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AN INDEPENDENT PAPER.

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Our Growing Business

The steady increase in the circulation of the Daily Guard indicates that the people of Lane county appreciate a real daily newspaper. The Guard is made up in the modern form, the news well displayed and given to its readers the day it happens—not the day afterward. The Guard has long maintained a leading place among Western Oregon newspapers and its recent enlargement to a seven column page, with eight pages on Saturday, has placed it far in the lead of all competitors.

The growing business of the Guard in all lines has forced the publishers to order a complete new plant, consisting of a fast modern newspaper press, job press and job and advertising type. This machinery was shipped from New York June 13, and is already overdue. When it arrives and is installed the Guard's plant will be the most complete of any paper in Oregon, outside of the city of Portland, and we will be prepared to make even a better paper than ever before. Still, we have no idea of overworking the field—simply propose to go right along giving all the news of interest to the readers in our field and making just as good a paper as business justifies. The Guard is not accustomed to peddling hot air or indulging in iridescent dreams, and makes no promises that it cannot fulfill. When it says that the Guard will be improved steadily with our new facilities, it makes no apology for the bright, new paper that is giving Eugene people "today's news today."

The Portland city council delayed and dabbled around over that Front street franchise as long and inexcusably as Eugene has over the application of the Willamette Valley Co. Then they finally turned down the application of the Willamette Valley Traction Co., who were actually constructing a line from Salem and desired an entrance into the city, giving the valuable rights to the United Railways Co., a hot air concern that nobody knew anything about. The result is that the people at the present time do not know who owns the franchise, or what is to be done about it. The Eugene council will make the same mistake if they are misled by fake propositions emanating from unknown sources, possibly the Harri man people, who want no opposition in the Willamette valley. Such concerns always stand ready to subscribe to any unbusinesslike terms, because they do not have any intention of actually building roads, but most wish to keep real investors out of the field. The Willamette Valley Co. owns street and suburban electric roads in Boise and elsewhere, and want the franchise here for their own use, and they should receive a fair, businesslike treatment from the city if we want to secure such enterprises at all.

The action of that New York City school board sustaining a principal charged with hugging a teacher, at the same time raising the huggid girl's salary, may result in more hugging in the schools all over the country. People are so willing to take advantage of an agreeable precedent.

Instead of trying to hang George Mitchell for slaying Holy Roller Creffield, that Seattle district attorney might better employ his energies in prosecuting for criminal negligence two or three other fellows for not doing the job before Mitchell got the chance.

Pioneers miss the time-honored Fourth of July celebration of former years. It is hallowed in their memories as a day of fervid patriotism and fraternal sentiment. It was at such rural holiday celebrations that Clay, Webster, Benton, Lincoln and men of lesser fame spoke eloquently of the great deeds done in 1776 and subsequent years. The day is now days given over to amusements, the real significance of the celebration being lost sight of.

Columbia river and tributary navigation is likely to be seriously affected by irrigation projects. It is estimated that half the volume of several tributary branches of the big river is now being taken for irrigation. This will eventually compel the building of dams and reservoirs to restrain and hold the water that falls in rain or snow during the wet season for use during the low water season when it is most needed.

Since the eruption of Mount Vesuvius the Naples postoffice has had to handle over ten thousand small boxes containing ashes emitted by the volcano, which were sent by visitors to every part of the world. England and America will receive the largest share of these souvenirs. As every one of the boxes was sent by registered mail, the postoffice there profited by the eruption to the amount of nearly \$10,000.

Today's news today—that's the platform that the Daily Guard stands on.

As Others See Us

Portland Daily Journal. Many citizens of Oregon will watch with much interest the result of the local election in several counties. Two of the most populous and wealthy counties of the Willamette valley, Linn and Lane, have "gone dry"; say they desire no more saloons. They may reverse this opinion, possibly, two years hence, but we doubt it. Benton county, that went "dry" two years ago, did the same again a month ago, which is at least prima facie evidence that the people up here like it.

Corvallis has grown and prospered better during the past two years than ever before in its life of half a century. Albany and Eugene will probably do the same—at least Eugene, which is a university town. Eugene, Corvallis, Forest Grove, Monmouth and Weston are all school towns and the sentiment in favor of keeping them dry is strong.

