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The Observer has been established nearly 21 years, and it has some subscribers who have received it regularly for more than half a score of years. Many of these object to having the Old Reliable discontinued at the time of expiration of their subscriptions, and for their benefit, as for other reasons, we discontinue subscriptions only when notified to do so, except by agreement made at the time the account is opened, when it is noted upon the calendar to be discontinued promptly at the time specified. All persons paying in advance at the time of subscription, will have the benefit of the \$2.50 rate for two years, or the \$5.00 rate for five years. We send The Observer to any responsible person who orders it, though they may not send the money with the order, with the understanding that they are to pay 12 1/2 cents per month for it, until such time as they may wish to take advantage of the above liberal discounts. From this date we are prepared to discount rates to all leading Weekly and Magazine Publishers in the United States, to any prepaid reader of The Old Reliable Observer. Come with the money—as that is indispensable.

Seattle is buying hay, fruit and vegetables in the inland Empire.

Another open Columbia river congress is to meet in Dalles city next month.

Lewis E. Ward has undertaken to make a newspaper in Ione, something the town hasn't had since the death of The Post.

The district fair at The Dalles this year covers five counties, Wasco, Sherman, Crook, Wheeler and Gilliam. The main pavilion will be down town.

It is reported that Bro. Dave Vernon, of the Oakland Owl, has consented to advance Harriman all the money he needs with which to tap Central Oregon.

The report that it has cost "us" \$400,000,000 to acquire and retain the Philippines is discussed mostly by the "Citizens Committee" on a cracker box, without a nickel in its jeans and no taxes to pay.

The hotels in Portland are unable to handle the crowds seeking homes in Oregon from the Middle West. Drummers are coming in double the number ever before, and there is not a vacant sample room of any size or description in that city today.

Capt. Lund is now in Portland, master of the barkentine Gardiner City, receiving cargo for San Francisco. Last winter Capt. Lund was sailing the bark Harry Morse from Portland to Boston, and barely missed an exploding meteor 10° N. of the equator on the Atlantic side. Its rays lighted up the ship and sea for miles around, exploding near the ship with terrific report.

It seems that almost everything afloat in the fraternal and commercial world these days, has its price. There is the Order of Washington, owing the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank \$32,648, swelled with its gold value, alleged, of \$200,000, having twice refused \$150,000 for it, and its thousands of members perhaps not aware of the fact that they were just ordinary chatties, whose savings were being juggled with in gambling games, by their chosen officers.

Senator Fulton and Congressman Ellis are making a tour of the inland Empire, in the interest of their constituents. The old stereotyped political josh about their own fences has no significance in this tour, the gentlemen will so closely guard the public interests in the state and district that the people may be depended upon for support that will retain the gentlemen in congress for many years. This thing of changing officials of known ability for ambitious politicians, meets a chill in the inland Empire.

QUID PRO QUO.

The Astoria Budget compliments The O. Man upon some of his hard work in that city in July 1871, as founder of The Astorian, which we truly appreciate. Materials for the complement are found in an antiquated copy of The three-week Astorian, and among them our first attempt to attract capital to an abundance of clay in Oregon suitable for the limitless production of Portland cement! (A. D. 1871)—36 years awakening to a realizing sense of the situation. Within five years, since calling Edison's attention to it, and sending samples of the clay, some of which found its way to Germany, Colorado has a \$1,000,000 plant established; California is putting in a \$600,000 plant, and Idaho a \$400,000 plant, to be in full operation next spring. We may anticipate Oregon, perhaps, attempting to do something in this line after the fact is demonstrated that "the town and name" are in no ways connected. This is the age of concrete, and Portland Cement is the one thing needed.

Thirty six years ago The Astorian was the only pronounced and enthusiastic advocate of an open Columbia river, from Lewiston to the sea. The O. Man was just that much in advance of the times. Now with railroads along both banks of it, an open river is positively indispensable. We left Jim Hill sitting about the stove in Bart Pressly's St. Paul store, thinking out the problem of a Lake Superior and Puget Sound Railroad, which he afterwards solved without any subsidy. In January next we may meet again, in Oregon when his terminal will be at gritty little Astoria down by the sounding sea.

