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The battleship Ohio, a sister ship of the new Maine, was successfully launched at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, last Saturday. President McKinley attended.

Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, died at Washington last Friday night after an illness of nine weeks, resulting from exposure while attending the inaugural ceremonies.

Some members of the French Assembly have been expressing the opinion that if the President of the U. S. gets along on \$50,000 a year \$300,000 a year is entirely too much to say the President of France.

The Standard Oil Company last Tuesday declared a dividend of 20 per cent on its capital stock of \$100,000,000, which for the fiscal year with hitherto declared dividends will make a total of \$60,000,000 or 60 per cent.

A new postoffice ruling is in effect imposing a fine of \$200 or one year's imprisonment on anyone who carelessly or otherwise takes mail not belonging to them from the office and fails to return it immediately. This applies to newspapers as well as letters and other valuable mail.

Rural mail delivery is growing very popular among the people wherever it is in operation. Here is a paragraph from an eastern county correspondent where free rural delivery is in operation: "The rural free delivery started on March 1st, and Thomas Paschal is the obliging carrier. The fact that we can get our daily paper makes rural life much more delightful and every man along the route should feel that his farm is worth at least \$500 more. It looks like business to see a neat mail box at each gate.

At the recent term of the Coos county court criminal cases were disposed of as follows: State vs. R. L. Bybee, burglary; verdict of not guilty. State vs. Wm. Noble, assault and battery; dismissed. State vs. Wm. Brainard, larceny from the person; verdict of guilty, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. State vs. Albert Stemmerman, assault; verdict not guilty. State vs. Thomas Duffy, arson; verdict of guilty, and sentenced to four years in penitentiary. State vs. Dominic Servella, assault and battery; plea of guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. State vs. C. A. Moore and R. L. Bybee, gambling; plea of guilty and fine of \$50 in each case.

The populist county central committee met in this city last Saturday. Chairman R. C. Brown tendered his resignation which was accepted. The majority of the members present favored dissolution and declared for socialism as a substitute. Thus the populist party of Douglas county came to an uneventful and peaceful end. Requisite in pace.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

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Mrs. McKinley Critically Ill, but Recovering.

San Francisco, May 16, 10 A. M.—President McKinley is at the bedside of his wife without hope that she will ever recover. After a comparatively easy night she commenced to sink rapidly at 5 o'clock this morning. Dr. Rixey, who has been in attendance almost without relief for several days, hurriedly summoned Drs. Hirschfelder and Gibbons. They arrived at the Scott residence before 10 o'clock, and everything their knowledge and skill could suggest was done to keep alive the spark of life in Mrs. McKinley. Access to the house for the first time was denied newspaper representatives. At 9 o'clock the physicians held another consultation, and at 9:30 Secretary Cortelyou gave out a bulletin announcing that Mrs. McKinley's condition had become more alarming owing to the sinking spell at 5 o'clock, and that the President had canceled all engagements. Later it was learned by the Associated Press that Mrs. McKinley was barely alive, and was liable to expire at any moment.

It is very probable that the local committees having in charge arrangements for entertainments and banquets to the President and to the visitors from Ohio planned for Saturday will be postponed.

The members of the President's Cabinet called early at the house this morning, but they could be of no assistance, and they returned sadly to their homes. From there they kept in constant telephonic communication with Secretary Cortelyou.

San Francisco, May 17.—The news from the bedside of Mrs. McKinley this morning is more hopeful. At 8:45 A. M. Secretary Cortelyou gave out the first official bulletin of the day, announcing that Mrs. McKinley had passed a restful night, and appeared very much improved on her condition of yesterday and last night.

San Francisco, May 18, 8:45 A. M.—Secretary Cortelyou gave out the following statement: "Doctors Hirschfelder, Gibbons and Cushing and Dr. Rixey at 10 A. M. found Mrs. McKinley's condition decidedly improved over last night."

The latest is to the effect that Mrs. McKinley is out of danger. It is thought that it will be at least ten days before the Presidential party can leave San Francisco on their homeward journey.

