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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The removal of Captain W. W. Harts, who had charge of the government improvements in Tillamook, is a source of regret to the people of this county. After making an investigation of the resources tributary to Tillamook bay, and satisfying himself that this justified the expenditure of government money for further improvements, he took considerable interest in the work here, and it was under his brief administration that so many permanent improvements were carried out in Hoquarton slough and Tillamook bay, and improvements which have surpassed all those of previous years and a benefit to commerce. To Captain Harts belongs the credit of these valuable improvements, and he will always be remembered here as an exceedingly efficient engineer who made every dollar expended count in practical and permanent improvements, and in his removal Tillamook loses an officer who grasped the situation and planned work accordingly. Navigation to Tillamook City had become deplorable, while now all appreciate his handiwork in removing the bar at Drystocking, removing snags, dredging and cutting off corners in the slough. The result of this is a good channel to Tillamook City, thus enabling larger vessels to reach here than heretofore. Not only has the defeat of the river and harbor bill deprived Tillamook of government improvements this year, but it has also deprived us of an engineer who had taken pride in carrying them out, and it is to be regretted that he was not allowed to remain to carry them out to completion, for in the next few years he would have brought about a wonderful change and made Tillamook the best port and commercial point between San Francisco and the Columbia river.

The confession of the Secretary of the Navy that there is a naval regulation which requires a distinction between the insignia of naval officers graduated from Annapolis and those who have been commissioned from the ranks is an outrage on the American people and shows that some Secretary of the Navy by his approval of the regulations has lent himself and his official position to this nasty snobbishness in the navy which has grown up since the civil war. The senate owes it to itself and to the states which it represents to investigate this matter to the bottom and ascertain the name of the secretary who was lost to the spirit of all American institutions and traditions as to approve regulations that were conceived in clannishness and born in the effort to establish an aristocracy at the expense of the government which is supposed to be based on an absolute equality of every citizen receiving its protection. The man who has earned his grade or rank and has the education which enables him to pass the examination which has been wisely ordained to protect both army and navy from inefficient officers is the peer of any man in the navy and to compel him to wear a distinctive insignia is an insult, the submission to which stamps him as unfit to wear the uniform of the United States and stamps the administration which appoints him as degrading the service.

From president indications the ruction in the republican party in Portland will not down, for in the fight between Judge Cate—who was legislated out of taking any part in the commissioners' proceedings by a previous legislature, and then legislated back to his original position as county judge of Multnomah by the recent state legislature—and the commissioners, it looks as though the latter are pursuing the old rule or ruin policy which predominated in one faction of the republican party in the city of Portland for years, and as long as this continues we despair of seeing harmony. We do not believe the outside counties are in sympathy with the "graft" Multnomah county commissioners, who have been deprived of \$100 per month and placed on the same footing as commissioners in other counties, in their effort to remain the whole thing and manipulate the political "pot." County Judge Cate is pursuing a correct course, in which, we believe, he has the backbone of the republican party in Portland behind him.

It is amusing to note what jealousies the annual Intercollegiate Oratorical Association's contests create in university and college cities of Oregon. The aftermath of the recent oratorical contest is, perhaps, a little more intensified when it is charged that the prize winner, Elwood Minchin, of the Pacific University, is guilty of plagiarism in his speech of "Wendell Phillips, the Agitator." It is alleged that passages of the address were only slightly touched here and there in the revised version, and expressed rather advanced thoughts for a 17-year-old youth to evolve. There is nothing new in this, for it is the general opinion that the compositions in these oratorical bouts are more or less "bookish," and

the same may be said of them in graduating exercises in our universities, colleges and public schools. Minchin is no more guilty of plagiarism than many others, only, perhaps, he is a little more glaring. However, he will make a first-class editor to run a patent sheet newspaper.

The movement of the volunteers from the Philippines to the United States which is now under way will take on large proportions within the next few months. The 40,000 or 50,000 soldiers who will be carried to this country from the islands between this time and July 1 next, and the equal number which will be sent from here there, will keep the government transports busy. American army officers will get some valuable experience in the art of moving large bodies of troops half-way around the globe.

