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Let Newberg prepare to make the rose show the big event of the year.

As the Graphic goes to press, on this, Memorial Day, old soldiers and civilians are gathering in Newberg to pay loving tribute to departed comrades, friends and relatives who have crossed over.

The Coos Bay Harbor man voiced the sentiment of every town in the country when he said, "the community is ready to say a good word for the man who is ready to say a good word for the community."

It is reported that a good deal of the cordwood cut these days is short from two to four inches in length. The way to stop this sort of thing is for buyers to refuse to pay for more than they get.

W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, was in Newberg Tuesday and called at this office. The Graphic has had business relations with Mr. Jenkins at times for the past fifteen years and we have always found him to be an accommodating official.

WHAT SORT OF PLATFORM

Speaking of the platform to be made by the Chicago convention the Globe Democrat says:

In point of time, and of fact, consideration of what sort of platform the Republicans are to adopt at Chicago should be no longer postponed. The convention is now less than a month distant. The colonel is running under a conviction that, if nominated, he will be platform enough in himself. If he can get the nomination, he will care little about the platform, which explains why he is unable, or unwilling to follow Mr. Taft when the president talks about measures rather than men. The colonel cares little for platforms. There was a strong protective tariff plank in the platform of 1904 on which he was nominated, but if he ever supported it in his campaign nobody can recall the fact. Nevertheless, no matter who is nominated at Chicago, the party is certain to declare its principles there. Even should it nominate the colonel, it will take that delicate means of advising him that he is not its only asset, if, indeed, he can not be scheduled as a liability. And it is time to begin taking stock of tangible and permanent Republican values.

A FLOOD OF WISDOM

The following felicitous editorial from Monday's Oregonian is well worth reading:

It is a source of deep gratification to discover in a correspondent such confidence in the wisdom of The Oregonian as that seemingly possessed by Mr. Howard J. Hughes, of Dallas, Oregon. The Oregonian has never claimed for itself possession of a sixth sense, or second sight or the gift of prophecy. Yet with touching faith our friend up the Valley has written a letter propounding questions that would tax something more than human understanding. Nor does he approach timidly or in doubt. He does not head his questions, "Can you tell me?" He boldly says: "Please answer the following questions in the columns of your daily paper." It would be a shame to disappoint such abiding confidence, so The Oregonian will take up the question seri-

tim and apply thereto a throbbing intellect, confident that if anybody desires to dispute the answers he at least will be devoid of authentic adminiculum: "What is the cause of the present war in Mexico?" is the first query.

The cause of the present war in Mexico, we would say, is just the same as the cause of the war in the Republican party. The outs want in.

"In what way do the Republican and Democratic parties of today differ?"

We are not sure that they do, Howard. Perhaps if we restrain our thirst for knowledge until after the two National conventions are over we shall know of some points of dispute. Perhaps, too, we shall not. One or both parties may blow up.

Just now there is an opinion among some Democrats that the President of the United States ought to be selected from one group of statesmen who have been quarrelling among themselves, while certain Republicans believe the President should be selected from other statesmen who have been flocking and fighting together.

Even this difference is not clearly defined, as the Presidential primaries and the general mix-ups therein with each other's quarrels have demonstrated.

"Explain the terms 'Progressive' and 'Reactionary.'"

A "Progressive," Howard, is a complimentary term everybody applies to himself and refuses to apply to anybody who disagrees with him.

"Reactionary" is the opprobrious epithet that a "Progressive" applies to the person who does not agree with him.

"What is single tax?"

This question is something like the query, "What is whisky?" The answer depends very much on the brand. Original and simple pure single tax is the taxation of land for all governmental revenues, this tax to be gradually increased until all or nearly all of the rental value of land is taken by the government and private ownership becomes a name only. Oregon single tax is any tax system that is near enough like real single tax to keep up the spirits of and contributions to the Fels Fund and retain certain distinguished citizens of Oregon on the Fels payroll.

If these answers are deemed indefinite or inconsequential, we can only suggest that the truth-seeking correspondent at Dallas abandon his present difficult researches, at least for the time being, and devote his energies to some simple problem—the composition of the rings of Saturn, for example.

Misapprehending a Title.

He was barefooted, his trousers were fringed at the bottom, his face was dirty, his years eleven. He approached the librarian with a confident air:

"Got Shakespeare?"
"Yes. What volume would you like?"

At this he looked puzzled, and the librarian took him to an alcove where she showed him row upon row of Shakespeare. As he still looked puzzled at the number of volumes, the librarian took one down, "The Merchant of Venice," and gave it to him. He looked it over critically.

"Now, that ain't the one. I want the one about Dr. Jay killin' Mr. Hyde."—Washington Star.

A Black Eye.

A badgering lawyer was examining a doctor in an assault case, says the New York Sun. The solicitor represented the defense, and the doctor testified that he treated the prosecutor for a black eye. "What do you mean by a black eye?" queried the legal gentleman. "I mean," said the doctor without a smile, "that the prosecutor had received a severe contusion over the lower portion of the frontal bone, producing extensive ecchymosis around the eye, together with considerable infiltration of the subjacent areolar tissue." The medical witness was relieved from further cross examination.

