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country is superior to party. Indeed, politicians have played upon our political prejudices to such an extent, that often times very bad men have been elected to our country's good.

Therefore, all true lovers of the country's good, welcome with a glad heart any and all restrictions surrounding the elective franchise, that make conditions more difficult for the dishonest voter.

Everyone desires that in matters of state that the majority shall rule, but desires that that majority shall be honestly and fairly obtained.

We have grown exceedingly tired of the limitation of what Senator Falson designated as "franchise citizenship."

The day of the ordinary incompetent citizen has arrived. Let him see it well and for the good of the entire people.

WHO WAS TO BLAME?

The horrible catastrophe in the battleship Bennington is, we believe, second in our history in fatal and terrible consequences only to the destruction of the Maine.

The cause was quite different, for while it may never be known exactly what caused the destruction of the Maine, the theory is generally accepted that it was the premeditated and carefully planned work of Spanish agents.

However, without authority from the knowledge of their government, the assassination of that ship, lying in a supposedly friendly harbor, when the United States was at peace with Spain is of all other nations, made war with that country inevitable and Cuba's freedom certain.

After that tragedy the war spirit could not be suppressed.

The tragedy of the Bennington may remain a mystery, too, as to its cause in exact detail, though it seems certain that negligence more or less gross on the part of naval authorities cannot by any investigation be eliminated from the conclusion.

Various reports so far agree that the boilers were weak and incapable of performing full service. It seems this had been known for years, and yet the vessel was kept in commission and the boilers in use.

And now, as it appears so far on the surface of this awful, bloody whiplash, over 50 men, mostly men and boys, have been killed and many others maimed and mangled because some bureaucrat took chances on the Bennington's boilers doing service for some years yet, when he knew that every hour the vessel had steam up the lives of all on board were in jeopardy.

The investigation may put a different face on the horror, but a face of horror it will remain at the best.

The American people would rather pay for a thousand new boilers than have one life destroyed in this way.

And finally, must not the blame rest, if the facts be as now supposed, not on the vessel's officers, who were under orders, but on some second, third or fourth assistant, or some head clerk, but on the secretary of the navy himself?

Not the present secretary, for he has been in office only a few days, but on his predecessor or predecessors. He or they it is who are responsible to the American people—Oregon Journal.

NEBRASKA HAS FREE PICTURE SHOW AT FRISK.

The state of Nebraska, which has an Agriculture and Horticulture at the Lewis and Clark exposition, has adopted a novel method of exploiting its resources.

By means of its large picture theatres, the lectures are interesting, and the pictures are excellent and wonderfully due to life.

The lectures are held at intervals, the scenes are shown on the screen at different hours of the day, and most of them depict farm scenes.

For example, a series of pictures shows the methods of harvesting alfalfa which now occupies 275,000 acres in Nebraska.

The opening picture shows a young man standing waist high in alfalfa. Succeeding moving pictures show a procession of mowers cutting down the grass.

This follows a series of moving pictures which show how a platoon of ricks gathers the hay into windrows. The operation of stacking the alfalfa by means of a big stacking machine, is pictured also.

A team hauls a section of windrow to the stack, and a second team picks the hay onto the outstretched arms of the stacker. This operation is known as "hooking it on."

When the hay has been "hooked on," the arms, with their strictly arranged blades, are lowered and the load dumped into the hoop, where men place it with pitchforks.

The moving pictures were taken in an actual hay field, and represent every-day operations in the harvesting of alfalfa.

Several days are seen in the pictures, running in and out among the machines, and their presence adds to the realism. Other farm scenes are shown in the same life-like manner as the alfalfa harvesting time pictures.

Besides the moving pictures there are a number of beautiful lantern slide views. An old sod house, one of the first to be built in Nebraska, in the early days when the country was young, is shown in contrast with a modern farm house such as fine crops have made it possible for the Nebraska farmers to build.

There are, too, street scenes in Omaha and other cities, and one picture shows a shaft erected to the memory of Sergeant John Floyd, the only member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, who died on route to the Pacific coast.

Some interesting moving pictures of a parade during the Omaha exposition are part of the program. In these the late President McKinley, bare-headed and bowing right and left to the cheering crowds, is the most conspicuous figure.

The pictures are explained by a lecturer, who tells of Nebraska and its possibilities in a straightforward manner, without attempt at oratorical effect.

GROWING SICK OF GRAFT.

Continued exposure of graft in government officials who have been manipulating public office for their private gain is going to have a no-risk effect upon the trial of Representativeinger Hermann.

His case is called early in the fall term of court, probably next October. The jury which will try Hermann will be composed of residents of the District of Columbia. The public mind in Washington has already been overstocked with information about official graft.

Indeed, Washington is thoroughly sickened of graft in the government department, and especially in no longer as pressed for now implanted in any way.

On the contrary, the idea is spreading that it is time to purge the entire service and deal out justice to every man who has betrayed his trust.

The indictment of Hermann, according to the officials who will conduct the prosecution, is based on strong documentary evidence. These officials assert their confidence in being able to show the jury that Hermann was conscious of the law prohibiting the destruction of private correspondence, but that he furthermore violated the law prohibiting the sending of private correspondence through the mails in officially franked envelopes.

