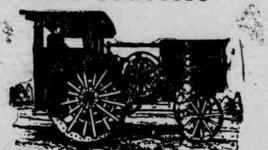
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## NATIONAL CHARACTER NOT BAD AS PAINTED

(Spokesman-Review.)

It is a dreary picture of the changed American that Daniel F. Kellogg sphere of Mr. Kellogg's professional opportunities for observation should

Our national character seems to time. We also appear more emotional, less given to reflection, much social inheritances. The church, ature and the thearter have all slike ing attestation of the principle that amount than their cost." the luxuries of one generation become the necessities of the succeeding generation as Mr. Kellogg imagines that he has discerned in the United States during the past quar-

If the facts be as the quondam the American people reveals some annual purchases. Banquets, lunchdismaying characteristics. But it is difficult to accept all or even most of his assertions at their face value. They are those of a New Yorker, and pose of Buyers' Week is to develop view in the United States for outlook it applies to Portland but to every upon the American people as a whole. There is something in the atmosphere of Manhattan that makes for cross-eyed and reversed vision.

One of the Kellogg allegations may serve as a touchstone for the credibleness of others. It is that the character of the clergy has deteriorated, that the church has assumed a materialistic aspect, that the people no longer believe the essential doctrines of Christianity and that the church has lost its hold upon their hearts. These are assertions of tremenduous sweep and require the strongest and amplest evidence to sustain them. But not a scintilla of evidence is presented. On the not less than three hundred farmers other hand there is testimony against those statements.

The growth of the membership of of the country. The Christian people crop. of the United States now spend nearly twice as much on the work of their churches as they did in 1899. They invest \$400,000,000 annually, and, every \$4 that go to charities, education, and the relief of emergencies. It is extremely doubtful, to say the least, whether the 37,280,370 communicants whom Dr. Carrall credited to the American church of 1913 have suffered any such decay of religious faith as is imagined by Mr. Kellogg.

#### A GOOD YEAR TO VOTE NO. (Eugene Register)

As the number of bills that are and marketing had been paid. certain to be on the ballot this fall rows, the conviction is strengt ed that this is going to be a good year to vote no. We are already overburdened with laws, and we need a little time to catch up.

Oregon's principal need just now is a little more attention paid to the serious business of industrial development and a little less to experimentation with new and untried legislation. We have laws enough to last us for some time, and could dispense with a few that we have much more profitably than we could adopt a fresh batch that we know nothing

A good rule for the voter to follow is to vote no when he is in doubt and a very large number of the measures that are to be submitted to a vote this year are of extremely doubt-

C. P. Adams of Galloway was a pleasant caller at this office on Mon- have heard a great deal about her, day while in town. Mr. Adams is a She was my husband's first wife." homesteader of the Butter creek country and settled out there about five years ago. He is making good in his line and expects to be at the some of the finest specimens of Jersey Reds and Chester White swine clay pipes? to be found anywhere in the county He is a poultry enthusiast, also, and Guv'nor, that 'alf of the black eyes ens and turkeys. He was unable to own business. get to the fair last season but will make up for the disappointment he suffered by bringing in a good display this fall.

Hay producers in different parts of the county are rushing the cutting of their second crop of alfalfa on account of the devastations of grasshoppers. On Butter creek and up and down Willow creek these pests are doing a lot of damage, and they are also working overtime in some of the fields on the hills. Grain localities, however, that little damage will result as they are evidently confining their efforts to the greener on which are beginning to present a very naked appearance and in a few more days will be principally bare stalks and unfit to cut.

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## STATE NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Portland, Ore., July 14, (Special) -In order to fully acquaint themselves with condition along the new draws. The New York Sun was the Columbia Highway, five carloads of residents of Hood River county made career during 1886-1912, and for 13 the trip down the gorge on Thursday years he was its financial editor. His of last week. At Gordon Falls they were met by a delegation from Portland headed by County Commissioner Holman and after a picnic luncheon this observor to have changed much had been disposed of they were since 1889. To him we seem to be shown over the most scenic portion less religious, less honest and less of the highway. After an afternoon frugal than we were before that spent in this inspection, Roy D. Smith of Hoed River, one of the leaders in the movement for better influenced by conservatism and re-spect for governmental authority and River bond issue would carry 3 to 1.

"This road project has never been the press, the reading public, liter- put up to me in the right way before," said Mr. Smith, "I've come to undergone degeneration. Never in the conclusion that good roads are history has there been such appall- money in our pockets far more in

Oregon merchants will be entertained by the jobbers and manufacturers of Portland August 10-15 during Buyers' Week when the buyers of merchandise and supplies from all over the Pacific Northwest will be journalist believes, the portrait of gathered in Portland to make their eons, receptions, a smoker and automobile rides about the city are on the program. The underlying pur-New York is not the best point of the buy-at-home spirit, not only as community of the Pacific Northwest.

> To arouse greater interest in their plans, the officials of the land show to be held in Portland next fall will offer a first prize of \$200 and a second prize of \$75 for the best special exhibit by counties. By arrangements with the state fair officials, exhibits from Douglas, Lane, Polk, Marion, Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook, Clackamas, Umatilla, Wasco, Wallowa, Wheeler and Morrow counties have already been arranged for.

Within the last few days the Junction City cannery was formally opened, the exercises being attended by with their families. The main cannery building is 100 x 200 feet, two stories high and cost about \$6000. the church at least keeps abreast of Next year an up-to-date fruit drier the increase in the total population will be erected to care for the prune

At La Grande it has been decided to build a new exhibit hall near the depot. The building will be of modthough only a third of us, give \$3 of ern design and will be so located that its contents can readily be seen from all trains. It will include an office for the county agriculturist, who will have charge of the exhibit.

> What is regarded as the record return from one acre of cherries has been reported from Hood River where the grower received \$1300 for the crop on one acre of Royal Annes. This was the net amount received after all expenses of picking

In order to raise the money with which to insell a municipal lighting system, the city of Drain, Ore., has voted to sell \$6000 worth of city bonds. As soon as the bonds are disposed of, the contract for the construction will be let.

#### LET US SMILE.

The Perfect Woman.

When Sam Jones was holding his meetings in Dallas, Texas, on one oc-casion he said: "There's no such thing as a perfect man. Anybody present who has ever known a perfect man, stand up."

Nobody stood up. "Those who have known a perfect

woman, stand up."

One demure little woman stood up. "Did you ever know an absolutely ful value and some of them are vic- perfect woman?" asked Sam, somewhat amazed.

"I didn't know her personally," replied the little old woman, "but I

#### Causes of Things.

Reverend Gentleman - Do you know, my friend, that half the cases Morrow County Fair this fall with of cancer are caused by people smoking those foul, dirty, short, black

Son of Toil-And do you know, will have on display some fine chick- are caused by folks not mindin' their

#### Avoid Substitutes.

They were enjoying a motor ride and had just entered a country road. "May I kiss your hand?" he asked, a little confusedly.

She removed her veil. "No," she replied; "I have my gloves on."-Lippincott's.

A Sunday school teacher was quizzing her class of boys on the strength of their desire for righteousness. "All those who wish to go to heaven," she said, "please stand." All got to their crops are far enough along in most localities, however, that little damny," exclaimed the shocked teacher, "do you mean to say that you don't want to go to heaven?" "No ma'am" grasses. We have noticed some replied Johnny promptly. "Not if fields of alfalfa that are being work-that bunch is going."—San Francisco

"Let us go into the garden," he said, as the twilight hour approached. "I'm afraid you'll want to sit in the hammock with me and hold business and under management of my hand." "I swear I won't." "Then what's the use?"-Detroit Free Press.



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