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The Heppner Times sums up the situation of the great fair thusly: "No doubt all Eastern Oregon will be glad when the Lewis and Clark fair closes. Not because they think it is a failure nor that it will not eventually result in much good to the state, but because it keeps the outside towns and communities drained of surplus cash. The fair is a good one and all are pleased that go to see it, and the people cannot be censured for taking it in, but when we stop to consider the large amount of money it is taking out of the channels of local trade it is something enormous. It is safe to say that two-thirds and perhaps three-fourths of the people of Oregon will spend from a week to a month at the fair at a cost of not less than \$15 per head, and some three times that much. At that rate the fair will cost Morrow county \$150,000. Probably as a result of the fair we will get it all back again, but at present it is a leech upon the state at large."

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, may be it in his own state, but he don't stand ace high with our "Teddy." The senator is down in the president's black book and the nation's executive no longer gives consideration to the Idaho senator's statements. Facts about agricultural land in Shoshone forest reserve are at variance with Heyburn's claims. It has developed that many locations have been filed on by the senator's friends. It looks as though there may be another job for Heney.

PORTLAND, SEATTLE AND TACOMA.

(Spokesman-Review.)

Portland people are, naturally, elated by the decision of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern to build and operate jointly a new railroad into that city from Kennewick, on the Northern Pacific, down the north bank of the Columbia river. This practically makes Portland a three railroad town, where it has been a one, for while the Northern Pacific has a line from Tacoma down to Portland, the haul by that round about way, over the Cascade range, was so long and expensive that the Northern Pacific has not been a troublesome competitor of the Harriman system in Oregon.

Naturally, too, there is some concern in the Puget Sound cities of Seattle and Tacoma, over this bold stroke by the Hill lines. Seattle in recent years had rather taken the lead over Portland in population and commercial supremacy. This new turn of events puts Portland again in the running and may be the means of

giving that city such an impetus as will leave Seattle to the rear. It is not clear how Tacoma, with only one railroad, the Northern Pacific, and sitting between two powerful rivals, on the north and south, can hope to recover the long gap which already separates it from Seattle and Portland. Tacoma, however, has resources and attractions which assure its continued growth and prosperity.

Vice President Levey of the Northern Pacific, in an interview in the Tacoma Ledger, is considerate enough to allay Tacoma's natural feeling of alarm. Mr. Levey says it does not necessarily follow that the new line will divert the grain traffic of eastern Washington from Tacoma to Portland, as grain rates will remain the same to both ports and the destination of grain shipments will be a matter left to the exporters to determine. In a preceding sentence, though, Vice President Levey intentionally or unintentionally, disclosed the fact that the Northern Pacific will have a lively interest in this matter, when he said: "In addition to the mileage that will be saved, there will be a practically level grade into Portland, thus obviating a heavy haul over the mountains to Puget sound with which we have to contend at present."

It will of course cost the Northern Pacific more to haul a ton of wheat over the Cascade mountains to Tacoma than to haul it down the Columbia river to Portland, and if that company does not find a way to carry the burden to the easier destination it will indeed be deserving of Tacoma's gratitude. In any event a lively race between Seattle and Portland may be anticipated for the next four or five years. Seattle spirit is not the kind that throws up the sponge because its rival has a little the better of the present round. The probabilities are that the progressive men who have done so much to build that fine city in the wilderness will set their jaws a little harder and go at the contest with renewed determination.

A CROOK COUNTY VIEW.

(Bend Bulletin.)

The Bend Bulletin was not in existence at the time the offense charged against Williamson, Gessner and Biggs is alleged to have been committed, therefore it does not speak as one having direct knowledge of that matter. But it has heard a good deal of comment by people who were in Crook county at that time, from which it concludes that the practices complained of were open and notorious; that the court ought to rule that they are a matter of authentic history and don't need to be proved; and the defendants ought to quit quibbling and come squarely into court and plead the custom of the country as their defense. Then the whole thing would be on a rational basis.

The friends and neighbors of the defendants admit that they were engaged in just the work which the government say they were. The only room for question is upon the point of criminal intent. Numbers of the partisans of the defendants say their intent was not evil, to support which position they go to the extent of denying the facts of local history. The opposite contention that the violation of the law under these circumstances carries the necessary presumption of intent so to do—which makes it a crime.