The prohibition sentiment is growing, and the results of the recent election certainly indicate the probability that still more counties will go dry two years hence. In the exercise of the right of local option the majority of the people must rule. It may work hardship and inconvenience, but nevertheless the people's will must be obeyed.

Citizens of Linn, Lane, Benton and other counties can always get a drink if they come to Portland.

A Messenger. Little Jack by the seaside stands, Watching the setting sun. He runs to the beach at eventide, For his day of play is done.

His father has gone to the China seas For a cruise of a year and more, And little Jack is left behind On the edge of Long Island shore.

He kisses his hand as the sun sinks down And murmurs a message low, "When you shine on father tomorrow, Just tell him Jack says 'Hello'."

"Supper is ready!" the black nurse calls. Jack answers: "I can't come, Dinah. The sun has a message to give to dad. 'Til wait till he gets to China." —St. Nicholas.

A Patriot's Prophecy. But whatever may be our fate, be assured that this Declaration will stand. It may cost treasure, and it may cost blood, but it will stand, and it will richly compensate for both. Through the thick gloom of the present I see the brightness of the future as the sun in heaven. We shall make this a glorious, an immortal day. When we are in our graves our children will honor it. They will celebrate it with thanksgiving, with festivity, with flowers and illuminations. On its annual return they will shed tears—copious, gushing tears—not of subjection and slavery, not of agony and distress, but of exultation, of gratitude and of joy. —John Adams Before the Continental Congress.

Why a Dog Trots Sidewise. It is said that a dog trots sidewise so that his hind feet will not strike his fore feet. That seems to be a reasonable explanation, for if he be harnessed to a small wagon, between shafts, so that he cannot turn his body to one side, his feet will often come into collision. When he trots sidewise, however, one hind foot goes between the fore feet and the other outside.

Follow the Pure In Heart, Not Self Seeking Demagogues

By RICHARD WATSON GILDER, Editor of Century Magazine

THERE is no excuse in our day of intense attention to the moral side of civics for any citizen to THINK HIMSELF CHRISTIAN OR EVEN LIVABLY RESPECTABLE IF HE either actively or passively ASSISTS IN THE CORRUPTION OF GOVERNMENT. Furthermore, if he so assists he may find himself self accused of that contemptible trait, MORAL COWARDICE.

Dangers subtle and deadly lurk and will still more thickly lurk about the camp of victory. One of these dangers that threaten at every point of the compass is the MENACE OF THE BOGUS AND INTERESTED REFORMER, the plausible political SELF SEEKER AND FRAUD, and of his dupes and sustainers, the man of warm sympathy and inferior judgment, who cannot tell the difference between honest leadership and leadership that is base, hypocritical and corrupting. Let us refuse to follow the flag of civic virtue upheld by foul and designing hands. I do not say that we should work with and follow in reform only the absolutely sinless—for who shall cast the first stone—but let us trust and FOLLOW NONE BUT THE SINCERE. Fraudulent leadership means a cause betrayed. Let us choose for our standard bearers not the shameless purchaser of popularity and place, not the demagogue and the hypocrite, BUT THE PURE IN HEART.

A Poem for Today

THE SHEPHERDESS

By Alice Meynell

ALICE THOMPSON was born in London, educated in that city and passed much of her childhood in Italy. In 1877 she became the wife of Mr. Wilfred Meynell, editor of Merry England. She has written, besides several volumes of verse, two or three books of essays: "The Color of Life," "The Rhythm of Life" and "The Children."

She walks—the lady of my delight— A shepherdess of sheep. Her flocks are thoughts. She keeps them white, She guards them from the steep. She feeds them on the fragrant height And folds them in for sleep. She roams maternal hills and bright, Dark valleys safe and deep. Into her tender breast at night The chastest stars may peep. She walks—the lady of my delight— A shepherdess of sheep.

