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ALBANY, OREGON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

A GREAT COUNTY FAIR

A \$20,000 county fair for Linn county is assured. Money, leadership, able business workers in every department of the fair, are assured. It is to be at Albany, and Albany businessmen and citizens assume more than half the responsibility, the tasks, the work of development necessary to materialize a great, booming county fair of this section of the valley.

With such careful preparations as are being laid, an annual gathering of unprecedented proportions is assured. Too much cannot be said of the benefits of such an event. It comes to be the vital spark to many industries—livestock, dairying, horticulture—to all those basic businesses which ever improve themselves by comparison, by weeding, culling and selection.

With departments covering every branch of Linn, industry, each complete as to detail and offering prizes commensurate with the effort put forth by the exhibitor, encouragement will be lent to every producer. Extra care, extra efforts to excel will be in his mind through all the year, because he knows that due recognition will be given his toil when its products are gathered together with that of all the other workers.

State, county and city funds, chosen men from all the county, representation for every line of production—these, incorporated in the spirit and action of the Fair Association, guarantee to Linn county's fair adequately fulfilling its peculiar sphere of progress.

SILVER THE PRECIOUS METAL

William J. Bryan evidently finds vindication and cause for thanksgiving in the high price of silver. He has wired the New York papers as follows:

Press despatches report bullion value of gold dollar 5 cents less than bullion value of silver dollar. Are the New York financiers living up to their claims of honesty that they made so vociferously in 1896? Or are they paying their debts in a cheap gold dollar?

Mr. Bryan has waited for a long time to see silver restored to its former value—which he advocated accomplishing by arbitrary legislative enactment, but the law of supply and demand has forced up the price of silver by relatively lowering the price of gold.

Most of the gold of the world came to the United States during the war, forcing the use of silver in other nations—and the ensuing demand exceeded the supply. There is even talk in Europe of restoring the bimetallic standard—though now the silver miners would oppose it.

With the cheap gold dollar only buying half a dollars worth of groceries or other supplies, it is no surprise to find it buying only fifty cents worth of silver.—Capital Journal.

CLOSURE

Some time ago the United States Senate, stung to the reformation point by public criticism, adopted a "cloture" or "closure" rule. It was designed to end the oratorical marathons that were permitted under the ancient rule of "senatorial courtesy" and restrict debate when there was occasion for restriction. This rule, however, was never made effective until a few days ago, when it was applied to shorten the interminable debate on the peace treaty.

It was almost worth the long and weary months of solemn and futile oratory, to the nation at least, to have the Senate at last put this reform into practice. There is hope now that it may be invoked frequently in the future.

The American public, itself over-much given to speechifying, is beginning to appreciate what a curse political oratory has become. The Saturday Evening Post recently devoted a full-page editorial to the subject, lambasting from a dozen different angles the man, whether in the Senate or the House or anywhere else in public life, who mistakes speech for service, oratory for action, phrases for facts, words for deeds.

The public men are not altogether to blame. They have merely done, in the past, what the people expected of them.

The average voter still expects any man in office to be primarily a "good speaker", and votes preferably for the man with the readiest tongue.

Yet oratory really has little to do with law-making and with the other functions of public men. Public service is a business, calling for business brains and business methods. Senators and representatives are virtually directors of the greatest corporation on earth. What would anybody think of a set of directors who, when an important question was up for decision, devoted months to making speeches to each other—with nobody listening to them—instead of getting to work and settling the matter in a sensible business way.

Closure is what this country needs today more than anything else—closure in Congress, closure in legislatures, closure in city councils, closure in labor meetings, closure on street corners. If an absolute prohibition could be put on speech-making for about ten years, this country might get itself straightened out.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

The Same Old Guard—

The republican Medford Mail Tribune sizes up the situation tersely and sensibly when it says: "The assassination of the Peace Treaty appears to have gone to Senator Lodge's head. He now wants the entire controversy settled at the 1920 elections, with the republicans, we take it, standing on a platform of no League of Nations, no Peace Treaty, American isolation, and all around moral reaction. Small wonder Senator Hitchcock as the administration leader, jumps at the chance."

