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NE PLUS ULTRA

One of the most ridiculous items that ever decorated the pages of a news paper is one alleging the circulation of a report in Paris to the effect that the European powers as a means of liquidation their debt to this country would repudiate it, and to avoid serious consequences, partition the United States territory between them. In our opinion no requtable newspaper would publish such a report as news item with any inference other than that it is the ne plus ultra of absurdity. Such foolishness could have no source other than in the mind of a fanatic, or else in the minds of those whose interests it is to make and furnish war supplies, for the United States government. The possibility of the unanimous co-operation of the powers for such purpose, would have no parallel in history, nor even a remote possibility of accomplishment in the future, to say nothing of the impossibility of accomplishing its purpose. Only the timorous, not the serious minded, give the report any serious thought, and only the papers tinged with yellow give the report any space with the inference that it is news.

INDIFFERENCE OF THE C. P.

The gravest dangers confronting the development and healthy operation of our politic government is the indifference manifested by the individuals comprising the mass of voters. The voters who are ignorant of conditions by reson of their inability to know the facts are far fewer in numbers than those who can know and do not take the time pains or trouble to ascertain. The time will come we hope when political affairs will be the personal affairs of every voter second only to his private affairs a time when governmental matters whether national or local will be more important than the pursuit of pleasure, when the earnestness of the citizen to help direct aright the affairs of government is equal to the earnestness of the few who seek to mis-direct it. Until then the few and not the collective citizenship will direct the administration of affairs.

OUR SPECULATIVE FRIENDS

Representative C. R. Barrow is authority for the statement that from twenty-two to twenty-three per cent of the lands in Coos county is within the Government forest reserve, and is therefore non-tax paying land, land which is withheld from settlement by our citizens, and consequently has no opportunity to break into the tax-paying class of lands, and also that there is due from the large timber interests that hold land in this county, including penalty and interest over four hundred thousand dollars, and that if this were paid, it would wipe out our current county indebtedness of one hundred ninty six thousand dollars, and leave us many dollars to the good. That Coos county owes no bonded indebtedness. It is certainly an unfortunate when our vested interests plunder the choicest resources of the county, hold it in a state of undevelopment, stay the hand of the progressive settler, withhold payment of the accruing tax and litigate its payment through a series of Courts to the United States Supreme Court, the court of last resort. And then who knows but that controversy initiated from a new quarter to investigate some yet untried phase of the question may still further prolong the uncommendable proceedings.

The 1916 political campaign is already under way in Coos county and a few announcements for some of the most desirable offices have already been made, and a few letters of political nature have been circulating around and have reached the sanctum of this office. So far, the offices of circuit judge and prosecuting attorney seem to be most sought after. We believe that if the desire for efficiency in office were commensurate with the desire to get into office, that there would be quite a stir in official circles that would make the tax payers set up in open eyed wonder and take notice.

The Bandon Library has recently received a ten volume set of "Wit and Humor of America" arranged by Marshall P. Wilder and published by the Literary Digent. The Library also acknowledges the gift of one juvenile.

Recorder Ruminations

Educators have made radical advancement in matters pedagogical and have almost mastered the art of making Johnie learned in spite of himself. But ever an anon there arises and occasion to lament the passing of that time honored institution, the paddle.

The relations between the people of a city and the public service concerns which supply it are not usually over cordial. It must have been with some degree of pleasure that the management of the city lighting system saw the practical expressions of kindliness manifested towards it by business men of the city yesterday morning.

Sam Nass attributes the lack of fish in the river this season to the dry Fall. He says lack of rainfall has made the water of the river briny as may be noted from the quantity of grass and barnacles collected on the bottoms of river boats. The salt water and the rough bar has tended to keep fish out of the river. However the complaint is the same all up and own the coast and from the Rogue river to Alaska a short catch is reported.

This thing of blowing a tin horn in season and out of season has its disadvantages especially when some fellow citizen who has been boosted into office turns out to be a grafter of the first water and a corporation which has been lauded in season and out of season never lets slip an opportunity to menace the peace and prosperity of the community.

We are told that it is impossible to divert any of the land grant lands sale proceeds of the public schools because the conditions of the grant is a contract to sell the land to actual settlers at $2.50 an acre and the conditions of the contract can not be changed without the consent of both parties. But why can not the consent of both parties be obtained for this purpose. Is there a common ground on which the principals could better meet than on that of the benefit of the schools of the state. Would either wish to go down on record as opposed to the interests of the schools?

To turn this land over to be purchased at $2.50 an acre would be to invite a scramble that would be a scandal and result in dissentions that would leave a trail through the comming years. It would be a pleasing thing for the speculator but it would be only another of the black eyes that this gentry has already administered to the commonwealth. The safest way to give satisfaction all around is to let the land to the man who will pay the most for it and let the beneficiary be the schools of the state. If Oregon is low as compared with other states in the matter of an adequate school fund state pride demands that no chance be overlooked to make up for what has been lost. Sit down and write a letter to Congressman Hawley and our two senators stating that it is your wish that grantor and grantee get together on a compromise that will result in swelling the Oregon state school fund.

There is probably one man in Bandon who thinks good roads are a matter of secondary consideration. To the master f the Elizabeth, a good bar appears entitled to firs place on the program.

The trite old proverb "You tickle me and I'll tickle you" stands in need of a little revision. The up-to-date rendering of the thing is "You tickle me and I'll cave in your slats"

When the Bulgarian peasant smuggles vegetables or meat into Austria he insists on payment in American gold coins. When the Scandanavian ship master succeeds in slipping a cargo into Germany he insists on gold American coins as payment. This gold dollar which is worth all the way from $1.02 to $1.25 in Europe is the same one which threatened to form a cross for the crucifixion of mankind in 1896. Just at present the American gold dollar is the standard of value for the whole world. It might well be excused for feeling a bit stuck up.

