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We originate—others imitate.

The rain is on time.

How about the court house?

Columbia county will be at the Live Stock show in the Lewis and Clark exposition.

We suggest that the County officers leave the parties who are expediting the County records to do the work by themselves.

A good place for T. T. Geer is on his farm, remarks the Enterprise Democrat. There are others, in Columbia County, who would do well to go on the farm.

Since the advent of the suburban trolley, country telephone and the rural free delivery, along with the cheapening and bettering of literature, the happiest and most independent man on earth is the farmer.

A gentleman wants know where the county stock containing the \$5,000 court house funds is buried, as he would like to dig for it a second time? He says he and his neighbors had to dig pretty hard to find their share to pay in.

Dierk's Band is the musical attraction-in-chief at the Lewis and Clark Fair now. Half a dozen other good bands help to supply the music, so that the Exposition grounds have plenty of melody. There's music in the air and something doing every day at the big western fair.

The remnant of the old Mitchell ring, in Columbia county, together with some of the knockers of the last republican county ticket, held a pow-wow at St. Helen last Wednesday, presumably for the purpose of practicing concerted action in their unclean scramble for office and continued consciousness raid on the treasury. Just what Devilry was hatched at their buzzards feast is not known; but the tout ensemble of the crowd is proof conclusive that the old gang of political high binders who have so long run the County has not been jarred loose.

It is not generally known that, among his many claims to fame, Thomas Jefferson was the originator of the mule in America. He it was who brought about the first cross in Virginia which, by subsequent multiplication, introduced to posterity the invaluable farm animal whose labor has done so much to bring about the marvelous development of the United States. Now while they are building so many monuments, why not one to the mule? Many men have been honored in sculpture whose services to the country and claims upon its gratitude are not so great as that of "the useful animal, which has neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity."

There is a fallacy in the argument which justifies big navies on the ground that they insure peace by warning other nations not to attack. But could not the same end be reached by a general agreement among nations to keep no warships at all. Then none could attack with these monsters, and therefore no nation would need them for defense. The same argument applies to armies. If abolished entirely all nations would be on the same footing in this respect and the dangers of war reduced to a minimum.

Lynching as a national industry, seems to wane. The mobs kill a victim here and there, but the decline in the crimes leads to hope that eventually this shocking form of barbarism will be stamped out. It is peculiar to the United States, no other civilized country seeming to find it necessary to abrogate law in the punishment of evil doers. Crimes against life constitutes the most serious blot upon our national character, and no reform is so badly needed as the reviving of general respect for the majesty of the law.

A Japanese tea house and garden, built on the edge of Guild's Lake, constitutes a new feature at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The house is built in the dainty Japanese style and tea and rice cakes are served on the cozy veranda by cute little maids from Japan. The new establishment is located on Gray's boulevard, at the very outer edge of the trail.

The Trail at the Lewis and Clark Exposition is now covered with a canvas roof for its entire length along that part of it which extends over the lake. This is the main section of the Trail. The roof will afford protection from the sun and make the Trail more popular than ever. This is said to be the biggest canvas job roofing ever undertaken.

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