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GUARD'S THREE YEARS OF GROWTH

Three years ago today The Guard passed into the hands of its present management. In that time its growth has been equalled only by the advancement made by the city in which it is published.

Three years ago the Daily Guard had a circulation of 900 and the weekly edition of 1200; this has grown to 2300 daily and 1800 weekly. The total volume of business transacted by this office has increased between 400 and 500 per cent in that time.

Three years ago The Daily Guard was a small paper of four six-column pages, and now it comprises eight seven-column pages, with twelve pages on Saturday. The Weekly edition has been correspondingly enlarged. The Guard has grown into a large payroll business that disburses among its well-paid employees from \$1200 to \$1500 monthly, and is one of the leading industries of the rapidly growing city of Eugene.

The publisher realizes that this splendid growth is due to the liberal patronage of the people of this city and county, and appreciates the confidence their support implies. In return we have tried to render value received by printing a good newspaper, and while having no hope to please everybody, have sought to issue a publication that is laboring for the greatest good to the greatest number.

While we do not expect always to be right, for human judgment is frequently faulty, we assure our readers that we will always endeavor to be honest in our conviction of right in whatever cause we advocate, and not to stultify ourselves for personal or financial considerations. We believe the success of The Guard, as reflected by its wonderful business growth, is largely due to the faith of the public in its honesty and sincerity, and hope that the people of Lane county may never have good cause to change or modify that view.

STORIES THAT THE DAILY PAPERS TELL

Two cases which came to public notice in New York city the other day would make excellent plots for Sunday school stories. They are full of human interest and unusual enough to satisfy the craving for sensations of the most emotional reader. Two detectives arrested a man, whom they had followed from pawnshop to pawnshop, where he had tried to sell some atomizers which, it is alleged, had been stolen from a drug store on Third avenue. At the hearing in the Jefferson Market court it was ascertained that the prisoner had once been one of the most eloquent and distinguished ministers in the Southern Methodist conference. He was in charge of one of the richest churches of New Orleans, and for ten or twelve years was considered one of the most powerful evangelists in the South, but his health gave way under the strain of his work. He began to drink, retired from the ministry and became a tramp.

Two months ago he turned up intoxicated one night at the old Jerry McAuley mission on Water street. He was urged to tell his experience. The conductor of the mission did not know him, believing him to be one of the usual Bowery derelicts. The ex-minister arose and began speaking. Soon he became sober under the excitement of the moment and his words took on some of their old fire. The drunkards who heard him fell on their knees in contrition, while the fashionable visitors to the mission marvelled at the eloquence of the shabbily dressed man. When he had finished they prevailed upon him to write out his exhortation. He did so, and for the last two months the mission has been handing out tracts containing the story of the former evangelist.

When the magistrate heard this story he was deeply moved, and consented to release the prisoner under \$100 bail, the lowest amount permissible under the law. The prisoner stated he had no influential friends who would go on his bond, and the magistrate was about to order the man taken to a cell when a prominent official of the New York postoffice, who had read of the arrest and had come to the hearing, interposed. He explained to the court that, when he was a rather wild young man many years ago he had happened one day into a Bible class conducted by the prisoner in Galveston. An address which the eloquent minister delivered before that class made so deep an impression upon the wild young man that he became a Christian and a better man. He never forgot what he owed to that minister, and when he heard of his arrest he hastened to the court to render his former benefactor every help in his power. He signed the bond for the prisoner and left the court with him.