Sherman county offers a finer field than any we have ever known for the study of pomology. In spite of the delivery of wagon loads of pest ridden fruit in high land districts, there is not a blotch upon our trees, and the unknown varieties of fruit growing here this year are a revelation.

Gus A. Lowit, that spread Eagle fellow who soared into the deposits of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank to the matter of about \$115,000 over draft, once used the U. S. Mails to work a smooth confidence game in Portland, was arrested and fined! Did he care for that fine? Not a bit of it; sometimes the penitentiary is a punishment, but in cases like this of Lowit, the criminal should be shot.

Some may think, after reading an article in The Observer last week on the departure of Prof. Anderson and his sister from Moro public schools as teachers, that it was intended as a criticism of Superintendent Bryant. Such is not the case. Supt. Bryant, all members of the school board and Clerk J. M. Parry, were out of town and our information was obtained from parties who gave it a wrong coloring in the principal features. The law was made for Supt. Bryant to enforce; not for him to find some way to make plausible evasion of. It appears to us now that Miss Anderson has never taught before, except at the Normal school. Moro would have been her first school. Mr. Bryant could not issue her a permit because, in the August examinations her standing was not such as was required by the school law. As to Mr. Anderson he might, under one construction of the law, have been allowed to teach his room; but should he act as principal of the school, his doing so would endanger the receipt of school money from the state to the Moro district. At this time the schools are progressing very nicely with the teachers we have.

A SENSE OF HUMOR.

It is a Precious Gift and Helps to Lighten Life's Way.

I regard a sense of humor as one of the most precious gifts that can be vouchsafed to a human being. He is not necessarily a better man for having it, but he is a happier one. It renders him indifferent to good or bad fortune. It enables him to enjoy his own discomfiture. Blessed with this sense he is never unduly elated or cast down. No one can ruffle his temper. No abuse disturbs his equanimity. Boredom does not bother him. Humbugs do not humbug him. Solemn airs do not impose on him. Sentimental grub does not influence him. The follies of the moment have no hold on him. Titles and decorations are but childish baubles in his eyes. Prejudice does not warp his judgment. He is never in conceit or out of conceit with himself. He abhors all dogmatism. The world is a stage on which actors strut and fret for his edification and amusement, and he pursues the even current of his way, invulnerable, doing what is right and proper according to his lights, but utterly indifferent whether what he does finds approval or disapproval from others.

If Hamlet had had any sense of humor he would not have been a nuisance to himself and to all surrounding him.—London Truth.

Horse Racing vs. Pure Farm Stock.

A H. Barnum got a prize of \$15 at the state fair, on his Hereford bull, and sold the animal rather than pay freight back. Some horses from California carried away prizes from \$500 to \$5,000 each which illustrates what we were driving at in our comparison between gambling and business at a state fair. Which is the most beneficial to the community—a race horse or a pure blood Hereford bull? Sherman county was entitled to a fair this fall under an act of the last assembly which cut out horse racing, but Gov. Chamberlain vetoed the bill, and it is quite right that our best citizens feel sore about the affair.

Additional Local Mention.

George E. Thompson has the O'Leary thrasher working on his farm this week.

Billy McDonald, the McDonald Bridge Nasby, was a Moro visitor on the 25th.

The Journal says "there was no gambling at the state fair!" Don't you believe it.

Martin Hansen is busy hauling wheat from his Rutledge farm.

Mayor Messinger's Moro grown pumpkins are about the right color to be pronounced ripe, but we have a grave suspicion that they were painted.

Hon. B. F. Pike and wife returned from Saratoga, New York, etc., on the 25th. Glad to be at home once more, though they've had a jolly good time.

G. F. Guinther has three combines working on his 500 acres of wheat. If one could be taken it would make a fine photograph of Sherman harvest scenes.