Gorman is making the fight of his life in the extra session of the Maryland Legislature. If he can induce the Legislature to disfranchise enough Republicans to allow him to get back to the Senate his purpose will be accomplished. Gorman is a very smooth personage, and he seems to have both the Legislature and the Governor hypnotized.

Mr. Rockefeller's income from Standard Oil stock alone is \$21,000,000 a year, and the Telegram says yet he won't pay taxes, nor is compelled, on a hundredth part of his wealth. Such men as he and such a tax system are breeders of both socialism and anarchy.

There is a fine point of distinction in China between being beheaded and being decapitated. To the outsider, however, it makes little difference where the line is drawn.

Having no Senator to elect, and no serious business of any kind to engage in, the members of the Indiana Legislature are flirting with female suffrage.

Another strike of the coal miners in Pennsylvania would be lamentable, yet there are indications that this will occur before long.

Numerous Reformers.

Reformers are many and of all possible types and with all imaginable ideas, notions, plans and projects for correcting the rest of the world and inducing or compelling other people to act, if not speak and think just as the reformers do. Some of their notions are good, and generally they are sincere and measurably unselfish; but most of them are incapable of taking a broad, rational and practical view of humanity. They cannot understand that all the people of a country, state or city cannot, and should not, act and think alike, and as they do, and have the same ideas, purposes and desires.

So numerous are these reformers and so sure that they alone are right and everybody else wrong, that they become somewhat of a nuisance. They want to get at the public on all possible occasions, and they take every conceivable means of doing so. Some of them get into the Legislature; some are in the pulpits; a good many use the curbstone for a rostrum, and nearly all of them seek to use the space of the newspapers.

The different kinds of reform thus pressed upon public attention are numerous; they pertain to everything from constitution making to cuspidor cleaning from a comprehension of the cosmos to kissing the moonlight—eating, drinking, sleeping walking, manners, morals and microbes.

As a single specimen, one reformer has written a treatise showing up the horrible consequences of what he calls "matinitis," that is, the habit of many women and particularly young women and girls, of going to matinees. This worries him exceedingly. He thinks in this habit he discerns the ruin of womanhood the destruction of the race. What a little shriveled soul that reformer must have! Yet he is a fair type of the majority of them. They take a distorted view of the most innocent and natural things, and discover danger and death in them. Through mental dyspepsia they are constantly in search for evil, hunting everywhere with a microscope for moral microbes and making ravaging wolves of them. It pains them to see youth, especially feminine youth, enjoying themselves and being really happy. This is certain evidence of a dangerous degree of depravity. This writer croaks crabbedly about women and girls enjoying themselves by going to matinees; it is safe to guess that he couldn't be trusted near an open till. Soon we shall hear or read a solemn, croaking protest against little girls skipping the rope or playing all hands round. Our average reformer is a pitifully miserable mortal.—Telegram.

Blanche Bates, a popular and accomplished La Grande High School girl, aged 16, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. She secured the acid at Newlin's drug store, returned home, entered the cellar and swallowed it, and then came into the house and told what she had done. All the physicians of the city were immediately summoned, but she died within 20 minutes after taking the poison. The only motive that can be ascribed for the suicide is a reprimand which she received late the previous evening.

Real Estate Transfers.

Jos. Bixby to R. H. Holmes, a tract in sec. 30, tp. 1 S, R. 9 W.

W. H. H. Cary to John G. Day, a tract in Tillamook county.

U. S. to John Rupp, E 1/2 of Sec 1/4 of sec. 10, and W 1/2 of Sw 1/4 of sec. 11, tp. 2 S, R. 9 W; same to Sabra D. Olds and Artie Christensen.