Another interesting story of strong human interest culminated the other day in an impressive ceremony by which a regenerated drunkard and tramp was ordained minister of the Presbyterian church. The man was born in Pennsylvania, the son of well-to-do parents, and graduated from Princeton University with a degree of Ph. D. After having been ordained a Presbyterian minister, he was appointed to a pastorate at Reynoldsville, and then at Tyrone, Pa. He then went to the Oxford Presbyterian church at Philadelphia, where his wife died. Her loss and his subsequent loneliness, caused him to drink, first moderately,

then a great deal. Ten years ago he was addicted to the drinking habit to such an extent that he resigned the ministry. For several years he lived the life of a tramp, sinking lower and lower, drifting from one place to another and finally landing in New York. Four years ago he was arrested one night in Chatham square and sent to Blackwell's Island for vagrancy, handcuffed to a negro. Soon after his release he drifted into the McAuley mission on the Bowery and there he found himself and became regenerated. He began to devote himself to mission and settlement work, and a little more than two years ago he was placed in charge of the Industrial Christian Alliance station. He did such excellent work and redeemed himself so completely that the church did not hesitate to re-ordain him.

The moral of these real life stories—well, draw it for yourself and profit by the lesson it teaches.

It is for the public interest that the president should swing around the circle of states, according to the opinion of the Boston Herald. No president of the United States has ever set foot in Alaska. If President Taft can find time to make personal observation of that still neglected part of the national domain he will perform a public service by making the trip. It is desirable that the president should attend the encampment of the Grand Army, the Trans-Mississippi conference, the National Irrigation Council, the Alaska-Yukon exposition. It is desirable that he should see and be seen by the people in the various sections of the country. And the expenses of public service of this nature should be met from the public funds, as provision is made for any other expenditure in the service. There has been a lot of foolishness about the presidential traveling expenses which is not to the credit of the public or those who thus appeal to its opinion.

At least one New York judge has become convinced that there should be a close season for husbands and that they should be protected, for at least a portion of the year. In binding over a woman who was disarmed while attempting to murder the partner of her joys and sorrows he said: "This promiscuous shooting of husbands must stop. There is too much of reliance placed upon the unwritten law. It won't go in this court. The husband should be protected just as any game. Fish, birds and deer are all given certain seasons in the year in which to mind their own business without being shot at and peppered with bullets. Now I declare the season on husbands closed."

Relentless fate overtook an old man at White Plains, New York, the other day and extinguished his life after he had narrowly escaped death in various forms. He was crossing Railroad avenue, White Plains, which was crowded with vehicles, and jumped out of the way of a carriage, only to get in front of a trolley car. He made a desperate leap to escape the trolley car and landed almost in front of a speeding automobile. Only another desperate leap saved him from being run down. The old man had almost reached safety when a young man, riding a bicycle, ran him down. His head struck the pavement and he died an hour later at the hospital.

The death of Dr. O. E. Smith has brought a genuine feeling of sorrow to the community, such as the passing of few men would cause. He was a good citizen, quiet and unassuming, whose friendship was valued by those who came to know him best. Possessed of a pleasing personality and a character of strictest integrity, he was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and in public affairs, although he never sought to be conspicuous, he might always be counted upon to render the full measure of his duty.

There is suggestion, much suggestion, in the name of College Hill, where Lane county's pioneer institution of learning was founded. What sense would there be in changing this name of half a century to Willamette Heights? It is entirely away from the Willamette river, while in no way can the appellation "heights" be properly applied to the low and beautiful undulating hill. Of course the name will not be changed.

The first railroad train will run into Klamath Falls next Monday. Now if Mr. Harriman will only continue his building operations right through to Eugene we will overlook a great many of the things he has and hasn't done since he became railroad dictator of this country.

Eugene's paved streets are what has made this city famous. They have cost a quarter of a million dollars, but have caused property values to more than double in the past two years. Paving has proved a splendid investment from every point of view.

Senator Hale may be endearing himself to the paper-makers of Maine by fighting for the retention of the Dingley duty on wood pulp and print paper, but he is also making publishers, who are not profane men, do a lot of "cussing."

We never had so many great educational institutions, but now, as always, the greatest factor in the acquirement and development of human knowledge is individual effort. Without that nothing worth while is ever accomplished.

Notwithstanding the pardon given him by Governor Willson, there are doubtless places in Kentucky where Former Governor Taylor will not care to visit—the pardon is all right legally, but it isn't bullet-proof, you know.

