

THE EUGENE DAILY GUARD... PUBLISHED EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK... SUBSCRIPTION RATES—Daily... Agents for the Guard... MEANS EMPLOYMENT FOR WORKINGMEN... THE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA... FORMER ATTORNEY-GENERAL MONETT... NUMEROUS PERSONS MUST HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF A FAVORITE SAYING... WHEN INCLINED TO FIND FAULT WITH CONDITIONS IN AMERICA... PERHAPS FASHION DESIGNED THE SHEATH SKIRT TO DISPROVE THE CHARGE THAT 80 PER CENT OF THE WOMEN ARE KNOCK-KNEED... NEVER MIND WHO STARTED THE SHOWER OF EXPLODING POLITICAL BOMBS... PUTTING A MAN ON THE LADDER OF SUCCESS IS THE ACID TEST... AFTER AN ALL-DAY SHOPPING TOUR WITH HIS DAUGHTER, AN ILLINOIS MAN... THE WILAMETTE VALLEY COMPANY... THE MONTANA... RETURNING LEGAL LANGUAGE...

said that the idea is being frowned on by the legal fraternity in this country and is not at all likely to gain favor here. But in France it is now partially a fact that much of the superfluous language used in legal documents has been relegated and will be tolerated no longer.

The reform consists of simplification of the phraseology of processes, writs and other documents sent out by the courts of justice. The minister of justice, Briand, an advanced reformer along social lines, is the iconoclast who had the courage to attack the sacred jargon of jurisprudence. Intended to mystify and overawe all but the experts, Briand, on conceiving the idea of simplification, of abandoning meaningless and antiquated formulas and verbiage, felt that the legal world ought to be consulted. A referendum of an informal kind was arranged, and out of 885 replies 727 were favorable to a change. A commission prepared the proper substitutes, which are said to be clear and intelligible, and Briand has directed the courts of appeal to make and enforce the substitution. If modern French is good enough for science, literature, politics, business and polite conversation, it is good enough for law and its instruments.

The notion that precision requires clumsy turns, repetitions ad nauseam, superannuated words and idioms, and so on, is too ludicrous to be entertained seriously by any one who takes the trouble to give the matter a moment's thought.

The Playground Association of America has employed a man to go about the country to talk up the matter of every town having one or more playgrounds or parks for the benefit of the people generally and the children in particular. The idea is a good one and it is to be hoped that this "drummer" of enterprising spirit will visit Oregon and help us enthuse somewhat along this line.

Former Attorney-General Monett, of Ohio, says he turned down an offer of half a million dollars cash from the Standard Oil company, and adds that the offer demanded a fee of \$100,000, if it was accepted. Surely that wasn't his reason for refusing it.

Numerous persons must have been reminded of a favorite saying of the late Simon Cameron, long a senator from Pennsylvania—"It's better to travel a thousand miles to see a man than to write him a letter"—by recent happenings.

When inclined to find fault with conditions in America just remember that, according to official figures, one person out of every thirty-eight in England and Wales are paupers, and things are getting worse over there at that.

Perhaps fashion designed the sheath skirt to disprove the charge that 80 per cent of the women are knock-kneed. By the way, how in the dickens did the editor who made that charge get his information?

Never mind who started the shower of exploding political bombs, it has already driven General Apathy to the tall timber and may result in making General Hysteria commander-in-chief.

Putting a man on the ladder of success is the acid test. If he boosts the fellow on the round above him, he's the real metal; if he pulls him down to get his place, he's a shoddy imitation.

After an all-day shopping tour with his daughter, an Illinois man

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became insane. Most men will naturally suspect that he was crazy before he attempted to pull off such a stunt.

Should the time ever come when reform will not be needed many thousands of good men and women will have to go on a hunt for new occupations.

This hurry call for disinfectants from many political quarters indicates, we fear, that the campaign isn't going to be such a clean one after all.

As an orator, Mr. Hearst is not, and probably never will be in the Daniel Webster class, but as an all-round trouble-maker he's the goods all right.

There's no law to prevent Evelyn Thaw's returning to the stage, but sensible theatre-goers know how to turn on a "frost" when one is needed.

Politicians are finding the demand for denials so fast and furious that they no longer have time to can them for distribution.

- THIS DATE IN HISTORY September 26. 1776—Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin, Silas Dean and Thomas Jefferson commissioners to the courts of France. 1789—Samuel Osgood of Massachusetts became Postmaster-General of the United States. 1827—Daniel W. Voorhees, United States Senator from Indiana, was born in Butler County, Ohio. Died April 10, 1897. 1828—A monument was unveiled in Charlestown, Massachusetts, to the memory of John Harvard. 1857—The cornerstone of the Masonic Temple was laid in Philadelphia. 1898—Fanny Davenport, the celebrated actress, died in South Duxbury, Mass. Born in London, April 10, 1850. 1904—Earl Grey was appointed Governor-General of Canada.

1905—Robert Bacon resigned as director of the steel trust to become first assistant secretary of state.

1907—Cuban agitators were arrested near Havana.

THIS IS MY 39TH BIRTHDAY. Odette Tyler, successful comedienne and author, was born in Savannah, Ga., on September 26, 1869, and is the daughter of the Confederate General William W. Wickland. She was educated at a convent in Georgetown, D. C., and at the Loretto Convent, Guelph, Ontario. She chose a stage career and made her debut at the Madison Square Theatre in New York, under the management of Daniel Frohman, in 1887. She appeared under the stage name of Odette Tyler and met with brilliant success, which followed her through her subsequent engagements in Minneapolis, Madison, Charles Frohman's and other companies. On April 1, 1897, she married Edwin Davis Shepherd of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, who appeared on the stage under the stage name of R. D. MacLean. A few years ago the popular comedienne retired from the stage and devoted herself to literary work and private readings. In 1896 she published her first book, "Boss—A Story of Virginia Life" and also a number of magazine stories.

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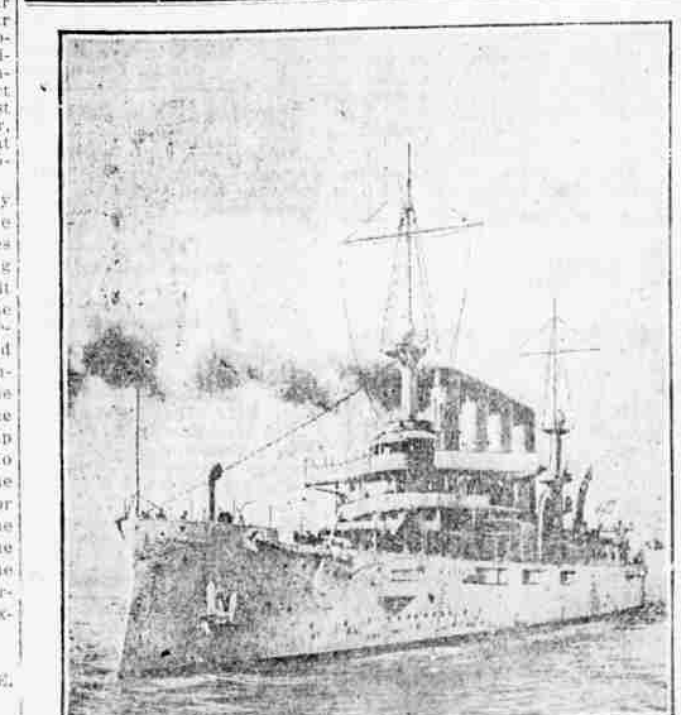
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