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WRECKS FOLLOW EACH OTHER.

No one seems to know why but it is nevertheless a fact that when railroad wrecks begin there seems to be an unwritten law that several shall occur before safety is again established. The dispatches of yesterday told of several and doubtless today will witness more. Fatalities in every line have their innings, as do earthquakes seem to refuse to go singly. Auto accidents, airship catastrophes, all and the like.

It is something that man cannot fathom but he realizes its importance. The claim is also made that in the east when hot summer weather arrives—dog days—there is liable to happen more accidents, more out of the ordinary actions of humanity, then when the temperature is milder. This is said to be due to the action of heat upon nerve and muscle of the human body. The old statement about the sun acting on the muscle has never been refuted and as long as time has stood it is generally known when the sun sinks in the west at night that the muscles of man relax.

During the hot season anything is to be expected—wrecks, storms, suicides, and crime of every description.

TAKING STOCK IN A MINISTER

Portland people are very enterprising. This statement cannot be doubted when it is known that they intend to incorporate the visit of Gypsy Smith, the evangelist, to that city this fall. Passing the hat in the old fashioned manner no longer interests Portland where syndicate promoters and million-dollar corporations call home. The old time religious meeting to them is not satisfactory unless it has a feature of speculation to it. They cannot understand why a crowd that is seeking salvation should not be prey for the commercialized spec-

ulators the same as the crowd who attends the park attractions, etc.

The seeking of truth and Christian aspect does not seem to appeal to men who have been used to handling stocks and pouring in inflated values, thus forcing the public to pay for something they do not receive.

Doubtless a meeting held by Gypsy Smith will touch certain people and cause them to lead better lives, but is there any good reason why speculation should attach to such a meeting? Why not grind along in the same old way—taking up the church collection as of old? It is not a pleasant task, but is it not better than to divide the box office receipts after a sermon and figure carefully on how strong the dividend will be on the minister's efforts?

A SANER FOURTH

Thanks to the country-wide agitation for a saner Fourth, the immediate newspaper reports of the annual sacrifices to the use of fireworks indicate that they are less in number this year than for many years. The American Medical association is also gathering all possible reports of injuries and of tetanus following them. Deaths from tetanus always swell the report considerably during the ensuing six weeks. It is hoped that the final total will also be much less this year. Everyone who has assisted in improving conditions is entitled to credit and is rejoicing over the lives that have been saved. The success of the substitute programs, indicates that the "insane Fourth" can be more and more eliminated until it disappears.—Journal of the American Medical association.

THE DISINFECTION OF WATER-SUPPLIES

The increasing use of hypochlorite for the purification of drinking-water supplies makes the subject of proper methods of applying this and other chemicals a timely one. The usual method of introducing the disinfectant into the suction pipe or suction well has not proved altogether satisfactory owing to the injury to the pump-valves and other difficulties. An ingenious device for applying chemicals directly to water flowing in pipes under pressure is described in a recent number of the Engineering news. The principle of the apparatus consists in so regulating the pressure by mechanical contrivances that the solution is forced through the pipe at a rate always proportional to the existing rate of flow through the main.—Journal of American Medical association.

One metropolitan paper seemed to be surprised that Grande Ronde farmers should attend a meeting of the Farmers' union at Elgin in their automobiles. The farmers are the ones who get the best out of machines in this valley, and they are entitled to all of the pleasure.

The first wreck on the Oregon Trunk

line has been recorded. This is a bad start and reduces Oregon's remarkable record of having few people killed when traveling.

The National Education association is in a row down at San Francisco. Surely a teacher cannot object if two boys are arraigned before her for fighting in the future.

Good old summer time is here and watch the harvest in the Grande Ronde valley. Stacks of money in this year's crop.

The Pacific Fruit company has purchased the North Powder Ice lake. This is a good time of the year to make a deal for an ice pond.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- July 12.
- 1712—Richard Cromwell died. Born Oct. 4, 1626.
- 1730—Josiah Wedgwood, famous pottery manufacturer, born. Died Jan. 3, 1795.
- 1776—British troops under Sir William Howe landed on Staten island.
- 1779—American troops made an unsuccessful assault on the British works at Stony Point.
- 1804—Alexander Hamilton, famous American statesman, died in New York City. Born in the West Indies, Jan. 11, 1757.
- 1812—Sweden concluded an alliance with England.
- 1849—Sir William Osler, noted physician and author, born in Teicumsesh, Ont.
- 1862—Confederates captured Murfreesboro, Tenn., after a severe fight.
- 1870—Admiral John A. Dahlgren, inventor of the ordinance that bear his name, died in Washington. Born in Philadelphia, Nov. 13, 1809. The Pan-American congress opened at Buenos Ayres.

"THIS IS MY 81ST BIRTHDAY."

