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A MODERN BORGIA.

For centuries the Borgia family of Italy has been the synonym for human devilishness. Murder by poison, stabbing, the secret assault; robbery of the property of the victims; sexual crimes of horror, have gone to make up a catalogue of crime that has never been excelled in the history of the world until the present day when surprising as it may seem, the United States has furnished a criminal in the person of Harry Orchard who could stand up and look any of the Borgias in the eye and say: "I am your equal." The testimony that Orchard has been reeling off at Boise the past week is almost impossible of belief that a human soul could be so base. And yet he sat in the witness chair well groomed, with his mustache waxed and curled, patent leather shoes and diamond ring, and told of crimes and bloodshed with as much nonchalance as you or I would speak of a day's duck hunting or of a string of trout caught. His crimes would disgrace a Caveman for the Caveman was prompted to murder by hunger and passion but Orchard has no such excuse. To cap the climax, this self-confessed assassin has "got religion" and spends his time in his cell reading the Bible and the Life of John Wesley alternating with writing a true history of his crimes. If this is not sacrilege the word had better be struck out of the dictionary.

We of the present generation are witnessing a phenomenon that it is not given many people to observe. That is the founding and building up of a new religion. In the past the religions that have been a force in the world's history and have played a great part, got their start at an obscure time and in an obscure place. But Christian Science is growing right under the glare of twentieth century civilization. That this makes a vast difference is plainly apparent. Here we have the art of photography that gives us true pictures of the "teacher." Her life is subjected to the scrutiny of the prying eyes of the public press. Her past life is raked up with a fine toothed comb by her opponents. It is fascinating to contemplate how founders of some religions would have endured the ordeal of an age of telegraphy, photography, the octuple printing press, and general education of the masses. At the present time Mrs. Eddy is the center of a bitter controversy in the courts and in the press as to her ability to care for the wealth she has gathered in her last years. One side makes her out as a failing, peevish old woman, the other as alert and mentally vigorous. To the outsider it is tragedy and comedy entwined and a powerful illustration of the fact that when it comes to the emotional part of the human mind there is no method of determining how each particular individual will act. But as we stated in the beginning, we are witnessing the growth of a new religion before our eyes and it undoubtedly will be-

come more powerful after Mrs. Eddy dies and the central figure is thus removed from the center of active controversy.

THE TIME TO BUY.

The successful investor is the one who knows when and where to buy and when and where to sell. The average person generally buys at the wrong time and likewise sells at the wrong time. The present time is undoubtedly the psychological one for making a successful real estate investment in Grants Pass and vicinity. Bargains are being offered which a year from now will astonish one with the per cent of gain. At the present time the prices asked for property are on an average as reasonable as can ever be expected. There is no fictitious value or hot air boom value and therefore to the man who has a little loose cash, this is a golden opportunity to make a paying investment. The Rogue River Valley is bound to be the center of a large population and Grants Pass surrounded by its many tributary valleys of wonderful fertility will become the center of all this life. When Southern Oregon shall have been exploited in the manner of Southern California, you may expect to see an immense throng of people from the East coming here merely for a home. Then your farming and orchard land at twenty-five and thirty dollars an acre and your town lots at a hundred and fifty dollars will be ancient history and you will bemoan the fact that when the opportunity was presented to get property at a reasonable value, you did not seize it. The bench lands of the Rogue River have not been exploited at all but the possibilities for grape and peach culture are amazing. It has been claimed by those who are in a position to know that the Rogue River Valley can equal the best districts of France in the growth of the grape. Then let a general system of irrigation be developed for the valley and it is bound to come, then the number of people that will pour in will astonish the old settler. Nature only allotted so many acres to the Rogue River and it is well to get a few of them while they are within your reach. Now is the time to buy Rogue River Valley property and in passing it may be remarked that it is good time to sell Portland realty.

THE EGOTISTIC JAP.

It is a very trite saying but nevertheless very true, that familiarity breeds contempt. That seems to be the present situation of the United States and Japan. The United States has praised the progress the Japanese have been making in civilization, on every possible occasion. We have held her up as a model scholar and now, like the parent of a spoiled child, we are reaping the reward of our indiscretion in treating an inferior nation with familiarity and equality. The most humiliating thing about the whole affair is that by our own fulsome praise of the Japanese prowess we have got ourselves in an attitude of mind that makes us cringe at the least threat of trouble. Japan is now muttering threats over a hoodlum restaurant brawl in San Francisco and conveying veiled threats of sending a fleet to some of our ports. It is enough to make some of our old sturdy American statesmen turn over in their graves. America was the nation that opened up Japan to civilization and broke the seal of Oriental exclusion and now it begins to look that it would be our duty to teach her the proper attitude to observe in her diplomatic relations and not be carrying a chip around anxious for some one to knock it off.

