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TO OUR READERS.

Mr. Marsh's term with the Argus having expired the paper is again being conducted by the undersigned, to whom all moneys due the Argus should be paid, and to whom all bills should be presented.

We find there are a number of subscribers who are not up to date with their subscriptions and we will appreciate it if they will call and attend to them.

After this week the paper will be issued as a weekly conditions not warranting a semi-weekly at this time.

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"We have a great country. If you want to prove it, take a trip over any of the transcontinental lines," says a writer in Leslie's.

There are several transcontinental lines, and they cover the semitropical south, the temperate middle zone and the higher latitude along the Canadian border. But take the middle zone line from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast and you will have an instructive primary lesson in the nation's growth and you will also find nature's wonders along its route to startle and delight you.

Thus the star of Empire has taken its course from Portland to St. Paul or Omaha, 1,800 miles and this is half the distance from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The transcontinental lines have accomplished wonders in developing the west. What the Southern Pacific, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Union Pacific have accomplished for the people's welfare constitutes the brightest page in the history of our prosperity.

Of more immediate importance to Oregon and the Western States than the administration's program of preparedness is the Ferris Bill which has just recently passed the house. This bill attempts to, and does, take away from the people of Oregon, from the commonwealth of Oregon and all other Western states, the right to enjoy, have and to hold the property and property rights within the confines of the state, says the Pendleton Tribune.

In more common terms it takes away the right to the use of the water power of the mountain streams of Oregon and places it in the hands of the Secretary of the Interior or some other official at Washington who never saw the West, and gives him the sole right to say who shall have leases upon these water power sites, who shall develop them and how, etc.

In legal terms, effective upon the passage of the bill, it virtually sets up in Oregon a perpetual landed proprietor whose lands shall remain forever exempted from the taxing power of the state, and also from its powers of eminent domain, so that they may be closed to development or allowed to be used on such terms and charges as the proprietor of the lands, the Federal Government, may choose to name. The state within whose boundaries the water power is located has not one word to say about it.

So effectually does this Ferris bill bottle up the West that future development along the lines of the greater opportunity is practically forbidden and only at the pleasure of some official in Washington will our great water possibilities be even touched upon.

The Ferris bill effectually bottles up the water power sites, prevents capital from investing and takes away the sovereign right of the state to the use of its own property: it effectually throttles individual development and practically creates a monopoly to which future generations must pay big toll.

A college professor thinks that after the war is over, women will be a drug on the market. If so, "a great many men will acquire the drug habit," remarks the Chicago Herald.

Experiments are being made in an eastern hat factory to determine whether or not the fur of the western jack rabbit can be used in the making of derby and other felt hats. If the experiment proves a success it is declared that with a price on the head of every rabbit there will be a general slaughter of the pests throughout the Northwest.

Incidentally we might mention that central and eastern Oregon can furnish enough skins to supply hats for the entire bunch of belligerents now fighting in Europe.

Reduction in typhoid fever and improvement in sanitary conditions have followed the intensive investigations of rural communities carried on by the United States Public Health Service in co-operation with local and State health officers, according to the annual report of the Surgeon General of that Service. During the past

fiscal year 16,369 rural homes in eight different states were visited and many of them re-visited. In each of these homes information was obtained as to the prevalence of disease and insanitary conditions and a complete survey of the premises conducted. This was followed by reinspections to determine if remedial measures had been instituted. In but a relatively small percentage of the cases did the persons concerned, after having their attention drawn to the danger of a particular unhygienic condition, fail to inaugurate corrective measures. Stimulus was given to the work by means of public lectures, the formation of active sanitary organizations, and the enlisting of all public spirited citizens in the campaigns for reform. Public buildings were also inspected and local authorities given expert advice in solving such sanitary problems as the disposal of excreta, the prevention of soil pollution, and the maintenance of pure water supplies.

The Vale Enterprise has launched a campaign for the building of the Warm Springs reservoir, claiming that it will reclaim sufficient land to warrant a doubling up of the population of Vale. This is certainly a worthy project for the local paper to push for.

The Warm Springs project is one that is of vital interest to all of Malheur county, adding, as it will, about 50,000 acres to the irrigated area of the county. State Engineer John Lewis, and Government Engineer J. T. Whistler, have examined the proposition thoroughly and say it is the most feasible irrigation project in the state. These men are our most eminent engineers and their verdict can not be questioned. An addition of 50,000 acres of hundred dollar land, with the necessary improvements equipment and stock means a substantial gain in wealth, and every resident of the county should do his part in getting the officials working for its completion.

The present death rate in the United States is 13.6 per 1000—the lowest that has ever been recorded, according to the census bureau. It is healthy to be at peace with the world.

A copy of the first edition of the Harney County Tribune reached us this week. The Tribune is issued from a new plant that was recently taken into the interior through Ontario. The new paper makes a good appearance, is well patronized with advertising, and has all the earmarks of prosperity. The typographical appearance is excellent. The Argus wishes the new paper all success.

PREPAREDNESS.

That word "preparedness" is about the biggest in our language. It means to be ready to meet opposition.

