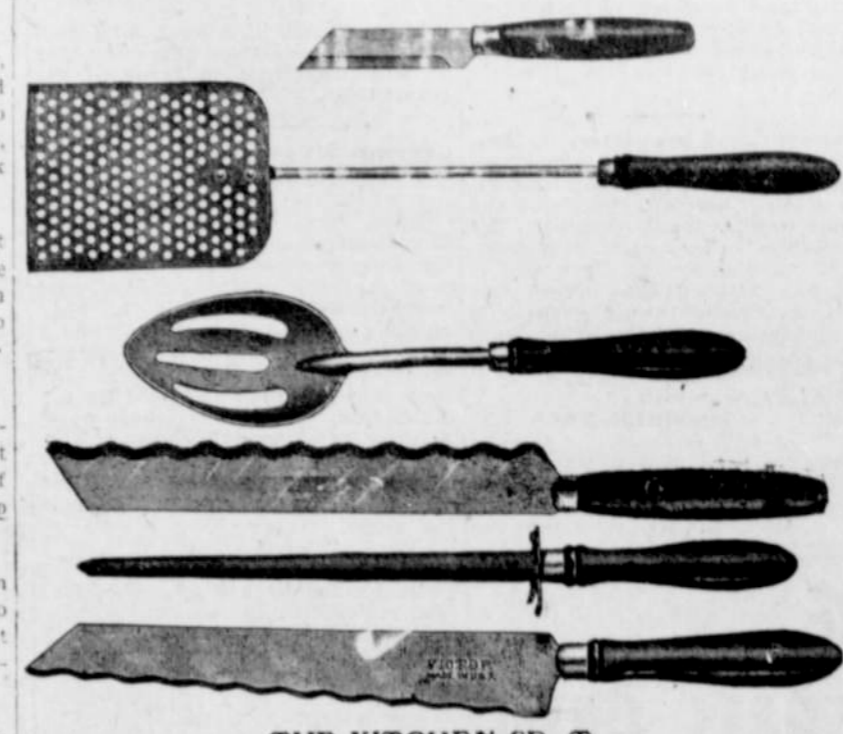
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THE KITCHEN SET

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LUMBER RATE DECISION IN MILLMEN'S VICTORY

Regarding the lumber rate decision by the interstate commerce commission, the Oregonian says: Part of the increase made by carriers to more distant markets lying east of the Missouri river is permitted to stand. The maximum increase authorized is Eastern territory, however, is 5 cents per hundred pounds over the old rates, and this maximum is not authorized in its entirety, except to Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Minnesota Transfer, and to points on and east of the Mississippi river, so that approximately 50 per cent of the increase made by carriers is condemned, resulting in a reduction of about 5 cents per 1000 pounds on of about 5 cents per 1000 pounds in rates now in effect.

Reduced Rate from Spokane. Differential rates from Spokane rate groups, points, Montana-Oregon rate group rates and Hood river, Elsenburg and Leavenworth districts, which lie east of the Cascade mountains, embracing parts of Washington and Oregon and all of Idaho to Eastern territory are established under a decision in the case of the Potlatch Lumber Company and others against the Northern Pacific and other roads. Rates from the Spokane districts are ordered lower than from the Pacific coast. The decision is that these rates should be made more uniform differentials under the coast rates than were in effect prior to November 1, 1907, on the general grounds that from this district the haul is much shorter, and mountains grades over the Cascades and the long haul through a wide, treeless, farming section interfering between the coast and the Spokane district are not incidents to this transportation, as they are to transportation from the coast.

Lower Rates From Valley Mill. In its decision in the Western Oregon lumber manufacturers' case, the commission decides that the advanced rate of \$5 per ton from all mills in the Willamette Valley, not including Portland, is unjust and unreasonable; that from mills upon the east bank and upon the west bank, south of Corvallis, the rate should not exceed \$3.50 per ton, and that from points upon the west bank north of Corvallis the rate should not exceed \$3.50 per ton.

