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FAME TRAVELS FAR.

The fame of La Grande's women has gone to Pocatello, Idaho, where the Pocatello Tribune remarks: "Over in La Grande, Ore., the women of the city are working in behalf of a movement for a city park. Here in Pocatello the lovable women of the Civic club were responsible for the establishment of a Carnegie library. They worked hard and achieved a brilliant success."

If the contractor will do his part of the work as rapidly as the city council did its last night, it will not be long until we will be supplied with Beaver creek water.

Several Grande Ronders who went to Portland to escape the "horrors" of our winters wish they had remained at home. They were not used to such weather freaks as were in evidence in the metropolis last week.

Oh, yes, our streets are somewhat muddy, but do not think for a moment that we are in a class by ourselves. There are others. In fact we saw a wagon mired down in the streets of Portland the other day and the street car stopped and helped pull it out.

Seeking the Old Path.

Evangelist Harris will speak on "Seeking the Old Path" this evening. Unless some unexpected change is made the special services will close tomorrow evening. Do not fail to hear Mr. and Mrs. Harris tonight.

WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN FLOOD.

Tries to Ford Rising Stream and is Swept to Death in Current.

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Lara Hansen, wife of one of the prominent wheatgrowers of Umatilla county, was drowned in the flood which swept down Cold Springs canyon near their home today. Her husband barely escaped with his life.

They had been to town and were returning home. A chinook wind which had come up in their absence melted several inches of snow and transformed what is ordinarily a dry gulch into a roaring torrent, which they attempted to cross. Both horses were lost.

Tacoma Man in Trouble.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 21.—Judge M. J. Gordon, arrested accused of embezzling \$93,000, declined to discuss the affair today. He is preparing to leave for Spokane this afternoon to answer the charges. He says he is innocent.

SOCIETY.

Invitations are out for an elaborate reception to be given by Mrs. O'Leary Rehnck and Mrs. Fred Schilke to the newly installed officers of Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., on the evening of Wednesday, January 27, from 9 to 11. It is understood that about 200 invitations have been issued, and the evening is looked forward to with pleasure by the recipients.

Terrible Experience.

Enise, Jan. 21.—Four days and nights alone, without food or water, his leg shattered by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, was the terrible experience of Conrado Candace, a Spanish sheepherder, near Hagerman. He was found by searchers lying face downward, unconscious.

ONTARIO OIL NEWS

Haker CHS, Jan. 20.—Interest in this section now centers on the oil well, says an Ontario report. It has been just three months since drilling was commenced by the Ontario Co-operative Oil & Gas company, and the well is now down 2000 feet. During 32 days of this time the drill has been idle on account of breakdowns, which necessitated sending to California for repairs.

A strong flow of gas forces a six-inch stream of water to the surface, which has been flowing continually for the past two weeks. Some oil is also flowing from the well and considerable crude oil is brought up by the bailer with almost every load, and the quantity increases with the depth of the well. The drillers claim that the yhave had oil for some time, and that as soon as they encounter the oil sands the oil will come to the surface.

Considerable stock has been purchased by residents of this locality as a result of recent developments at the well. O. W. Porter, the prominent Huntington capitalist and stockman, has invested \$1000 in the stock of this company this week. Over \$3000 in shares have been sold by the Ontario Co-operative Oil & Gas company since January 1. The stock which was put on the market at five cents per share went up to 10 cents when the recent gas explosions occurred in the well.

Have Enough Gas for Town.

The first well has already proven a success from the fact that enough gas has been encountered to supply Ontario and nearby towns, but the company will sink the well 2000 feet deeper unless a gusher is encountered before they reach that depth. Two thousand feet in 60 days actual time in drilling is considered good work even in an established oil field where it is already known what the formation of the ground is, and the company is well pleased with the progress made and is very hopeful that oil will be encountered in the first of the four wells. They are under contract to sink at least 4000 feet, if oil is not encountered in paying quantity before, in order to hold their leases.

