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The weather conditions during the week have been all that could be desired for the Rose Festival at Portland and the city is crowded with people who are delighted with the great display being made.

The Graphic has just received a prospectus of "The Centennial History of Oregon" by Joseph Gaston, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, publishers. Mr. Gaston is well qualified to write such a history and if the prospectus, with its fine half-tone illustrations, is a fair sample of what the work is to be, it will be a valuable addition to the libraries, public and private, throughout the Northwest. We shall await with keen interest the appearance of the work.

Mr. Rosensteel has sold the Enterprise to B. A. Shaver, recently from Kasson, Minnesota, where he spent several years in the newspaper business. The new purchaser spent ten weeks, looking over Oregon for a business investment, coupled with a desirable location for a home, and after making several trips to Newberg he says it looks better to him than any other place he has seen. Mr. and Mrs. Shaver have the bearing of people who make good neighbors, the Graphic will treat them as such, and bids them welcome to their new home in one of the best little home cities in Oregon.

The Journal diagnosed the situation in Portland accurately, following the primary election, when those who were displeased with the nomination of Rushlight were casting about for an available man to put up for mayor. Thomas was the democratic nominee and Simon was talked of as an independent candidate. The Journal told the people plainly that neither of these men could poll enough votes to beat Rushlight and gave the timely warning that a strong man with a clean record and one who had not mixed much in politics must be put up if the election of Rushlight was to be prevented. The result of the election last Monday was exactly as the Journal had foretold. Rushlight was elected.

The Newberg Graphic speaks as though the farmers there should be prosperous with their potatoes selling at \$2.25 per cwt. Those in the vicinity of Silver Lake who have surplus potatoes are realizing 10c per pound, and should the savory tuber drop to 2½c here, they would set up a wail that would make the famine sufferers in China turn green with envy.—Leader.

Since the producers named by the Leader must depend on the local market and noting the census report for that inland city, we are forced to the conclusion that their number is rather limited.

Dr. Homan, president of Willamette University, offers the very sensible suggestion that all denominational schools of the state combine in one and thereby found a great independent institution in Oregon where religious instruction can be given upon broad and liberal lines. He adds to his proposition that the Harriman coin now offered to Oregon for college purposes could be used to advantage in this respect. Whether or not Harriman or any other money of the superfluously rich were used in this connection, the Homan idea is, nevertheless, a good one.—Eugene Register.

"The Homan idea" is not new to those who are connected with the denominational colleges in Oregon. At different times the Willamette president has advocated before the annual

meetings of the college presidents the merging of all the denominational colleges into one, but the conditions have always been that the other colleges should all be swallowed up by Willamette—the lion and the lamb proposition from his view-point. How generous on the part of President Homan, but how difficult it has been in the past for him to get those who represent the other institutions to take a peep through his glasses. In his latest move, to interest Mrs. Harriman, who has indicated that she intends to endow a big university somewhere on the Pacific Coast, he will doubtless run up against another snag, since Mrs. Harriman is said to be a member of the Episcopal church.

TOO MANY PARDONS GIVEN.

Governor West seems to be starting out early in his career as chief executive of the state with a determination to beat the record of Chamberlain in the matter of handing out pardons to convicted criminals. Executive clemency is often justifiable but it is a privilege the governor of a state has, that can easily be overworked, and the fact that so many men who have been sent up for the crime of murder are given their liberty after having served but a very small part of their sentence, is largely responsible for the position many people take in favor of capital punishment.

Only a few days ago the Governor pardoned a Washington County man who had served 132 days of his sentence of 175 days in jail for bootlegging. The culprit had been fined \$400 each on three other indictments to which he had plead guilty, but sentence had been suspended on these. Since it costs law abiding people a lot of good money to convict these bootleggers, and in further consideration of the fact that the court had already shown a good deal of leniency in suspending sentence in three of the counts, it will appear to many people that the Governor made a mistake in releasing the offender. The common cry of those who oppose prohibition is "why don't you enforce the law where you have it?" It would be a whole lot easier proposition to engender a wholesome regard for the law, if law breakers were made to feel the heavy hand of justice when they are convicted. Just as long as bootleggers are let off easy they will take the risk again. Give it to them plenty when a conviction is made and let the Governor keep hands off, and it won't be long until the spirit of defiance and bravado manifested by this class of undesirables will begin to ooze out at the ends of their toes, and they will conclude that it pays in the long run to respect the will of the majority.

THAT MODEL LICENSE LAW.

During the campaign of last year when the brewery interests and the saloon interests were waging a war against decency and morality in Oregon we heard a great deal about "Home Rule" and a "Model License" law, and there were enough voters who were hoodwinked by the stories put up to turn the tide that way. A trial has been made in Portland under the new order of things and this is how the Evening Telegram views the situation:

"It is becoming manifest that the so-called Model Liquor License law was not intended as a model after which the decent people of the city could pattern. Indeed, it is now apparent that it was passed in the interest, not of the saloonkeeper who wants to obey the law, but in the interest of the divekeeper who wants to break the law.

A stairway in a saloon should be prima facie evidence of law breaking. Every one gifted with human intelligence knows that

the purpose of the stairway is illicit. Manifestly it is intended for the purpose of contravening the laws and to put the burden of proof upon the public authorities is to nullify what should be the spirit of the law and throw wide open the door for the most barefaced fraud and the wildest debauchery.

