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CONGRESSMEN AND HUNTERS.

The Eastern Oregon country will have a congressman of its own, according to the late decree of the congress. This is right. We have needed a congressman distinct from Portland influences, for there is little in common between Portland and Eastern Oregon.

Now, that there is to be a new congressman, the people should use due care in the nomination of the candidate. Oregon has not been long on congressional timber in the past, in fact the delegation from this state has not been sufficiently active to attract attention, and it is a good opportunity for a capable man from Eastern Oregon to show his metal.

But there are congressmen and congressmen. Mediocrity marks the majority of men sent to the lower house. We hope the people will rise above the ordinary in this district and choose a man who is a thorough business man. There being a large percentage of farmers in the new district it is quite probable the farmers will want a farmer congressman. Very often farmers make excellent representatives. We call to mind several who have been chosen from the plowlands who made splendid records in the lower house. And if the farmers do not select one of their own number, probably a well seasoned, capable, honorable business man can be chosen.

By all means get a man who is above little petty deals, who is big and broad enough to grasp both sides of a question and has the manhood and courage to take a stand. Weak kneed congressmen are common. Let this district send a man who can stand for something and has sufficient gray matter in his brain to make a fight for what he stands for.

VACATION.

A great many people in every town think they must have a "vacation" every summer. Why? Merely force of habit with some who can afford, and a desire to keep up appearance with those who cannot afford it. With the ones who have a surplus of money

probably a vacation trip is a good thing, for it loosens up the circulation medium and causes a few extra dollars to find their way into the current money of each community.

But for the ordinary citizen who is in good health always seemed like a huge joke to us. Nothing is more irksome than to see a big, able bodied man lolling around a summer resort. Think of what he could accomplish in the harvest field or lumber camp.

It is fortunate the vacation microbes does not strike all classes alike and become general, for if that were true, who would do the work these warm summer days? Who would run the engines that pull the trains carry these excursionists, who would cut the choice beefsteaks and make the bread that feeds the vacationists? Who would garner the crops and get in the winter's wood.

The people who do this work are the backbone of the country. While those who scout around in Pullman cars and decry the temperature, who complain at dining car service, which is far better as a rule than they are used to at home, who yawn and gape because no new book has lately been written to take their fancy, may count some money, yet they amount to as little as the small red ant when it comes to doing things in the world.

MAY CLOSE HUNTING SEASON.

The danger of forest fires through carelessness on the part of hunter is now being considered in Oregon. Too much is at stake when the standing timber is in jeopardy to let a pleasure seeker go free handed into the hills and carelessly start fires at will. In view of this fact the chief executive has almost agreed to close the hunting season in this state. The following circular has been sent out along this line.

The open season for hunting deer as well as a number of other animals and game birds, began August 1, and State Forester F. A. Elliott has his ear to the ground for reports of forest fires started through the carelessness of hunters. Every year a great many fires are caused by sportsmen leaving their campfires unextinguished, and thoughtlessly dropping lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes as they travel through the forest in pursuit of game.

It will probably be news to many people of Oregon to learn that the Forest Fire law, which went into effect February 24, empowers the governor to declare a closed season for the shooting of wild birds and animals of any kind. The law covering this point is as follows:

"Whenever, or wherever, during an open season for the hunting of any kind of game in this state, it shall appear to the governor upon the showing of the state forester that by reason of extreme drought the use of firearms or fire by hunters is liable to cause forest fires, he may, by proclamation, suspend the open season and make it a closed season for the shooting of wild birds and animals of any kind for such time as he may designate, and during the time so designated all provisions of law relating to closed seasons for game shall be in force."

NEW TREATMENT FOR A DREAD-ED DISEASE.

