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**Three Billion Dollars  
In Mineral Production**

In 1880, when the output of the mines of the United States barely exceeded in value one third of a billion dollars the first director of the United States Geological Survey made this prophecy: "The mineral industries of the United States will soon reach an annual money yield of a thousand million dollars of value."

Speaking before the American Mining Congress in December, 1907, another Director of the Geological Survey referred to the probability that that year would mark an epoch in the mineral industry by reason of the mineral output reaching two billion dollars in value, and later the complete statistics verified this statement. Now less than 10 years later the advance estimates submitted by the Geological Survey to the Secretary of the Interior indicate that the total value of mineral production in 1916 may reach the three billion dollar mark.

**Objects To Change  
In Pacific Highway**

Grants Pass, Jan. 18.—Protest against the passage of senate bill No. 58, which would change the route of the Pacific Highway and eliminate Grants Pass, Glendale and Central Point among other southern Oregon towns, has been made by the commercial club of Grants Pass.

The proposed change starts near Canyonville and runs through Tiller to Trail. The country is mountainous and uninhabited, it is asserted, while the present route runs through settled country.

**Huge Treasure Comes  
Out Of North On Sled**

Seattle, Jan. 18.—The steamer Mariposa arrived here last night from Seward, Alaska, with \$536,000 in gold dust from mines at Iditarod, Valdez and Chicagoff. Express messengers went into the Iditarod district to bring out the consignment of treasure from there. It was transported on three dog sleds 400 miles over the trail from the Iditarod to Foxy Mile station on the government railroad.

**Electric Sparks**

(From Off Our Wireless)

When Bryan finally swears off running for the presidency, he'll probably want a prohibition law against that, too.

Ohio firms have been advertising for bricklayers \$1 an hour. How would you like to pay rent for the structure they are building?

It looks not only as if Kitchener's prediction of three years of war would be fulfilled, but as if the time may be extended.

The situation in England is rather confused, but no uncertainty exists as to which George will run the government.

It is to the credit of the Russians that although they have failed to rescue the Roumanians, the latter had a friend to retreat with.

**Only the Boys?**

A father of four boys has discovered that different sounds travel with different velocity. A call to dinner, he says, will carry over a ten acre field in a minute and a half, while a summons to return to work takes from five to eight minutes.

**Three He Knew Of.**

Bacon—How many languages does your wife speak? Egbert—Three—near English, baby talk and bridge whist—Yonkers Statesman.

**A Ready Sealer.**

For traveling carry a candle with you, and when about to make a jump, as the theatrical people say, seal your bottles with it. It takes only a minute to light the candle, turn it upside down and let the tallow drip around the cork of a bottle, but it insures perfect carriage of the fluid content.

**Told Him Truly.**

"Johnnie, how do you spell nickel?" the proud father asked.  
"N-i-k-e-l-e," responded Johnnie.  
"That is not the way the dictionary spells it," said the father.  
"You didn't ask me that. You asked me how I spelled it."—Exchange.

**Lassen Peak  
Breaks Forth Again**

Trainmen report that Lassen Peak erupted with tremendous force Tuesday following a series of violent internal explosions. A stream of heavy black smoke twenty miles long poured out within a half hour, indicating that the great sealed crater on the top has been blasted open.

It was by far the greatest eruption since May 22, 1915. The whole top of the mountain apparently belched smoke. The great crater was sealed in 1915 following a series of eruptions.—Eidings.

**Will Keep Charter Open**

Gold Hill, Jan. 17.—The Gold Hill Farm Loan association, with a capital stock of \$15,000, will keep its charter open until January 25. The organization will be under the direction of the Spokane Land bank. Those elected as officers are: I. T. Galinger, president; O. E. Blackington, S. A. Dusenberry, J. H. Drake and J. L. Wyland directors, and Fred Guy, secretary-treasurer. The association will meet again Jan. 27.

**Coyotes Near Beaverlon**

Beaverlon, Oreg., Jan. 17.—The continued cold weather has driven the coyotes nearer to the towns and into the clearings on the hills, and their barking and howling can be heard in the suburbs of this place. On Sunday evening several shattered the harmonics within two miles of the city. Farmers are watching their henroosts for fear of a raid by the hungry animals.

**May Take Over The Gold  
Hill Telephone Exchange**

Gold Hill, Jan. 17.—Since the raise in rate of the farmers telephone lines to \$6 a year, many of the rural telephone lines have been discontinued from the Gold Hill exchange, this has been very much the case on the line to Sams Valley. At Gold Hill a committee was appointed by the chairman, J. H. Beeman, from each rural line to decide on the matter of taking over the Gold Hill telephone exchange on a lease and report January 20. Those appointed are: Gold Hill, Joe Beeman; Galls Creek, R. M. Cook; Sams Valley, T. Strahorn; Rock Point, Ben Haman; Footh Creek, Grant Matthews; Kanes Creek, J. W. Heron; Sardine Creek, S. A. Dusenberry.

**Senator Foster Dies**

Tacoma, Jan. 17.—Addison G. Foster, former United States senator from Washington, died here yesterday. He was a pioneer of St. Paul, where he resided for many years before coming to Tacoma. He was elected to the U. S. senate by the state legislature Feb. 1, 1899, after a memorable contest in which his opponents were Senator J. L. Wilson and Levi Ankeny, afterwards senator. He served until 1907.

**Notice For Publication.**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,  
January 16, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that James F. Fitzgibbon, of Rogue River, Oregon, who, on June 29, 1911, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 07288, for the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 24, Township 37 S., Range 4 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. Roy Davis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Medford, Oregon, on the 23rd day of February, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Harry Slevin, of Rogue River, Oregon,  
Edward Woodcock, of Rogue River,  
Oregon, Horace Jones, of Gold Hill,  
Oregon, Grant Matthews, of Rogue  
River, Oregon.

