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MOTHER'S ALMANAC.

I tell you when it comes to dates,
My mother's just the boss!
She tells me all I want to know
'Thout ever gettin' cross.

You'd think she'd get mixed up sometimes;
At school I know I do—
'Bout Washington and Plymouth Rock,
And 1492.

But mother says: "The war with Spain
Was fought in '98.
The year you all had chickenpox,
Exceptin' Sister Kate.

"The Boer war in Africa—
That was a dreadful thing—
Began in '99, I know,
For Jack was born that spring.

"In '98 the Spanish ships
Were sunk in Cuba channels,
'Twas summer, for you children had
Just changed your winter flannels.

"In 1904, my dear,
The Russians fought the Japs,
That year was very cold, and you
Had chilblains and the chaps."

There's six of us, and we're mixed up
With hist'ry just that way,
Sometimes it's measles, croup, or
mumps.

But there's no date that ever stumps
My mother, night or day.
—Lippincott's Magazine.

Senator Tillman might read the history of his colleague, Senator Foraker, the latter's connection with the Standard Oil company, made public by the president, was sufficient to prevent his re-election. In fact, there are few men that President Roosevelt has attacked who escaped punishment. So far, whenever he made a statement he had the facts well in hand to justify it. Not a few men have called him a liar to begin with but ere many weeks passed away they were either headed for the penitentiary or condemned before the bar of public opinion. If a mistake has been made in the accusations made against Senator Tillman, we trust the senator will present so clear a case that his heretofore good name will remain untarnished. Up to this time Senator Tillman, while erratic and uncouth has held the respect of the nation, which had confidence in his integrity and honesty. It means much to a nation when a man of the ability of Senator Tillman falls in honor. It too plainly points out the weakness of human nature, and in the downfall of one great character, thousands of weaker ones stumble thereby. It is to be hoped the president has made a mistake, but he makes few.

A bill has been introduced and all probability may become a law to provide a change in our old time-honored jury system, whereby 10 jurors will be sufficient to secure a conviction except where the life of the defendant is in jeopardy. This has been suggested for several years, and we believe it is a step in the right direction. It will make a considerable change in judicial matters. There will be fewer juries to disagree and it will be more difficult to thwart justice. Our jury system, as sacred as it is held, has been greatly abused in this country.

While it is not expected that the sheriffs of the state will favor the suggestions of the governor that 50 per

cent of the expense could be saved in transporting prisoners to the penitentiary by having guards sent from Salem, the same as insane patients, nevertheless this money should be saved. There is no speculation about it. It is a simple way of saving several thousand dollars.

Birth Record.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Smith W. Hollinger, in this city January 12, a son.

REBECCA'S IN OFFICES

Crystal Rebekah Lodge No. 59, held its annual installation of officers last evening, and in addition enjoyed a sumptuous feast after the strenuous hours of installation. The work of the evening was in charge of Mrs. Harding, as Mrs. Mary Fraker was unable to attend as installing officer. The elective officers to be given duties, are:

Mrs. Jennie M. Smith, noble grand; Mrs. Tilla Cox, vice noble grand; Mrs. Martha Scott, secretary; Miss Emma Clarke, financial secretary; Mrs. Anna Alexander, treasurer. The appointive officers, named by the new noble grand, follow: Mrs. Katherine Cates, R. S. to noble grand; Mrs. Ada Childers, L. S. to noble grand; Mrs. Etta Haines, R. S. to vice noble grand; Miss Ada Roush, L. S. to vice noble grand; Mrs. Cora Fitzgerald, conductor; Mrs. Lizzie Bonnel, warden; Mrs. Minnie Vanderpoel, chaplain, and E. E. Scott, outside guardian.

BASEBALL THIS SEASON

IDAHO AND EASTERN OREGON TEAMS, LINE UP.

Formation of Inland Empire Baseball League is Discussed—A Four-Club League, to Include La Grande, Baker City and Two Idaho Towns—Drop Walla Walla and Pendleton.

