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That Big Slide.

Mt. Bradley, whence the avalanche got its start, is a steep bald mountain nearly two miles from the river.

When the avalanche crossed the river it was nearly a thousand feet wide and fifty feet deep.

Tuesday, while the men were away to their noon meal, another wild avalanche came down bigger than the first one and spread out on top of it, burying the railroad track fifty or sixty feet deeper.

To give one an idea of the amount of snow that came down, besides what went into the river and was washed away, there is a body 1200 feet wide, 2000 feet long and 50 to 100 feet deep.

One of the working men went up on snowshoes to near where the snow broke loose. He reports that the snow was between thirty and forty feet deep where the avalanche broke off, and the piece that came down is only a speck compared to what is left and ready to start at any time.

Teachers' Institute Program.

The following is the program for the Teachers' Institute to be held at Dufur Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7. Address of Welcome. Aaron Frazier Response. R A Gaily Music. Recitation, "Jamie Douglas". Bessie Underhill Essay. Daisy Dufur Reading. Maude Peabody Essay, "What May Be". A V Underwood Music. Declaration. W H Cantrell Reading. Alice Powell Essay, "Should Foreign Emigration Be Restricted?". L L Bell Declaration. Omer Butler Music. Address, "Pacific Coast Seasons". P P Underwood Music.

FRIDAY—9 O'CLOCK A. M. Music. Primary Reading. Nellie Hudson Elementary Geography. Edith Peabody Methods of Teaching Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic. H M Pitman Percentage. Roy Butler Discussion, "Some Necessary Requisites to the Growth of Wasco Country Schools". Leaders, P P Underwood, Emma Ward, H M Pitman.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30. U. S. Settlements. Omah Smith U. S. History, 4th Epoch. H Stirnweis Psychology in School. R A Gaily Penmanship Drill. P P Underwood Discussion, "Relative Value of the Study of the English Language". Leaders, E S Hinman Susanna Ward, Aaron Frazier.

EVENING SESSION—7:30. Music. Recitation, "Burning of the Stone-wall". I M Underwood Essay, "Oregon". Ada Bell Declaration. John McAtee Essay, "American Independence". E O Underwood Music.

Reading. Waldo Brigham Recitation, "Farmer and Wheel". Ben Wilson Essay, "Old Boots and Shoes". Burnie Sellick Declaration. Park Bolton Address, "Some Hints About Annual School Meetings". Troy Shelley.

SATURDAY—9 O'CLOCK, A. M. Music. Bones and Muscles. Annie Frazier Circulation and Digestion. Lindsey Thomas, Mrs K Roche Discussion, "Benefits of the Public School to the Public". Leaders, R A Gaily, A Frazier, P P Underwood, E S Hinman Closing.

Executive committee—Aaron Frazier, Edith Peabody, P P Underwood.

Andrew Kellar has a four-room cottage to rent.

A HOST IN HIMSELF.

He Was an E Pluribus Unum Sort of a Fellow.

It would be well if all jokes were as innocent as one played by a railroad conductor upon a commercial traveler, and related by the traveler himself in the Yankee Blade.

"Dull place, ain't it?" said the conductor. "Rather," answered the commercial traveler, "especially if you've got to stay here four hours."

"Oh, well, you won't be without company." "But I don't see any. Who are they?" "Well," said the conductor, speaking slowly, as if he were reckoning them up by a process of recollection, "there's the telegraph operator, the booking clerk, the cloak-room clerk, the signalman, the storekeeper, the accident insurance agent, the postmaster, and one or two other officials. You'll find 'em inside the station."

"That isn't so bad," the traveler thought, and as the train started he entered the door. The station was dimly lighted, with no one in sight but a sandy-haired man at the telegraph instrument.

"Where are the others?" asked the traveler. "What others?" answered the telegraph operator. "Why, the cloak-room man, the booking clerk, the postmaster and the rest." The man began to grin.

"Oh, it is that conductor again," he said. "Well, where are they?" repeated the traveler, with some asperity.

The sandy-haired man tapped himself on the chest. "Them's me," he said. "Come in and sit with us."

And the traveler, appreciating the joke—a sort of e pluribus unum reversed,—accepted the invitation, and found himself in pretty good company.

WHY THEY STRUCK.

Workmen Who Objected to Sitting Around and Doing Nothing.

It has been customary for many people to consider the southern laborer as slow, lazy and shiftless, yet a writer in Engineering Magazine says that no stranger could enter one of the mills or pass a day in the pine-timber woods without being surprised by the vigor with which work is performed.

Work has become an instinct; the laborer knows but four conditions—eating, sleeping, working and, after pay day, a carousal, or absolute idleness.

A curious story of a strike is told at one of the mills. The hours of labor are long—from dawn to twilight. In the winter the hours are fewer, but in summer the saws are buzzing and the whole community alive and at work before the sun has touched the tree tops.

A northern foreman of philanthropic principles took charge of a certain mill, and sorrowed within his heart for the poor fellows wearing out their lives with the cant-hook and saw.

There was a murmur in the camp, and in two days there was a general strike. Called upon for reasons, the spokesman stated the case of the men: "We all jus' don't like dis yar gwine ter wuk at seben o'clock. Wha's de use ob sittin' aroun' fer two hours in de mawnin' fo' gwine to wuk? We jus' ain't gwine to stan' it, dat's all."

So the strike was declared off by the superintendent agreeing to allow all hands to go to work at dawn and keep at it as long as they could see.

