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ATAVISM.

Deep in the jungle, vast and dim,
That know not a white man's feet,
I smelt the odor of sun warmed fur,
Musky, savage and sweet.
Far it was from the huts of men
And the grass where Sambar feed
I threw a stone at a Kapapu tree
That bled as a man might bleed.
Scent of fur and color of blood,
And the long dead instincts rose,
I followed the lure of my season's
mate
And flew, bare fanged, at my foes.
Pale days and a league of laws
Made by the whims of men,
Would I were back with my furry
cubs
In the dusk of a jungle den!

Again we say that the effort to organize a local building and loan association should succeed. It would prove of great benefit to workingmen and salaried employes who find it impossible to save enough money to buy or build a home. As members of such an association they would be enabled to borrow money at a very reasonable rate of interest and pay it back in monthly instalments, little or no higher than the rent they have to pay now, and without any danger of foreclosure as long as they met their fixed payments. It would also provide an excellent savings investment for men and women of small means, encourage the saving habit, and enable them to secure a start in the matter of accumulating property that is generally the first step toward success in life. When a man acquires a home he realizes more the responsibility of citizenship and takes a deeper interest in municipal affairs because he feels that his interest is greater, and in this respect building and loan associations benefit the community in general as well as their own membership. Once an initial association is successfully launched we predict that the demand for stock will exceed the supply and that other associations or new series of stock will follow quickly.

Tardy recognition has at last been given to Edgar Allen Poe, recognized abroad for fully half a century as the greatest—in fact the only great—poet this country has ever produced. There were several celebrations in New York City and elsewhere in honor of the centenary of Poe's birth and the Poe cottage in Fordham where the great genius and his beloved and devoted child wife lived in poverty and where she died from the want of proper food and care, was opened to the public. The modest cottage is still in fairly good condition and belongs to a dentist, whose admiration for Poe's genius prompted him to preserve the interesting historic structure and to mark it by placing a stuffed raven above the entrance. Columbia University honored the memory of Poe by a public celebration, but the hall of fame still keeps its doors closed to the poet. The guardians of that door cannot find it in their hearts to recognize greatness in a man who degraded himself by drinking to excess.

Somewhere over in England has discovered that the vermiform appendix, that little organ in the interior of every well-organized man, is essential to longevity, and that the idea of modern surgery to cut it out with or without provocation is simply nonsense, and should be discountenanced by every sensible person. It is contended that a man without an appendix withers and dies, just as does a tree without some of its principal roots and tendrils. But of course the doctors say this is not true, and assert that in the case of the appendix, when once it becomes diseased it cannot be cured. Whether the English authority is right or not, one shudders to think what might become of the medical profession if it were deprived of the operation for appendicitis, which is a big item in its practice.

Yesterday a prominent Portland business man told the editor of The Guard that he expected to see Eugene grow into a large city in a few years. That view is held by so many observing men that there is nothing strange about it, only this man gave his reasons: He asserted that the Oregon Eastern railroad was sure to be built across the mountains, as the money had already been appropriated by the Harriman interests, and that the Oregon Electric Railway would be here from Portland even before we expected it. Railroad development and natural resources would make Eugene a large city, he asserted, just as certain as it is now a fact that it is the best town in Oregon outside of Portland.

The O. A. C. boosters are not overburdened with modesty. That institution gets \$50,000 from the federal government, \$55,000 from the state, a total of \$105,000 annually, and now it wants \$50,000 more annually from the state as a permanent appropriation and about \$100,000 as a building fund. No wonder they can afford to take the members of the legislature over to Corvallis in a special train at the expense of the college! Yet when the University of Oregon asked for \$125,000 annually to cover both maintenance and new buildings the supporters of the O. A. C. voted solidly against the appropriation—probably

because they wanted all the money in the state treasury themselves.

