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GET INTO LINE.

The rain having laid the dust, the weather man will confer a favor upon the Missoula Labor-day committee by shutting off the water and getting things in shape for the big celebration; present indications are that this is what he will do. Meantime, Missoula merchants and others will, as well to plan for decorations for their buildings for Monday. The city should be in gala dress for the celebration, which is planned to be the most impressive observance of the day ever held in western Montana. There will be many visitors in the city for the day, and every effort should be made to insure the success of the preparations which have been made. While it is Labor's day, there is no reason why those who do not work should not co-operate in the endeavor to make the local celebration an unequalled success. A little effort on the part of each business man will give the streets an appearance that will voice the welcome which Missoula feels for her visitors on that occasion.

BULLY FOR DENMARK.

Denmark, mother of Arctic explorers without number, has set the pace in the recognition of the achievement of Dr. Cook, American. In the streets of Copenhagen, where the returning explorer will receive his first greeting, the stars and stripes are intertwined with the Danish standard and there are cheers for the triumphant explorer, which are as sincere as if the nation were welcoming a favored son. It is a high honor and a splendid tribute that Dr. Cook receives. He will accept the demonstration modestly, as becomes a scientist whose love for his work is self-effacing. In another day we shall have more detailed information regarding the magnificent achievement of our countryman but it is good to know that, even before the details are given out, the world of science is accepting as authentic the bare statement of Dr. Cook that he has found the pole. That, in itself, is a splendid tribute to his high standing.

MARCUS WHITMAN.

In memory of Marcus Whitman, the man who blazed the Oregon trail, two statues have been cast by the Walla Walla Commercial club, one which will be placed in the state capitol and the other in the campus of Whitman college. This recognition is worthy; there exists, with good reason, the belief that Whitman saved to this country the far northwest and gave three states to the Union.

In the history of Oregon the figure of Marcus Whitman stands forth with peculiar dignity and picturesqueness. He was one of those militant teachers of the gospel, of whom so many figured in the first settlement of the great west, who went forth in a spirit of adventurous piety to better the conditions of the natives and also to open the country.

One hundred and seven years ago today Whitman was born in the little town of Rushville, N. Y. He was descended from John Whitman, who came from England in 1625, and settled in Bridgewater, Mass. Marcus first studied for the ministry, and next to become a physician. He practiced in Canada for a few years, finally settling in a small town in New York.

In 1825 the American board of missions sent Rev. Samuel Parker to the far west to study the Indians, and Dr. Whitman went as his assistant. They joined a train of the American Fur company at St. Louis and journeyed as far as a trading post on the Green river, in the present state of Wyoming. Here they met some Indians of the Flathead and Nez Perce tribes, from farther west. Dr. Whitman at once conceived the idea of returning to the east and organizing a mission to go farther west. This he did, and the next year his expedition set out for Oregon.

The journey was long and arduous,

especially to the women in the party, which included Dr. Whitman's bride of a few weeks. The missionaries established themselves at Wallatpu, not far from Walla Walla, where Dr. Whitman built a small grist mill, opened a school and induced the Cayuse Indians, among which they had settled, to till the soil.

In 1842 the board of missions ordered Dr. Whitman transferred. This distressed his associates and resulted in Dr. Whitman making a winter journey across the country to Boston to secure the repeal of the order and additional helpers for the mission. He persuaded the board to continue the station, but did not have time to recruit families to return with him.

On his return journey he fell in with a large emigrant train, the first to cross the continent, and served as its guide. He diverted the train to Oregon, and opened the way to a flood of immigration that people the new territory and saved it, ultimately to the United States, for England laid claim to it.

Dr. Whitman died at his post, struck down by Indians, who fell upon his mission and ruthlessly massacred fourteen persons, including the missionary and his wife, and captured forty-seven others. This attack was the result of superstition and ignorance, the Indians believing that Dr. Whitman had poisoned them because he could not "make medicine" to stop an epidemic of measles then raging in the tribe.

HARMONY—PERHAPS.