BLUE-EYED INDIANS.

They Live in Mexico and Are Known as "Griegos."

In a mountain village, perhaps a day's ride from Mexico City, lives a tribe of exclusive, aristocratic Indians called "los Griegos," the Greeks, says the Chicago Tribune. They are light complexioned and the majority have blue eyes and light hair.

The Japanese Bathing Hour.

In Germany at one o'clock all the world is taking an after-dinner smoke or an after-dinner nap, and business, even banking, is suspended. In Japan the bathing hour is before supper, and between five and six o'clock every living being is nude. The public baths are crowded. At home children, young people and old people are in the tub, getting in or getting out of the tub, which is placed in the garden, in court-yards, shops or on the piazza, without the least apology of a screen.

Steps Toward Government Control of Railroads.

Carroll D. Wright, in the February Forum.

The reason why it is that the Chicago strike is exerting an influence as a subordinate phase of a silent revolution—a revolution probably in the interest of the public welfare—is because it emphasizes the claim that there must be some legislation which shall place railroad employees on a par with the railroad employers in conducting the business of transportation, so far as the terms and conditions of employment are concerned; it is because the events of that strike logically demand that another declaration of law and of the principles of the Federal Government shall be made; a declaration that all wages paid, as well as charges for any service rendered in the transportation of property, passengers, etc., shall be reasonable and just.

A declaration of this character, backed by the machinery of the Government to carry it into effect, would give to railroad employees the status of quasi-public servants. The machinery accompanying such a declaration should be modeled on the Interstate Commerce Act. It should be provided that some authority be established for the regulation of wage contracts on railroads. I would not have the machinery of the law for the regulation of such matters provide for a compulsory adjustment, as now provided for the adjustment of freight rates, but I would have such machinery that there would be little inducement under it on the part of railroads to pay unjust and unreasonable wages and on the part of employees to quit work when they were just and reasonable.

Cherokee Bill Captured.

WAGONER, I. T., Jan. 31.—W. C. Smith, deputy marshal, has distinguished himself again in effecting the capture of Cherokee Bill, the notorious outlaw. Cherokee Bill's headquarters were known to be near Nowata, I. T. Smith made arrangements with Ike Rogers and Clint Scales, colored, living near Nowata, to lay in wait for Bill. The outlaw stopped at Rogers' house yesterday and went to bed without fear of a trap. This morning after breakfast, Rogers stepped behind Bill, seized a club and knocked him down. He was then bound hand and foot. He is only 18 years old, but boasts that he had killed 15 men.

And in Jersey City.

TRENTON, Jan. 31.—In the house yesterday Mr. Duncan introduced a bill making it unlawful for any person to appear in any theater, opera house, hall, lecture room, or other public place of entertainment or music instruction, where an admission is charged, and where an unobstructed view is necessary and is prevented by the wearing apparel of such individual wearing any article that will obstruct or interfere, under penalty of summary ejection, and imposing a fine of \$10 upon conviction by a court.

Marvelous results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rivers junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at Snipes & Kinerly's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Of the 20 true bills of indictment found by the grand jury at this term of court in Umatilla county, 7 indictments were for gambling, 3 for perjury, 3 for larceny of cattle, 4 for assault with dangerous weapon, 2 for larceny from building, and one for larceny by bailee. Ten men were sent to the penitentiary, 7 were fined and 3 acquitted.

Last Monday at 3 a. m. a Japanese was found leaning against the depot at Meacham, in a state of unconsciousness. His feet and face were severely bitten by the cold and next evening he was unable to sit up and powerless to control his limbs. The mercury was down to 15 degrees below zero. He was taken to Pendleton for treatment.

Mrs. Nexdoor—One of my windows is stuck, and I can't get it up or down. Little boy—Ours gets the same way sometimes. "Who fixes them?" "Papa." "How does he do it?" "I don't know. Quick as papa starts to fix a stuck window, mamma sends me out of the room."—Street & Smith's Good News.

Mr. Lightweight (airily, to conductor)—I wonder what that shabby old coddler finds so attractive in this direction. He's been eying me for ten minutes. Conductor (thoughtfully) I guess he's wondering how you happen to be traveling on a pass. He's the president of the road."—New York Weekly.

A Fictionist—What are you writing, Hawley? "A story. I'm going in for fiction." Really? For a magazine? "No. For my tailor. He wants his money, and I'm telling him I'll send him a check next week."—Harpers Bazar.

All pain banished by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

William Dorrity of Lane county went out on a spree last Saturday night. He went to Eugene with his team, and on his return home about 9 o'clock his eyes went into the eclipse and he drove off a bridge on South Willamette street. Quite a time was had getting the man and team out of the ditch.

W. Cottingham, Henri Lazore and David Shaffer were arrested on Wednesday by Sheriff Neal, of Wallowa county, charged with obtaining money under extortion—or what is usually called blackmailing. They were bound over in the sum of \$500.

Knowledge is wealth: Chemist—You might have charged that young man 5 shillings for filling that prescription. Why did you put the price at one shilling? Assistant—He understands Latin. —Tid-Bits.

Hartman, Farmer has 40 acres of cranberry marsh at Sand Lake, Tillamook county, which he is clearing and planting to the profitable berry.

Faith—Don't you love the early poets? Morton (managing editor of a magazine)—Yes, I do; they're all dead.—Harlem Life.

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