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THE FOURTH OF JULY.

Our ancestors might have picked out a different day for the birth of our nation but they didn't and so we have to make the best of it. Some time late in the Fall after the first rains had settled the dust and sweetened up the vegetation and the crops were all safely gathered in, would have been much nicer but the Fourth of July it was and apparently ever will be. We all celebrate after our own peculiar temperaments. The farmer with wife and children, come into town and get sorefooted, wandering over the hard pavements and the city man goes into the country where the ants get into his picnic grub and he gets beautifully stung with poison oak. It is anything for a change. Some people even wait for the Fourth of July to get drunk and a Fourth does not pass without their getting into that condition where they can see anything from a bo-constrictor to a garter snake. But the individual who enjoys the Fourth the most of all is the small boy who gets up at five o'clock in the morning and who thinks that noise is the chief end and aim of the Fourth of July. You can't make fire crackers too big for him and if it keeps on the cannon cracker will soon be powerful enough to crack a cement pavement. But there is another side to the Fourth of July that too few of us look upon and that is the view taken by the original founders of our Republic. To them it was nothing frivolous. It was not a time to be spent in dancing and drinking ice cream sodas but a time for serious matters. It was no boys

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play breaking away from England and establishing an independent sovereignty. The traditions of centuries had to be torn up and cast aside before it could be done. They settled their problems and settled them bravely without flinching. If we only knew it we have problems in our economic and political life that need as much serious attention as any that ever worried our Revolutionary forefathers. But we do not seem to be able to declare ourselves free and independent of the forces that are crowding us to destruction. And so when the Fourth of July annually comes we should strive to look at the serious side of it and try to get a little of the old revolutionary spirit into our blood and then mayhap our problems would not seem so hard after all.

A SUGGESTIVE EDITORIAL.

The Portland Oregonian of June 27, had a very suggestive editorial entitled "East and West" which was based on an article in Appleton's magazine for July. It discussed the competition that is just commencing between the East and the West and the possibilities of the Japanese as representing the East coming out the victor. Japan has come to the fore at a time of great material and intellectual progress and being a people of great adaptability, she is picking out all that is best in our civilization and casting the chaff by the wayside. Having discarded all the ideals of her past life, she is not hampered and restrained by conservatism. The Oregonian goes on to show that in religion the Japanese are becoming the exponents of intellectual freedom and are picking out the best in all religions. They are in the search for truth and have no prejudices to be irritated on finding it. On the economic side again, they are developing along lines that the American seems fearful of entertaining. The Japanese government is becoming one great trust of the people. The hand of the state is everywhere in evidence; steamship lines, railroads and industries of all descriptions. And with this system of centralized industry, the competitive individualism of the Western world is bound to go down. A third advantage claimed by this writer in Appleton, is the centralized form of government which gives increased governmental efficiency. We cannot but admit that all of this will give the Japanese great advantage for we see that it has done the same in our own case. One reason that the American business man and manufacturer can undersell his competitors is his readiness to adopt new methods and machinery and cast aside the old. Japan is doing that in religion, economics and politics and it is time that we bestirred ourselves.

THE UNWRITTEN LAW.

If anyone wanted proof that the average citizen is an hysterical person and controlled by the laws of suggestion, he needs only to look at the ever growing list of "unwritten law" cases that are commencing to fill the columns of the daily press. A great deal of gush is being written about these "injured" husbands, but there is a serious side to this question and that is the sentiment it is creating of a man with a "wrong" of taking the law into his own hands and wreaking vengeance on his victim. This is always dangerous and especially so when prompted by insane jealousy. It is very easy for a wrong construction to be placed on conduct and actions that are entirely innocent. Grants Pass has narrowly missed a tragedy of this kind by reason of a fool, a wife and a revolver. Then again there are cases where it would undoubtedly have been better if the tragedy had occurred. The majority of wives that are mixed up in cases of unwritten law are over

