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Those states which are wise enough to return the same men to the Senate and the House year after year are the ones who actually participate in the profit by national legislation.

We want a correspondent in every school district and to such are prepared to make a liberal discount on subscriptions which will help to pay them for their trouble in furnishing items. We will also furnish stationery.

Theodore Roosevelt will, it is generally conceded, begin his first regular term in the presidency in 1905 and will probably be elected for a second term in 1909. Then, following precedent, he will be again eligible in 1913.

The coal famine and the death and destitution that follow are not the fault of the coal merchant or of the coal cars but of the hundred thousand or more loafers who folded their hands in idleness last summer, or were active only in dynamiting and murdering those who tried to dig coal.

There is a general trend of railroads towards this part of Oregon and in order to take advantage of the boom when the coal strike here we should be preparing for it. Considerable good work has been done along certain lines, but more is needed and a county board of trade would be a good thing to handle this matter.

One of the greatest needs of this county at the present time is a county board of trade which could set before the incoming immigrant the benefits to be derived from settling in our midst. The days of isolation are past and are rapidly fading into a dim memory and if we are not up and doing we are certain to fall by the wayside and not get our just dues. There are many other things that can be taken up by a county board of trade that would be of immense benefit to this country. In the first place the matter of county division would come under the supervision of this board and would be a part of the business that it would handle. A slight canvas of this subject among our citizens would, we believe, bring to light the fact that many of them have something of this sort for some time past. This subject should be taken up and discussed and the feeling of the people of this county ascertained in the matter. Anyone having anything to say on the subject will gladly be given space in our columns for discussing their side of the question.

That Senator.

At this time of year there is considerable discussion as to the action of the legislature in regard to the election of a U. S. Senator and much speculation is being indulged in as to the probable effect of the voting for Geer for that place will have on that august assemblage. From our eastern Oregon exchanges we find that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the delegation from eastern Oregon favoring a man from our part of the state. Should this sentiment gain strong foothold it will determine the election of the Senator, as it will be the deciding factor in the contest. While the Journal has no particular choice for Senator at this time, we would favor a man from the eastern part of the state

all things equal, preferably to one from the western part as a matter of loyalty more than anything else.

There is plenty of good timber to select from in the state and there is no reason to doubt that there is as good material for a representative in the upper house of Congress as there is for the lower. Among the probable candidates that may bob up is Jonathan Bourne Jr. Mr. Bourne is a man who has large interests in eastern Oregon and Washington and is more or less identified with this part of the state in many ways. Should he make a fight for the place and show any considerable strength there is little doubt but he would get a strong following from the ranks of the democratic members from the eastern part of the state, which would add a dangerous factor in the race against the western man. However a dark horse may loom up and thus put to fight the dreams of many that are now thinking over the situation.

We do not believe the ballot will be clear when the box is opened the first time and not for many ballots thereafter, so there is plenty of time for thought on the subject. Perhaps the time taken up in balloting for a senator may be better spent than in framing useless laws that will never be enforced.

Irrigation.

In his message to Congress, the President barely touched upon the subject of irrigation, to the great disappointment of the enthusiasts who wish to see the desert blossom as the rose. Probably the President slighted the irrigation matter through no indifference or failure to appreciate its importance, but more because of the fact that irrigation has become a settled Government policy and no one needs to be impressed with the necessity for it. The economy of spreading waste water over waste land is so apparent to all that the only question now is, how to distribute the moisture to the best possible advantage. This is a question to be submitted to the engineers, not to the President. Ways and means are what the country is looking for now.

The negatives come very nearly making an affirmative in the case of irrigation. Putting together two worthless, useless, and sometimes really obnoxious elements, we have irrigated land, the finest in the world. Back of them is another negative, another worthless and useless element which could be made to improve the plains and itself at one and the same time—the barren mountain peak upon which the snow falls to melt and give us our mountain streams, each a blessing to the husbandman on the plains below. Reforestation of the peaks not only would produce much valuable timber, but would conserve and distribute more gradually the snow water. Instead of a mighty spring freshet when water is not needed by the agriculturist, there would be a gradual and constantly increasing flow throughout the early summer, and the high-tide would be reached in the hot season when the parched plains open to receive the rainfall which never arrives. At the same time a sturdy forest would spring up upon the mountain-top, which, if intelligently thinned and replanted from time to time, would be a mine of wealth in itself. Here we have three useless possessions, which need only man's intelligent direction to make them work for the good of the country.—Telegram.

As Others See It.

We cannot but wonder what frame of mind Bro. Holder of the Prineville Review was in when in his last issue he says Eastern Oregon does not want the Senator. Why this statement should come from him, who, heretofore has always made it a rule to ask for "ev-rything in sight," is a question we cannot fathom.—Antelope Herald.

Crooked River Happenings.

Albert Yocum made a visit to Haystack the first of the week.

The Hash Bros. came over to the Christmas sled, and are visiting friends.

F. Forest went to Prineville the 20th and brought home a load of flour.

B. F. Wilhoit and wife went to Prineville Sunday afternoon and returned Tuesday evening.

A party of young people met at Mrs. Forest's on Sunday afternoon to practice songs for Christmas.

