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### NO ONE TO BLAME

In an accident on the Chapman logging road last week a number of men lost their lives and several more were badly injured. A coroner's jury investigated the matter and found that nobody was to blame. It was kind enough not to censure the dead men for their carelessness in working for the company, though its verdict must be taken as meaning that they came to their death by not being sufficiently well fixed financially, to get along without work.

The facts in the case seem to be as follows:

There was a fourteen per cent grade, and the engine was pushing a gravel car up this grade. The track was moist and the engine was unable to do the work assigned it. It began to run backwards. The engineer, after doing his best to stop it, jumped from the engine and escaped without any serious injury. The men on the gravel car would not jump. A coupling broke and the car flew the track, hurling them against the trees and rocks and dashing out their lives.

The Mist insists that the matter should be thoroughly investigated by the grand jury.

It is by no means the first case of the kind. They occur every year. A loaded car, a slippery track and a steep grade. The logging industry of the Columbia river is a good friend of the undertaker. It is the duty of the corporations to run their business with some regard to the sacredness of human life, and we hope the time is coming when they will be compelled to do so. The men killed were of the transient class and probably without influential friends; but we suppose life was sweet to them, and they were entitled to reasonable safeguard. A fourteen per cent grade is a constant menace to human life, and there should be such supervision and care used as will reduce the danger to the minimum, when it is demonstrated that such a grade is an absolute necessity. An investigation by the grand jury is certainly in order notwithstanding the coroner's report.

Marriage and divorce stories seem to be crowding the news in herds. The following story comes from Topeka. It concerns Prof. F. H. Blackmar, of the University of Kansas. Professor Blackmar would prevent the troubles which usually cause divorces. He would remove men's masks before marriage. He advocates strict mental and physical examinations of those contemplating matrimony, and would bar persons afflicted with pulmonary and mental diseases from wedlock. He would also exercise much care in granting licenses to persons who might not be temperamentally suited to each other. He says the time is coming when a course preparatory to matrimony will be taught in the schools of the land and that education must sooner or later be invoked to assist marriageable young men and women in comprehending many important matters relative to matrimony. His plan, though commendable, is likely to be mighty unpopular, for most people are very unwilling to know themselves as they are, and a great deal more unwilling that others should know the truth about them.

Mexico has recently increased salary of teachers in primary schools 40 per cent. The Diaz Government is always busy somewhere in the line of progress.



**"If I am elected President I propose to devote all the ability there is in me to the constructive work of suggesting to Congress the means by which the Roosevelt policies shall be clinched."**

**HON. WM. H. TAFT**

At Sandusky, Ohio, September 8, 1908

### COUNTY SCHOOL FUND

On the first Monday in October, 1908, County School Superintendent Collins made the apportionment of funds to the several districts of Columbia County. The state fund was apportioned at the rate of \$1.00 per pupil; the county fund, \$6 for each room in which a teacher has been employed who has attended a teachers' institute during the past school year, and \$13.70 as part of the \$50 bonus for each district.

The following amounts were apportioned to each district:

DIST.	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	CHILDREN	AMOUNTS
1	Mrs. Mildred J. Watts	Scappoose	230	\$ 291.71
2	H. P. Watkins	St. Helens	134	243.10
3	J. A. Holaday	Deer Island	57	109.90
4	R. P. Burns	Rainier	68	127.50
5	S. C. Tichenor	Clatskanie	323	560.50
6	Mrs. L. P. Branstetter	Portland	16	44.30
7	Wm. Holt	Warren	143	230.70
8	A. E. Harvey	Fishhawk	9	33.10
10	Geo. A. Graham	Marshland	45	90.70
11	E. McVey	Columbia City	27	61.80
12	Bert Mills	Vernonia	16	44.30
13	T. J. Flippin	Rainier	409	683.70
14	Judson Weed	Vernonia	39	76.10
15	Mrs. Martha J. Barr	Clatskanie	75	143.70
16	C. E. Bryant	Rainier	44	84.10
17	Albert Wood	Vernonia	25	58.70
18	H. E. Smith	Vernonia	11	36.30
19	Wilbur Morris	Rainier	12	37.90
20	T. C. Watts	Reuben	73	140.50
21	Mrs. Eva Elliott	Pittsburg	8	21.50
22	N. D. Peterson	Mist	19	49.10
23	Fred Fluhrer	Maygar	70	135.30
24	Mrs. Nettie B. Peterson	Mist	14	41.10
25	John Krum	Quincy	189	331.10
26	Oliver Nelson	Clatskanie	26	60.30
27	C. C. Keasey	Vernonia	11	36.30
28	Fritz Brown	Scappoose	26	73.80
29	John McAdam	Maygar	28	79.50
30	Fred Briggs	Vankton	80	161.10
31	W. F. Hiatt	Mist	25	53.70
32	Mrs. Annie Ingles	Maygar	23	50.50
33	Mrs. Ella M. Kysar	Kyser	24	57.10
34	H. C. Wood	Deer Island	30	60.70
35	O. J. Thomas	Goble	58	111.50
37	E. S. Daniels	Goble	44	80.10
38	Mrs. Irena Brown	Apiary	14	41.10
39	A. N. Clark	Houlton	154	270.10
40	Oliver Anderson	Clatskanie	24	57.10
42	E. E. Hagerberg	Fishhawk	16	41.80
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46	J. L. Daniels	Clatskanie	14	41.10
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55	J. R. Dallas	Kist	13	37.00
56	N. B. Olsen	Marshland	30	76.30
			2805	\$5646.70

Most of the policies that have brought prosperity to the American nation are denounced as misdoctrines by the Democratic leaders. In other words, the country has been fortunate in its misfortunes.

Last year Mr. Hightm received more votes for governor of Massachusetts than were given the Democratic nominee. Mr. Bryan has reached the stage where he may run third in some of the states.

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