the age of twenty-one years and are supposed to be free, moral agents. Whatever their conduct, they have gone into it pen eyed and no one is to blame but themselves. It seems ridiculous that a man should try to retain his wife's affections at the point of a revolver, but they seem to do it. Oftentimes the husband is as much to blame as anyone and when a woman goes out of her home for her love and affection, there is generally a good reason for it. Of course the most sensible thing to do would be for all parties concerned to just quit or to get a divorce but then who of us is sensible in the face of this greatest of primitive instincts. When John Ruskin the greatest of English critics found that the affections of his wife had been placed elsewhere, he stepped back and gave her up. But your American would have got out his six shooter and a triple plated tragedy would have resulted. But the law of suggestion is a curious thing and for some months to come we may expect to read of the unwritten law and its victims; then will come the reaction and the public mind will run to the other extreme.

ANY ORDINARY PRISONER.

We sometimes wonder what is the matter with our body politic and why corruption and disrespect for law exists in high places, but an item of last week goes a long way towards making it plain that it is our own fault. In the newspaper reports of the Yale-Harvard boat race was an account of the arrest of Mr. Harriman, the railroad magnate, for violating some of the rules governing the conduct of spectators and the item went on to state: "Mr. Harriman saw no more of the race but was detained as any ordinary prisoner aboard the Graham until after the race." Now any plain American citizen may well inquire: "Why shouldn't he be detained as any ordinary citizen? Is his person sacred and above the law and shall the rest of us have to knuckle at his mere beck and call?" The enforcement of law should be the same, no matter whether the offender be rich or poor; high in official position or a scavenger of the streets. Yet the old barbaric spell still clings to the most of us that there is something sacred about wealth and power. The chances are that if the rash lieutenant who ordered the arrest had known who it was, he would have thought twice before doing it. Another example is before our eyes at the present time. John D. Rockefeller is evading the service of a summons at the home of his daughter in Ohio. We read how a search light plays nightly over the ground and that guards patrol all the walks and approaches to the house. Now suppose it was some poor Irishman who was wanted for a witness. Do you think they would get him? Of course they would. He would have his door caved in about his ears in a jiffy and would very likely get a taste of a hickory club for his temerity but John D. is not a poor Irishman and we all look on and take it as a matter of course that wealth enables any one to have a contempt for the law. What the United States needs more than anything else is a return to some of the Puritan spirit that prompted our early forefathers. When we catch a millionaire violating the law he must be "pinched" and jailed and not treated as something above the law. Lots of people are clamoring for more law to protect themselves from the rapacity of predatory wealth but there are laws in plenty at the present time. Only they should be enforced with impartiality. That alone would remedy a great many of our present troubles.

We trust that the Orchard confession will not run as long in the magazines as the Civil War articles did.

Lakeview, Oregon, celebrated for six successive days. That ought to do them for ten years and give every body nervous prostration.

New York has a strike on of the garbage collectors and it is said the town is beginning to smell as though there were several dead cats in the cellars.

Fairbanks seems to live in hard luck. The Prohibitionists are now getting after him for serving whiskey cocktails with cherries in them on Memorial Day.

The undertakers of Oregon have just closed a successful meeting in Portland. They are making it cheaper to live all the time. People kick about living expenses going up but dying ones seem to keep right along with them.

Our own Jonathan Bourne is the latest statesman to get a stemwinder from the magazines. The Saturday Evening Post has a slightly sarcastic article about him and his friendship for the President.