In the face of the present state of the public mind, it will take comparatively little evidence to convince the jury of the guilt of any official charged with corruption in office, and it is likely to go hand in hand with every one against whom the government can make out a clear case.

Even before this strong indictment developed in Washington, the prosecuting officers expressed the utmost confidence in their ability to secure Hermann's conviction in Washington. They are even more confident now than before, for they declare they have ample evidence to satisfy any jury that Hermann's indictment was well founded.

In case Hermann should be convicted he would, like Senator Mitchell, be deprived of his seat in congress from the day the sentence was imposed, and would likewise be disqualified from ever again holding any government office—Oregonian.

LINN COUNTY SHOW IS MADE BETTER.

A shipment of the best lot of vegetables yet taken to the exposition in Portland to be placed in the Linn county exhibit, went forward yesterday, Monday being one of the vegetable days at the Linn county booth.

In the shipment were samples of the finest vegetables from all parts of Linn county, better than any sent down this season, and better than any other county booth in the Agricultural building at the fair.

At the rate that fine vegetables are secured for the exhibit, there is little danger of that department being drawn back in the making and no opportunity for any other county to reach the perfection of the Linn county exhibit.

The grain and grasses gathered last week were taken down also, and the work of arranging them in the Linn county booth and decorating the walls with the bundles of grain and grasses was commenced yesterday morning.

Mr. Blevins, the decorator, jobe booth, has charge of this difficult and important work and he is doing his best to make a good showing. The bundles of grain and grasses of all kinds will be arranged artistically and will help much in improving the appearance of the booth.

In the Linn county exhibit the finest collection of tanned and dressed leathers can be found. The exhibit compares favorably with the fine showing made in the California building, and many hold that it is even better than the California exhibit. The Linn county exhibit is the product of the tannery of Kellenberger & Mayer, of Lebanon, these gentlemen have provided 16 grades of finely tanned leather, running from the heaviest sole leather to the finest grade of uppers, making a collection that is not equalled in any fair grounds. The exhibit has been the center of attraction since the leather was placed in the booth and is one of the best collections ever seen at a world's fair.

In addition to the varieties of leather there, the Lebanon tannery will bring four more varieties to the fair adding them to the exhibit and still further increasing the value of the show.

In addition to the Lebanon leather display, the Linn county exhibit has on display two fine saddles, samples of the saddle's art. These saddles are made out of leather tanned at the tannery in this city and add greatly to the excellence of the county exhibit.—Herald.

CROP REPORT OF WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Hillsboro, Washington county.—Very warm and dry; pasture drying very fast; hay and oats done and a good yield; wheat and oat harvest commenced, and prospect for fairly good yield, except some fields which are affected with rust, and tops and bottoms of wheat heads not well filled, which will cut down the general average; fruit doing well, also potatoes.

Sandy, Clackamas county.—Haying about done, crop much better than expected; grain ripening very fast in the last few days; the green aphid will hurt the grain considerably, as the hot weather does not seem to kill them; wheat North Yamhill, Yamhill county.—Weather hot; spring grain drying up with no grain; some are cutting for hay; winter wheat and oats mostly in shock, but not filled so well as expected; hops, fruit and gardens doing fairly well; pastures very dry; threshing will begin next week.

Gervais, Marion county.—Weather continues hot, proving of great benefit to hops by causing the lice to disappear; cutting grain has become general; hay making in progress; pastures drying up; wheat and oats mostly in the shock; wheat above the average, both in yield and quality; oats well filled and very heavy; some late spring oats yet to be cut for hay; hogs making good growth and reasonable development; live stock still in decline, but doing no harm; spraying will bring down potatoes; log well and promise a large yield; pastures getting short.

Bellfountain, Benton county.—Dry and hot; haying about done and fall grain nearly all in the shock; pastures drying up; gardens in fair condition, but need more rain; fruit of all kinds scarce.

Brownsville, Linn county.—Weather scarce; haying about done, yield larger than usual; hogs all fat and some stacked for haying; raising begun, a fair yield indicated; grass drying up; corn and potatoes growing finely; hop spraying about done. Crop looks fine now.

Godsden, Lane county.—Dry and very hot; rain needed badly in all the hill country; harvesting general; fall wheat good; late work grain not so good.

HONOR AMONG BUSINESS MEN.

A story is told by Robert Ogden about a friend of his, a long dead, who held securities in a certain railroad. Being told, and from a source to leave no doubt, that the road was about to collapse, he refused to sell, not wishing to shift the loss upon a purchaser. He had no large amount of money, but he was rich in something else. With all the usual trickery that is being exposed, we learn to a bold that men like this exist in America in larger numbers today than they did five, a dozen, or twenty years ago. We hope there will soon be fewer with salaries like those of Senator Depew, and fewer corporations which seek to have their lawyers in the legislature.