A Prospective Crop—

Colorado has a crop of tourists that brings a return to the state of \$50,000,000 annually. They come to gaze on her rock-bound scenery, enjoy her cool climate, neither of which costs Colorado anything. The returns are net profit. The biggest crop in California, the one that outvalues her orange crop, her gold crop, or her manufacturing, is the tourist crop.—G. T.

The Mailed Fist for Murderers—

Hats off to the Portland officers and to our own sheriff for the prompt manner in which they ran down the murderers of Messrs. Burgess and Perringer, enthrone the East Oregonian. The officers knew they were dealing with desperate men but they went straight ahead regardless of the fact that they were risking their own lives.

The Jury Freed Her!—

Mrs. Beauregard says curiosity about a pistol caused her to kill her husband. We will have to revise the old saw about "curiosity killed a cat," the Corvallis Times opines.

Who Laughs Last—

Carlisle, the Wyoming train robber is having a good time kidding the police officers of several states; but sooner or later he will be on the inside looking out while the officials give back his persiflage with good measure added.—Register.

Too Dangerous to Tolerate—

In attaining the present heights of civilization a long and bitter struggle has been in progress for many centuries; is still being waged. Our progenitors were forced to meet and overcome these same foes of advancement. Today we are called upon to subdue the I. W. W., a human being who is the extreme antithesis of everything that is good, pop-eyed, disheveled and frenzied, he would destroy everything he cannot control.—Criterion.

Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By H. & A.

OLD STUFF

Love lies in woman's eyes—

and

Lies

and

Lies

and

Lies.

NEWS ITEMS

(From the Bingville Bugle)

Mr. Iphrian Moots while looking for a leak on the roof of his residence fell and struck himself on the back porch.

NAUGHTICAL

"Sir, I was asked by a stranger today if ours was not a seaport town," observed the Obstreperous Two-Thirds, strolling into the Sanctum.

We beamed and waited. Everything, by the by, comes to him who waits, even the O. T. T.

"And I told him: 'No, but it is on the Pacific Highway'."

NO: IN YOUR FEET

Dear Ham & Aigs—If a lady should go walking without her spats on these cold nights, would she be likely to take cold in the head?—B. Natural.

QUERRIES

Why is a Ford like an angleworm? Answer—Because it's the first thing out on the road after a rain.—Force O. Habit.

A Genteel Hint

Sir:—This sign appeared in a barber shop—we know of:

: IF YOU SPIT ON THE FLOOR :
: AT HOME DO SO HERE—WE :
: WANT YOU TO FEEL AT :
: HOME.

—And, Sir, in a barber shop across the street appeared this sign:

: DON'T SPIT ON OUR FLOOR :
: IF YOU MUST SPIT, GO OVER :
: TO BLANK'S SHOP.

Blank Verse

How to Be a Poet—fill in the following:

Tra la, tra la, tra la la; tra la, tra la la moon;
Tra la, tra la, tra la la; tra la, tra la la spoon;
Tra la, tra la, tra la la; tra la, tra la la life;
Tra la, tra la, tra la la; tra la, tra la la strife;
Tra la, tra la, tra la la; tra la, tra la la above;
Tra la, tra la, tra la la; tra la, tra la la love.

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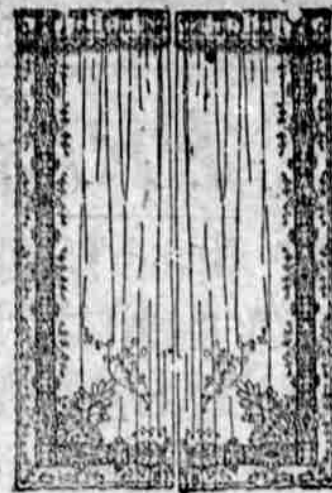
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