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The Lewis and Clark officials have made a final decision in the matter of keeping the exposition open on Sundays. The grounds will be open from noon up to the regular closing time, but none of the amusement features of the fair will be permitted to run. By opening the exposition on Sundays the class of people that usually visits the parks will go there instead, and if all the amusements are closed, there can be nothing but educational features to be seen, and they hurt no man, Sunday or any other day.

Why can't Forest Grove have a park? Granting that the whole town is a beautiful park in itself, yet there is a most desirable spot that could be with a little fixing, converted into a park that would be a pleasure to visit. The unoccupied ground of the Congregational church society, which is so desirably located, could be made into a most ornamental place without much cost, providing however, the church society would condescend to permit it. With a fountain of water in the center of a carefully mowed lawn and cement walks leading to and fro, bordered with beds of bright flowers, and a few rustic settees scattered about, it would make an imposing picture, and would be a comfort to the eyes of our down townspeople as well as the stranger who chances to visit the city. It might be compared with a well arranged advertisement placed in a good, live newspaper—it would bring results.

The activity of the board of trade which is being revived now is not being done any too soon to put that body in readiness for the work before it in the near future. When spring opens up there will be plenty to do, and in fact there is plenty to do now, but there will be more when the new electric line is begun, the Lewis and Clark exposition gates are swinging, open to the world, etc. If we would get our share of the immigration that is bound to come westward this year, we should show that we desire to have it locate here. The work heretofore done along that line has been good, and has been done by a mere handful of enterprising citizens who had the courage to take charge. For greater results than have already been accomplished it will require the united efforts of every citizen and they should join those who have made these fruitful efforts towards the betterment of the community. Get patriotic and join the board of trade and thus contribute your part to the progress of your fair city. Let it be said, and have the feeling in your own heart, that it was because of your own efforts that Forest Grove is one of the leading cities in this part of the state. You owe it to the community, to the good name of the city and to yourself.

The decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of the United States vs. Swift & Co., known as the beef trust, is the first decision against the trusts of any consequence. The practices of the beef trust are so well known that everybody will rejoice because of the victory. However, the meat consumers in this part of the country and especially in this community will see no material difference because of this decision, but those of the middle west and east who were compelled to pay exorbitant prices for meats, and the cattlemen who were compelled to sell their stock at a sacrifice, are the ones who can

best appreciate the recent decision, which declares the Swift combination under the Sherman law, to be unlawful. In summarizing the bill, Justice Holmes, who handed down the decision, said in part: "It charges a combination of a dominant proportion of the dealers in fresh meat throughout the United States not to bid against each other in the livestock markets of the different states, to bid up prices for a few days in order to induce the cattlemen to send their stock to the stockyards; to fix prices at which they will sell and to that end to restrict shipments of meat when necessary; to establish a uniform rule of credit to dealers and to keep a black list; to make uniform and improper charges for cartage, and finally, to get less than lawful rates from the railroads to the exclusion of competition."

CENTENNIAL NOTES

The finest collection of tiger skins ever exhibited will form part of Siam's display at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

An elaborate display of toys will be a feature of Switzerland's \$30,000 exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

New Hampshire's building at the Lewis and Clark Centennial will be a reproduction of the birth place of Daniel Webster.

A company of marines from the U. S. navy will give daily drills and maintain a model camp at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

An exhibit showing the method and extent of flax growing in Marion County, Oregon, will form part of that county's exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

A comprehensive exhibit of Oregon grasses which won the grand prize at St. Louis, in competition with the world, will be shown at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Work on the Oregon building of the Lewis and Clark Exposition has been begun, and the building will be completed by March 15. The structure will be of handsome appearance, 45x90 feet and will cost \$9275.

The Emmanuel Swedenborg Club, of Chicago, an association interested in the perpetuation and data of the illustrious philosopher and scientist, will erect a handsome pavilion at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

An infernal machine, intended for the commander of the warship Viscaya, which visited New York just after the destruction of the Maine, will be displayed in the Dead-letter office exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Margarita Fischer Co. Monday Night



Remember the return engagement of the Margarita Fischer Co., three nights commencing Monday, Feb. 6th. Don't miss it as their plays are all new on the coast and filled with plenty of comedy to keep you in good humor from start to finish. New specialties by new people. The Colored Minstrels billed for Forest Grove, have canceled their date so don't expect to see them. The Fischer Co. will furnish you all the laughs you need to make you happy. Don't forget the dates and secure your seats early. Seats on sale at Baldwin's confectionery store. Prices 50c, 35c, Children 25c.

For Sale

I will sell 63 feet, fronting the Sloan Hotel for \$700. One half cash, 1 year's time on balance at 8 per cent. E. P. Cadwell, Leaburg, Ore.

—Weekly Oregonian and The News one year; \$2.00 in advance.

We Are Well Pleased



With the results of our January Clearance Sales, and feel sure that many people were made happy on account of the Extremely Low Prices at which they made their purchases from us, and we now wish to inform you that we have in transit from the east a

Mammoth Stock of Dry Goods

which will be announced in due time

We still have a

HOST OF BARGAINS

For you on our BARGAIN COUNTER, and intend this a SPECIALTY. Don't Fail to Look it Over.

As to Shoes

We are still selling some at HALF PRICE and They Are Good Ones Too.

Our New Stock

Is now on our shelves and we are making the prices very low this season. DON'T FAIL TO LOOK THEM OVER. We have the very latest shapes in OXFORDS, in BLACK and TAN, in

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In the Front Row

We are in the Front Row when it comes to GROCERIES and we sell at BOTTOM PRICES. If anyone tells you that some other merchants are underselling us, just Investigate for yourself, and you will find that it's a scheme to Mislead You. WE POSITIVELY WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD. We Are Here For Business and can save you money.