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MUNSEY'S

The Munsey publications continue to improve. The February number of the Scrap Book, on sale today, surpasses in interest any previous issue. Here are the titles of a few of the best articles: "Hamard, the First Detective of Europe," "The Women Who Are Plain," "How to Keep a Wife at Home," "The Unhappiest Man on Earth," "Strange Ways of Reading the Future."

Munsey's leading article is "The New Florida," which is in truth more devoted to Henry M. Flagler, the Florida railroad builder, than to the state itself. The article, however, would have been nice to read about 10 days ago. Prof. T. J. J. See has contributed a very interesting discussion of "Tidal Waves," which follow great earthquakes.

Of interest to college boys is Harry Thurston Peck's story of the origin and development of boxing. There are the usual short stories and two thrilling serials.

We have added "Outlook" to our list of magazines. The current number contains an article on "Postal Saving Banks," which are now demanding much attention from congress and the author, Mr. John Harsen Rhodes, is a trustee of one of the leading savings institutions of New York city, and an expert student of the theory of savings. He argues, of course, against the postal savings plan.

FERGUSON'S WHERE NOTHING IS TOO MUCH TROUBLE.

The Small Farmer.

Everywhere the south is already catching fire with the new and radical idea that the small farmer may really make money. In Virginia farmers on land valued at \$4 an acre, have suddenly decided to grow crop vegetables at \$100 an acre. Young men are beginning to stay in the country in order to make money. Even the young men in city sweatshops and factories have caught the glad tidings and are hurrying back to the soil to try their luck and draw a good deep breath, and are taking young of the city's savor with them into the country.

OSLER ON FAITH.

Regarding faith as an element in medical practice, Dr. William Osler, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford university, wrote thus:

"Faith in us, faith in our drugs and methods, is the great stock in trade of the profession. It is the aurum potabile, the touchstone of success in medicine. Faith is a most precious commodity, without which we should be very badly off. While we doctors often overlook or are ignorant of our own faith-cures, we are just a wee bit too sensitive about those performed outside our ranks. We have never had, and cannot expect to have, a monopoly of this panacea, which is open to all, free as the sun."

Not all practitioners of medicine are as frank as is Osler on the subject. Yet the fact is that all doctors, consciously or unconsciously, utilize daily, the faith of their patients. Further, it is by no means a rare occurrence for a doctor to administer a drug, and to see results follow, which are contrary to the usual action of the drug. This is because of the patient's belief that the prescription is given to overcome certain symptoms which he regards as serious; while the physician's knowledge of the disease prompts him to pay little attention to these, but to direct his efforts to other conditions. The patient's expectancy leads to the effects he anticipates, even though the drug is directly antagonistic to such effects.

At best, after all is said, faith is effective only within certain well-defined limits. There are those who believe that it is capable of universal application; such, however, are enthusiasts who disclaim that any knowledge of the body and its functions is essential to one who would practice the healing art. Some of them deny even the existence of a material body.

Osteopaths assert that there is no comparison between their system and any form of faith cure. They readily admit the importance of the complete confidence of the patient, but affirm that their treatment is effective even though the patient be utterly skeptical. Infants too young to know what is being done respond marvelously to the treatment. Osteopathy makes no demands on the patient's faith. It does not work through mental avenues. It is dynamic. Its effects are solely on the physical organization. Since disease is largely the result of misplaced structures, the replacement of which is a mechanical process, no mental action on the patient's part is required.—Metropolitan Magazine.

Discuss Currency Commission.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 21.—"The Congressional Currency Commission from the Banker's Viewpoint" will be the subject of an important address to be delivered this evening by Secretary E. E. Farnsworth, of the American Bankers' association before the bankers of Buffalo and vicinity.

Empire State Waterways.

New York, Jan. 21.—Ways and

means for securing the development and improvement of the rivers of the Empire state, are being discussed at the convention opened today in the rooms of the Manufacturers' association by the New York State Waterways Conference. Members of congress and the state legislature and other men of prominence are participating in the session, which will be concluded tomorrow.

"Stonewall's" Birthday.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—Confederate organizations in many parts of the south are today celebrating the birthday anniversary of Lee's great captain, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, better known as "Stonewall" Jackson.

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