Preliminary steps toward the organization of a four-club professional baseball league between eastern Oregon and western Idaho teams are under way. At present it is only correspondence between promoters in several cities in the district mentioned, but in the near future will assume conference shape. As far as La Grande is concerned, arrangements are so far advanced that a team could be rounded up in a remarkably short time, as seven players have already been signed up by Grant Lincoln, the local promoter, who will have the management of the La Grande club this year. "Sunshine" Ludell, who is now in Portland, will be in La Grande April 1, to hold down the initial bag for the team the coming season, and in addition to that, will take the field management of the club. He made a hit with Grant Lincoln and the fans, too, last year, in that capacity. Lincoln has not announced the personnel of the outside clubs he has on the halter rope, but of course, Zimmerman and Childers will be hooked on.

The League's Extent.
That Walla Walla and Pendleton, members of last year's four-club league will not be identified with the league this season, is almost foreordained. The excessive heat in both of those places during the height of the baseball season makes profitable cravens almost an impossibility. On this account the promoters are going to Idaho for two clubs to complete the La Grande-Baker City circuit. Just what Idaho towns will be represented is the only matter that at present is standing in the way of final organization. Boise is trying to get into the Inter-Mountain league, but may not succeed. If she does not, the local league will give her a berth. Payette, Nampa or Wells are the other teams that stand the most likely chance of forming the alliance with the two eastern Oregon

teams.
Baker City Pays Well.
Last season when the fans began to realize what they had in the way of baseball, financial support in the mining town was fair. The team took a decline late in the season, and when it did, Baker fans stood by it with their pockets. La Grande had a winning club from the first game to the day the pennant was pulled down, and financial support was creditable. Everyone knows the rabidness of Idaho fans, and local baseball talk is to the effect that the proposed league will be a self-supporting proposition when it gets well launched.

SHOPS IDLE FOR ONE DAY

The rail road shops are idle, yard crews are reduced in number, car repairers are laying off, and in fact, every department of the O. R. & N. round house in this city is running short-handed or at a standstill today. This is the first one-day reduction in expenses of several that are expected during the dull winter months. The familiar whistles that usually call scores to work in the yards, blacksmith shops, round house and boiler shops, failed to blow this morning. It is not known when another will come

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but the probability is that each week will see a reduction in working hours, during the remainder of January and a part of February.
Because of the reduction in working forces the railroad yards are deserted today. The workmen subject to lay-off are not dissatisfied with conditions as a rule, for their labor has been constant during a period of many months, and the rest is oftentimes welcomed.

Carroll for Coadjutor.
Baltimore, Jan. 12.—The name of Bishop John P. Carroll, of Helena, Mont., is reported to be among others forwarded to Rome by Cardinal Gibbons for coadjutor to the bishop of Baltimore.

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

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history of Oregon to be taught in all public schools in the state, and teachers are to be given a year in which to prepare themselves to teach it.

Senator Hart of Baker county, introduced a bill including an emergency clause, providing for two additional justices for the supreme court to be appointed by the governor as soon as the bill passed. One is to serve two years and the other four. Upon the expiration of these terms the successor will be elected in the general election next preceding the time of expiration. Such an appointment was urged by the governor in his message.

FERGUSON'S

NEW BOOKS
NEW STATIONERY
THE NEW MAGAZINES
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
OFFICE SUPPLIES
POST CARDS

"WHERE NOTHING IS TOO MUCH TROUBLE."

A new magazine, "Eternal Progress," has made its appearance, and seems to be a very high class publication, filled with uplifting articles. We would be glad to have you examine it.

The February "Cosmopolitan" is in. There are stories by Julian Hawthorne, Bailey Millard, another chapter of Arthur Brisbane's "Owners of America," an appreciation of Poe by a member of his family, and besides the regular departments and serials, at least one real poem "I Sought Him," by Helen A. Saxon.

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