Come in and see us, even though you may not buy anything we are always glad to see you.

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Why Japan Whips Russia.

It becomes more and more plain that the difference between Japan and Russia in the present contest is that between science and superstition. It seems an anomaly that it is the Asiatic nation which represents science and the European nation which stands for superstition. But so it is. The statement of Bresnitz von Sydaceff that the czar is a fatalist and that he depends on the stars to fight his battles throws a flood of light on the present situation. So far the stars seem to have been too busy with their own affairs to bother with a contest of human atoms on a comparatively small planet millions of miles distant.

The New York Times says of this imperial believer in charms and hoodoos, "Nicholas II. may be a dreamy, kindly fatalist like Napoleon III, who ended by allowing women and obsequious courtiers to ruin his land." And again it remarks that "we must therefore accept provisionally as in the main true what we hear of Nicholas—that he has an almost Mohammedan resignation to kismet and endures these tremendous shocks to his vanity and family pride because fatalism provides an elastic groundwork in his mind from which there is rebound. Gossip says that a French spirit medium named Philippe is a favorite with Nicholas, who through his aid summons the ghosts of departed czars in order to interrogate them as to the future. The violent deaths of Bobrikoff and Von Plehve were also fated, so that Nicholas sees no reason to change the policy toward Finns and Russians which they carried out. The Russians are in a sad plight within and without."

The mystery is being explained. The czar is self-hypnotized into a belief in blind fate, in signs and in icons, and the Russians are asleep with him. If they should ever awaken the story may

be different, but it seems improbable that the awakening will occur until after they are so completely whipped that there will be nothing left to do except the ratifying of the peace treaty.

Up to date, wide awake, enlightened methods must win as against ignorance and credulity. Russia should get into the procession of modern progress.

Where the Russians Excel.

A second rate horse won a race recently, and the result occasioned such surprise that an investigation was made. It was found that the horse had been filled up on champagne. Possibly the swift record made by the Russians may be accounted for by the fact that they absorb so much vodka. It is a fact that with the exception of the elusive Filipino the Russian is the fastest proposition that ever came down the military pike. This may account for the large number of running fights in Manchuria.

If scouting for tall timber is the chief object of military strategy there is little doubt that Kuropatkin is one of the greatest generals known to history. It may be the plan of the Russian commander in chief to run the Japanese army to death. If so, he will surely win out, for, whatever may be said of Ivan Ivanovitch's ability to shoot, his power of getting over ground is one of the marvels of the age. There is little doubt that there would have been much heavier losses among the Russians if they had stayed in one place long enough to permit the Jap bullets to catch up.

The brown men are at a disadvantage in a foot race for the reason that their legs are so much shorter. It seems to be a contest between science and speed, with science getting red in the face and panting in pursuit. In a getaway the Cossack can give points to both the cockroach and the jack rabbit. The

only thing in nature that is quite his equal is the species of razorbacks that Bill Nye once beheld out of a car window. He said he watched them "until they gradually disappeared from sight—on ahead of the train." Oyama has been watching the Slavs disappear from sight in the same way. It is an instructive fact that, so far as we can judge from the news reports, the Russians who marched across country seemed to reach their destination at about the same time as those who went by rail. Possibly they felt something like the man who was being chased by a bear and who told a rabbit that had been scared out by the wild stampede to get out of the way and give a man a chance that wanted to run.

Speaking of Retreats.

It is probable that the magnificent flight of Kuropatkin from Liaoyang will gain that general the name of "the Grand Old Retreater." Whether this is to prove the most famous military crawlingfish known to history remains to be seen. Xenophon with his 10,000 Greeks once made a very celebrated getaway, and other commanders of more recent times have done stunts in the retiring line. For one, Washington once stole away, leaving some "Quaker cannon" to deceive the British. In the war between the states was Beauregard's evacuation of Corinth, Miss., in the spring of 1862. Beauregard was strongly entrenched at Corinth, and Halleck and Grant were slowly enveloping him in a grim cordon he could not dare to meet. The Federal commanders were drawing nearer and nearer every day by means of zigzag trenches, and the big guns from the boats were shelling the Confederate position with steadily increasing fury. But Beauregard had been quietly shipping the sick, the wounded, the wag-

ons, the animals and nearly all the men fit for service—shipping them south to a position some eighty miles distant—until, on the same evening, when the Federal troops were ready for the assault, the Confederate campfires represented only a strong rear guard in light marching order. It was about 10 o'clock that night when, with the big shells bursting all about them, a few thousand men in gray fled from many directions into the hard, smooth, sandy road, and six or seven hours later the Federals swarmed over the breastworks, only to find a beggary debris of battered canteens and frowsy horse blankets and the like, with Beauregard's army out of danger and the rear guard trotting southward twenty miles away!

To be perfectly just to the Russian commander, it must be said that the manner in which he got his army out of a very bad hole was even more masterly than that of Beauregard. It sometimes requires as great generalship to conduct a retreat as to win a victory.

One battle in Uruguay resulted in the killing of 2,000 persons. It is evident that Uruguay has not learned to revolute on the approved South American plan. This is well nigh as barbarous as it would be to kill somebody in a French duel.

There is a new invention to take the place of the stenographer. It may write the letters, but it will never fill the place in the heart of the office boy occupied by the present manipulator of the keys.

Those people who regard the battle of Liaoyang as a virtual Russian victory evidently believe that when Kuropatkin escapes utter annihilation he has scored a triumph.