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THE NEW GAME LAWS.
 One thing that was creditably disposed of in the recent session of the legislature, was the passage of a suitable code of game laws. For the benefit of Union county fishermen and sportsmen, the code is reproduced here:
 Beaver—Closed until 1920.
 Buck deer—Open July 15 to November 1. Limit three deer during

season. Coos and Curry counties open July 15 to October 15. Sale prohibited. No hunting with dogs.
 Elk—Closed until September 14, 1914.
 Spotted fawn, antelope and mountain sheep—Closed perpetually.
 Ducks—Open September 1 to March 1 of following year. Limit 50 birds a week. Coos and Curry counties August 1 to February 1, and Klamath and Lake August 1 to April 1.
 Geese and swan—Open season from October 1 to March 1.
 Chinese pheasant—Closed until October 1, 1911.
 Grouse, native pheasant, ruffed grouse or partridge—Open October 1 to December 1. Limit 10 birds per day or 20 per week.
 Prairie chicken—Open September 15 to November 15. Limit 10 birds a day or 20 a week.
 Quail—Open from October 1 to December 1. Limit 10 a day or 20 a week. In Grant, Harney, Wheeler, Gilliam and Umatilla counties, closed until 1912.
 Trout—Open for hook and line fishing only, April 1 to November 1. Sale prohibited. Limit 75 trout in one day.
 Bass—Unlawful to catch with other than hook and line.

THE FIRST STEP.
 Eastern Oregon today faces a series of struggles pertaining to the establishment of a branch asylum in this section of the state, but each individual struggle must be fought separately and in the logical sequence in which it comes. By a short but important series of steps that are within the realm of the possible, it is now a practical

fact that an asylum may be established either near Baker City, near Union or near Pendleton. At the finish of the popular vote, it will be known whether or not an asylum will become a reality. When this vote is cast, other logical steps in the process of entire fulfillment of the project will follow. Today, however, the problem on which the three counties involved are interested, is to insure the passage of the measure by popular vote. It will require some effort—yes, great effort—to convince the western and southern portions of the state beyond a question of doubt, that the asylum is needed here. This done, the measure will pass. At such a time, the three counties will divide themselves, one against the other, and may the highest inducements set forth bring wanted results.

INTER-COUNTY CONVENTIONS.
 One of the most excellent methods of cementing business and social relations of the Damon-Pythias type, is the lodge inter-county gatherings and conventions. On a small plan this has been done by the lodges of Union and Wallowa counties in the past and should be fostered to even a greater degree. One lodge of the city could readily afford to entertain guests from Wallowa county once a year, on a scale that would accomplish the purpose intended for it. For instance, the Odd Fellows might next month prepare something elaborate in the way of a "blow-out" for Wallowa county Odd Fellows. It would bring, say a score of men to La Grande. Next month, a different set, in Wallowa county would be attracted to La Grande by another lodge, and so on the year around. The variance in lodges here necessarily would draw from various localities and various peoples in Wallowa. The benefits derived from such visits en masse, are too common and too numerous to need elaboration.

In addition to meeting living and tuition expenses, many students in Oregon Normals are giving financial aid to fight the inroads of death to their respective institutions. It is evident that none of the legislators opposed to appropriating funds for the Normals had sons or daughters in these schools.

The extent of lawlessness even among lawmakers is sometimes appalling. The wonder is each desk in the legislative assembly and senate chamber of the California capitol is not supplied with a faucet. Beer and whisky on tap would not be so slow.

In losing his equilibrium while ascending a stairs yesterday, President-elect Taft fell. Last evening one of The Observer carrier boys insisted the press be stopped and the head pertaining to Taft's fall be changed to read "Fell Down Stairs While Going Up."

Where is the man to take the initiative in the new county high school movement. Right now is the opportune time in view of the passing of the Weston Normal.

Elgin is rapidly developing into a fruit center that may soon vie with May Park and Fruitdale for supremacy.

Maybe these 'sion Summerville people will wish they hadn't if they did, and if they didn't they are glad of that.

What a predicament acting Governor Hays is in. He is called upon to sign the woman's suffrage bill. What if he believes differently?

DOCKET IS CLEANED UP

With the completion of the Chandler trial now on, will come the word "finis" to the criminal docket of the present term of circuit court. The jury will be discharged when the present case is over, and may not be called again until the June term, though it is possible that the Summerville whisky cases may come to trial in three weeks or about that time, and in such an event the jury will be called again.

The criminal docket for the February term was a long one, bringing out many cases of wide importance and general interest. There were 19 days of continuous jury trials during the term.

Death Narrowly Averted.
 Soon after a little girl at Underwood, Oregon, had been put to bed in a room by herself her mother went back and found a cat lying on the little girl's chest with a paw on each cheek, its mouth in the child's mouth, sucking her breath, and the child was resuscitated with difficulty, says a Portland paper.

Ladies' Aid Supper.
 The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will serve supper this evening at 5:30 to 7:30, at the home of Mr. H. R. Hanna, at 25 cents a plate. The public is cordially invited. The ladies' fund for the new church is steadily growing.

Thirty Killed in Wreck.
 Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 24.—Between 25 and 30 were killed today when a train on the main line toppled over a 100-foot cliff near Rio Bamba.

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This land lies directly on the main line of the Canadian Pacific and one crop of wheat or oats will pay for it.

The winter is open and mild and Umatilla county purchasers are moving over this month to begin work on their new farms.

Mordo McDonald of Walla Walla, but well known in Grande Ronde, is sending over a big farming outfit to begin work on his section and a half east of Calgary. He says that it is the best wheat country on the American continent.

Bert Huffman, formerly of Union county, is farming his land east of Calgary this year. Conductors Jack Smith and Len McCrary, of the O. R. & N., will begin work on a section near Strathmore this spring.

Wheat raising on the Canadian Pacific tract is not an experiment now. Miles Ferrel, a farmer near Calgary, harvested 46 1/2 bushels of winter wheat per acre on a full half section of new land.

Yields of from 50 to 60 bushels have been commonly reported all through the new settlement in the Bow River valley. One crop pays for the land. A. E. Burnett harvested 60 1/2 bushels of No. 1 wheat on new land east of Calgary in 1902. Over 100 bushels of oats were grown on land adjoining the above tract. Spring wheat matures in 120 days owing to the long hours of sunshine in the growing season.

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