In Albany, today, there will be held the "conference of progressive democrats," the call for which was issued a fortnight ago. The ostensible purpose for which this conference has been called is to consider the question of the democratic position regarding the income tax. This, however, is a thin disguise; the real purpose of the gathering is to checkmate the democratic meeting which is to be held next week in Saratoga. The Saratoga session has for its purpose the elimination of Bryan from democratic politics; today's meeting will be made up entirely of Bryan supporters; there will be, perhaps, a little talk about the income tax, and there will be a great deal of talk about the Peerless One. There will be a resolution, which is already prepared, that will let the Saratoga fellows know that the Boy Orator is not to be disregarded. And about the only result that will come from the meeting will be the positive assurance that Champ Clark's "united democracy" is all shot to pieces.

The farmer whose grain is down is of the opinion that the forest rangers should be satisfied with the quantity of rain they have had and should be willing to give him a little sunshine.

There is no disappointment on earth as great as that of the man who feeds a hunting dog all summer and finds in September that the canine doesn't know a duck from a football.

There is a noticeable lack of enthusiasm on the part of the small boy as he hangs up his fish basket and reaches for his school books.

The congressional delegation to Hawaii manifests splendid patriotism in the fortitude with which bears its arduous responsibilities.

The airship will be preferable to the automobile when a train passes a grade crossing and disputes the right of way.

Rival explorers admit they are cooked.

Montana's 26,900,000 acres, available under the enlarged-homestead law, make reservation openings seem insignificant.

Admiral McVilvie shouldn't be so crusty about it; he has passed the age limit for polar exploration.

Impartially considered, the duck bar entirely outclasses the fish bar. And that is going some.

Dr. Cook's discovery, however, does not settle the bestowal of the American league pennant.

Although the race is not always to the swift, Dr. Cook has proved that it sometimes is.

Meanwhile, Mr. Pinchot seems to be worrying less than anybody else about the outcome.

There will be no fatted calf for dinner when Hallinger comes to Beverly.

Wellman, however, will find some other means of advertising.

The Lashanna smashes records like an American aviator.

The wise duck does not go near the water these days.

CHICAGO NEWS LETTER

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Five hundred girls and women will participate in the Labor day parade on September 6 as representatives of 34 organized bodies of Chicago women workers, in occupations ranging from vaudeville artists and corset makers to teachers, stenographers and horse nailmakers, and will embody a flesh-and-blood plea for motherhood and homes, for babes, and for the protection of women. Earnestness of purpose of these girls and women finds no possible wet blanket in the probable prospect of walking over the proposed route of four miles because of the scarcity of union teamsters and the difficulty and expense in securing automobiles. Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the Woman's National Trades Union league, and also president of the Woman's Trade Union league of Chicago; Miss Mary E. McDowell of the University of Chicago Settlement House and the vice president of the Chicago branch; Miss Emma Stehagen, the secretary; and Miss Agnes Nestor, the treasurer, will direct the woman's section of a parade that will comprise over 25,000 men and will add a high light with its pennants of white and gold and its bright-eyed girls to the grim phalanxes of the toilers. The picturesque maypole of last year in which dozens of white-garbed women mounted in a tally-ho held the ends of a canopy of vari-colored streamers bearing such mottoes as "Equal Pay for Equal Work," "No Child Labor," "Educate, Agitate, Organize," will be repeated with an additional cry, "Fellowship Is Life," supplementing the eight aphorisms of last year. The Chicago league, founded in 1904 by Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Charles Henriotin, Miss Mary E. McDowell and other pioneer champions of the woman who works, is but 12 months the junior of the national body, which made its debut in 1903 under the guidance of two delegates from Great Britain. To the crusades waged by this organization is largely due the progress of industrial emancipation for woman in Illinois. Fair wages, decent working conditions and shorter hours, above all the eight-hour day, are the present demands of the league, which even now is preparing for another onslaught upon the Illinois state legislature, arguing the 48-hour week for women workers. Adequate protection of machinery and the employment of steam and electric power whenever possible are further subjects for agitation with surgical statistics cleverly recruited as a forcible campaign lever. Examination of medical reports and summaries reveals an appallingly high registration of girls and women unfit for wife and motherhood and home-making, and permanently broken in health as a consequence of various criminally exhaustive industrial occu-

pations carried on under conditions that should be judicially termed illegal.