The quarterly for the Oregon Historical Society No. 4 has been received. This completes the first volume, which is of great historical interest. The contents of this volume are as follows: "The Oregon Trail," by F. G. Young, illustrated by a map of the immigrant road from Independence and Council Bluffs to Oregon City, and numerous half tones showing different scenes along the route. This is one of the most important articles yet published, and it is the beginning of a movement which it is hoped will result in permanently marking the immigrant route from the Missouri to the Willamette river.

"A Day with the Cow Column," by the late Jesse Applegate who came in 1843, Col. Geo. B. Curry's Tribute to the Ox Whip, Sam L. Simpson's poem, "The Campfires of the Pioneers," two poems by Joaquin Miller, and a document relating to "The Oregon Emigrants, 1843," make up a table of contents by which this issue is fittingly described as "The Oregon Trail Number." Address all inquiries about this publication to Geo. H. Himes, Assistant Secretary, Oregon Historical Society rooms, City Hall, Portland Oregon.

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All of the general laws passed at the last session of the legislature are now in force, and there are probably but few of them in which the general public feel much interest. One of these laws is the school law, some features of which are worthy of noting, as they cover important points for the teachers of the state.

Section 21 of this act, page 32, of the session laws, provides that the County Superintendent shall hold annually a teachers' county institute of not less than three days saying: "And the County Superintendent may at his discretion revoke the certificates, refuse the grade or refuse to grant a certificate to any teacher who refuses to attend the county institute without cause." Not considering that the foregoing provision is sufficiently stimulative of the institute, the law takes another hold on the subject. Section 3, of the act, page 25, of the session laws, relative to apportionment of the school funds by the County Superintendent, says: "In October he shall apportion \$50 to each district in his county that has reported to him as required by law. At the same time he shall apportion to each district in his county \$5 for each teacher employed by such district during the 12 months immediately preceding such apportionment who has attended, for a period of at least 10 hours, an annual county institute or state teachers' association held during the 12 months immediately preceding the time of making such apportionment."

The law still further stimulates the institute idea by providing in section 21, page 33, "that if the institute is held during the session of school, such directors will be required to grant three days' time of actual service to their teachers to attend the said institute, during which time their pay as teachers shall continue."

There is no part of school government so closely guarded or so anxiously nurtured as the teachers' institute, and there are many who think the law is unconstitutional and unjust, wherein it appropriates \$5 extra to the district employing a teacher who attends an institute. This is claimed to be another way of taking from the small outside districts and giving to the large ones. Some claim that such strenuous efforts of the law to enforce attendance at the institutes are an indication of their weakness and lack of practical utility or benefit. Were it recognized that these institutes are of practical benefit to the teacher, the latter would be anxious to attend. Many persons of experience in educational work declare that an institute of three days' duration is utterly worthless as a help to teachers.

Profits of Good Fleeces. Morrow County sheepraisers are alive to the fact that the modern sheep must also be a wool producer. Future wool supply must come largely from sheep grown primarily for mutton. It is essential, then, that a mutton sheep have a good fleece as well as a carcass. This combination is both practical and profitable. It is no longer regarded necessary to grow one sheep for a fleece another for a carcass and another for a lamb. The intelligent flockmaster combines them all in one class. Some of the best mutton sheep are producing as profitable fleeces as those kept exclusively for wool, and their lambs are decidedly superior.

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Judging from the number of applications pouring into the office of Game Warden Quimby for appointments as deputy, there must be an impression abroad in the state that the Game Warden has unlimited funds at his disposal for the enforcement of the game laws. These applications come from every section of the state, many of the applicants being strongly indorsed by state officers and members of the Legislature.

While the Game Warden does not doubt that many of the applicants are worthy, for the benefit of the large number that he will be unable to accommodate he desires to call attention to the law, which permits him to appoint but six special deputies in the state. The compensation of these deputies is limited to \$250 each. The total amount appropriated for deputy hire is but \$2500 a year, and the Game Warden can never have more than six deputies in the field at once. He has already appointed this number, and until some of their commissions are revoked he will not be able to appoint more, no matter how highly the applicants may be indorsed or how strong the pressure may be to give them places.