LEGEND OF ALUMINIUM.

Story Told by Pliny of Tiberius and a Metal Worker.

If a certain incident in Roman history, as related by Pliny, be given full credence, then it would seem that aluminium was derived by means of a secret process long before our time.

The story is this: During the reign of Tiberius there one day appeared at the emperor's palace a worker in metals who displayed a magnificent cup made of a brilliant white metal that shone like silver. In presenting it to Tiberius the artificer purposely dropped it. The piece was so bruised by the fall that it seemed hopelessly ruined, but the metal worker took his hammer, and in the presence of the court quickly repaired the damage. It was thus evident to all that the metal was not silver, though it presented an appearance as brilliant as that metal. Besides, it was more durable and much lighter.

The emperor, so Pliny relates, interrogated the metal worker, from whom it was learned that the mysterious metal had been extracted from an argillaceous earth, in all probability the clay known to modern chemists as alumina. Tiberius then asked whether any one but the metal worker knew of the process and received the reply that the secret was known only to the worker and Jupiter.

The answer was unfortunate, for, reasoned the emperor, if it were possible to obtain such a metal from so common a substance as clay, would not the value of gold and silver be reduced? Tiberius, it would seem, was determined to avert such a catastrophe, for he commanded the workshops of the discoverer of the new metal to be destroyed and the luckless man himself to be decapitated, so that the secret might die with him.

Did the cruelty of Tiberius deprive the world for centuries of the use of the metal aluminium?—Harper's Weekly.

Saved the Carriage.

In his "Reminiscences of an Irish Land Agent" the author, Sam Hussey, tells of one of the earliest private carriages used in Kerry: "The vehicle in question had just been purchased by a certain Miss Mullins, who regarded it on its arrival with almost sacred awe. A dance in the neighborhood seemed an appropriate opportunity for impressing the county with her newly acquired grandeur; but, the night proving wet, she insisted on reverting to a former mode of progression and rode pillion behind her coachman. The result was that she caught a violent chill, which turned to pneumonia. When her relatives were assembled round her deathbed the old lady exclaimed between her last gasps for breath, 'Thank goodness I never took out the carriage that wet night!'"

Lighting London in 1715.

The question of the lighting of London was settled in simple fashion in 1715. The common council "repealed, annulled and made void all the former acts concerning the lighting of London" as a preliminary measure and then proceeded to enact that "all housekeepers whose house, door or gateway fronts or lies next to any street, lane or public passage or place of the said city shall in every dark night—that is, every night between the second night after each full moon and the seventh night after each full moon—set or hang out one or more lights with sufficient cotton wicks that shall continue to burn from 6 o'clock at night till 11 o'clock of the same night on penalty of a shilling."

Carry Their Own Teacups.

Tea is to be found in every tent and dwelling in Siam. There is always a kettle on the fire filled with tea and prepared for drinking. A peculiar mode of hospitality is shown by these people in reference to their tea. It is always at the disposal of every stranger and traveler. He need not ask for it. Neither is it expected that he should, but he must have his own cup. This is imperative, and accordingly every one carries a cup with him at all times. Some of these utensils are marvels of workmanship and are highly valued. They are generally made of some fine grained wood and oftentimes are lined with silver and gold.

The Opinion of the Jury.

This was the first case for the majority of the jury, and they sat for hours arguing and disputing over it in the bare little room at the rear of the courtroom. At last they straggled back to their places, and the foreman, a lean, gaunt fellow with a superlatively solemn expression, voiced the general opinion, "The jury don't think that he done it, for we allow he wa'n't there, but we think he would have done it ef he'd had the chanst."

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"How is it that the identical beam or girder that is wanted in a skyscraper that is going up always arrives just when it is needed, and there is no crowding of material or congestion about the building?" a mechanical engineer was asked.

"That is because the building is constructed in the architect's office long before it is erected on the ground," he answered. "Everything is planned out to the last bolt and rivet hole. The steel is rolled and marked months before it is used. Then it is placed in the storage yards, the beams that will be required first being put in last, and so on through the entire list of the steel. Usually, on big jobs, these storage yards are over on the Jer-

sey side. The man in charge of the steel work telephones today that he wants piers and beams and girders of such and such a number tomorrow. A big crane with an electro magnet picks them up and puts them on a floating derrick barge. The next morning the steel superintendent tells the truckmen just what he wants and the order in which he must have it delivered.

"The distance and time of transportation are calculated carefully. The driver of a truck reaches the pier and finds the barge alongside waiting for him. It is but a few minutes' work to get the beams loaded on his truck, and when he reaches the place where the building is going up he drives to the exact spot which his written order directs him to. In no time at all the

steel is swinging upward and the driver is on his way back with another order for another load. Everything is perfectly systematized. It has to be, for it takes an army of men to set the steel in one of these big buildings, and there is another army of various trades working at its heels. If there is an hour's delay in the steel scores of men stand idle, and that is expensive. From first to last everything has to proceed without a hitch. If it were not for this system and the manufacture of the steel considerably in advance of the actual erection of the building it would require years to put up a skyscraper, instead of its going up at the rate of a story a day, as some of them do."—New York Press.