The new Southern Pacific map just issued shows the Norton extension (which should rightly be called the Eugene extension) completed from Weed (Calif.) to Klamath Falls, and indicated as in course of construction from that point across to its junction with the main line of the Southern Pacific at this city. Another noticeable thing about the map is the printing of Eugene in big letters, probably because with the main line, the Wendling branch and Woodburn-Albany terminal it is now in reality a railroad centre.

The government has undertaken the task of teaching the American people how to address an envelope in order that it may reach its destination without having first to go through the dead letter office. Postmasters throughout the country have been instructed to provide each public school in their respective districts with a limited number. The idea is a good one, for many persons who have been in business many years do not know how to address a letter.

What does Hon. mean before a man's name anyway?—Albany Democrat. If he is a member of the Oregon legislature it means that he believes in nine-foot bed sheets and ten-inch hat pins. We can't think of any other meaning on short notice.

Junction City claims the champion public school debating team of Lane county. Well, that is a real honor, better than champion football or basketball players, and we don't blame Junction for feeling a little chesty about it.

In allowing the members of that Tennessee murder jury to have their morning toddies, Judge Hart may have been only showing that he knew how to get a jury in a locality where every man had made up his mind as to the guilt of the accused.

When an up-to-date preacher like Dr. Brongher attempts to live for two weeks as Christ would live he is a real hero, and if he succeeds—well, there is a fresh crop of Carnegie medals every year.

Congressman Willett might try that much-cursed monologue of his in vaudeville. It's possible that some audiences may be found willing to stand for talk that congress objects to.

After all, it may be much cheaper to keep our navy a little stronger than that of the Japs than to have to lick that yellow bunch into recognizing our superiority as fighters.

So long as prominent men will indorse men for office whom they would not trust out of sight with anything of value there is bound to be some crooked office holders.

Why should the people of Oregon want to kill a good town like Medford by moving the state capital there? Portland, however, is big enough to stand it.

Though it is said that 90 per cent of the diamonds sold are purchased by Americans, we know several men who have not yet bought a sparkler.

We fear that many a poor scribbler has gone to the bad experimenting, trying to find the brand of red liquor that made Poe famous.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

- January 30.
1766—Mrs. Gibber, English singer and actress, for whom Handel wrote the contralto songs in the "Messiah," died. Born in 1714.
1828—South Carolina legislature chartered the South Carolina railroad, to run from Charleston to Hamburg.
1847—The name of Yerba Buena officially changed to San Francisco.
1862—United States iron-clad ship, Monitor, launched at Brooklyn.
1865—Military court at Cincinnati ordered S. B. Davis to be hanged as a Confederate spy.
1868—Governor Jenkins of Georgia removed by order of General Meade.
1904—House accepted gift of statue of Father Marquette from Wisconsin.
1908—Statewide prohibition reflected by the Michigan Constitution at Convention.

"THIS IS MY 64TH BIRTHDAY."

Daniel Miner Gordon.
Rev. Daniel Miner Gordon, D. D., principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, was born in Pictou county, Nova Scotia, January 30, 1845. After graduating from the University of Glasgow in 1859 he returned from Canada and spent some time in ministerial work in his native province. When scarcely twenty-two years of age he was called to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, in Ontario, where he was very active in promoting the Canada Presbyterian Union, which was successfully consummated in 1875. In 1882 Dr. Gordon became minister of Knox church Winnipeg, and during the Northwest rebellion of 1885, he saw active service as chaplain of the 90th Battalion. In 1887 he was called to St. Andrew's church, Halifax, where he remained until 1894, when he became a member of the faculty in the Presbyterian College, Halifax. In 1902 he was called to Queen's College to succeed the late Principal Grant.

The city of Astoria held another election Thursday on the sale of the \$77,000 bond issues for the municipal electric light plant. The vote was 424 for the bond amendment and 14 against. This practically closes the deal and the city will proceed to complete the plant as soon as the weather will permit resumption of work.

