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DEATH, A KIND OLD NURSE.

Acting as a kind old nurse, death appeared yesterday and claimed little Thomas N. Rogers, aged five weeks. The little babe's mother died in this city five weeks ago.

It was as "the birth of the flower destroyed the parent vine," and now the flower has been called to its mother's arms in another world.

The many friends of the deceased mother, who knew her sterling character, her splendid womanhood will likely bow their heads when reading of the little one's death and say, "it is well."

Little Thomas will never know the bitterness of life--will be spared from living to manhood with a hatred for his paternal ancestor which would have been justifiable. It is much better so. Again we say there are times when death is really a kind old nurse when she rocks suffering humanity into the slumber which alleviates pain and long years of suffering.

Will Dougherty, who has just bought the Commonwealth stock ranch, can now have room for his every agricultural and stock raising ambition, and "Bill" has several ambitions. He is one of the good ranchers of Baker county and he has just purchased one of the best ranches in the entire northwest.

Why could not Col. Lawson have

delivered the governor's message to Copperfield officials? Why was it necessary to send Miss Hobbs when five militiamen were also sent? It is the same old habit of sending six people to do the state's work when the job only calls for one. And this is the governor's idea of saving the taxpayers' money.

A vote of the women of Eastern Oregon no doubt would advise Miss Fern Hobbs that her part in the grandstanding of the chief executive was hardly expected, hardly needed by the state and scarcely appreciated by anyone other than the political ring that is using this young woman as an actor in their drama.

Speaking of a January thaw, how does this strike you?

Pretty sloppy weather for the water wagon.

ABUSING THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

If a congressman chose to put his frank on a white elephant and send it through the mails he probably could get the animal through if the rail cars would hold him.

Not long ago an eastern magazine investigated the record of a certain congressman and found that for many years he had been sending annually through the mails the weight equivalent of many elephants. In fact he was making Uncle Sam carry a whole menagerie of animals.

The franking privilege is one that congressmen should retain, providing they do not abuse it. It is abused when partisan speeches, frankly intended as campaign material, are dispatched far and wide under the frank, as was done previous to the last presidential election.

The free use of the mails was given to enable members of the house or senate to keep their constituents informed as to what they were doing in Washington, to provide for the circulation of public documents likely to prove of educational value and to distribute the things which the department of agriculture offers to the public. Much fun is poked at the seed distribution but the fact is that, so long as seeds are given away by the government for the purpose of

encouraging the growing of certain plants, vegetables and grain, distribution through the congressmen is the one logical way of seeing that each district gets its share.

It is apparent, though, that with the abuses of the frank which have been noted, the people have the right to put a reasonable limit on the use of the mails. It must not be forgotten that in the end the public pays the bill. Just how much of a factor the frank has been in the deficits of previous years is a question which must remain unanswered for lack of statistics on the subject.

It is now proposed to give each congressman a specified quantity of special stamps, on the exhaustion of which he will have to pay postage. This should conserve reasonable use of the mails and at the same time prevent abuse of the privilege.

A Chicago woman wants a divorce because her husband talks in his sleep. Well, a man has got to have a chance to talk some time, hasn't he?

An Iowa minister was arrested for carrying concealed weapons while in his pulpit. He probably wanted to be in a position to send his congregation to glory one way or another.

When a man is elected, he thinks it is a great victory for decency and morality. When he is defeated, he thinks it is another mistake on the part of the people, that's all.

Bearing in mind the bumps and bruises of 30 years ago when roller skating was the care, we marvel at the way some old people gather at these new dances.

A French prophet says the United States will have a war in 1914. Just our luck, with Richard Harding Davis getting too fat to report it.

Mona Lisa when found still wore her mysterious smile. Pooh. So does Vice-President Marshall.

Door Keepers Must Stand.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Doorkeepers in congress must stand up hereafter. They used to have nice soft cushioned chairs, but Democratic economy or something else hit the place and now the doorkeepers don't have things as soft as they used to.

Mt. Glen News.

Mt. Glen, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—A. R. Hunter is doing some extensive building, of which a large stock shed along with a hog house and some other small buildings for general purposes are among the lot.

New Year was welcomed by all of the people in this vicinity. A special good time was given and all greeted each other with a happy New Year.

Mrs. Ed. Oneal is recovering nicely after a prolonged illness. Jean Price returned Wednesday after a long tour of the east.

Walter Gibbons and N. M. Feik made a trip to La Grande the end of the week with a number of hogs.

N. M. Feik expects to complete his house by the end of the coming week.

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Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that dissolution of the partnership of J. E. Mazanti and Bert M. Sherwood, partners in the Rex hall, occurred January 3, 1914. All outstanding accounts due the firm will be collected by Bert M. Sherwood and debts of the firm will be paid by him.

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CHANGE AT REX HALL

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Washington, Jan. 2.—Gold coin, gold bullion and gold dust cannot be shipped into the United States from sealed packages, registered, and not weighing over eleven pounds, according to postoffice department rulings.



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