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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

A Cleveland woman named Mollie McGuire picked up a stove lid, mistaking it for an apple pie. What she thought was pie turned out to be only hot to Mollie.

Even royalty is not immune. The duchess of York had a jumping tooth ache when she struck Canada and a doctor was called. The anxiety of the natives showed how a touch of royal toothache makes the whole dominion palpitate.

In the old days when whisky could be bought for 25 cents a gallon a first-class row could be started at a barn raising or a caucus for less than a dime, but this is beaten by the present cheapness of wine in France, where a gallon sells for less than 1 cent.

Clozose showed his true character last week while being taken to the death cell after being sentenced to death. The way he sneezed proved what he certainly is, a coward cur. And those who think and applaud the assassin's cowardly deed are just as cowardly curs.

As it looks to us, what with Uncle Sam taking in a revenue of \$50,000 a month from the makers of adulterated and bogus butter and engineering a first class lottery scheme in direct violation of the law which he has made for the government of his big family, it would seem that he needs the service of an evangelist, for he certainly is in no shape for the undertaker.

It seems to be settled in the minds of a number of people who have been watching the railroad situation that the Northern Railroad Company is headed for Tillamook county via Scappoose and Pittsburg. And from present indications there is ground for this belief. Bids are out for the construction of the first twenty miles of the road and it is reported by the 15th October the plans for the construction of the road as far as Hobsonville will be complete.

When the public health and the private pocketbook run counter of each other the dear people had better be looking after their health for private greed, unchecked, would kill off whole communities if it could make a dollar a head doing it. The adulteration of food products is a big enough question to justify the serious attention and radical action of the United States congress. Because the fools will buy and eat adulterated foods it is still no reason why the radicals should be allowed to sell them.

It is stated that financially the Pan-American exhibition is likely to be a failure. That's not encouraging to those who will have to manage the Centennial in the City of Portland in 1905. There is a vast difference between the population of the East with that of the Pacific Slope, and as it is patronage from the masses which makes these extensive exhibitions a financial success, the only fear we have is that Portland has undertaken that which may prove a failure on account of the scarcity of population. As the state legislature will be called upon to appropriate several million dollars for the Centennial, let us hope that several millions of deficit will not have to be made up by the state after the exhibition is over.

The trouble, in trying to root out anarchy in the United States, is that people will go to extremes. It is folly for either political party to try and make political capital out of the assassination of President McKinley, for therein failure is sure to follow. Indications point to a strife in this direction, and no doubt there will be a good deal of acrimony injected into the election in Oregon next June on this account. When all our political parties should be united upon one subject, and should have one object in view in stamping out anarchy and ridding the country of anarchists, it is folly for the political parties to get into a contention and accuse each other of fostering it. That is what the anarchists would like to see, for while the political parties are fighting among themselves the anarchists will make the most of the indiscretions.

The press dispatches and a number of the daily newspapers are now trying to paint, in glowing colors, Mark Hanna as a great leader. Why this should be suddenly thrust at this time before the eyes of the public looks exceedingly significant. Place any ordinary man in the same position, and give him the support of the trust companies and monopolies, with the cunning craft of those who belong to them to back him, and he is sure to appear as a great organizer. But take away the support of the trust companies and let him have their opposition, Mark Hanna would very little figure as an organizer. But why all these plaudits for him at this time? And what are the

politicians concocting? To deprive Roosevelt of securing the next presidential nomination? They had better go slow, for the president represents the young and enthusiastic element in the republican party.

If Representative B. L. Eddy goes to the state legislature again—and we feel certain an overwhelming sentiment is in favor of his doing so—we sincerely trust that he will do one thing which would be of inestimable benefit to Tillamook county and to the State of Oregon as well. It is a pure seed law. The general public can stand a large amount of adulteration in their edibles when they can relish butter made from all kinds of fat gathered up in slaughter houses, which is separated from the blood and filth and manufactured into oleomargarine. But when seed dealers send out adulterated and bastard grass and clover seed it begins to look as though this imposition should be made a penal offence. But few dairymen in Tillamook have escaped, for in buying what they believed to be first class clover and grass seed they are now perplexed to know how to get rid of a yellow weed where they expected a fine crop of grass or clover. Therefore, we call for a pure seed law to be rigidly enforced.

In a letter to the manager of The Tradesman, Henry E. Dosch, general superintendent of the Oregon's exhibits at the Pan-American Exposition, speaks of the lack of Oregon literature at his disposal and the appeals he has made to the newspapers of this state. Among other things Mr. Dosch says: "Notwithstanding my many appeals to the various papers of Oregon to issue and send us special editions of their towns and neighborhoods, I have received but one lot, from the Tillamook Headlight—a most creditable publication, handsomely illustrated. They went like 'hot cakes,' so to speak, and why? Because the people of the East are very restless and are getting more so every day, not alone to escape the frightful humid heat of summer and the zero weather in winter, but the continued labor disturbances, right or wrong, and the very difficult task of earning even a common living, even on a farm." We are glad we live in Tillamook, and we hope the efforts of the Headlight will induce a great number of people to settle in this county and participate in the dairying industry, where they can become prosperous and contented. We are sorry to hear that the Tillamook Headlight was the only newspaper to respond for Oregon literature, and in neglecting this appeal the press of the state threw away a splendid opportunity to induce people to come to Oregon and locate. Those who gave us scant thanks and support in issuing the special edition of the Headlight see now the objects the editor had in view in going to the trouble and expense in issuing that edition.

