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A Choice.
The path of "Oh-wait" is shady and cool,
Quite out of the scorching sun;
But the boys who take it at length arrive
At the town of Things-not-don't!

The path of Now seems hard to take.
For 'tis rough and steep, they say;
But it leads to things-attained, my lads!
Which path are you choosing, pray?
Adelbert F. Caldwell.

If there was an ardent supporter of statement No. 1, he did not make the fact known yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the republican county central committee. Several did, however, speak against it. All who touched upon the subject were in favor of republican candidates modifying statement No. 1, to the extent they would pledge themselves to vote for the republican candidate for United States senator receiving the highest number of votes at the primary election. The two republican candidates at this time for the legislature, R. D. Hamilton and S. F. Richardson, have neither subscribed to statement No. 1.

Just what effect the new federal law, which becomes effective today, known as the nine-hour act, will have on the railroads, remains to be seen. One thing is patent and that is, it should result in fewer accidents, and this saving may more than offset the loss. The fact that engineers, firemen, train dispatchers and operators cannot be compelled to work excessive periods will undoubtedly result in better service. It will be surprising if there are not fewer accidents during 1908 than there were during 1907.

Reports from the rural districts are to the effect that voters are registering very slow, and was suggested at the meeting of the republican central committee which met in this city yesterday that steps be taken to arouse an interest if possible, and it was suggested that a deputy county clerk visit the various precincts, as this would relieve the necessity of the applicant securing two witnesses.

The Observer office is in receipt of an invitation from the city of San Francisco to be its guest during the reception to be tendered in May in honor of the American war fleet, which will cast anchor in its harbor. This will certainly be a sight worth seeing.

Women to Take Men's Jobs.
Washington, March 4.—An unexpected development in the operation of the nine-hour law for railroad employes is likely to follow the enforcement today of that measure. According to advices received in Washington, many railroads are preparing to operate their trains by means of block signals and telephones. If this project is put into effect, thousands of male

telegraph operators will be thrown out of employment and their places will be taken by women at much lower salaries, since the introduction of the telephone will render a knowledge of the Morse code unnecessary.

Telegraphers declare that the transmission of train orders by telephone will be so unsatisfactory and will result in so many disasters that public sentiment will demand a return to the old system.

It was expected that the reduction in the working hours of railway telegraphers to nine hours would compel the railroads to employ at least 8000 additional men at once. It was also known that it would be impossible to secure this number of men when needed, and it was therefore hoped by the men that an increase in wages would be a part of the revolution planned.

The railroads decided that they would rather spend millions in providing and maintaining automatic block signals which never go to sleep and which never fall unless they spell "danger," than to spend the same money in maintaining telegraph stations and telegraph operators. The closing of stations as telegraph stations is made possible by the fact that with an automatic electric signal all that is necessary is to start trains as fast as the terminal block is empty and keep them going until a semaphore says "stop."

Accordingly, many of the big systems, notably the Harriman roads, have been hastening the installing of such signals, and the present time finds them ready to lock the telegraph keys in hundreds of stations.

The second conviction, but one which many have hitherto lacked the courage to put into effect, is that the telephone is really the most scientific means of communication between stations and headquarters. The Burlington road, for example, has been successfully operating trains by phone over its heaviest division, between Chicago and Galesburg, for several years.

Taft is Kansas Favorite.
Topeka, Kan., March 4.—Early developments indicate that the Kansas republican state convention will send delegates pledged to Taft to the Chicago convention. The "square deal" faction of the party is for La Follette for president, but it is in a minority, although the friends of Governor Hughes in Kansas have combined with the "square dealers." The Kansas legislature some time ago went on record as favoring the nomination of Secretary Taft, eulogizing him as a "statesman of world-wide experience, who believes in the pristine virtues and lofty ideals of the early days of the republic."

St. Joseph Dog Show.
St. Joseph, Mo., March 4.—St. Joseph's second annual exhibition of canines, under the auspices of the American Kennel club, opened today and will last until Saturday. Liberal premiums are offered and have attracted a large entry list from all over the Missouri valley.

Demand for Telegraphers.
Washington, March 4.—It is estimated that over 500 operators will be given employment today as a result of the enforcement of the federal nine-hour law, which applies to interstate carriers, who will employ telegraphers and dispatchers.

R. W. Deal Arraigned.
R. W. Deal, who was indicted with the larceny of a horse, the alleged property of E. L. Halley, was arraigned this morning before Judge Crawford, entered a plea through his attorney, J. D. Slater, of not guilty. He was placed under \$300 bonds, which he is trying to arrange this afternoon and will doubtless succeed. The case will not come up for trial at this term of court.