No reduction is made in the rate from Portland, since shippers from that point have the benefit of the water rate and are not dependent upon rail carriers for reaching the San Francisco market and the rate of \$3.10 per ton has not been in force from there for the last four years. Open Gateway Only to Utah. In the Portland gateway cases the commission holds that a satisfactory through route, within the meaning of the statute, already exists from Washington points to Colorado common points and destinations east

thereof, and that, therefore, it has no authority to publish another route to these destinations. The Northern Pacific Railway, Northern Pacific Terminal Company of Oregon, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific Railroad are, however, required to establish through routes for transportation of lumber from points on the line of the Northern Pacific Railway in Washington, north of Portland, Oregon, as far as Seattle, through Portland to Onden and Salt Lake City, and common points in Utah, and a rate of 40 cents per 100 pounds on fir and spruce lumber and 50 cents per 100 pounds on cedar and shingles, is prescribed for such through transportation.

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN TO 'DAD' TRINE

The college campus at Corvallis is to have a drinking fountain. It is to be a memorial to be left by the outgoing graduating class, and what adds to its fitness is that it is to be dedicated to the memory of the late "Dad" Trine. The class voted the gift at a meeting yesterday, and named a committee consisting of Cooke, Farnsworth and Brodie to have charge of the purchase and placing of the fountain. The site it is to occupy is yet to be selected. Its dedication to the late Mr. Trine, whose work at the college, after several years of usefulness, was interrupted by an untimely death, is appropriate beyond compare. He was as physical director of the institution, a man of great personal merit, and was deeply beloved by those who passed under his instruction, several of whom are members of the outgoing class. Their tribute to him by the announced purpose of the outgoing class is one of the pretty incidents of this pleasing Commencement.—Times.

PROMINENT BANKER ACCUSED OF GRAFT.

Portland, Or., June 26.—Charged with having perjured himself in an effort to secure the rights to a valuable mining claim on which an old man had lived for years in an endeavor to claim as his own, J. H. Parker, vice-president of the First National Bank of Baker City, and one of the most prominent men of Eastern Oregon, indicted on two counts by the United States grand jury, which adjourned this morning, was arrested last evening at Baker City by Deputy United States Marshal Clyde Nicholson of Portland, and afterwards released on a bond of \$30,000.

The indictments, two in number, were returned to Judge Wolverton in the United States court several days ago. A bench warrant for Parker's arrest was issued by the court at once. One of the indictments charges Parker with violation of section 4746 of the federal statutes, and the other with wilful and corrupt perjury.

KELSEY'S REPORT SAID TO BE VERY UNSATISFACTORY

Engineer F. C. Kelsey has submitted his report of the preliminary survey of the proposed gravity water system from Ritchey creek to Eugene. The city council, in committee of the whole, has read it once or twice, but it is said to be unsatisfactory to the majority of the members. Just what is contained in the report is not known outside the council and the engineer. An informal meeting of the councilmen was held this forenoon to discuss the matter, and a committee of the whole meeting was called for this afternoon at four o'clock at which time Mr. Kelsey will explain the report in detail.

DEATH OF REV. JOHN GLEN AT PORTLAND

Rev. John Glen, pastor of the First Free Methodist Church, at East Ninth and Mill streets, Portland, dropped dead of heart disease yesterday at 6 o'clock p. m., at his home adjoining the church. Mr. Glen had just returned from a trip to the city in company with his friend, Rev. W. N. Coffey, and complained of feeling ill. Shortly after he was stricken and expired. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Professor Irving Glen, of the State University at Eugene, and William Glen of Spokane; and a daughter, Mrs. A. S. Curry of Seattle.

Mr. Glen was born in New York 65 years ago, and entered the ministry in early manhood. He came to the Pacific coast 25 years ago, settling in Seattle. Later he removed to Los Angeles and San Jose. He came to Portland four years ago, serving as pastor of the First Free Methodist church for a period of three years. After an absence of one year, he was again chosen pastor of that church at the conference last May. His first wife died several years ago, and he was married to Mrs. Clarkson, of San Jose, Cal., only a few months ago.—Oregonian.

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