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REAL STORIES

There is no fiction as interesting as the stories of real experience of pioneer life. Every new country has its history largely recorded in the memories of its oldest inhabitants. They precede newspapers and official records. Oregon has an ample share of these experiences and the state historical society is constantly endeavoring to collect accounts of them and place them on file. But every community has its own stories and now many of the men and women who are familiar with them, are passing away. It is a debt due to posterity that these stories and experiences should be recorded in some manner so that future generations may know the facts of what the pioneers underwent to make the state a place of habitation.

Mr. Villa, the ex-bandit who stands a fair chance of being president of Mexico some day, is said to have delivered himself of the opinion that, had he known our standing army was as small as it is, he would have invaded the United States long ago. We suggest that Signor Villa desist from his rapt gaze at our standing army through the big end of his field glass and allow his range of vision to encompass for a moment, the portly form of the governor of Texas.

THE LAMP OF EXPERIENCE

A little over a hundred years ago the allies of Europe were uniting for the last grand effort to overthrow Napoleon. Then as now, England was the animating spirit of the combined nations, mistress of the seas but poking on others to do the actual land fighting. Largely through her instrumentality, a rigid and effective blockade was maintained of the coast of France. To offset this, though he lacked the ability to maintain it effectively, Napoleon declared a blockade of the English coast. The effect of this declaration was to bring trouble between France and America, although the two nations had hitherto been on the friendliest terms. Though a formal declaration of war was not made, war actually existed between the navies of France and the United States as the direct outcome of this blockading edict of Napoleon's. There were a number of naval engagements and the commanders who afterwards displayed their mettle in the war with England in 1812, got their first experience in the naval war with France.

The student of history may be able to find a parallel between conditions as they existed at that time and as they exist at the present time when once more Europe is stirred by a mighty internal conflict and two influential nations seek to blockade one another's sea coast.

What though the billows boil and the clouds drip and the potatoes in the bottom of the basket grow smaller and smaller! There is this consolation, gentlemen:—after Thursday of next week there will be only twenty four months more of this democratic administration.

ENTHUSIASM AS A LEAVEN

"Enthusiasm Lightens Labor Ene-line." This is what the script used to remark in the old time copy book. According to F. B. Tichenor, enthusiasm has other qualities as well. He believes that a little enthusiasm will do wonders for Bandon. He advocates injecting new life and vigor into the Bandon Commercial club, and that all of the inhabitants of the city unite to boost Bandon and Coos county. That Bandon sees to it that its en-

hibit at the San Francisco fair is commensurate with the business importance of the city. With the advent of the railroad big things are ahead and unless its citizens awaken to a sense of its responsibility and to the opportunity the town will suffer itself to be side tracked.

The legislature has as usual made a new tax law and the tax books which were formerly kept by the sheriff and turned over to the treasurer two years ago, are now to be turned back to the sheriff again and accordingly Sheriff Johnson at Coquille is busy re-arranging his office force to meet the new additional duties.

JAPAN AND CHINA

It is inevitable that China will follow the course of Japan and acquire military establishments. Fifty years ago from now China promises to be one of the world's great military powers. Japan's day of supremacy in the Orient will be brilliant, but short.

There is more of a cordial feeling in China for America than for any other nation. By our actions we have deserved it. To continue this feeling of amity will be good policy.

Dr. Teyokicha Iyenaga, former professor of political science at Chicago and Columbia universities declared in an address before the Japan society in New York recently that the retention of Kiau-Chau by Japan would not violate China's integrity, in-as-much as Kiau-Chau had been leased to Germany for 99 years and was therefor not a part of China.

"Of course we can not foretell what final agreement will be made between China and Japan about Kiau-Chau. This much, however, is certain—if the allies finally win, Japan will have proper claims to make for the blood and treasure expended for the capture of Kiau-Chau and in running a great risk in having for our foe a power so formidable as Germany."

Japan has made a number of demands from China. They include first, that China turn over to Japan all existing German and Austrian concessions; second that China pledge herself not to give concessions in the future to any country except Japan; third, permission to build a special territorial railroad, and fourth, mining privileges in Shantung and Fukien provinces in Manchuria, in Eastern Mongolia and in the Yang-Tse Valley.

Thus the Japanese continue an aggressive policy that is adverse to the interest and policy of the United States.

GOOD ROADS NOTES

By Homer D. Wade
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No other citizen realizes the value of good roads as does the farmer.

A community can safely be judged by the kind of highways it maintains. The greatest chasm between the consumer and the producer is in the mud hole.

Production must cease when the transportation cost eats up the profits. There is something radically wrong with the farmer who is opposed to good roads.

Without good roads there will be no development that is permanent and enduring.

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One or two "stool pigeons."
Half a dozen men "busses".
Ditto women.
A few rascals who would vote to kill any constructive proposition.
An egomaniac who charges for every minute he gives the city.
A lot of "good citizens" who let city affairs run themselves.

SOMETHING TO MEMORIZE

Wet Weather Philosophy
It aint no use to grumble or complain;
It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice;
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,
Why—rain's my choice.
Men generally, to all intents,
Although they're apt to grumble, some,
Puts most their trust in Providence,
And takes things as they come,
That is, the commonality
Of men that's lived as long as me,
Arid watched the world enough to learn
They're not the boss of the concern.
With some, of course, its different—
I've seen young men that knowed it all,
And didn't like the way things went
On this terrestrial ball;
But, just the same, the rain someway
Rained just as hard on picnic day,
Or, when you really wanted it,
It may be, didn't rain a bit.
In this experience, dry and wet
Will overtake the best of men
Some little skiff or cloud'll shet
Thè sun out now and then,
And may be when you're wondering
who
You've, fool like, lent your umbrella
to,
And want it: c'e'll pep the sun
And you'll be glad you aint got none.
It aggravates the farmers, too,
There's too much wet and too much
rain.
And vor, a waiting and to do
Afore the plowin's done,
And may be, like as not, the wheat
Just when it's looking hard to beat
Will catch the storm or just about
The time the corn's a jinting out.
These here cyclones, a fooling 'round
And backward crops, and wind and
rain,
And then the corn that's wallowed
down,
May elbow up again,
There aint no sense, as I can see
In mortals, such as you and me,
A faulting Nature's wise intents,
And locking horns with Providence.
—James Whitcomb Riley

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