The class in B Arithmetic will please stand up—"Willie, if a certain county can spend $225,000 in a single year in road making and when the shovels are all collected and stored for the winter, have a road system that would drive a saint to profanity, how could that county supply itself with hard surfaced roads on a bond issue of $400,000.?" While Willie is pondering we will passon to the next one.

"If a city sends $20,000 per year out of the city to the booze wholesalers and receives as the municipal share $5,000 in taxes, will it not be a hardship to the city when that money is kept at home?. Yes, Willie if you have a headache, you may do your thinking sitting down."

The trend of European ambitions now appears to lie in the direction of an Oriental empire. For years the unspeakable Turk has been allowed to hold sway because none of the great powers was willing to let any of the others have him. The re-cultivation of the Garden of Eden has an alluring sound but the attempt to possess it has been the graveyard of the ambitions of more than one hero. Well had it been for Alexander if he had never seen that seductive land and the hitherto unbeatable Buonaparte left on those desert sands the beginning of a trail of bleaching bones that wiped out his legions and ended at Waterloo.

Two clever children were an interesting feature of the "Commanding Officer" at the Grand Thursday night These two children furnished the comedy relief to the story of army life in the southwest. Undressing them proved to be quite a problem to the commanding officer and his elderly friend of convivial habits. They had a sort of notion that the dresses came off as a sack comes off from a bushel of turnips. When the young lady banished them from the room and undertook the disrobing, they watched the operation through a crack in the door and found out where their own notions were in error, These were surely a clever pair of kids. They never once looked at the camera but acted as unconcerned through the grinding of the machine as the blase artist. The Thursday Paramounts are worthy of patronage.

There is a mother and four children struggling to keep body and soul together living in the city, their most pressing needs supplied by an aged pensioneer and assisted by occasional contributions from the county. The other day one of the children found an apple on the street and the manner in which it was pounced upon and divided among the children was pathetic to witness. The thought occurs that possiblity there may be ranchers up river who may read these lines and who have apples going to waste under there trees. If so they can with a little exertion make this one family happy for a time. Who will volunteer?

BIG PARAMOUNT SPECIAL

Rita Jolivet, Star of "The Unafraid"

Rita Jolivet, the beautiful French girl who makes her screen debut in Jesse L. Laskey's picturization of "The Unafraid", was born in Paris and has attained note as a legitimte dramatic artist not only in her native city but also in London and New York. Her mother before her marriage to the father of Miss Jolivet, was a celebrated pianist, and her sister, Mlle. Inez Jolivet, is to-day one of the foremost woman violists of the European continent. Rita Jolivet made her professional debut in England as Beatrice in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," and, before first coming to this country, had already played important roles in the leading London theatres with such artists as Cyril Maude, Weedon Grossmith and Sir George Alexander.

Miss Jolivet was "discovered" for America by Harrison Grey Fiske, when he was visiting England to make preparations for the American production of "Kismet". At that time he engaged Miss Jolivet to come to New York immediately scored an overwhelming Broadway hit in the leading feminine role of this most famous Oriental drama during its initial run at the Knickerbocker Theater Last season Miss Jolivet played the role of the Chinese Princess in Percy Mackaye's fantastic drama. "A Thousand Years Ago" at the Shubert Theatre in New York City and also on tour. In this production she also scored a hit of the first magnitude, and was hailed by all the metropolitan critics as one of the truly great artists and truly unique personalities of the present day.

Rita Jolivet, who, by the way, speaks English as well as French, is admittedly one oft he most beautiful brunettes on the stage. She has a wealth of Gallic temperament developed under the most expert teachers oft he Comedy Francaise. In romantic roles, such as that of the impulsive American girl who is the heroine of "The Unafraid" she is positively ideal.

This picture will be shown at the Grand Theatre, Thursday, November 4th.

LODGE DIRECTORY

Masonic

Bandon Lodge, No. 130, A. F. & A. M. Stated communications first Friday after the full moon of each month. Special communications Master Masons cordially invited.

WALTER SABIN, W. M.
C. E. BOWMAN, Sec.

Eastern Star.

Occidental Chapter, No. 45, O. E. S. meets Friday evenings before and after stated communications of Masonic lodge. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.

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Bandon Lodge, No. 133, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening Visiting brothers in good standing cordially invited.

GEO. H. SMITH, Secretary.
L. I. WHEELER, N. G.

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MARY C. BARROWS, Secretary
MARIAM WILSON, N. G.

BANDON CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church

Sabbath Services:
10 a. m. ..... Sabbath School
11 a. m. ..... Preaching
6:30 p. m. .. C. E. Prayer Meeting
7:30, p. m. ..... Preaching
Wednesday 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend these services

REV. WINFIELD S. SMITH, Pastor

Methodist Church

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Public Service, 11:00 a. m.
Evening service, 8:00, p. m.
Mid-Week Service, Thursday, 7:30
All who do not attend church elsewhere are invited to worship with us

C. MAYNE KNIGHT, Pastor

Episcopal Church

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 11:00 a. m. and 3:30, p. m.

REV. WM. HORSFALL, Vicar

M. E. Church South

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m
Preaching, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30
Missionary Society, Friday, 2:00

W. B. SMITH, Pastor

Baptist Church

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M
Preaching Service, 11:00 A. M

ELDER A. B. REESE

Church of the Brethren

Sunday Services: Sunday School 10:00 a. m; Preaching serivce at 8 a. m. and at 7:00 p. m.

Everybody cordially invited.

L. B. OVERHOLSER, Pastor

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