Bad news from Washington is that indicating that it will be nearer July 1 than June 1 when Congress completes the job of tariff-tinkering. Can Br'er Taft, or somebody, start something that will hurry 'em on a little?

Harvester trust stock would not appeal to Johndee as an investment—its profits last year were only \$8,885,652, which would hardly pay the fees of the Standard's lawyers.

This Illinois legislator who wants the law to prohibit the making of women's hats more than eighteen inches wide would better take out a big hatpin insurance policy p. d. q.

SPENCER BUTTE
COAL MINE SOLD
AT SHERIFF'S SALE

The property of the Spencer Butte Coal & Petroleum Company, worth several thousand dollars, was sold today at sheriff's sale, to satisfy the creditors of the company, for \$438.79.

This company was organized two or three years ago for the purpose of developing the coal prospect ten miles southwest of Eugene. A large amount of stock was sold, a shaft and tunnel were sunk, much machinery purchased, and a fair vein of coal was encountered, but just when the main body of coal appeared to be in sight the company went "broke" and all operations ceased.

This afternoon at the court house Sheriff Bown sold the property, consisting of 150 acres of land and all the machinery at the mine, to L. M. Travis, assignee for D. W. Crandall, the highest bid being \$438.79.

ROCKWELL AND

STRAUSS SELECTED
FOR FOREIGN POSTS

Washington, D. C., May 3.—Oscar Strauss, former secretary of commerce and labor, has been selected ambassador to Turkey and W. W. Rockhill ambassador to Russia. Rockhill was formerly assistant secretary of state and later minister to China.

TOWN OF MONROE

NOW ON A RAILROAD

Monroe, Or., May 2.—The Corvallis & Alsea took its first carload shipment from Monroe Friday. This car was loaded with mohair and shipped to San Francisco via Albany.

Although Monroe is probably one of the oldest towns in Oregon, and into which the Southern Pacific graded a road from Corvallis more than 25 years ago, it is now that the so-much-needed road has been completed.

The Corvallis & Alsea railroad is being built south and west from Monroe, and will tap one of the largest belts of fir timber in the state.

LOST VALLEY NOTES

(Special Correspondence.)
Lost Valley, May 1.—Gaiety Mathews is still in Eugene, taking treatment. He is quite ill with stomach trouble.
Rev. Frank Kelly returned last Monday evening from an extended trip through the southern part of the county.Clarence Parker and family have moved to their farm on Pleasant Hill. Cruzan Brothers are running their plant now with a short crew. Williams & Williams have been making some much-needed improvements at their store, having put in two large plate glass windows in front, and also some painting.
T. H. Fenton was a visitor to Eugene last Saturday.

Supervisor Templeman has a force of teams and men at work on the road.

Miss Alta Williams is home for the summer.

Miss Verda Neel is staying with "Grandma" Parvin for the present. Bernice Williams and Dan Parker are back from McKenzie, where they went to work. What is the trouble, boys? Did the pay stop?

The D. G. and A. C. will hold a meeting next Saturday night for the purpose of making arrangements to complete their fine new hall. All members are requested to be present.

FRIENDS.

May I be friends to all the trees,
To birds and blossoms and the bees;
To things that creep, to things that hideThrough all the teeming countryside;
An terms with all the stars at night,
With all the playful beams of light;
In love with leafy dales and hills,
And with the laughing mountain rills
With summer skies and winter snows
With every kind of breeze that blows
The wide sea and the stretching plain;The tempest and the falling rain,
If I were thus what need had I
To fear death's solemn mystery
That takes me from the world's alarms,
And lays me in earth's loving arms.
—John Hendrick Bangs.

MOTOR GOOSE RHYME.

Sing a song of motors,
Whizzing a la mode;
Four and twenty victims
Killed on the road;
When the copper balls him,
The chauffeur speeds his pace;
Isn't that a pretty way
To treat the human race?
—Carolyn Wells, in Metropolitan Magazine.

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