The whole community was honey-combed with land graft. Some of this was mere carelessness, much of it was worse. Men committed indictable offenses in droves with as little fear as they could eat dinner. It was so common that the uninformal supposed it was the thing to do. Others found profit in it and cared for nothing else. Of course, all who are tarred with the land graft stick now stand together in denunciation of the efforts of the government to restore the land laws to life. But the laws must be restored, are already restored. Now it is to deal with those who broke them down temporarily. The Bulletin has refrained from commenting upon this trial of these

Crook county men because it saw no good to come from stirring up our own people over it. But Crook county during the past six weeks has been charging a federal volcano with a vast quantity of explosive fuel and it is time the attention of our own people should be called to the seriousness of the occasion. The power of the United States will not be "stood off" by a few men or by all Crook county, honesty and innocence did not require it and do not operate that way. If these men are guiltless it is cruelly unfortunate that such questionable methods have been employed in their behalf.

THE SCRAP FILE.

Athena seems to be on the wane as a show town. Just now she is the particular shining mark for picture machine aggregations and second hand circuses. Why is it thusly?

The difference between being the fighting editor and the snake editor is this: The fighting editor is supposed to do the scrapping, while the snake editor is supposed to wiggle out of a scrap. Now, tell us how the Free-water Times man holds down both jobs.

My friend Norris, who is an ardent exponent of the meter system, has a choice little bunch of campaign argument which he is quietly handing out to his friends. And there is logic in wof thereof. It relates to the man, who, rumor says, was seen standing in a rain storm, umbrella in one hand and a sprinkling hose in the other.

A rejected lover in St. Louis is now suing the girl to get his presents back. Still there are persons who pretend to believe that the age of romance is dead.

A French engineer thinks a railroad could be built around the earth, including a tunnel under Bering strait, for \$250,000,000. Probably a few more thinks might cause him to alter his figures a little.

I find this in the Smart Set. It was composed by an old chum, E. L. Sablin:

When I was strolling through the gloam
I glimpsed a maiden fair.
"Oh, mistress, may I see you home?
You need protecting care."
She dropped her eyes in sweet demur;
Said she, "We've never met.
I can't allow it, gallant sir."
But yet—but yet—but yet:
Katy did! Katy did! Katy did!
Katy said she wouldn't, but she did!
The stars were peeping midst the blue
But none save them desried.
Just broad enough the path for two
If closely side by side.
My arm in half a circle lay,
Her waist within its ken;
Said she, "I never walk this way."

And then—and then—and then:
Katy did! Katy did! Katy did!
Katy said she didn't, but she did!
Her cheeks with blushes wooed me oft
As slow we onward paced.
Her mouth was like a cherry soft,
Inviting one to taste.
I deftly stooped. She cried, "Alack!
All kissing, pray, forego."
Said she, "I must not kiss you back."
But oh—but oh—but oh!
Katy did! Katy did! Katy did!
Katy said she mustn't, but she did!
Sim Plex.

Summons.

In the Justice Court of the District of Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon.
W. M. Mosgrove, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel McReynolds and Andrew Stewart, partners, defendants.
Civil Action for the Recovery of money.

To Samuel McReynolds and Andrew Stewart, partners, defendants above named:
In the name of the state of Oregon you are hereby notified, commanded and required to appear before the undersigned justice of the peace at his office in Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which said first date is October 3, A. D., 1905, and answer to the complaint of the plaintiff filed in this court against you. And you will take notice that unless you so appear and answer or otherwise plead to said complaint within said time, you will suffer judgment taken against you for the sum of \$53.90, and for plaintiff's cost and disbursements in this action; you will also take notice that proceedings by attachment and garnishment have been duly issued out of this court in this action and that property purporting to belong to you has been attached and garnished by the constable of this district.

This summons is published by order of this court duly made on this 3d day of October, A. D. 1905, and will appear in the Athena Press once a week for a period of six weeks, the first publication appearing as above stated and the last one on November 14, 1905.
O. G. Chamberlain, Justice of the Peace.
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