The unparalleled tribunes that King Edward and the British people alike have paid to the martyred President McKinley, the unequalled expressions of sympathy that have come from England, and Scotland, Ireland and Wales, Canada, Australia and India, have most profoundly touched the sorrowing millions of America. It is cruelly unkind to even think that they may have been inspired in part by policy, and were not from the hearts of the monarch and his subjects. They bore on their very face the impress of genuineness, and they were too deeply spontaneous to be mere lip-service. And the United States has received them as true gold. And then when our illustrious chief magistrate was called by the Lord, in His inscrutable omnipotence, and all America was in the uttermost depths of sorrow and grief, the unexampled order of King Edward that the whole English court should wear mourning for a week, gave sad pleasure to the people of the United States. So profound was their sense of affliction that the supra kindly action was not appreciated at its true worth. But now that the outbursts of sorrow have passed away, the remarkable character of the sympathy of Great Britain, king and people, is impressing itself on the citizens of the United States, and they are far more grateful than they may ever express in open words.

Everything which brings the farmer in closer touch with the outside world; everything which helps him to overcome the natural disadvantage of time and distance is deserving of the honest, earnest support. The last century has brought to man time and labor-saving devices which have almost revolutionized old conditions. The telephone is one of the most wonderful of these achievements, and its adaptation to the needs of the farmer marks a great step in the development of the agricultural world. It is a little short of marvelous that a farmer, so often considered as a man so set apart from the busy affairs of commercial life, may by the expenditure of a very small sum of money secure the means, and not only secure, but own the means of communicating with neighbors, friends and all the outside world. When one thinks of the unwritten tales of heroism that cluster about the farm homes of our land—of the battles with sickness and death, fought through long dark hours of waiting for aid; of the patient endurance of privations, dangers and disappointments apparently inseparable from their lot, it is with actual delight that such an aid as the telephone should be welcomed by the farmer. With a telephone in his home the farmer has always within reach the doctor, the postoffice, the store, the telegraph office, with its daily market reports, and last, but not least, a field to form pleasant social intercourse hitherto denied except to positive exertion. The long, stormy winter evenings may be cheered and brightened by a chat with some neighbor or friend; by listening to music over the telephone or by receipt of the latest news from the outside world. We can think of no better advice than at these autumn days when everything is being put in shape for winter, they should spend a little time and money, for it doesn't take much of either, in installing a telephone connection with neighbor and town. Those who have had Tuttle's telephone put into their residences along the line of route in Tillamook county know the advantage it brings them.

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**Restriction of Immigration.**

The assassination of President McKinley has not only aroused popular sentiment against anarchy and anarchists, but it has also revived the agitation for further restriction of European immigration. Assuming that the germ of anarchism is an imported article, various schemes are being evolved for closing the gates tighter against undesirable foreign immigrants. Most of these schemes are so wild and visionary that they will scarcely reach the stage of incubation that would require the attention of serious-minded people. It must be constantly borne in mind that up to this time no country has developed any system that would identify an anarchist from any outward appearance. Nobody has yet been bold enough to propose the employment of official mind readers to be stationed on either side of the immigration gates with a view to spotting an anarchist at sight. Even if it were possible to read the thoughts of immigrants, what particular test is to be applied to determine whether their ideas emanate merely from ignorance or from criminal bent?

Immigration Commissioner Powderly, who has for years been hatching plans for diminishing the volume of immigration, is, if anything, more wild and impracticable than anybody who has rushed into print to air an infallible remedy for stamping out anarchy. Mr. Powderly proposes to ask congress to empower all American consuls abroad to act as immigration supervisors whose duty it will be to examine each emigrant and certify to his harmlessness and integrity and to prohibit the steamship lines for landing any emigrant not supplied with the consular certificate. As part of this plan Mr. Powderly also wants congress to authorize the employment of a small army of immigration inspectors on this side of the gate with power to brand people as anarchists and order their deportation.

The inevitable effect of Mr. Powderly's plan would be the systematic blackmail of worthy immigrants and the exclusion of many who would make good citizens, but who would be unwilling or unable to comply with the demands of venal examiners. It would be an utter impossibility for the consuls to conduct the examinations personally, but this work would be sublet to irresponsible, or dishonest substitutes. On the other hand, the dangerous anarchists would find no trouble in getting the best certificates from the authorities of foreign countries anxious to unload them on America. Even if consular inspection were feasible, what would hinder undesirable immigrants from taking passage by way of Canadian or Mexican ports and making their way into the United States after a few month's residence in those countries?

As a matter of fact the present immigration laws, if properly enforced, are ample to draw the line between the desirable and the undesirable foreigner. Our present laws exclude all paupers or such as are likely to become a charge upon the country; they exclude convicted criminals and all persons who have served in penal institutions; they exclude all persons suffering from contagious or incurable diseases and persons afflicted with physical deformities; they exclude the insane and imbecile; they exclude contract laborers; and last, but not least, they exclude the Chinese. While additional restrictions might be made such as known membership in societies organized to destroy property, life or government, the proposed addition to the retinue of employes on the pay roll of the immigration bureau is entirely unnecessary and uncalled for.

So far as anarchy and assassination are concerned, no country has a monopoly, nor is any country free from their menace. The hand of the assassin has within our own time slain a czar of Russia, a shah of Persia, a king of Italy, an empress of Austria, a president of the French republic, and three presidents of the United States. It is notable too, that the three assassins of Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley were all native born and no immigration law could have kept them from accomplishing their dastardly designs.

What is wanted now is not so much more drastic legislation as strict integrity on the part of immigration officials and honest and impartial enforcement of existing immigration laws.

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