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READY FOR BUSINESS AGAIN

After a brief vacation, we are again at the desk, ready to note and comment upon the current events af the day. During the three week silence of the NEWS, we paid a short visit to the big Lewis and Clark fair, one of the most important endeavors in the line of expositions ever attempted on the Pacific Coast. The fair is proving a great success in every particular. It is being visited by large numbers of people from every state in the United States and, also, by people from every civilized country on the face of the globe. While the scope of the Lewis and Clark may not be quite so broad as some of our previous world fairs, its scenic beauty has never beene qualed. This is the consensus of the opinions of all visitors.

Of course the usual amount of grafts that have been found at all expositions are in evidence, incuding the so-called "Trail" attractions. Undoubtedly the most interesting and instructive exhibit on the grounds, is that of the federal government. Just to see the progress from the rndest of fire arm to the elegant magazine rifle of to-day, is well worth the seeing. So, also, in the progress in marine architecture. While many of us were opposed to the state appropriating such a large sum of money for the fair from an economical viewpoint, the appropriation was made and our only chance to get even, is to go and see the fair, get as much information as possible and console ourelves with the fact that it will be about 100 years before we have another Lewis and Clark centennial. Any way, it will pay any one who can afford the expense, to visit the fair for a week.

FIRST REPUBLICAN LOVEFEAST.

A Republican lovefeast for the purpose of promoting harmony in the ranks of that party, has been called to meet in Portland by State Chairman Baker. While it is denied that this meeting is for the purpose of devising a plan to circumvent the Direct Primary law, yet such is the secret purpose of the bosses. Of course, the idea will not be permited to go out that the bosses are attempting to direct the action of the voters of that party at the primary election next spring. Oh no. It would never do to let it be known that such is their intention. But just as sure as the meeting is held, will it be that the wires will be laid and instructions given that will, to a great extent, annul the intent of the Direct Primary law. The purpose of this law was to get clear of the rule of the political boss; but Chairman Baker's action shows that the boss is still in the saddle.

As a result of this Portland political lovefeast, during the coming winter, it will be disseminated among the "faithful," who is the most available man for congress or for governor and other state offices. Thus the orders will be transmitted from the bosses through the various lieutenants, in a sort of advisory way, to the voter for whom to vote for each and every office, at the primary election. Under the old plan by means of the political conventions composed of delegates, often selected at the delegation of the bosses, the candidates were named or chosen. Under our present law the boss will still dictate to the people for whom to vote by means of just such tactics as Chairman Baker has proposed.

It therefore, remaines to be seen whether or not the Republican party of Oregon can be controlled by these "influential" Republicans that will attend this Portland talkfeast. The NEWS thinks that any and all efforts in the direction of the bosses controlling the actions of the voter, will prove abortive. It believes that the rank and file of both political parties have concluded that our hitherto leaders have run political matters long enough and they, (the people) have concluded to have a try at running the business themselves. The Direct Primary has opened the door for such actions. Nor can Boss Baker and the rest of the gang of "influential" Republicans prevent the people from exercising this privilege. The NEWS thinks there will be a surprise party for the political bosses next spring.

Since the last issue of the NEWS one of the most gigantic wars of modern times has been brought to a close. This result was brought about through the influence of one man. At his suggestion the warring nations appointed plenipotetiaries. After these plenipotentiaries had met and could not agree, through the influence of this one man, Theodore Roosevelt, the contending nations were pursuaded to make concessions, that made agreement possible and a treaty of peace a fact. No other one man save President Roosevelt could have accomplishd this result. By this great accomplishment, our president becomes at once, the most influential and the world's leading citizen. Japan has accomplished all and more than she demanded at the beginning of the war and has raised herself from national insignificance to a leading position among the world's great nations. She merits this position because of her extraordinary skill in the war game on both land and sea, the wonderful care she gave her soldiers in the field and her magnanimity to a captured foe. Let us hope that she will show herself as great a master of the ways of peace as she has been in the arts of war.

Whether the present jury before whom Congressman Williamson and Messers Gesner and Biggs are being tried, will convict them or not, is a conundrum. But they stand convicted in the minds of most honest people today. A few days ago we talked to man who lives near Prineville, about the matter. He stated that while most people out there thought that Williamson, Gesner and Biggs should not be punished, for the reason they had only done what thousands of others had done and were not even arrested for it, there was no question but that they were guilty of the crimes charged and also, of trying to intimidate the government's witnesses. He further stated that his opinion was the prevailing one about Prineville.

