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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PANTS

In a recent issue of the Fairbanks, Alaska, News-Miner, the editor of that paper, after commenting on the low prices that were being charged for clothes in that city this spring, as compared with a few years ago, and adding that it was as hard to raise the present price now as it was the highest price formerly, waxed poetic with the following result:

Lives of great men all remind us
Editors don't stand a chance—
The more we work there grows behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.

On our pants, once new and glossy,
Patches are of different hue,
All because subscribers linger
And won't pay us what is due.

Then let us be up and doing,
Send your mite, however small,
Or, when snows of winter strike us
We will have no pants at all.

All of which leads us to remark that the editor of the News-Miner is not much better off than the average country editor in Oregon. Fairbanks, a city of about 5000, supports two daily and two weekly newspapers. The dailies have a subscription rate of \$2 per month and the weeklies \$1 per month. It is not much wonder then that when a few subscribers get behind in their payments the editor thinks he has a holler coming. But at that is he not somewhat better off than the fellow in this state who has a bunch of \$1.50 a year subscriptions outstanding? We surmise in the affirmative.

A FIRE ALARM

The fire Tuesday morning demonstrated that the water works of the city and the fire department can control a bad fire, and that the business portion of the city is well protected. What is now needed, and it is an imperative need, too, is a fire alarm that will awaken the firemen and others. At present the city has no fire alarm and has to depend upon the person discovering a fire to holler "fire" as loud as they can. A very unsatisfactory method. Redmond should have a suitable fire alarm, and have it installed at once.

The Redmond correspondent of the Bend Bulletin gets his or her wires crossed in some of the dope

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH IN PLUNGE DOWN HIGH GRADE

MAN, WIFE, GIRL, TEAM OF HORSES AND WAGON LOAD OF WOOD
PLUNGE 75 FEET DOWN EMBANKMENT ON A HIGH GRADE
WEST OF PRINEVILLE—PEOPLE BADLY BRUISED BUT NOT
DANGEROUSLY AND THE HORSES WERE NOT MUCH INJURED—IT WAS A CLOSE CALL TO DEATH

Those who have ever gone to Prineville over the road leading into that city from the west know of the high, steep grade that is encountered just before reaching the bridge over the river. It does not look like an inviting place for a mishap, and the following story from last week's Prineville Journal has something miraculous about it:

Hogan Hansen and wife and little Condat girl took a desperate plunge off the grade west of town Monday. How they escaped instant death is a miracle.

The Hansens and little girl were perched on top of a load of wood making their way down hill. When they arrived at the big bend in the road, at the very steepest point, the brake gave way. Mr. Hansen turned the horses toward the hillside but his wife, in the excitement of the moment, made a grab for the lines and succeeded in getting only one of them. With this one she wheeled the team across the road and down over the precipice they went pell-mell for 75 feet—wood, horses, wagon, the Hansens and little girl.

At the point where the wagon left

sent to that paper. Under date of June 16 the correspondent told the Bulletin that "construction work started today on the new flour mill." That statement was a little previous. That a flour mill is to be built here there is no question, but the construction has not yet been started, but is expected to be under way in a short time.

The merchants who fail to advertise their business and let the buying public know what they have to offer, are the ones who sit around their stores, howl about the dull times, see the spiders weave their webs over the front doors, and are eventually forced out of business by the men and firms who do advertise.

Fire Chief Wells and his firemen are entitled to a large meed of praise for the efficient work they did at the Sherwood fire Tuesday morning. The volunteers who assisted should also come in for recognition for their services.

The question of securing a building large enough to accommodate the coming Potato Show is bothering the managers of the event. The show this year promises to be much larger than the previous one, and last year's show was cramped for room.

The Bend Bulletin of last week had a story under a Redmond date line saying the free text book proposition was not voted on here at the school election. That was a mistake—the free text books were voted down.

The little town of La Pine, sixty miles south of here, is not so slow. The people there have voted to issue \$10,000 of school bonds to build a new school house on a 5-acre tract adjoining the city.

The first Angora cat has made its appearance at Bend. It was brought there by a man named Casey, and the Bend Bulletin only gave the cat's arrival a five line notice.

Who is going to be judge at the baby show here on the 4th? That's a job that will take nerve.

THEY DON'T SEEM TO LIKE THIS POSTMASTER

Metolius Oregonian: Another illustration of the incompetence and carelessness of Uncle Sam's official stamp pounder at this place was the leaving of the post office wide open for nearly an hour Sunday night, with no one in charge, and the contents of the office at the liberty of anyone visiting it. A kindly disposed lady hunted up the monotrocity who is allowed to thus slovenly conduct the office against the wishes of every resident business man of the town, and the door was locked.

"Statesmen all agree that the tariff could be revised to advantage."
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