Rheumatoid arthritis, or arthritis deformans, a disease which causes in-

flammation and stiffening of almost all the joints in the body, has for many years been regarded as practically incurable. Physicians have endeavored to learn the causes of this dreaded disease and to find some method by which its victims can be relieved, but so far with little success. In the Journal of the American Medical Association for June appears an article by Dr. Philip W. Nathan of New York, on a new and apparently successful treatment of arthritis deformans. After discussing the theories which have been advanced as to the origin of this disease, Dr. Nathan says that about four years ago, led by Basch's experiments showing the influence which the thymus gland had on the growth of the skeleton, he began to use the dried thymus gland of the calf for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. The thymus is a small gland found in the neck of the calf. It is believed to have an influence on growth and the development of bones. No immediate benefit resulted from small doses, but long continued administration sooner or later led to definite and, in some cases, to striking improvement. After this treatment has been continued for months general nutrition begins to improve and the stiffening of the joints gradually disappears. Dr. Nathan's conclusions are that while while this treatment must be combined with complete rest and improvement of nutrition, yet, when taken conscientiously for a long time combined with judicious care, marked improvement, if not a perfect cure, can always be expected. These results are based on the records of 186 cases of which 83 were severe.

The close of 1910 saw Kansas City, Kan., established on a cash paying basis, with a surplus in every one of its funds except the lighting fund. Its floating debt almost wiped out and none of the revenue for 1911 used for the expenses of 1910.

That was the condition financially at the close of the first nine months of government by commission as announced by Charles W. Green, commissioner of finance and revenue. It was the result, he says, of a strict adherence to the provision of the commission law that requires a municipal corporation to "live within its means." It is pointed out that when the commissioners took charge in April, 1910, the funds for the entire year practically had been used in advance, and there was an indebtedness against nearly every fund.

The area of the city under the new rule was seventeen square miles, while the area in 1909 under the council jurisdiction was ten square miles. The assessed valuation of the enlarged city made in 1910 on which to collect taxes for 1911 expenses is \$58,500,000 against an assessed valuation of \$71,000,000 made in 1909 for 1910 expenses of the city before the extension of its limits, and the rate of taxation in the larger city for all purposes is the same under the 1910 levy as under that of 1909.

"When commission government began the acquisition of new territory had seriously depleted the treasury," Mr. Green said. "There was an indebtedness against every fund. This has been paid, except a small amount in the lighting fund, and the commissioners have managed to get along without drawing in advance on anticipated revenues, as was the custom for years under the old council rule."

THE FLIES' REVENGE.

Ten little flies
All in a line;
One got a swat!
Then there were

Nine little flies
Grimly sedate,
Licking their chops—
Swat! There were

Eight little flies
Raising some more—
Swat! Swat! Swat! Swat!
Then there were

Four little flies
Colored green-blue;
Swat! (Ain't it easy!)
Then there were

Two little flies
Dodged the civilian—
Early next day
There were a million!
—Buffalo News.

Gaby Deslys, who is credited with having caused the downfall of the young king of Portugal, is to appear in New York under the management of the Shuberts after the close of the Russian ballet's engagement at the winter garden.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

August 5.
1749—Thomas Lynch, the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence, born. Lost at sea in 1779.
1772—Russia, Austria and Prussia

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1805—Francis I of Austria declared war against France.
1816—First state election in Indiana.
1861—President Lincoln signed an act of congress forbidding the selling or giving of intoxicating liquor to soldiers.
1862—At Baton Rouge the confederates under Gen. Breckinridge attacked the federals under Gen. Williams, who was killed.
1865—Admiral Farragut attacked Port Morgan and Port Gaines in Mexico.

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1886—Parcels post established between Canada and points in Great Britain.
1890—United States congress passed a bill to pension army nurses.

"THIS IS MY 63RD BIRTHDAY."

B. J. Harrington.
Dr. B. J. Harrington, prominent for many years as Macdonald Professor of Chemistry at McGill university, was born at St. Andrews, Que., August 5, 1848. He received his education mostly by private tutors and later attended McGill university and Yale university. After his graduation from Yale in 1871 he returned to McGill university

to become a lecturer in chemistry, and the following year he was appointed chemist and mineralogist to the Geological Survey of Canada. He discharged the duties of both positions for seven years, and then retired from the geological survey to devote his entire time to his university work. Dr. Harrington has been honored with membership and office in many of the leading scientific societies of Canada and Great Britain.

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- GREEN ONIONS
- POTATOES (NEW)
- GREEN PEAS
- GREEN BEANS
- WAX BEANS
- EATING APPLES
- COOKING APPLES
- ORANGES
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- CANTALOUPE
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