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It begins to look like no historian would live long enough to write the history of the war in Mexico.

"Criticism is easy, but the art of building up is difficult," said an eminent writer. Any gad-about can find fault with what other people do, but to get in and do something worth while—that is different.

It is being given out from day to day that West will not be a candidate for governor to succeed himself. A pretty shrewd way of getting "the people" to "demand" that he shall stand for the nomination again.

Secretary Daniels has made himself solid with Oregonians by announcing that the battleship Oregon will be the first to pass through the Panama canal. Now if he will consent to having the slogan "Made In Oregon" emblazoned on the sides of the old ship our cup will be full to overflowing.

The woods is said to be full of Republicans and near Republicans who want to be governor, and who are grooming themselves for the race for the nomination at the primary election, though the date is many months off. In the multiplicity of candidates is where the Democratic brethren get their hope for success at the election.

The time is at hand when young men and young women should be looking forward to the time for entering school for next year. The advantages offered in Newberg by the high school and college are excellent and there are many young people in this community who will see their mistake later if they fail to profit by the opportunities offered for fitting themselves for after life. As for the fellows who are hitting the cigarette pace there is nothing in it for them, for they are down and out already.

The weeks and months go by while Congress tinkers with tariff revision and the currency question, the business interests of the country suffering in the meantime. In private life let questions of like moment be put up to a set of business men of average mental capacity, and they will reach conclusions in half the time and with just as much likelihood of their being settled right when they are through. Verily, congressional red tape is being cut the long way of the goods.

W. J. Stater did the "Angel of mercy" act, Tuesday, by coming to Newberg and effecting an adjustment of a difficulty between two men and thus heading off an expensive lawsuit that was brewing. How much better it was than to have said "go to it boys and fight it out in the courts." Litigation is expensive, it nearly always leaves a bad taste in the mouth, and in the end the result must be left to the judgement of men. It is better to settle the difficulty out of court and save money and hard feeling.

President Frank Jenkins and Secretary Elbert Bede of the Willamette Vauley Press Association have issued a circular letter suggesting a meeting of the association at Newport August 17. They say they want 75 recruits in addition to those who have been attending the meetings and state frankly that they don't want to hold the meeting unless

there is to be a good attendance. The Graphic has no desire to dampen the ardor of the worthy officials of the association, but we fear their hopes for a large attendance will not be realized. In the past, the newspaper men of Oregon have been long on urging co-operation on the part of other business interests, but mighty slow to get together when a call has been made for a meeting of their kind.

During the G. A. R. Encampment the fact was noticeable that in directing people to residences, confusion was made by the committee in not being sufficiently specific in giving street numbers, and the same mistake is constantly being made in Newberg. To say that A lives at 200 College street or that B lives at 300 Hancock street is not sufficient. The number should be given North or South College Street and East or West Hancock Street, since First street is taken for the starting point in numbering North and South and Main Street is the base for numbering East and West.

GIANTS TO DEBATE QUESTION OF DISARMMENT.

Ex-governor Frank Hanly, of Indiana, and Cap. Richard P. Hobson are to debate the question at Indiana Chautauquas. "Resolved that the Nations of the World Should Disarm." Hanly takes the affirmative and Hobson, the negative.

The question to be debated is one that concerns not only the people of America, but the whole world. Both men want universal peace, but they differ on the question of how to bring it about. The debate is attracting national attention. Hobson says we must build a greater navy and begin at once. Hanly says, no; the greater our big stick, the more desire to use it. It is noteworthy that each speaker believes in the position which he takes in this debate.

Hanly is the leader of the peace party in America. He has written books and led campaigns. He is an orator with a human appeal that everybody feels. He sounds another chord of eloquence. Hobson deals in the facts of today and builds a threatening tomorrow. Hanly recites the past and brings from it hope. Hobson believes America should have a navy equal to Europe's. Hanly points to the groaning back of Europe as the thing we should shun.

ON THE JOB FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS.

The opinion of an official who has served the people so well that he has been kept on the job continuously, ought to be worth something when he talks along the line of the work he has become familiar with.

