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SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK

HAS MONEY TO LOAN ON GOOD SECURITY

son. Therefore, such a gathering means an expenditure of not less than \$25,000 in the course of a summer wherever they shall be held; and it stands Clatsop in hand to make it feasible for the Chatauquans to come into what land they may need on the coast of this county at terms so moderate as to preclude all possibility of disappointment.

A CREDIT TO OREGON.

The re-opening of the Merchants' National Bank at Portland on Monday last and the features of its first day's business are gratifying to the whole people of Oregon, since it looms as a complete exonerated of the methods and policies of a house that was closed almost at the behest of wanton suspicion, and shows that the same strong policy that marks the banking business of the State, was in force there, as in all other institutions.

The rehabilitation of the Merchants' National Bank and its cordial treatment at the hands of those who held nearly a million in its vaults, and withdrew but \$38,000 from it when its doors did open after 11 weeks of inactivity, constitute a remarkable variance in the attitude of the people toward the Title, Guaranty & Trust Bank and its shameful status, accentuating, and adding immensely to the general confidence in the banking business of the State.

It has been the lurking place of the thief, the wanton, the macque, and of their victims, men and women, boys and girls; it has been the pivotal spot where thousands of young lives have been turned to utter and hopeless wrong and to its hideous secrecy half the crime of the country can be traced.

There is no element of the saloon business in America so prolific of shame and ruin and criminal accomplishment as this one phase. It has been the curse of every community that permitted it and its abrogation has ever been the sign for the breaking up of a hundred kindred evils.

It has no reason for existence save the one sole reason of its opportuneness and privacy in the doing of foul and debauching deeds and its fellow in the restaurant is practically as bad.

The Astoria council is to be congratulated on having wiped out the most vicious thing in existence here; and the hope is very general that no toleration will ever be conceded in the future.

THE REED ROMANCE.

The saving of Mate Dubie and his two companions from the open boat and the high sea, derelicts from the wrecked ship Emily Reed, tragic and bitter as it reads in the despatches, will be turned to romance when the weight and horror of it have passed from the minds of the victims. It will become the tale of their lives and go to heighten and color the revealed history of the men, as tens of thousands of other stories have been given forth to charm and interest mankind.

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIS DAD.

Some Signs of Advancement Discovered Down in Georgia.

I was in a Georgia postoffice when a young colored man who was hanging about the corridor approached and asked for 10 cents to buy himself something to eat. This gave me an opportunity to ask him if he thought his race was improving any, and he promptly replied:

"Yes, sah, de cull'd man am improvin' right along."

"You notice that, do you?"

"I does, sah."

"Take your own case. Do you believe that you are better posted than your father was?"

"Humph! De ole man couldn't hold a candle to me. I was arrested a month ago for stealin' chickens from Kurnel Johnson, and I's jest got outta jail. Dey proved dat I stole five chickens, sah."

"Well, if you were convicted of it I don't see where your sharpness comes in."

"Right yere, sah. I stole a pig at de same time, and de kurnel laid it off on to anodder man and had him sent to jail for three months. If my fadder had been alive, de kurnel would have proved dat he stole his hull drove and had him sent up fur life!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE CHATAUQUA, COMMERCIAL.

The purchase of 10 or 20 acres in Clatsop by the Chatauqua Association and the establishment of a branch resort of this famous and popular institution, means a good deal commercially, as well as morally and ethically, for the whole community.

And one consideration is quite as equitable and pertinent as the other. It is a good thing however one may view it; and its relative merits ought to be understood by all in interest.

These summer gatherings are proverbially popular and afford some of the best entertainment known to the culture of the day, embracing as they do a lecture course at which only the acknowledged leaders of the rostrum appear, and these, with the class work and the incidental programs of amusement and interest, make for a season of real delight to the thousands who attend them.

There are rarely less than a thousand visitors to the Chatauqua camps and they are usually of a class that is not hampered for funds and who do not stint the measure of enjoyment in their outings, which usually last the full two weeks of the sea-

LIQUOR ORDINANCES.

New Ordinances in Bay City to Regulate the Sale of Liquor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Two ordinances to regulate the liquor traffic were introduced in the Board of Supervisors by Supervisor Muddock yesterday. One fixes the retail license at \$1000 per annum, while the other imposes a \$500 license on sellers of liquor in quart quantities or more. The new ordinances are more sweeping in some provisions than those now in force.

The sale of liquor is prohibited at places of amusement and within 250 feet within any schools or church. Permits from the Board of Police Commissioners are necessary and must be renewed every three months.

The penalty for violating any provisions of either ordinance is by fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed six months or by both fine and imprisonment. The ordinances if passed will be in effect July 1st.

MUSEUM OF ART FLOURISHES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—That last year was the most successful in the history of the Metropolitan Museum of Art is stated in the annual report just issued. During the year 800,763 persons visited the museum, the largest attendance for any year, except one, since the museum was organized. During the year 278 persons bought memberships, paying from \$10 to \$5000 according to the different classes of membership. The report speaks in detail of the large number of valuable additions to the museum's collections during the year.

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CHESS GAME BY CABLE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Five members of the American sextette to play the cable chess watch with Oxford and Cambridge on March 21 were picked yesterday at a meeting of the cable match committee representing Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Princeton. The players selected are:

W. H. Hughes, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania, L. F. Wolf, Columbia; H. C. Black, Cornell; H. Blumberg, Columbia, and K. S. Johnson, Harvard.

To determine the sixth man of a team a match will be played between C. E. Jefferson, Yale, and L. Williams, Princeton.

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This preparation is said to restore the natural function of the kidneys, so they will sift and strain the poisonous waste matter, uric acid, etc., from the blood, purifying it and relieving rheumatism. Backache will be relieved, the urine will be neutralized and cleared and no longer a cause of irritation, thereby overcoming such symptoms as weak bladder, painful, frequent and other urinary difficulties. This is worth trying and may prove just what many people here need.

FEAR IN BATTLE.

Frederick the Great Ran Away, and Grant Was Afraid.

Some of the greatest soldiers whose names adorn history's pages entered their first battles with a feeling of fear in their hearts.

Frederick the Great simply lost his head at the battle of Mollwitz. Had he not been a king it is safe to say that he would have been shot at the next sunrise. In the heat of the carnage he got an idea that the army under his command was being overwhelmed, so he put the spurs to his horse and dashed headlong among his soldiers. He rode many miles before he stopped in his wild flight. Late at night he was discovered hiding in an old mill, awaiting, as he thought, capture by the enemy. Then he discovered that the army he deserted had won the battle.

As Frederick was a prince, everybody tried to forget the incident just as quickly as possible. And after that when the king went to war he was just as brave as any other soldier.

General Grant in his memoirs tells us that, despite the fact that he was not new to the ways of war, he had a strange fear in his heart when as commander of the Union forces he found himself on the eve of his first battle of the civil war. He adds, however, that he came to find that "the other fellow" had a similar feeling.

In American history there is no more reckless warrior than the dashing Light Horse Harry Lee. It seems strange, therefore, to find that at the outset of the Continental struggle Washington had to prove him for his "prudence" in battle. Lee, though, up and told Washington that he was just as brave as the general in chief, and he made good his word.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ICE TROTTING RECORD.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—A new world's record for trotting on the ice was recorded in the free for all at the Delorimes Park races yesterday when in the first heat Dave K. came home in 2:16. This is a second and a quarter better than the previous record made last year at Ottawa, by Phoebe W.

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