The big stick is not in it as a weapon of offense as compared with the bed slat.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

Peter Pirzer was in Grants Pass Wednesday from his farm near Hugo. Mr. Pirzer is demonstrating that Rogue River hill lands are productive and will profitably produce both fruit and field crops. His place is at an altitude of 1600 and is in the thermal belt where frost does not kill the fruit. The soil is red clay and produces both fruit and vegetables to perfection. Peaches, cherries and grapes are the fruits that Mr. Pirzer grows and the trees and vines show a vigorous growth not excelled on any other farm in Rogue River Valley. While it is generally supposed that melons can only be grown successfully on the bottom land Mrs. Pirzer finds

MURPHY

The hay crop is fair in our part of the county.
Jeff Wimer is spraying for the cod-lin moth.
E. T. Perry is busy harvesting his berries. He is the most extensive berry raiser of Murphy and has a splendid crop this season.
The Murphy baseball team was a little outclassed last Sunday by the Applegate nine at Ferndale. Score 11 to 4.
Arch Bunch, Ed McCracken and H. T. Day have gone on the Takilma coke and matte haul. The boys claim it is better money than hauling lumber.
H. W. Mitchell of South Western Missouri is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. W. Gilmore. He arrived Saturday, via Portland and expects to spend some three months seeing the Oregon sights, among them Klamath, Crater Lake and the Coast, returning via San Francisco and Salt Lake.
Mr. Lieth has been complaining considerable lately about the deer eating his grain. He says they have destroyed as much as two acres. We would recommend a spray of metal patched bullets, but applied very sparingly for awhile yet.

Lasalle Stewart is again among his many Murphy friends looking after his homestead on Murphy Creek. Mr. Stewart has a lucrative position with the Booth-Kelly people in the Willamette and after cultivating his crop here and doing some more improving he will return to his work.

Murphy farmers challenge Josephine county to beat them in the following products. The Gilmore boys have three acres of oats, six feet high. The Hays Bros. have tomatoes three inches in diameter. D. Wimer has cherries measuring 3 1/2 inches in circumference and Charley Williams boasts cabbage heads four inches through. What do you think of that, "Eben"?

Willis York brought out a new lightning hay press this week and will commence the scg-z-z-z-bang! of hammering out \$\$\$ after the 4th. X. Y. Z.

melons one of his most profitable crops. Watermelons of 30 pounds are common and Mr. Pirzer had one last year that weighed 41 pounds. Mr. Pirzer is one of the most enthusiastic members of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association and in compliance with the role lately put into effect he will use the Association stationery in his personal correspondence. As all the fruit farm of the members are to be named he has chosen Hugo Heights as the name for his farm and that name will be printed on the Association letterheads and envelopes that he has ordered of Secretary Meserve. There is but one unpleasant feature at Hugo Heights Fruit Farm and that is that there is no woman to brighten the home and to share the work and the prosperity of that attractive place, but rumor has it that a strong, rosy-cheeked girl from far away Bavaria is one of these days to assume a partnership in this sightly and to be model farm.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court for Josephine County, Oregon.
In the matter of the Estate of Alpheus E. Holloway Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the above estate, with the will annexed filed in said court and cause his account and that Saturday, August 10 at 10 o'clock a. m. at the court house at Grants Pass, Josephine county, Oregon, has been fixed by the above court as the time and place for settling the account and all persons interested therein are hereby notified to file and present their objection thereto, on or before that time.

W. R. FLANAGAN,
Administrator.
Dated July 1, 1907.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Saturday, the 2d day of August, 1907 at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the County Court House, in the city of Grants Pass, said County and State, sell at public sale for United States coin, cash in hand, all of the right title and interest which the County of Josephine has acquired to land through the non-payment of taxes.

W. J. RUSSELL,
Sheriff.

If you are not illuminating your home with electricity, do it now. Considerations of safety, convenience, health and economy demand it.

Clinton Cook was in Grants Pass Wednesday and was a caller at the office of Secretary Meserve, of the Fruit Growers Association. Mr. Cook is a progressive young farmer, Missouri Flat and he is taking much interest in fruit raising. Recognizing the value that the Fruit Growers Association is to the farmers in marketing their fruit and purchasing supplies Mr. Cook became a member and will use the association stationery in his correspondence. Mr. Cook has a small orchard and will plant more trees this Fall.

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