P. O. DeMoss, has a garden at De Moss springs hard to equal, for potatoes, turnips, onions, rutabagas, etc., all of excellent quality. Orders taken for delivery.

Amusements.

Moro Opera House.

Three nights next week, commencing Monday evening Sept. 30th, Lowe's Stock Company, said to be one of the few reputable organizations that present what they advertise—A First Class Performance—will entertain play-goers at Moro Opera House, presenting the latest and most popular comedies and dramas. It is claimed that the great success which has attended this attraction is due to the fact that it pleases the masses. Popular prices. Box sheet now open at the Moro Pharmacy.

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ARNOLD'S ATTRACTIONS.

Great Amusement Features at The District Fair.

Dalles City Chronicle.

Probably the most important step taken by the committee on attractions connected with the district fair was the securing of E. J. Arnold the well known show man at attraction promoter, to furnish the amusements for fair week, October 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. The committee on attractions believe that they have secured for the fair the best aggregation of amusement features that has yet been brought to this city in connection with a carnival or fair. The shows will be such as will prove attractive and instructing. The shows will be located on Second street, from Court to Laughlin, and on the south side at the intersection of each intervening street. The exhibit pavilion will be on Washington street. The main pavilion, which will contain the agricultural and fruit exhibits, will be 184 feet long.

The signing of the contract with Manager Arnold solved one of the most difficult problems the fair committee had to meet, the securing of an attractive amusement program. An Indian village has been talked of, but not decided at the time of writing this article.

The date of the Wool Grower's Convention in The Dalles has two specified times in papers before us. Which is it? October 13th or December 12th?

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There was a kind of public record office attached to the palace and temple at Nineveh, in which it was customary to deposit important legal and other documents, such as contracts and agreements for the purchase and sale of property, marriage settlements, wills, etc. Among these there were discovered official statements as to the history and transactions of the ancient banking house of Egidu at Nineveh. Assyrian chronology proves that these refer to a date about 2,500 years before the Christian era, when Abraham dwelt at Ur of the Chaldees, as is stated in Genesis. We may therefore claim for this firm the reputation of being the oldest bank in the world at least of which we have any record or are likely to have. The accounts are very voluminous and cover the transactions of five generations of the house from father to son. The firm grew rapidly in importance during this period, during which they attained great wealth, for they succeeded in securing from the king the appointment of collectors of taxes, a position which in the east always leads to fortune. They afterward farmed the revenue for several of the Assyrian provinces with very great gain to the firm.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

Corrected in Rhyme. Thackeray was much pestered by the autograph hunter, says Hodder in his "Recollections." He distilled above all things to write in an autograph album and often refused those who asked him to do so sometimes rather brusquely. On one occasion the owner of an album, a young lady, was fortunate. Thackeray took her book to his room in order to look it over. Written on a page he found these lines:

Mount Blanc is the monarch of mountains. They crowned him long ago, But who they got to put it on. Nobody seems to know. Albert Smith. Under these lines Mr. Thackeray wrote:

A HUMBLE SUGGESTION. I know that Albert wrote in hurry—'Poetic license' I scarce presume, But yet methinks that Lindley Murray Instead of "who" had written "whom." W. M. Thackeray.

Health in the Canal Zone.

The high wages paid make it a mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the forces of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama canal. Many are restrained, however, by the fear of fever and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those having used Electric Bitters, who go there without this fear, well knowing they are safe from malarious influences with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison too, biliousness, weakness, and all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Guaranteed by Moro Pharmacy, 50c.

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Were last seen at Rutledge. Suitable reward will be paid for any information that will lead to the recovery of said animals. Address C. D. O'Leary, or W. F. WEIGAND, Grass Valley, Or.

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Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

A bright bay mare, weight about 800 lbs., star in forehead, branded on the left shoulder with a design similar to the key—one of an arch. A reward will be paid for information that will lead to her recovery or return to Rohr Villa. When last seen had a halter head-stall on and was feeding on the brakes of Des Chutes river. For particulars address M. T. NOLAN, The Dalles, Or.

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