Municipal ownership is making headway in Oregon. Corvallis has voted to bond the city for $75,000 with which to bring water from the mountains near Mary's Peak and Eugene has voted the necessary bonds to buy both the light and water plants of that city. It is only a question of time when the Light, Water and Street Railway systems will all pass into the control of our municipalities where they properly belong. The people will then get the service of these necessary public franchises at cost. The people are slowly but surely seeing the truth of the policies advocated by the Populist party.

Governor Folk, the probable candidate on the Democratic ticket two years hence, honored the Lewis and Clark fair with a visit this week. The governor is like President Roosevelt in one respect, at least—he does things. Rulers who do things seem to be just what the people want, these strenuous days.

A sort of railroad war exists between the O. R. N. and the Northern Pacific for the right of way down the Columbia, on the north side from the Dalles to Portland. Both companies have men on their supposed right of way ready to go to grading.

DEVELOPMENTS OF LAND FRAUD TRIAL

One thing is being developed by the Williamson-Gesner-Biggs trial now in progress in Portland and that is, quite a large number of people who live in Prinville and vicinity, if they should receive their just dues, would be required to serve a term in the penetentiary. Even the witnesses who are testifying for the government, admit that in taking a claim for the Williamson-Gesner- Biggs outfit, they deliberately contemplated a violated of law. Nor do they state in their testimony any more of the fact of taking up land for the Williamson company then is litterally dragged from them. They appear to be giving evidence much against their own wills. Nor does it appear that the government has all the people who have violated law in the manner and purpose of securing the land wrongfully, in the toils. A party who seems to know all about the matter, stated to the NEWS editor recently that everybody out there were into the same business, and were quite as guilty as these men who deliberately swear on the witness stand that they were willing to commit perjury for the pitiful sum of $75. As to the guilt of the defdendants now on trial, there is but little doubt but that they are guilty upon every count charged. Whether the government will be able to establish the fact of their guilt from the mouths of unwilling witnesses, is quite problematical. When it is shown conclusively that an officer of the law, who has sworn that he will execute the law, attempts by threats or or other means, to prevent witnesses from telling the plain unvarnished truth, when placed upon the witness stand, shews, at least, a very low state of morals in Crook county. No wonder that the prosecuting attorney did not want juryman selected from the citizens of that county.

Another feature of the trial: Congressman Williamson, without doubt, is guilty of endeavoring to obtain land through fraudulent means, and most probably is guilty of subornation of perjury. If the latter is true, he is debauching an entire community and is wholly unfit to be a member of our highest law-making power.

What all honest people desire in the conculsion of this and all other land fraud trials is, that a true finding of the guilt or innocence of the parties charged shall be made. The attempt to monkey weth thd government witnesses, gives Crook county a very bad character and, besides is an insult to the law-abiding people of the state.

President Roosevelt emerges from the recent Portsmouth peace treaty with more glory then is usually accorded to a world ruller. He, at one bound, has become the most prominent of the world's citizens or rulers. This prominence is secured, not by great military success, nor in the field of diplomacy; but by simply exerting his great influence to stop one of the most sanguinary wars of the world's history. The glory of the achievement is in the ways of peace and the causing of the warring nations to be good. Single-handed and alone, he has accomplished a result that will, forever make his name prominant in the pages of of history.

When the federal grand jury gets through with the land investigation the number of "available" Republican candidates for office, will be materially reduced.

Several amendments to the constitution of our state, it is said, will be proposed by means of the Initiative, at our next June election.

Admiral Togo's flagship has been destroyed by a fanatical descendant of the Samouri, the Japanese military aristocatry, because he considered the Japanese government had been humilated by the late treaty of peace.

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Mr. Harris, United States consular agent at Ebenezer, Palestine, says that in the last few years there has been quite a waking up in the matter of progress. "German colonists, merchants and horticulturists," says Mr. Harris, according to a Washington report, "are awakening that part of the Levant from a lethargy of a thousand years. Three years ago a German bank was established in Jerusalem, with a branch in Yafa, which exchanged $15,000,000 in 1901. The waters of the Dead sea, where no rudder has been seen for centuries, are now being plied by German motor boats. A direct line of communication has thus been opened up between Jerusalem and Kerak, the ancient capital of the land of Moab, which still commands the caravan routes leading across the Arabian desert. There is no doubt that German enterprise will also exploit the phosphate fields situated on both sides of the Jordan when transportation facilities shall have been sufficiently developed to insure success to the undertaking.