If some of the members of the Legislature who are now so free with their indorsements stop to consider that they themselves are responsible for the niggardly appropriation made for the enforcement of Oregon's game laws, they would probably not give their friends encouragement in their quest for places. If they want all their friends to receive appointments as Deputy Game Wardens they should have made the appropriation large enough to reach Oregon, with greater game resources than three-fourths of the states of the Union, makes perhaps the smallest appropriation for the enforcement of her game laws.—Telegram.

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NOTICE. All persons are hereby warned not to trespass upon the lands of the undersigned situate in Curry County, by depositing material of any kind thereon, or to use any part of the said land for business purposes. Any person so trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. R. D. HUME, Wedderburn, Or., Aug. 17, 1899.

Referring to the above Notice, the subscriber would also notify the public, that he is prepared to furnish wharfing facilities on either side of the Rogue River fronting the lands owned by him, at the same rates of wharfage as are charged for like accommodations at the wharf at Port Orford, Curry County, Oregon, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. R. D. HUME.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, not to enter upon or trespass in any manner upon the lands of the undersigned, situate in Curry Co., Oregon, for the purpose of hunting, fishing or otherwise. Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without our consent will be subject to prosecution. KIRSTEN JENSEN, E. W. JENSEN.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, not to enter upon or trespass in any manner, for the purpose of hunting with guns or dogs, upon the premises of Mrs. J. A. Button, or the ranch of George T. Button, adjoining, or upon the Leafy ranch, leased by the undersigned. Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Denmark, Or., March, 27th, 1899. MRS. J. A. BUTTON.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, not to enter upon or trespass in any manner, for the purpose of hunting with guns or dogs or otherwise, upon the premises of Laura M. Heiberger, or the ranch of G. J. Heiberger, or upon the ranch of E. A. Heiberger, leased by the undersigned. Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. G. J. HEIBERGER.

TRESPASS NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all persons not to trespass upon the premises of Dr. Kenyon, situated between Floras Lake and the county road, in Northern Curry, by removing, cutting, or destroying timber upon said land. \$25 reward will be paid for information leading to a conviction of trespass as stated above. Dated at Bandon, Oregon, March 14, 1901. PETER NELSON, Agent.

NOTICE. All persons are hereby warned not to trespass upon the lands of the undersigned, situate in Sixes River Precinct, Curry county, Oregon, for the purpose of hunting with guns or dogs, or fishing. Also not to leave any gate open on going through, or otherwise trespass in any manner. Any person so trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. MRS. RACHAEL AYERS.

TRESPASS NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern not to enter upon or trespass in any manner upon the land of the undersigned, situated in Curry county, Oregon, for the purpose of hunting with guns or dogs, or otherwise trespass in any manner. Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. MRS. MARY A. COLEBROOK.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, not to enter upon or trespass in any manner upon the land of the undersigned, situated in Curry county, Oregon, for the purpose of hunting with guns or dogs, or fishing. Also, not to leave any gate open on going through, or otherwise trespass in any manner. Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. JAS. S. CAPPS.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OREGON, April 12, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before C. V. Woodruff, County Clerk, at Gold Beach, Oregon, on June 22, 1901, viz: AMAZIAH A. JAMIESON, On Homestead Entry No. 10401, for the S 1/2 SW 1/4 section 7, W 1/2 NW 1/4 section 18, T 32 S., R. 14 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Oscar Mather, Eugene Peirce, W. O. Corbin, John Fitzhugh, all of Port Orford, Oregon. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Henry J. Zumwalt, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Curry. All persons indebted to said Estate are required to pay the same to me without delay, and all persons having valid claims against said Estate are requested to present the same to me at my home on Sixes River, with proper evidence of the legality of same within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: April 16, 1901. Dated at Sixes River, Curry county, Oregon, April 16, 1901. ELIZABETH C. ZUMWALT, Administrator of the Estate of Henry J. Zumwalt, deceased.

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