Prince Louis of Monaco. Prince Louis, heir to the throne of Monaco, was born July 12, 1870, the son of Prince Albert, the present ruler. The mother of Prince Louis was Lady Mary Douglas Hamilton to whom Prince Albert was married in 1869. Monaco is a small principality with an area of only eight square miles and is surrounded entirely by French territory excepting on the side toward the Mediterranean sea. The revenues are derived wholly from the famous gambling casino of Monte Carlo. Until a short time ago the prince was an absolute ruler, there being no elective representation. Last January the popular demand forced the ruler to grant a constitution. The people, however, are not entirely satisfied with the constitution and it is possible that Prince Louis may never become ruler of the little principality. Yet it is scarcely believed that popular antagonism will go to the length of a revolution, and it is expected that

changes will be made in the constitution which will satisfy the people.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Republicans of Massachusetts will name their candidate for governor on Oct. 4.

Congressman John W. Boehne is mentioned for the democratic nomination for governor of Indiana in 1912.

Socialist city officials from California, Montana and other states where the socialists have elected men to office are to hold an important conference on Milwaukee next month.

Like Governor Osborn of Michigan Governor Marshall of Indiana believes in sticking to his post. The Indiana executive has been out of his state but three times since his election.

With a state campaign in Kentucky and senatorial contests on in Virginia North Carolina, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana, the south is furnishing the most of the hot weather politics this year.

Newton D. Baker, city solicitor of Cleveland, has formally announced his candidacy for mayor on the democratic ticket. Mr. Baker was chosen by the late Tom L. Johnson as his political successor.

Mississippi's senatorial contest is on in earnest. The three rival aspirants for the toga are ex-Governor J. K. Vardaman, C. H. Alexander and Leroy Percy, who is the present holder of the seat in the senate.

Among politicians in South Dakota it is rumored that Congressman Chas. H. Burke may decide to enter the race for the United States senate to succeed Senator Gamble whose term will expire March 4, 1913.

Three municipal election have been held in Seattle since the beginning of the present year and a fourth has been called for next September, when the issuance of more than \$2,000,000 of municipal bonds will be submitted to the electors.

The senatorial contest is warming up in Virginia, where William A. Jones and Carter Glass, both members of the lower branch of congress, are endeavoring to secure the seats of Senator Martin, the minority leader in the senate, and Senator Swanson, who is filling the unexpired term of the late Senator Daniel.

Kentucky is the first state to settle a 1913 senatorial contest. The withdrawal of Senator Paynter has left Representative Ollie James a clear field, and unless the legislature of the state becomes republican on joint ballot next winter Mr. James will succeed Mr. Paynter in the United States senate. The present legislature is democratic on joint ballot by 59 majority.

A remarkable and unique petition is that which will be soon presented to Maine voters by the National Temperance society of America, urging them not to repeal the state prohibition amendment. This petition originated in Europe, among members of the In-

ternational Anti-Alcoholic bureau and bears the names of hundred of the most prominent European physicians, men of affair of every creed. Work scientists, professors, socialists and on the petition began about six months ago, and will continue until a few weeks before the fall election in Maine, by which time it is expected to secure signatures representing 40 different countries.

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Strongly Opposed.
"Are you in favor of granting suffrage to women?"
"No, sir," replied the man who was chewing tobacco. "If women were allowed to go to the polls the election judges would have to go outside to spit."—Chicago Record-Herald

Relief.
Gaber—You ought to meet Smith. Awfully clever imitator! He can take off anybody. Tottle (wearily)—I wish he were here now.—Variety Life.

A Boomerang.
"So Miss Gummage got no damages in her breach of promise suit?"
"No; her lawyer proved the man to be such a low down, contemptible specimen of humanity that the jury decided he hadn't any value and congratulated her on losing him."—Baltimore American.

An Opportunity Lost.
Billy—Say, what did de old jay want ter know? Reddy: Wanted ter know where Waj street wuz. Billy—Gee! Why didn't yer get him up de alley and skin him at craps?—Puck.

TAXES AND TORTURE.

The Duke of Alva's "Tenth Penny" That Caused Riots in Spain.

One of the most absurd and tyrannical measures of taxation that were ever imposed upon a people was that ordered by the despotic Duke of Alva, prominent in the history of Spain up to 1582, when he died.

For six years he was governor general of the Netherlands and levied a tax called the "tenth penny," or 10 per cent, upon every article of merchandise, to be paid as often as it should be sold. He assessed real and personal property 1 per cent, to be paid instantly and collected once, and on every transfer of realty he exacted 5 per cent.

Every one in the land, excepting Alva himself, perceived how utterly ridiculous a scheme it would prove, but he persisted in enforcing the rule. The towns rebelled, and examples by dozens were made of refractory subjects, who were tortured to death, but to no purpose.

Finally Philip II, the Spanish king, was petitioned, and a temporary compromise was effected by which the towns were to pay \$2,000,000 annually for the two succeeding years, until August, 1571.

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