As recently used it has only been applied to meeting an attack from foreign powers, but that does not begin to cover all its meanings. We put a lock on the door in defense of possible burglars. That is one form of preparedness. We put on mittens and mufflers when we go out into zero weather, that is another form. We drain stagnant ponds to discourage the fever that may be waiting to mount on the wings of the malaria and charge upon the health of the household. We say the nation should be prepared to meet any attack, but the states should likewise be prepared. An idle and hungry man is a danger to a state and the state should be prepared to give such an one employment and wages for his work. The pest that attacks fruit trees is a danger to be promptly met. Some of our horticulturalists have learned to be prepared against the spring frosts that may steal in and attack the orchards when in bloom.

The prudent man insures his house to be prepared against fire. The prudent state sees to it that all the children are enrolled in the schools as a means of preparedness against that very worst enemy of man, ignorance.

As it is often easier to prevent sickness than to cure it, so a prudent city sees to it that the vices are not flaunted in the faces of the children or vulgar plays or pictures presented. A humane city keeps tabs on its poor to see that suffering is prevented and that there is not through want an incentive given to the very poor to commit crime.

Men, women and children are like birds. Some are dependent, others are like birds of prey, and when society is enlightened it sees to it that the strong do not crush the weak. Thus we see that the chief end of the enlightenment of the earth is to try to keep the world prepared against enemies. These enemies are cold and hunger and disease and sorrow and want as well as the strong hands that come to despoil their fellow men.

Foreign powers do not often attempt an invasion and conquest, but these other enemies are always on watch and ready to attack any weak place.

When a cold wave is on the march and headed this way, a ton of coal and a big box of food make a wonderful preparedness for a household of poor women and children. Preparedness is a splendid thing for a nation, it is more splendid when all the people of the nation are prepared against idleness, ignorance, want and sorrow. —Goodwins Weekly.

About 150 members of the Oregon naval militia left Sunday morning aboard the United States cruiser Albany for 15 days of theoretical warfare.

One hive of bees, owned by Will Dennis, living three miles from Dallas, produced 42 pounds of honey, at the second gathering this season, valued at \$5.75.

Increase in school population with out an increase in the interest of the school fund will cause the allotment per capita in the state to be smaller this year than last.

PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

To the Citizens of Malheur county:

I desire to announce that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney at the coming primary election and solicit your support.

This office spends thousands of dollars of your money and I pledge myself to every economy consistent with good government. If elected I will devote my entire time and energy to the affairs of the office. Impartial enforcement of all laws, economy and suppression of useless litigation, —my platform.

ROBERT M. DUNCAN.

NOTICE.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for nomination to the office of Assessor on the Republican ticket, subject to the choice of the voters at the primaries.

A. A. ROBERTS.

TO THE VOTERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of District Attorney of this county. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to fulfill the duties of my office in a fair, fearless and efficient manner and to the best of my ability, keeping in mind at all times my duty to the tax payers.

P. J. GALLAGHER.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican electors at the coming primaries.

V. B. STAPLES.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County School Superintendent of Malheur County in the coming Primary Election. If nominated I will, to the best of my ability, continue to work to further the educational interests of the county.

Fay Clark.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Subject to the choice of the Republican voters of Malheur and Harney counties, Oregon, to be expressed at the coming primary election, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination as Joint Representative to the legislature from this representative district. Dated Jan. 21, 1916.

Chas. M. Crandall.

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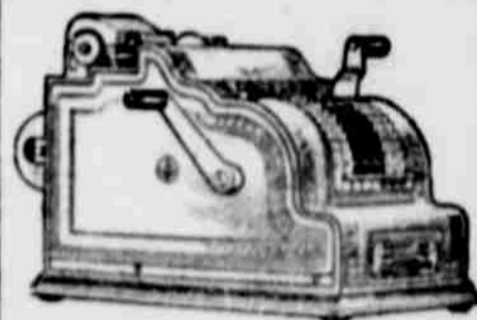
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O. S. L. TIME TABLE

Westward		
No. 17	Oregon Wash. Ltd.	4:22 a. m.
15	Huntington pony	7:35 a. m.
79	Oregon Wash. Exp.	1:33 p. m.
5	Past Mail	6:11 p. m.
Eastward		
18	Oregon Wash. Ltd.	2:51 a. m.
76	Boise Pony	8:15 a. m.
4	Eastern Express	12:11 p. m.
6	Oregon Wash. Exp.	6:23 p. m.
OREGON EASTERN BRANCH		
Westward		
No. 139	Mixed daily except Sunday for Riverside	12:20 p. m.
Vale & Brogan Branch		
Westward		
No. 141	Mixed Vale & Brogan	Leave
9	Daily except Sunday	10:00 a. m.
9	P. s. Vale daily	7:00 p. m.
Eastward		
No. 140	Mixed from Riverside	daily except Sunday 12:01 p. m.
98	P. s. from Vale, daily	8:40 a. m.
142	Mixed from Brogan & Vale daily except Sunday	3:30 p. m.

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