QUEEN MARGHERITA OF ITALY WILL VISIT JAPANESE

London, Jan. 30.—One of the most interesting announcements of the week is the statement from Rome that Queen Margherita, mother of King Victor Emmanuel, is going to Japan next August for a visit of three months. She will be the first feminine representative of European royalty to visit the realm of the Mikado, at least the only woman who has ever occupied a throne.
The Dowager Queen of Italy is exceedingly fond of travel and adventure and those who enjoy her intimate acquaintance are not surprised at her determination to pay a visit to the far East. Since the assassination of her husband she has spent much time in travel, giving free indulgence to her love for out of door life through long motor trips over northern Italy, Switzerland and France.

Queen Margherita is one of the most cultured members of European royalty and certainly one of the most beautiful. She knows French, German, English, Spanish, Italian, of course, and Latin thoroughly. She knows Greek well and is familiar with the literature of all ages. In Rome she takes a keen interest in the court social life, and in practical charities. In her country place at Monza she is a country woman; in the Alps she is a sturdy climber as the Tyrolese, going over glaciers, along narrow paths or to the edge of a precipice with charming indifference.

COMING NEXT WEEK.

Prof. Hunt's dog and monkey show, direct from Pantages' circuit. A treat for the children. All next week at The Bell Theatre.

SCHOOL BONDS FOR SALE

\$2000 in Eugene school bonds, District No. 4, for sale will give small discount if taken at once. Apply to M. S. WALLIS, At Sheriff's Office.

Are you paying rent? If so, go into the Housing & Loan Association and spend the same money on your own home. See Rae.

SCHOOL EXHIBIT TO BE PART OF COUNTY FAIR

County Fair Board Also Increases Number of Directors to Twenty-five

An exhibit of the schools of Lane county will be included with the other features at the county fair which will be held next fall. The board of directors of the County Fair association met last night at the Commercial club, and decided to make the public schools as much of a factor in the fair as any industry or line in Lane county.

The principal school exhibits will be agricultural in nature. The pupils will be asked to raise crops themselves, and then write essays telling how they did it. Not only will Eugene schools be asked to participate, but every district and village school in the county will receive special invitations. The children of Eugene have had some experience, but some of the directors believe that the experience will not overcome the handicap that the country boys and girls will have, who have seen how their fathers make things grow.

Superintendent Dillard has been asked to prepare a list of prizes for the children. These will stimulate the school children, and a healthy rivalry will probably arise among the various districts and sections. There will be two classes in the prizes, an A and a B, one for the children above twelve years, and the other for those below.

Twenty-Five Directors.
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A body of twenty-five members to govern the association. The following organizations will have the right to one representative, and the remainder of the twenty-five will be elected by the present board.
Granges: Springfield, Irving, Shulaw, Central, Coas, Fork, Pleasant Hill, Clubs: Student club, Cottage club, Juneteenth club, Springfield, Coas, Lane County Fruit and County Poultry association.
The next meeting will be held February 27th.

Big Public Social Dance

Given by A. W. Logan, of Portland, Camp No. MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA, For the benefit of the Eugene Team of Camp No.

Armory Hall, Saturday, Jan 30

Members of every fraternal order in the city invited
Grand 20-minute drill on the floor at 10:30 o'clock
Come one, come all, and have a good time. Do see what the team can do.

COMMITTEE

B. E. WHITE, Chief Forester; S. H. KIMBELL, Assistant; C. W. LOGAN, W. E. BARKER, J. H. McCLAIN, W. H. M. W. STRATTON, F. C. ROHNE, A. D. GARRISON, M. J. BAILEY, F. RICE, A. C. BAXWELL, E. A. ROHNE.

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to grocery facts—that is, make yourself familiar with quality and prices of staples and table luxuries—you will make a mental memo. of this other fact, which is the complement of them all: There's no other grocery house in town as good as this for your patronage when you take everything into consideration.



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