The Serious Fifth. Let us gather up the fingers Lying all around our way As an aftermath of the day. Let us stick the ears and nose Gently on with sealing wax And prepare some soothing ointment That will cover up the tracks. Let us fix the little faces So that they will do to wear, Put the eyeballs in their places, Trim the singed and matted hair. Let us, if we can, discover Some retreat in which to wait Quietly till we recover. From the day we celebrate, Once a year it is a pleasure From the fathers handed down With burrah and brimstone measure To get out and paint the town. For our daddies licked the British, And they didn't even try. So you will not find us skittish On the fourth of each July. It is sport intense, exciting, If you don't care what you say, To get noisy toils of fighting And to celebrate the day. It's a horse of different breeding To recover from the thing With your fingers stupefied and bleeding And your whiskers in a sling.

THE FOURTH AT BAMBANG. How They Celebrate Independence Day in the Philippines. The inhabitants of Nueva Ecija did not neglect to celebrate the Fourth in a substantial way at Bambang, as the following programme indicates, says a Manila American of last July. The fiesta almost rivalled that in the capital. The programme follows: National salute at sunrise. 8 a. m.—Grand military and civic parade. Eleven thousand school children were in line in class formation, followed by the band of the town of Solana, the official and provincial officials, the officials and prominent citizens of Solana, the band of Bagdad, officials and prominent citizens of Bagdad, officials and prominent citizens of the Bambang band, officials and prominent citizens of Bambang, and then the general public. A special feature of the parade was a float representing a steamboat, with the full complement of officers and crew, and another float with forty-five Filipino girls representing forty-five states. There were American eagles, well decorated, and American flags, and the war dances and other spectacular features. 9 a. m.—Public speaking in the plaza. 10 a. m. to Noon—Formal guard mount by the constabulary of the provinces, patriotic songs by 100 school children, an opera by the crew of the steamboat and athletic sports, including a foot race, potato race, sack race, hurdle race and three-legged race. Noon—Grand dinner to the general public. This was an elaborate affair, five deer, numerous wild fowls and one large beef being served in barbecue style. 2 to 6 p. m.—Bicycle and horse races. Forty horses were entered for the "andito de hero" and running races. The afternoon passed off with great enthusiasm, fully as great as that which greeted the morning's festivities. 8 p. m.—Grand ball at the presidencia.

HE RANG OUT LIBERTY.

The Grave of William Hurry Added to Patriotism's Landmarks. The grave of the man who first rang the Liberty bell has been found. For many years all traces had been lost of the bell ringer who obeyed the injunction lettered on the statehouse bell in Philadelphia, by ringing it vigorously and "proclaiming liberty throughout the land and to the inhabitants thereof."

It was known to few historians in a vague way that his name was William Hurry and that he was a man well advanced in years on that immortal day, but the familiar poem, "The Liberty Bellman," with its thrilling lines "Ring!" he shouts, "Ring, grandpa! Ring, old ring for liberty!" "And straightaway at the signal The old bellman lifts his hand And sends the good news making Iron music through the land," had surrounded Hurry with a legendary atmosphere that made many persons regard him as a sort of myth. Antiquarians and historians had made frequent searches for the body to prove his reality, if nothing more, but these were all in vain until recently the graveyard of the old Pine Street Presbyterian church, Fourth and Pine streets, Philadelphia, was discovered to be the last resting place of the famous Revolutionary character.

Credit for this discovery goes to Jacob Law, sexton of the church. When Law came upon Hurry's grave the headstone was sunk almost out of sight. Only two letters, "R" and "Y," of the name Hurry were visible. Low's curiosity was aroused, and, raising the stone with careful precautions against breaking it, he cleared it of the moss and mold and was overjoyed to find that it marked the grave of the Liberty bellman. An examination of the stone shows that at the time he rang the bell Hurry was a man of fifty-five years. He was born Oct. 22, 1721. Hurry's activity in the cause of free-

dom did not stop with the ringing of the old bell, now next to the original drafts of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States the most prized relic connected with the birth of the nation. He volunteered for service in the Continental army and served with distinction in a number of battles. His signature on call for volunteers is still in possession of the old church. It is a somewhat pathetic circumstance that Hurry did not live to see the complete triumph of the colonists over Great Britain. He died in 1781, two years before the surrender of Cornwallis.—Washington Post.

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