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purchasing power of the men having been reduced—it affects the merchant and all other lines of business.

Canal Hurts Railroads.

"The opening of the Panama Canal has taken much business from the railroads. If we were in a position to extend our branch lines it would naturally increase traffic on our main lines and thus regain the loss of traffic, but the investor in railroad securities has been frightened and it is almost impossible to secure money for that purpose. 'Taxation,' it has been said, 'is the power to destroy.' The O. W. R. & N. Co. is paying at the rate of \$4,000 a day for this purpose alone, or eight cents of every dollar received by the railroad is paid out in the form of taxes. There is one railroad in the Northwest which pays 17 cents of each dollar received in taxes. You would think that such a road would be in the hands of a receiver. Well, the one I have reference to, is."

"The full crew law, in effect in Washington and Oregon, is costing my company \$6000 per month, without any adequate return to the railroad or the public. This and other arbitrary laws have increased the cost of operation and made a five per cent. increase in freight rates necessary. Other laws have been equally burdensome. Ultimately these additional ex-

penses will be borne by the shipper and the traveling public. Those who have money to lend to railroads will not part with their wealth unless they are assured of the safety of their principal and a reasonable return on the investment.

Wilson's Appeal Benefits.

"President Wilson's message warning the people that the railroads of the country were facing a crisis and requesting all to refrain from placing additional burdens upon the carriers has already had a good effect. I feel encouraged to note that the people are beginning to realize that railroad prosperity means the public's prosperity, and that sooner or later the sound policy of 'Live and let live,' must be applied to the carriers if we are to enjoy a normal measure of prosperity. Commercial clubs are taking action by passing resolutions, requesting their delegates in the legislature to refrain from anti-railroad legislation and the reducing of taxes, by doing away with useless appropriations and commissions."

18 SHOTS IN TOE.

X-Ray Picture Discloses Extent of Fire Chief's Wounds.

An X-ray examination of the gunshot wound in Fire Chief Benham's foot, at the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday revealed the fact that there are at least 18 small shot lodged in the great toe, four in the adjoining toe and another shot in the middle toe. It is this last shot that is giving the chief the most pain today, although for all the shot he does not seem to be worrying a great deal over his condition and is up hobbling around just to show people that he is still able to navigate. The chief is congratulating himself that the accident was no worse than developments have proven and he expects to be out of it sound and well in a short time unless unlooked for complications set in. No attempt was made to remove the shot yesterday, but this will be done within a few days now. In the meantime the chief is on the job at the fire station, although hardly in a position to respond to an alarm with the other members of the department.

EXPERT TO COME.

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widespread interest in the work already started.

The dates for the "movable school" for this county have been set for February 8 to 13, during which week the instructors from the state school will conduct institutes in Elgin, Imbler, Cove and Island City. The men who will be assigned to the work here have not been decided upon as yet but will probably be announced by next week.

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WOMAN, CHILD IN ROBBERY

INDICATIONS POINT TO SUCH A FACT.

Park Lodge Robbery Deprives Couple of Their Home.

That either a man and a woman or a man and a child were the miscreants who burglarized the park lodge during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. "Tap" Thomas last week, are the deductions arrived at by officials assigned to the case. Outside of this the burglary is as far from a solution today as it was Friday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas returned home to find their dwelling place stripped of practically its entire contents. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been making their home temporarily with friends in the city since their return Friday night, until they can refurbish and equip their home. They are at a complete loss as to how to account for the burglary, or why their home should have been singled out for such a wholesale ransacking unless it was because of its isolation and the fact that there was no one there to guard the property was known to the miscreants.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Eleanor T. Davies has made eleven aeroplane trips over the English channel.

Catherine Delham of Philadelphia has not missed a Sunday school session in ten years.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt recently announced that she intends to make a tour of the United States, Australia, Russia and England, opening in New York in October.

Lady Sholto Douglas, sister-in-law of the Marquis of Queensberry, is educating her two sons from her earnings on the stage, where she appears with the name of Lorna Leslie.

Fanny Crosby, the blind song writer, who recently celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday anniversary, has written more than 6,000 hymns. She has been blind since she was six weeks of age. Between the years 1847-58 she was a teacher of English grammar and American history in the New York Institute For the Blind.

Flippant Flings.

Kansas has enacted a pure shoe law. This is a real uplift of the sole.—Baldor More American.

"Statistics show that married men are more orderly than unmarried ones." Only one guess is permitted as to the answer.—Cleveland Leader.

The suffragettes who become so enthusiastic about Molly Pitcher should remember that there was also a Martha Washington. She let George do it.—Hartford Times.

The president has named a minister to Guatemala. There is no need to mention his name, as nobody would know it. He has never written a book and only parts of a platform.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Current Comment.

Our old friend, the box score, looks just as natural as ever.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Starboard, larboard and sideboard have all been jettisoned.—Philadelphia Record.

It is even more important to swat the splitter than to swat the fly.—Tacoma Ledger.

Here's to the Resolute, Defiance and Vanitie! May the best one win and keep on winning.—Boston Herald.