H. W. Lasselle to Jephtha Walling, lots 3 and 4 in block 1 in Stillwell's add to Tillamook.

B. H. Hathaway to Jesse Cary, lots 1 to 8 in block 10, Park add to Tillamook.

U. S. to F. B. Herrington, S 1/2 of Ne 1/4 and Nw 1/4 of Sec 1/4 and Ne 1/4 of Sw 1/4 of sec. 19, tp. 1 N, R. 7 W.

C. E. Reynolds to Wells Gilbert, agreement to sell.

R. W. Robbins to Olean Land Co., S 1/2 of Ne 1/4 and S 1/2 of Nw 1/4 of sec. 23, tp. 1 N, R. 7 W.

C. E. Reynolds to Olean Land Co., Se 1/4 of Ne 1/4, N 1/2 of Sec 1/4 and Sw 1/4 of Sec 1/4 of sec. 4, tp. 1 S, R. 7 W.

Silas W. Morton to Flora E. Morton, various tracts.

U. S. to Jacob Pesterfield, Ne 1/4 of sec. 31, tp. 2 N, R. 7 W.; same to W. B. Alderman.

Geo. C. Woehle to George Gienger, about one acre.

Mary E. Herzinger to Amanda L. Donaldson, all the right, title in and to the estate of Jos. Donaldson, deceased.

A Woman With a History.

It was 5:45 o'clock, and in the big tea house the office force was very busy indeed. The typewriter clicked rapidly and the heavy pen scratched over the thick leaves.

In the height of the rush a woman entered the office. She carried a fox muff and a graceful automobile reached to her feet.

"A stunner!" breathed several of the office force, and then the young man nearest left his stool and said:

"What can I do for you, miss?"

She seemed a bit confused.

"I have a great secret," she whispered, but somehow every clerk heard.

They surrounded her.

"Yes," she continued, "I am a woman with a history."

After this you could not have paid those clerks to return to their stools.

"Are you interested?" she asked.

"Interested?" roared the tall pen scratcher. "Why, a statute would be interested in your history."

She drew a flat volume from the folds of her automobile.

"Here it is. A complete history of the Boer war up to date. Two thousand pages, five hundred—"

In confusion the office force repeated.

"Run, woman, run!" shouted the clerk.

"What is it?" she gasped.

"The great water tank on the roof has burst!"

With a long shriek she rushed down to the street.

"When they spring those gags you have to take heroic means," grinned the tall pen scratcher. "Women's histories ain't what they are cracked up to be."

Two hundred animals consigned to a menagerie and destined ultimately to reach the Pan-American Exposition have reached Baltimore. They came on two steamers, and are valued altogether at \$100,000. Many of them are well trained while others are absolutely wild. They include two Indian elephants, two African zebras, five Abyssinian hyenas, two East Indian Jaguars, five East Indian leopards, three Royal Bengal tigers, six polar bear, two Himalaya Mountain sloth bear, two Indian cassowaries, two African emus, Indian yak, six African ostriches, three male African lions, three African lionesses, two Nubian lions and lionesses, one African giraffe, three South American panthers, one case of East India snakes, pythons, anacondas, boa constrictors, etc.; one hundred birds and monkeys of various kinds and sizes from Africa, India, Gibraltar and Ceylon.

"I sing in numbers!" faltered I, wishing to be understood that I was a poetess by trade.

The world contemplated me with marked unsympathy.

"What numbers?" it demanded, roughly, and in that moment I became conscious that its eyes were directed particularly at my feet.

Shall I never live down my past? Is it never to be forgotten of me that I was born in Chicago?

The near-sighted citizen looked helplessly at the piles of drifted snow that lay on the sidewalk in front of his house.

"What would you take to clean this walk?" he said I, addressing the first man who came along.

"A shovel, sir," responded Mr. Ruffon Wratts, walking delegate of Jewellers' union No. 247, passing on.

"What a horrible hat Miss Miggs is wearing."

"Hold on! Perhaps it's the latest style."

"Your hair is very dry, sir."

"So the last 200 barbers who have cut it have told me."

The tonsorial operation was finished without the customary recommendation.

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