"Old-fashioned honesty," M. Cleveland says, "is the most valuable commodity in the world today. It is the one thing that Americans are now endeavoring to halt a plunging commercial dishonesty that took its impetus with the immense pecuniary activity of the nation after '65. In a sense we are a new nation from that date. President Eliot has spoken of business as one of the learned professions, and so, in many of its divisions, it is not to be regarded as a trade, but as a profession, and the type of business man who represents the future. His like is on the wane. The responsibilities and opportunities of money are becoming more widely understood, and its more rapacious accumulation tends every day to become more a source of shame.—Collier's Weekly.

\$1000 FINE—6 MONTHS IN JAIL.

On Tuesday morning Judge De Haven of the U. S. court, Portland, sentenced Senator John H. Mitchell to pay a fine of \$1000 and to be imprisoned in the Multnomah county jail for the period of six months. Senator Mitchell at once filed an appeal bond for the sum of \$5000 and will at once take his case before the U. S. supreme court. The case will probably be finally decided within one year. Senator Mitchell will continue to draw his salary as senator, though he will not participate in any of the acts of that body. His senatorial term expires March 4 next we believe.

The government expects to make out a stronger case against Williamson, Geener and Biggs in this the second trial, than was made out at the first trial. Most people think the evidence was strong enough in the first instance to convict, that is to say before an unprejudiced jury. But if jurors are accepted, who have fixed opinions before the trial begins, a hung jury will again defeat the executive of justice. If these men can be proven to be innocent, the public would feel gratified; but if they are guilty, the public demands that they pay the penalty.

Good neighbors are something that should be, and are highly prized by every one. We hear of our Jordan friends that they are practically carrying out the command "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." A poor man had his residence totally destroyed by fire a short time ago. These neighbors are now buying, hauling the lumber and will erect a house to replace the one burned. "Friends in need are friends indeed," and cause one's estimate of humanity to become elevated some what.

One beneficial result of the late heated spell is the clearing of the hop yards of all vermin. To most every one extreme warm weather is welcome and of no benefit whatever. Our hop growers are the exception.

When the peace commission of Japan and Russia meet a conclusion will probably be quickly reached. If Russia is just monkeying in gain time, which she probably is, the Japs will soon find it out and close the conference abruptly. Nothing but straight out honest talk and acts, is likely to be entertained by the Japs.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

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Washington is said to be honeycombed with grafters. The sixth-riles is getting after them with a very sharp pointed stick. If they succeed in prodding the rascals into the penitentiary, they will earn the gratitude, not only of the citizens of that state but of the entire United States. All honest people rejoice that the wave of reform and closing of the Aspin stables seems destined to pervade every nook and corner of the nation and those respectable (?) thieves driven from cover and punished.

The attendance at the Lewis and Clark fair, is daily surpassing the most liberal forecasts of the projectors. Incalculable new point to an increasing attendance as the season advances. The crowds from the eastern states are taxing the capacity of the railroads to the limit. The Lewis and Clark is destined to be one of the very few expositions that will be accounted for. It is now confidently predicted that the L. and C. at its close will have a handsome surplus to distribute.

The entire business portion of Drain Douglas county including the S. P. depot building and two hotels, was destroyed by fire last Saturday. Very little insurance was carried and the losses those who are the losers, will be a heavy one.

The body of John Paul Jones, the father of the American navy, and a terror to English vessels during the Revolutionary war, was brought home to the nation he had fought so valiantly to establish, last Saturday. The body was transferred to the Naval Academy last Monday.

REDUCED EXCURSION RATES

To the Seaside and Mountain Resorts for the Summer Vacation.

On and after June 1, 1905, the Southern Pacific, in connection with the Corvallis and Astoria railroad, will have on sale round trip tickets from points on their lines to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit at very low rates, good for return until October 15, 1905.

Three-day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Mondays, are also on sale from points on the Corvallis and Astoria railroad to Eugene inclusive, and from all west side points, enabling people to visit their families and spend Sunday at the seaside.

Season tickets from all east side points, Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all west side points, are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates, with stop-over privileges at Mill City or any point east, enabling tourists to visit the San Juan and Brettonish Hot Springs, which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets will be good for return from all points until October 15. Baggage on Newport tickets is checked through to Newport; on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit will leave Albany at 7:30 a. m., enabling tourists to the Hot Springs to reach there the same day. Trains from and to Corvallis connect with all east side trains on the S. P.

Full information as to rates, time tables, etc., can be obtained on application to J. C. Mayo, Gen. Pass. Agt., C. & E. R., Albany; W. F. Lougan, G. P. & S. P. Co., Portland, or to any S. P. or C. & E. agent.

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Notice is hereby given that the one designated has been duly appointed by the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Charley Kiestener, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to be properly verified, as by law required, at my residence near Jordan postoffice, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and published the first day of July, 1905.

Lizzie Kiestener, Administratrix of the estate of Charley Kiestener, deceased.

H. Bryant & Son, Attorneys for administratrix.

Dissolution Notice

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Laffitt and Feren has been amicably dissolved. W. C. Feren retiring. All accounts due the firm are payable to W. C. Feren; the business will be conducted by J. F. Laffitt, to whom all accounts and contracts are receivable or payable from this date July 12, 1905.

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