"For many years Germany has been looking to Asia Minor and other countries adjacent to Palestine as suitable territories in which to develop German markets. The Bagdad railroad, which will lead through Anatolia, intersecting the headquarters of the Tigris and Euphrates to the shores of the Persian gulf, is an enterprise of vast importance, not only to Germany, as the promoter, and the Turkish empire, but to the world at large. It is the greatest commercial and civilizing factor that could be introduced into this region, and will tap the rich territories which composed ancient Mesopotamia.

"Apart from new avenues of commerce, a land will be opened up to students and tourists which, owing to expense and unsafe methods of travel, has thus far been practically inaccessible.

"The great plain of the Hauran—the granary of Syria—forms the 'hinterland,' or back country, of Palestine. The railroad from Beyroot to Damascus is said to be in flourishing conditions. Twelve months ago the German consul at Damascus, in a report to his government, advised his countrymen to buy not only this railroad, but the unfinished Hejaz Damascus railroad as well. Were Germany to acquire these lines and connect them with a railroad running from Damascus to some point on the proposed Bagdad route she would be in a position to monopolize nearly the trade of Palestine and Asia Minor.

"The commerce of Palestine to-day is not unimportant. The products of the country are wheat, barley, oranges, oil, wine, nuts, figs, apples, peaches, pears, pomegranates, apricots, citrons, almonds, cucumbers, lettuce, onions, wild artichokes and asparagus, truffles, tobacco, sesame and silk, while potatoes and other European and American vegetables are being introduced by German and French colonists."

TO PRESERVE OUR FORESTS.

Clubwomen of Many States Are Interesting Themselves in the Work of Saving the Trees.

Clubwomen are working in many states for forest preservation. They have taken an active part in the agitation in Pennsylvania, which has resulted in the preservation of 700,000 acres of forest lands, placing that state at the head of all in this matter. The Woman's club at Wilkesbarre has been especially interested, securing the appointment of a forester to care for forests in the vicinity.

The Maine federation has a committee on forest preservation. Maryland and Delaware are trying to save their evergreens, of which the states are being denuded at Christmas time. New Jersey wants to raise a fund of $100,000 for forestry parks along the palisades. Clubwomen of Wisconsin have planted hundreds of trees during the last few years. Minnesota women, says the Detroit Free Press, have labored unceasingly to secure a permanent forest reservation at the headwaters of the Mississippi.

In Europe's Armies.

Out of every thousand men from the ages of 21 to 60 there are in service in France 58.4; in Germany, 48; in Russia, 43; in Austria, 34, and in Italy, 30. In case of war these figures are increased in Germany to 139; in Austria, to 96; in France, to 171; in Italy, to 107, and in Russia, to 81.

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Aluminum stoppers for beer bottles have been adopted by a famous Milwaukee brewery, as being cleanly and absolutely tight.

Prof. W. J. McGee, of the government geological survey, declares that the Great Salt lake, of Utah, may disappear entirely in the near future, because contributing streams are used for irrigating the lands around the lake.

The consumption of sugar in Italy has increased enormously during the past two years. The principal refiners, who are Germans and Austrians, have so prospered that Italy in a few years will cease her importations of sugar altogether.

A physician mentions the case of a man who could be made to dream of any subject by whispering about it into his ear while he slept, and it is a familiar fact that persons who talk in their sleep will frequently answer questions if spoken to softly.

President G. Stanley Hall, of Clark university, has been studying the almost total absence of insanity among negroes. He believes it is because, being new to civilization, the race has not run through as many different and crucial experiences as the white race.

In a piece of carpet taken from the floor of the house of representatives at Washington were found several million germs, the influenza microbe predominating. Specimens of almost all the known germs were found. It would seem that an easy and cheap remedy might be devised, and the next generation may be expected to enjoy it.

Fire being now prohibited in Parisian playhouses, the manager of the Chatelet theater has devised an electric boiler for a stage steamboat. This has a capacity of 12 gallons, and is provided with a whistle, steam pressure gauge, and the other usual accessories. Through holes in the bottom project ten tubes, 14 inches long, closed at the top. Into each tube is pressed a so-called "candle," consisting of a cylinder of fireclay, surrounded by a German silver wire, spiral, covered with asbestos cardboard, and the passage of an electric current heats the wire to redness. With the candles all in circuit, a current of 40 amperes gives sufficient steam pressure for whistle and siren in about an hour and a half.

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