SUMMONS.
In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union.
Bank of Emmett, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. J. A. Hough, defendant.
To J. A. Hough, the above named defendant:
You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action and court on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1908, and if you fail to appear, answer or plead at said time for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$100.00 and interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 9th day of April, A. D. 1907, for the further sum of \$25.00 attorney's fees and the costs and disbursements of the action.

Also for an order of the above entitled court for the sale of your right, title and interest in and to the real property attached in said action, to-wit: Tracts I and J in Coggan's Second addition to La Grande, Oregon, to satisfy said judgment and costs.
This summons is published for a period of six successive weeks by virtue of an order made by Honorable T. H. Crawford, judge of the Tenth Judicial district, of the state of Oregon, dated February 14th, 1908, in the La Grande Evening Observer, and that the 15th day of February, A. D. 1908, is the date of the first publication of this summons.
J. W. KNOWLES,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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J. W. KNOWLES,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

CITATION.

In the county court of Union county, State of Oregon.

In the matter of the estate and last will of Melinda Wardwell, deceased. To William McCall, Zachariah McCall, Jonathan Newman McCall, Rebecca E. McCall, Linna McAllister, Fanny Wilson, Lillian Kinney, William A. McCall, Hugh McCall, Edna Seltz, Florence McCall, Marjorie McCall and Mary M. Couch, Heirs at Law and devisees of said Melinda Wardwell, Deceased:

Whereas Ulysses G. Couch, as administrator de bonis non of the estate of said Melinda Wardwell, deceased, (with the will annexed), has presented to the county court of Union county, state of Oregon, his petition in due form, praying said court to grant him an order thereof duly authorizing him to sell, according to law, either at public or private sale, as said court may determine, all of lots five and six of block twenty-six (26), in Sterling's addition to the town of Island City, in Union county, state of Oregon, to obtain funds to pay the legacies provided by said will and expenses of administration; and said court having by order thereof fixed Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1908, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the April term of said court as the time, and the usual place of holding said court at the court house in La Grande, in said county and state, as the place, for hearing said petition and objections thereto, and directing the issuance and service of a proper citation in said proceedings; Now, therefore, you and each of you are hereby cited and required to appear in said proceeding at said time and place and then and there show cause, if any exists, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted and why said court should not make an order thereof authorizing said petitioner to sell all of said real property in accordance with the said prayer of said petition, to obtain funds to pay said legacies and expenses of administration, and you are required to make said showing within 10 days from the date of the service of this citation and not later than the time fixed, as above stated, for hearing said petition.

Witness the Hand, J. C. Henry, judge of said court, and the seal of said court affixed, this, the 17th day of February, 1908.

J. B. GILHAM,
Clerk of Said Court.
F. C. BRAMWELL,
Deputy.

(SEAL)
18-25-3-10

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County.
William G. Peach, plaintiff, vs. Ella C. Peach, defendant.
To Ella C. Peach, Defendant, Greeting:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit on or

before the expiration of the time prescribed in the order directing the publication hereof, to-wit: six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons which is January 30th, 1908, and if you fail to appear, answer or otherwise plead within the said time the plaintiff will ask the court for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between this plaintiff and this said defendant and awarding the plaintiff an absolute decree of divorce.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. T. H. Crawford, judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 24th day of January, 1908. This summons is published in the Weekly Observer, a weekly newspaper printed and published in La Grande, Union county, Oregon.
COCHRAN & COCHRAN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

For Sheriff.
I hereby announce to the republican voters that I am a candidate before the republican primaries for the nomination of Z sheriff of Union county.
W. W. RANDALL.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Jonathan Green has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Union county, administrator of the estate of James Green, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same with proper vouchers to the said administrator at his residence about eight miles northeasterly from Elgin, Oregon, or to R. H. Lloyd, attorney for said estate, at his office in Elgin, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 6th day of January, 1908.
JONATHAN GREEN,
Administrator.
R. H. LLOYD,
Attorney for Said Estate.
6-13-20-27-5

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Notice is hereby given that John H. Wickens has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Union county, administrator of the estate of William Wickens, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified

and required to present the same with proper vouchers to the said administrator at his residence about eight miles northeasterly from Elgin, Oregon, or to R. H. Lloyd, attorney for said estate, at his office in Elgin, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 6th day of January, 1908.
JOHN H. WICKENS,
Administrator.
R. H. LLOYD,
Attorney for Said Estate.
6-13-20-27-5

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