Don't forget the basket social at the school house next Wednesday evening. There will be an entertainment and a watch party also.

Several of the boys were made happy on Christmas by being presented with a turkey bone and a clothes pin doll.

If you want to know the local happenings subscribe for the Week-Owl, published every Friday by Messrs. Merrill and Messenger.

B. F. Wilhoit and K. Messenger went out on the desert to hunt for ducks last Saturday.

D. A. McDowell and son Oliver paid Prineville a visit on Saturday. Ask Oliver what got the matter with the hack.

J. B. Merrill and Lee Smead left the 20th for Shaniko, and were to be back for Christmas, but we expect the bottom of the roads have dropped out as they have not returned yet.

A party met at Mrs. Merrill's on Tuesday and popped and strung corn for the Christmas sled. After this was finished games were played and coffee and cake served.

The Young People's Library Society holds its meeting every Friday evening and is well attended. The question for discussion last Friday was: "Resolved that the extension of the Columbia Southern Railroad would be a benefit to the people of Crook county," and was decided in the affirmative. The following new officers were elected to serve for a term of two months: Walter Messenger, president; Hiram Hash, V. P.; Kelly Messenger, Secretary; Albert Yocum and Mr. Brown, Sargent at Arms. The meeting on January 2, 1903, is to be a general business meeting.

Report of District No. 18, for the month ending Dec. 18, 1902. No. belonging 16 " of days taught 20 " of days attendance 303 " of days absence 17 " of times tardy 91 B. F. Wilhoit, Teacher.

A CHRISTMAS SLEIGH—Deciding that Christmas should not pass without old Santa Claus visiting the children and trees of the right kind being scarce in this neighborhood, several young men assembled at the school house and constructed a sleigh and harnessed up a deer. The sleigh was beautifully decorated and heavily laden with many nice presents.

The crowd came early in the evening and several Christmas songs were sung by the young people, and the little folks favored Santa with the "Shoemaker Song," while a quartet was sung by the young men. Then every one listened for the tinkling of the sleigh bells, and soon they were heard. The curtains were then drawn aside and sure enough there was "Old Santa," with his deer and sleigh, the later bearing a heavy weight of toys and useful presents. Santa then welcomed the children and gave each a stocking or sack filled with nice candy, nuts and popcorn. The presents were then called off and delivered to the owners whose faces became covered with smiles. It being early in the evening when "Dear Old Santa Clause" drove away with his deer and sleigh, the happy crowd wished to remain awhile. Songs were sung, music and games played till the hour of eleven, when all bid each other good night and started for home to rest and dream of a "Happy Christmas Day."

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Forger Captured.

From Detective Joe Day, of Portland, who is in Shaniko today, we learn that Ernest Cashel, who is a fugitive from justice for forgery and horse stealing committed near Calgary, N. W. Ty., Canada, was captured at Hay Creek yesterday by Alick Pennycook, mounted police of Calgary, N. W. Ty., after a chase of six weeks, going over a distance of about 1300 miles. Ernest Cashel's forgery and horse stealing was committed with the name and from a man by the name of Belt, and Cashel is also wanted to account for the sudden disappearance of this man, who was last seen in the company of Cashel. The man Belt's cabin was found overturned, and as it is now forty degrees below zero in that country, by chopping a hole through the ice and throwing a man in, all trace of him would be lost for several months and very probably forever. This is thought possibly to be the way Belt was disposed of. Cashel had about five days the start of Policeman Pennycook, who has followed him through Victoria, B. C., Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Oregon. Trace was made by hotel register, and other little incidents, but principally a saddle, which Cashel had stolen, and which was following him from place to place. The Portland detectives were notified to look out for this man and the saddle, but the person who was detailed to search the union depot express office for clue to the man or saddle, returned with no trace of either. Mr. Day, who has a reputation for shrewdness not to be questioned, was not satisfied with this report, went to the union depot, and shortly came upon a questionable looking package, which, upon opening was found to be a saddle with a flour sack stamped "Calgary Flour Mills" wrapped around it. This was conclusive evidence to the detective that he had the right saddle, and as it was consigned to Shaniko, Joe Day and policeman Pennycook came up here as soon as possible, where they found a man had registered at one of our hotels by the name of "B. Nail Moosejaw," on Saturday evening and next morning had departed with the driver of a freight team for Hay Creek. Upon questioning the hotel clerk about the man, together with the peculiarity of the name and address, the officers concluded they were on the track of the right man, so next morning Mr. Pennycook started south to overtake him. Word had already been telephoned to the sheriff of Crook county to look out for him at Prineville, but he learning the man would stop at Hay Creek, started to Hay Creek to intercept him, with the result that the man Cashel was captured there.—Shaniko Leader.

John Henderson and William Pollard have bought the White & Combs saloon. These gentlemen are too well known in this county to need any introduction and we hope they may meet with the patronage they deserve. The firm will be the same as it was formerly, Henderson & Pollard and they will conduct a first class house in every particular.

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