W. H. CANON,  
Register.

Most men would rather help with the anvil chorus than play second violin.

The new congressman knows that the country is safe.

"Bryan's portrait on view," says a newspaper headline. What's the admission fee?

**Flight of a Swarm of Meteors.**

A swarm of meteors that appeared on Feb. 9, 1913, was regarded at the time as very remarkable on account of the great distance it was traced in the earth's atmosphere. It was first seen in Saskatchewan, western Canada, and seemed to be traveling southeasterly, as it was also reported from Bermuda. From the additional records supplied by seamen W. F. Denning, the English authority on meteors, has concluded that it continued in view during at least 5,500 miles of its flight. As the visible stream could at no time have been more than about 100 miles high, it must have followed the earth's curvature, and the curious idea has been advanced by Garvin J. Burns that it was really captured by the earth as a group of infinitesimal satellites. The meteors may thus have passed around the globe several times before reaching the surface. It is supposed that the orbit of the stream nearly coincided with that of the earth and that consequently the velocity of fall through our atmosphere was small.

**Land of Borrowed Delights.**

A large part of the beauty of the verdure and forest of Italy that attracts the visitor's attention was unknown in the olden times and is not properly Italian at all, but imported. The favored groves of orange and lemon, with their golden fruit glistening among the rich and sappy foliage, breathe of the Levant and the dark skinned Saracenic invaders from the east. The cactus, with its prickly pear fruit, called the "Indian fig," and the aloë came straight from Mexico on the heels of the Spanish adventurers into the unknown in the sixteenth century. So did the American corn or maize. Even the eucalyptus is an importation, a modern one, and the great groves of chestnuts that clothe the shaggy mountainsides so verdantly and give occupation to so many vendors of the hot and pesty boiled nut are believed not to be native.—National Geographic Magazine.

**Books on a Shelf.**

Books are frequently ruined through carelessness. This is less in the handling often than upon the shelves. Books should not be packed tightly on a shelf. It ruins the back and causes them to tear loose with the strain of getting in and out. Often it forces the leaves to sag to the shelf when pushed unduly. It is just as bad for books to be too loose on a shelf, as they warp, and the spreading leaves encourage dust. A bookcase with the contents at every angle is not a pleasant sight. There are some housekeepers who think a yearly dusting of the books at housecleaning time sufficient. This is bad enough when they are kept under glass. When on open shelves it means ruin to valuable books. It takes a little longer to dust the backs and tops of books on each shelf every day. Use a soft cheese cloth or silk duster and shake it frequently.

**Man's Eyes and Animals'.**

Aside from the monkey, man is the only animal having what we call binocular single vision—that is, he can tell not only the direction of an object, but he can estimate fairly accurately its distance. This is because both of his eyes point at the same object at the same time, like two range finders. Other animals do not concentrate their gaze in this way. Their eyes are set more nearly at the sides of the head, so that they see not only forward, but backward for a short distance. Man, on the contrary, sees clearly only the object at which he looks directly.—Popular Science Monthly.

**Dauntless.**

"He cleared the sill at a bound and vanished in the darkness," related Romance breathlessly.  
"But," scoffed Realism, "only a moment ago he was riveted to the spot. Did he file the rivets?"  
"Oh, no!" rejoined Romance, nothing daunted. "Fortunately it was only a small spot, so that by a superhuman effort he wrenched it loose and carried it along with him."—Puck.

**Great Expectations.**

"I really believe, Will Atwood, that you married me because I have money," she announced, with a fine display of feeling.  
"No, you're wrong," returned her husband candidly. "I married you because I thought you'd let me have some of it."—Exchange.

**Expectations Realized.**

"Look'ee, Garse, didn't I tell'ee all th' time my boy would make th' folks set up an' open their mouths when 'e got to Lunnon?"  
"Zo you did. And has 'e done it?"  
"Aye. 'E've started business as a dentist!"—London Passing Show.

**Naval Salutes.**

Originally a town or a warship fired off its guns on the approach of friendly strangers to show that they had such faith in the visitors' peaceful intentions they didn't think it necessary to keep their guns loaded; hence the naval salute.

**Word From Br'er Williams.**

Lightning don't hit twice in de same place, an' right dar is a lesson fer you—wid de fust lick it 'tends ter all de business it went after.—Atlanta Constitution.

**She Married One.**

"Is there an old maid in your family?"  
"Yes; my husband."—Detroit Free Press.

The best manners should be used all day and every day. They are none too good for constant use.

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**Weather Report.**

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of Dec. Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	52	33	
2	48	39	.42
3	49	37	.50
4	48	35	.64
5	43	33	.30
6	39	37	.06
7	34	24	
8	33	22	.10
9	34	24	.19
10	33	28	
11	32	24	
12	29	24	
13	30	25	
14	33	17	
15	35	19	
16	33	20	
17	39	29	
18	36	22	
19	42	33	.15
20	48	37	
21	42	33	.16
22	37	28	.19
23	36	24	.65
24	35	27	.68
25	35	27	
26	33	26	.05
27	33	25	.31
28	31	15	
29	29	7	
30	30	11	.27
31	33	25	.407

Temperature—mean max. 36.61; mean min. 26.32; mean 31.46. Max 52 on 1. Minimum, 7, on 20. Greatest daily range, 10. Total precipitation 4.07 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, .68 in., on 24. Number of days with 0.1 inch or more precipitation, 15, clear, 3; partly cloudy, 1; cloudy, 27.

Precipitation for season, 7.80  
Precipitation for last season  
E. BRITT,  
Cooperative Observer.

Great Britain is an island entirely surrounded by David Lloyd George.

**Drop In And  
Order That  
Stationery**