Hitting the ice trust between the eyes with the brass knuckles of applied scientific invention, and saving Chicago's slum babies in the face of the unequalled advances in the price of ice and the milk rise this season, and the consequent forced economies and uniced and soured milk for many babies, has been successfully accomplished through the use of thermos or vacuum bottles as ice eliminators, in the day nursery of the Esther Falkenstein settlement house, located in the pitifully poor Ghetto district. This is the section of the city where 72 per cent of the infantile deaths in July occurred this year as against 57 per cent last year, though but 27 per cent of the city's population dwells there. During the second week in August in this district the baby death roll leaped to 191 as against 142 in the preceding week, an increase even above the heavy mortality record of the same period last year. "Individuals in this quarter have queer ideas of economy, just like the municipal fathers," declares Mrs. Esther Falkenstein, head resident of the settlement. They appear to think it's cheaper to buy coffins than to buy refrigerators or even milk-saving devices. Increased cost of living and stationary wage scales have cut off from many what are the sanitary comforts and common conveniences of life. Destitution near our creche is as severe in the summer as in the winter. One poor girl barely 20, deserted by her husband before her babe was born, brings the child, now five months old, to us every day, and then the poor, young mother, deaf and lamed from her husband's brutities, goes out to clean by the day. We have from 25 to 30 babies daily, though the creche has been opened only a month and our room is limited. The ice problem was a grievous tax upon us the first two weeks, but by shaving down this expense we have more money for food—can spend more for the milk and less for the means to keep it sweet, and that's an item with milk advancing 1 cent a quart. For every penny is precious here in the Ghetto, where babies die like rats in a pestilence; where the undertaker is as well known as the postman, and death lurks at half the meals the bottle-babies sip."

Skyscrapers that tower high above Chicago's present high building limit of 260 feet—which is 39 feet higher than Bunker Hill monument and 28 feet below the capitol building at Washington—now are possible, and Chicago's highest roofs may shoot up to the dizzy elevation of those in New York, the highest of which is 857 feet. This is a problem which Building Commissioner Campbell has decided to leave for decision to the city council building committee and the architects and contractors who originated in Chicago the skyscraper, which all the cities have since adopted, will argue the merits of the 30 and 40-story structure. The Masonic Temple continues to be Chicago's tallest building, 28 feet above all other roofs, but New York's collection includes several that overtop it, the Flatiron, 286 feet; the Times, 419 feet; the Park Row & American Trust society being among them, to say nothing of the Singer building, 612 feet to the roof. Insurance interests will be among the loudest to protest, for the conflagration hazard of a city that has structures so high is greatly increased. As a high-pressure water system has not yet been adopted, underwriters' boards are urging that and other measures to safeguard property and consequently reduce rates.

Against the nightmare of cocaine more than all the growing drug addictions of the United States is indictment returned by the Currier commission in a third report by Charles W. Collins and John Day in a Chicago magazine, "Everyday Life," in which this statement is made: "Though the youngest and last born of the furries of 'dope,' cocaine is the most pernicious. The early Spanish conquerors found that the natives of certain districts in Peru and Bolivia were addicted to chewing the leaves of a small shrub called 'coca' or 'coca,' in order to counteract hunger, fatigue and the difficulty of breathing in the high altitudes. They were a degenerate race, but under the stimulation of coca chewing they were capable of

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amazing feats of endurance. But now it would be a boon to the world if the manufacture of cocaine could be done away with, and the shrub-covered uplands of Bolivia, whence the bulk of the coca leaves come (more than 40,000,000 pounds annually) could be blasted into a desert. Medicine has other substitutes for cocaine, and can dispense with its services with little inconvenience, while 'coca' (the dope phrase for cocaine) has absolutely ruined the lives of thousands, and is claiming new victims each day. Fully 50 per cent, if not more, of the cocaine either manufactured in this country or imported is used to feed this vice, and not for scientific purposes. Cocaineism is peculiarly an American vice, as has been stated in previous articles. The bulk of it is manufactured by American chemists, and the greater portion of the stuff manufactured is used by its American slaves. Its cheapness, and the ease with which it can be taken through inhalation, without recourse to the hypodermic needle of morphine or the 'outfit' of opium smoking, have given it such popularity that the drug seems to have shifted from the profession of medicine to the more of vice. Cocaine's reputation at present is more than shady. In every slum it is the favorite 'dope'; it leads men and women, boys and girls, into stews, and it keeps them there."

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