It is a remarkable fact that the City Council may always be relied upon to obey the behests of the very worst elements in the community—those whose unconcealed purpose is the debauchery and prostitution of the community for the dollars that are in the business.

Gradually we are beginning to get a line on what constitutes stealing; very gradually we are beginning to talk out in meeting and to call it stealing, no matter by whom the deed is committed. Privately we are beginning to characterize the conduct of those who systematically and in cold blood get money by debauching the community. We are learning more and more of their methods and are beginning to apprehend more clearly the frightful work they are doing. As this realization comes home to the decent men and women of Portland they will begin more definitely to fix the status of the people engaged in the traffic and of those who officially aid and abet them, likewise for profit, in these nefarious enterprises."

We hope the Telegram is correct in assuming that the people of Portland are getting wise to the situation, but the process of change seems slow, to say the least. The Graphic has had no faith in the past in any "Model License" law "reforming" the saloon business, and we have no reason for changing our opinion of the matter in the light of the present status of the question in Oregon.

HAROLD CHRISTENSON DECEASED

On Friday afternoon of last week Harold, the fifteen-year-old son of Mayor and Mrs. N. C. Christenson, passed away after an illness from heart disease of several months. Funeral services were conducted at the home on North Main street on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. F. C. Stannard, assisted by Prof. Boughton and Rev. A. J. Hunsaker, of McMinnville, there being a large attendance of the citizens of Newberg and vicinity, as well as several from McMinnville.

Call for Meeting.

To the Taxpayers of Yamhill County:

With a view of effecting the organization of a taxpayers' league, the purpose of which shall be to safeguard and protect, in every legitimate way, the financial interests of the tax paying public, a Taxpayers Mass Meeting is hereby called to meet at the court house in McMinnville Thursday, June 15th, 1911 at 10:30 a.m.

To insure the best results in the proposed work the co-operation of every taxpayer in the county, regardless of sex, is needed. In union there is strength. Let the movement receive your earnest support.

R. L. Harris
M. G. Miller
James Dundas
J. W. Briedwell
J. C. Nichols
Timothy Brownhill
A. C. McKinnon
R. W. Lancefield

Executors Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last Will and Testament of Penelope J. Skinner, deceased, by the County Court of Yamhill county, Oregon, and has qualified.

Now, therefore, all persons having claims against the estate of Penelope J. Skinner, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned executor at his residence at Springbrook, Yamhill county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated, June 4, 1911. WILLIAM KINGCART,
Executor of the last Will and Testament of Penelope J. Skinner, deceased.
Clarence Bull,
Attorney for Estate.

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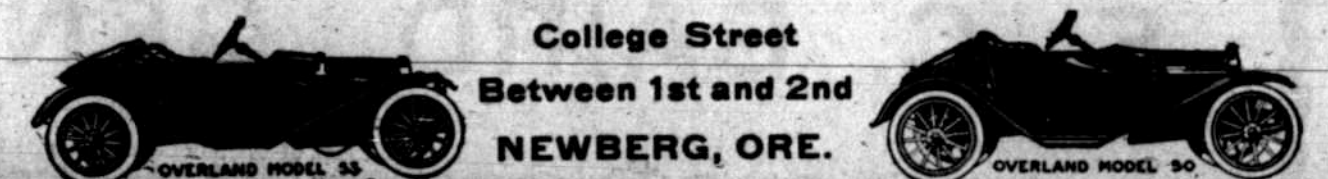


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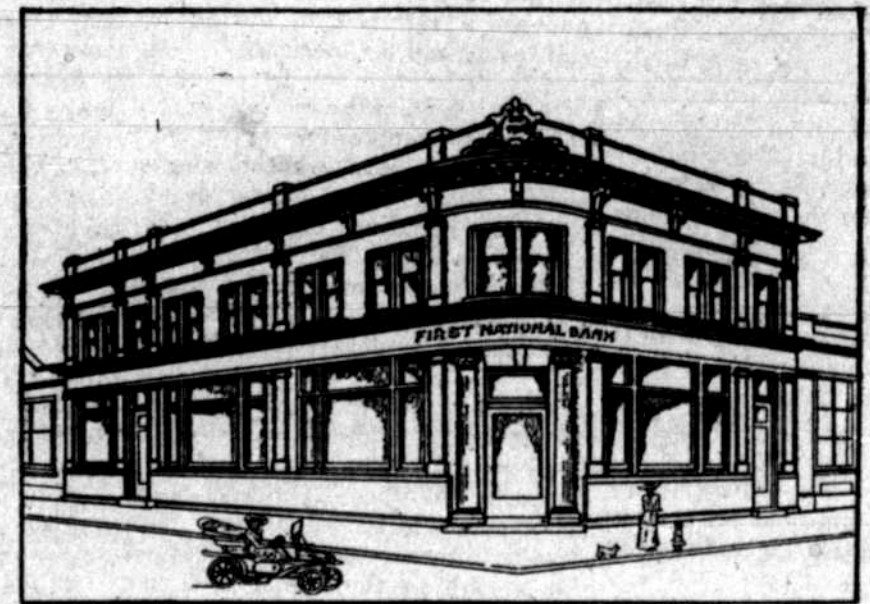


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