RING DOWN THE CURTAIN.

The last act in the San Francisco hoodlum trial has finally been played—the chief actor has been found guilty by the jury. It is a surprising de-

velopment in the career of Mayor Schmitz. Biding into power on the crest of the strong waves of labor union sentiment that swept over San Francisco, he had an opportunity that is given to few men in a life time. The chief political office in one of the largest cities of the United States. But an itching palm spoiled it all. The glitter of gold turned the head of the poor German musician who had been accustomed to play a fiddle in an orchestra for a living and he fell beneath the tempter. After the earthquake and the trials of the refugee camps and the feeding and clothing of thousands, Mayor Schmitz appeared to rise to the dignity of his office and hearty praise was accorded him, especially by the Eastern press but even then the situation was rotten to the core. That being one of the charges that the relief fund was not even sacred to these bloodthirsty leeches.

As a result of Rnef's and Schmitz's collapse, a new figure springs into national prominence. Francis J. Heney, and it needs no prophet to realize that he will go far. There is a moral reformation sweeping the land and he will find his place. The audience has had to pay a high price for the show, but it was well worth the price of admission.

Grants Pass has had a cleanup day. Now if we can have a fence building day the town will begin to look more respectable.

It is too bad that the Thaw insanity experts could not get a whack at Orchard, but it is very probable that there are some doctors who would go on the witness stand and swear that he was insane.

Manning says that Portland will have to be dry on Sunday from henceforth and forever more. That means that the druggists will be rushed to death filling prescriptions for people suffering from stomach trouble.

They are going to change the name of the prune, so it will sell better. Hereafter the mistress of the boarding house will telephone: "Send me up five pounds of 'peachunes'."

The bartender never kicks about Sunday closing. It gives him a chance to get acquainted with his family.

Advertised Letters.

Following are the letters remaining in the Grants Pass, Oregon, Post-office for the week ending June 8, 1907. Persons calling for the same will please give the date advertised. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery:

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| Cleveland, Walter | Clark, J. H. |
| Corbett, L. D. | Drake, D. S. |
| Edwards, George | Fitch, G. W. |
| Howell, Arthur | Miller, R. |
| Montgomery, J. D. | Moore, G. S. |
| Okon, H. M. | Shattuck, Chas. |
| Seter, Mrs. N. | White, A. H. |
| Wicox, Mrs. Ollie | |
| C. E. HARMON, P. M. | |

Following are the letters remaining in the Grants Pass, Ore., postoffice for the week ending June 1, 1907. Persons calling for the same will please give the date advertised. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery:

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| Brown, Miss Mildred | Edwards, George |
| Garrison, S. J. | McFarland, J. |
| McGuire, Duncan | Robinson, Phil. |
| Smith, Eugene | Slater, Arthur. |
| Thompson, Miss Anna | |
| Nelson, Mr and Mrs Lee | |
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Bids Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Josephine County, Oregon, will consider bids for furnishing 60 tiers of black oak and 15 tiers of pine, 16 inch heater wood, said wood to be delivered at the court House.

Bids to be filed with the county clerk on or before July 3d, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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FOR SALE.

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WANTED.

TIMBER WANTED—I will pay cash for timber land. L. G. Brown, Eugene, Oregon. 5-24-07

WANTED—Salesmen. Many Make \$100 to \$150 per month; some even more. Stock clean; grown on Reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington.

WANTED—Grain Sacks, Tools and other second-hand goods. Harrison Bros., Second hand-store, corner Sixth and J streets. 2-9-07

MISCELLANEOUS.

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

Ayers-Massie.

The marriage of Walter B. Ayers and Miss Mabel E. Massie, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massie in Merlin, Wednesday, June 5, 1907, was a very pretty affair and will long be remembered by those who were present.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with ferns and roses. At 8:30, the groom, accompanied by his best man, A. B. Curtis and the bride leaning upon the arm of her father and attended by her sister as maid of honor, marched into the parlors to the wedding march played by Miss Gilkey of Grants Pass, took their place beneath a large floral bell. In a few minutes the words that joined them for life had been spoken by Rev. C. O. Beckman and the happy pair were receiving a shower of rose petals and the congratulations of relatives and friends, after which a light lunch of ice cream and cake was served. The bride and groom took their departure on the 10 p. m. train for a short journey.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Rev. and Mrs. Beckman, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue, Mrs. Rosenbaum, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Ayer, Mrs. Parkhurst, Misses Ada Brockman, Ervina Schoenfeld, Wilna Gilkey, Rea Colby, Ada Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ott, Messrs W. W. Wilson, J. R. McGalliard, A. J. Crow, Wm. Brown, Erle Ayer and Loyd Ott. A GUEST.

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