George M. Brown, of Roseburg, who has been prosecuting attorney in his district for the past seventeen years, said in a recent interview with a Journal writer: "Justice is often defeated because of our defective jury system. We excuse a man if he knows anything about the case. In England in 40 consecutive trials by jury only two jurors were excused. We spend weeks of time and thousands of dollars selecting a jury in a big case. It is a wrong and unscientific system."

"You have been on the job 17 years; what causes most of the crime?"

"That question is an easy one. Liquor is responsible for a vast majority of criminal cases. The money received from licenses does not pay a tittle of the cost of the results of liquor. If your cattle got into a field and kept dying or going crazy and injuring people from eating some poison weed you would root up and destroy the weed or put up a strong fence around it to keep the cattle out. We ought to do the same with liquor. When we

stop its manufacture we will have solved the liquor question, and not until then will we be able to solve it.

"Lust and greed come next in the causes of crime—crimes against women and crimes resulting from jealousy and crimes from greed—the desire to get something without giving adequate value in return."

MOHAMMEDAN HOLIDAYS.

They Are Not Numerous and Are Solemn Rather Than Gay.

In nothing is the natural soberness of the Turk more manifest than in his holidays. He keeps fewer of them than his Christian compatriot, and most of them he celebrates in such a way that an outsider would scarcely suspect the fact. This is partly perhaps a matter of temperament, and partly because Islam has not yet passed a certain stage of evolution. A holiday, that is, is still a holy day. Secular and patriotic festivals are everywhere of comparatively recent origin.

In Turkey, where church and state are one to a degree now unknown in western countries, there was no real national holiday until 1909. Then the first anniversary of the re-establishment of the constitution was celebrated on the 23d of July (July 10, old style). A highly picturesque celebration it was, too, in Constantinople at least, with its magnificent array of rugs and medieval tents on the hill of Liberty, its review of troops by the sultan, its procession of the guilds of the city, and its evening illuminations.

Illuminations, however, were not invented by the constitution. Long before a 23d or a 4th of July was the splendor loving Sultan Ahmet III. discovered how unparalleled a theater for such displays were the steep shores of the Golden Horn and the Bosphorus. The accession day of the reigning sovereign made an annual occasion for great families to set their houses and gardens on fire with an infinity of little oil lamps and, in all literalness, to keep open house.

This was the one purely secular holiday of the year—unless I except the day of Hidr Elyess. Hidr or Hizr Elyess is a distant relative of the Prophet Elijah, of the god Apollo, and I suspect of personages still more antique. His day coincides with that of the Greek St. George—namely, April 23, old style, or May 6, according to our mode of reckoning. I must add that he is frowned upon in orthodox circles and feasted only in Constantinople or other localities subject to Greek influence.—H. G. Dwight in Scribner's.

Punishing a Court Fool.

Ivan the Terrible, Peter the Great and the Emperor Paul had rough ways with their fools. A dagger thrust would follow a poor joke and banishment any sign of declining wit. Once when Fougers, the jester of Czar Paul, offended his royal master he was permitted to depart in peace. In the middle of the night, however, he was aroused and ordered to get up and prepare for immediate banishment to Siberia. In vain the unhappy man pleaded. He was bundled into a dark van and driven away on his long journey. Day after day, week after week, it lasted. Upon arrival he stepped out into the presence of—the czar. All the time he had been driven not toward Siberia, but around and around St. Petersburg!

Wooden Water Pipes.

London's water supply formerly came through wooden pipes. These were of the simplest construction, formed of the stems of small elm trees, drilled through the center and cut in lengths of about six feet, one end being tapered so as to fit into the adjoining pipe. The wooden pipes, of which at one time more than 400 miles were in use, leaked considerably, decayed rapidly, burst during frosts and were always troublesome. It was not until 1830 that they began to be superseded by cast iron, and a quarter of a century later some of the old wooden pipes were still in use.

The Whole Thing.

A snobbish young Englishman visiting Washington's home at Mount Vernon was so patronizing as to arouse the wrath of the guards and caretakers, but it remained for Shep Wright, an aged gardener and one of the first scouts of the Confederate army, to settle the gentleman. Approaching Shep, the Englishman said:

"Ah—er—my man, the hedge! Yes, I see, George got this hedge from dear old England."

"Reckon he did," replied Shep. "He got this whole blooming country from England."—Everybody's.



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