The London Times has been reduced to 2 cents. Lots better papers have been printed at that price for years.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Told of Mrs. Huxley.

In a memoir of Mrs. Huxley the London Times recalls that in the "Life of Huxley" it is told how, before their marriage, Huxley took his wife, who was very ill, to one of the most famous doctors of the day, as if merely a patient he was interested in. Then, as one member of the profession to another, he asked him privately his opinion of the case. "I give her six months to live," said Aesculapius. "Well, six months or not," replied Huxley, "she is going to be my wife." Huxley died in 1865 and his wife in 1914.

The Busy Man.

Peals of laughter came from the president's room as the secretary stepped out.

"Mr. Green is too busy to see you at present," said the secretary politely.

"I'm sorry," said the man who called on business. "Will you go back and tell Mr. Green that I've got two stories just as good as the one he's heard if he'll let me in to tell them?"—Detroit Free Press.

The British Museum.

In the early days of the British museum, a century or more ago, the place was open for only six hours daily on five days a week during the summer and four hours daily during the rest of the year. Nobody could remain in the building for more than two consecutive hours, and the number admissible at one time was strictly limited to fifteen. Each batch of visitors was shepherded by an attendant.

BULLET AND BIBLE.

One Tried to Take a Man's Life, While the Other Saved It.

To illustrate the bullet riddling powers of papers, a veteran war correspondent brought for the inspection of some of his journalistic colleagues a pocketbook filled with photographs and papers and a Bible, each of which on separate occasions had been instrumental in saving his life in the course of the Russo-Turkish war.

In one instance he was knocked off his horse by the impact of a bullet and became unconscious, only to find on regaining his senses that the friendly wallet had prevented the bullet entering his body. On the second occasion, at Plevna, the Bible, which he had placed in a side pocket, deflected a heavy piece of shrapnel that threatened to end his existence.

He had kept the wallet intact as a memento of his escape, and one of the journalists who was examining its contents came, by a curious coincidence, upon a letter which he himself had indited to the war correspondent some thirty or forty years ago, the very existence of which he had entirely forgotten.

In the letter he had expressed the hope that his friend would return safe and sound from the seat of war. The words "safe and sound" had been almost cut away by the bullet, which, but for the providential interposition of the bundle of papers, would probably have ended the war correspondent's life.—Nottingham Guardian.

GOOD ROADS AND THRIFT.

France Sets an Example the Rest of the World Might Follow.

Good farms and good roads go together. Good roads mean cheaper hauling prices, better profits—therefore more money. The wealth of a nation is the wealth of its population. The population of the country of France is known to be the most thrifty, the least poverty stricken and the best provided for of any country in the world. And France has a better road system and more good roads in proportion to its area than any other country of the same or greater size. Has France rural wealth because of its good roads or has it good roads because of its thrifty peasantry?

It is, therefore, for us in this country to look upon France not only as a good example, but as the example of the fulfillment of dreams. We cannot solve our problem in any other way than as France has solved hers with any surety of success. She builds her national highways first, owns them, controls them, repairs them. She has her departments—her divisions corresponding to our states—build their own roads as feeders of this system, connecting with it, joining national road to national road. Finally her parishes or communes—similar political divisions to our counties—build their own roads, interlacing, connecting and blending together the whole into one vast network of hard surfaced roads.—Suburban Life.

TRAGIC SLEEPWALKING.

Incident Upon Which Bellini Based His Celebrated Opera.

Somnambulists can maintain their footing in the most perilous places so long as they remain in a state of somnambulism, but if suddenly awakened they instantly lose their self possession and balance.

On one occasion a young woman living in Dresden was seen at midnight walking on the edge of the roof of her house. Her family were immediately told of her plight, but were afraid to go near her. The neighbors gathered about the house and placed mattresses and blankets along the street in hopes that they might save her in case she fell.

She danced for over an hour on the slanting roof, apparently retaining her balance without difficulty, and every now and then she would advance to the edge and bow to the silent crowd standing many feet below her.

At last she climbed down on to the wide gutter which ran in front of the window through which she had come, with the evident intention of re-entering the house. The crowd watching her so intently drew a sigh of relief. But, unfortunately, her terrified relatives, thinking to assist her, had placed two lighted candles in the room near the window, and as she approached the light fell directly in her eyes.

Instantly the shock awakened her, and she swayed back and forth in her perilous position; then, with a frightful scream, she fell headlong to the ground. She was fatally hurt and died in a few hours. It was on this tragedy that Bellini wrote his celebrated opera "La Sonnambula."

Who Says Hens Have No Brains?

"Hens have no brains," declared the wife of a modern farmer as she chased a fat old Wyandotte toward the roosting place she should have sought voluntarily.

Before I could challenge the woman's statement the hen by a brilliant strategic movement completely eluded her pursuer and with a triumphant cackle disappeared in the tall grass. The method of her escape showed brains, there could be no two opinions about that, but it was her cackle that should have settled any wavering doubt in the mind of her detractor, for that cackle was uttered at exactly the right moment, not an instant too soon, not a second too late. And it takes brains to know just when to cackle.—Atlantic.

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