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## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS AND ADVERTISERS.

Beginning with Monday, September 3, The Enterprise will be under the management of H. A. Galloway, to whom all subscription accounts will be due and payable.

## ROOSEVELT AND SPELLING REFORM.

The President has decided to reform his own spelling in accordance with the recommendations of the spelling reform committee and to have his message and all documents and official correspondence from the White House set up by the public printer in the manner suggested.

How far the influence of his decision will be felt is an interesting problem. It may result in an extension of the new rules to other public documents than the ones mentioned. His example may find imitators among the newspapers and magazines. If it does the reformers will have cause to bless the day when he became their champion. If it does not it will make little difference whether the public printer sets up executive messages after the reform style of Brander Matthews or the independent style of Andrew Jackson.

It is to be noted, however, that the change is not so far-reaching as might appear from the statement that the reformers' list contains 300 words. For many of the words are now commonly given the reformed spelling. On the other hand the number spellings in the list that look very queer is comparatively speaking, small. No attempt has been made to produce a thorough and comprehensive system, and the most that is hoped for is a gradual substitution of the new for the old.

But, even so, there are difficulties enough in the way. Spelling reform has always been opposed on principle by certain students who insist that the old spellings are full of significance as to the history of the language, and a more effective opposition comes from the natural conversatism of the people. They cling to the usage with which they are familiar and laugh at the reformed words. Even those who are not good spellers have the feeling that bad spelling may be considered proof of general ignorance. If they do not know the usage they do not know that there is a right and a wrong way, and they are quick to ridicule others who spell phonetically on purpose.

If the President succeeds in overcoming all the opposition this will certainly be his greatest achievement. Destroying or tamping an octopus would be child's play by comparison. —Exchange.

## LIVING BEYOND ONE'S MEANS.

A short time ago an officer of a local union produced his family budget to prove that his wages and those of his fellow craftsmen did not allow them to make both ends meet, and compelled them to run into debt even in good times, times of full and steady employment. Other workmen sent letters to the Record-Herald, in which they claimed that on lower wages than those of the complaining leader they had lived, comfortably with families, effected savings and invested in modest homes.

Without passing on this interesting controversy, it may be stated generally that there are family budgets and budgets, and that how far an income will go is largely a question of good management.

The Massachusetts bureau of labor statistics has published the results of an inquiry which throws some light on the habits of certain elements of the population and which is relevant to this family budget question.

Boston is a busy, thrifty and prosperous city. Wages there are as high as anywhere in New England. Yet about 10 per cent of the city's population do not pay their household debts. The bureau's figures show that 75 per cent of the "bad debts" of grocers, been incurred by the wage-earners, 3 per cent by the wealthy class and but butchers and small shop-keepers have one-half of one per cent by the professional class.

The report says that the high percentage of uncollectable debts among workmen cannot be attributed to inability under existing prices of necessaries to meet all ordinary household expenses, but there is a tendency just now among the poorer classes to live beyond their means in order to make as good an appearance as people in far better circumstances. And the abuse of credit, the report declares, fosters this deplorable tendency.

The bureau limited its investigation to Boston. It would be instructive to know whether the situation revealed is exceptional or characteristic of other large cities. Can it be that in prosperous times 10 per cent of the people in cities fail to pay their household bills?—Chicago Record-Herald.

## GOOD ROADS AND RURAL MAILS.

It is announced that the government will look more carefully to the enforcement of its rule regarding the roads over which rural free delivery is established. The present requirement is: "Roads traversed shall be kept in good condition, and unobstructed by gates; there must be no unbridged creeks or streams not fordable at any season of the year." In many cases the residents along proposed routes have made improvements that enable them to obtain rural delivery service, but sometimes the efforts to keep up the roads are relaxed. But the government has decided that unless the roads traveled by the carrier are properly maintained the service will be withdrawn. The past office department now calls on the carriers for reports on the roads and will stop the service where the highways in question are bad.

The 35,973 rural delivery carriers now employed cover 863,363 miles daily, and it is unreasonable to expect them to contend with neglected roads, or to work for communities lacking the enterprise to keep its common highways in decent shape. Wherever a route is discontinued the inhabitants themselves will be to blame for it, for if alive to their own interests and their duty to the public they would give their roads vigorous and constant attention. The idea that a route once authorized is necessarily permanent is a mistake. Advice on the best road methods is supplied by the agricultural department, and a neighborhood that loses its rural delivery must itself bear the discredit for so unpleasant and humiliating an event.

Col. Watterson refers to the Democratic senatorial primary in Kentucky as "the damned thing," though the fight has barely opened. Look out for a grand crash when the instruments are tuned up.

The big packers are pleading in extenuation that the cooking schools are responsible for the malady of indigestion. There is no doubt that the doughnut has much to answer for.

Careful tests have shown that British packing-house products are worse than the American brand. In other words, the English pot can not call the American kettle black.

Now that the dollar subscription plan for campaign revenue has been adopted there will be no strife for the position of treasurer of the national committee.

After all other plans for reaching the north pole shall have failed, maybe somebody will reach it by the irrigation route.

The strike in Russia was short lived, and the douma fell flat, but the revolution seems to be going on.

Mr. Gompers has not yet explained how the Panama canal can be dug by wind pressure without laborers.

Both hemispheres look alike to an earthquake along the Pacific line of North and South America.

## AN ADVENTUROUS CORRESPONDENT.

Few newspapers in the United States are able to command the services of as brilliant a corps of correspondents as The Chicago Record-Herald. Its choice of Walter Wellman to represent it at Washington is a good illustration of its wise policy of getting the best there is to be had. Mr. Wellman has won national reputation as a magnetic and resourceful news writer. And now he is preparing to clinch his reputation for originality and daring by trying to reach the north pole in an airship.

Whatever may be the result of Mr. Wellman's daring attempt to reach the pole this summer in an airship and send the news of the voyage at once to The Record-Herald by wireless telegraphy, the Wellman-Record-Herald expedition is sure to be conducted by Mr. Wellman with the same cool courage and whole-souled enthusiasm that have made him an ideal newspaper correspondent.

Mr. Wellman was born in Mentor, Ohio, in 1858. At 14 he began his newspaper experience, establishing at that age a weekly paper in the little town of Sutton, Neb. In 1884 he became the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Herald, for which paper he visited the West Indies in 1892 and and located the landing place of Columbus, marking the spot with a huge stone monument. In 1894 he made his first dash for the pole, reaching the latitude of 81 degrees northeast of Spitzbergen. In 1898 he tried the same fascinating quest again, penetrating as far as Franz Josef Land. On both trips he had wonderful success in discovering new islands and securing new scientific data which have been of great value to the American Geographical Society. His voluminous writings for scientific periodicals and popular magazines have shown the same incisive thought and keen insight that have marked his journalistic work.

## NOTES FROM OGLE MOUNTAIN

I. W. Rivers, who arrived the first of the week from the Ogle Creek mines, gave the reporter the following items:

Fire is raging in the foothills west of Table Rock.

The Ogle Mountain Mining Company lost one of its valuable horses a few days ago, the animal falling over a 25-foot bluff.

A party of huckleberry pickers was stranded in the recent rain and were obliged to camp out all night.

The second five-stamp mill has arrived at the mines from Oregon City and is being installed. It will be placed in immediate operation.

### Summary of the Weather.

West of the Cascade Mountains the weather during the week was dry and sutry. A few small showers occurred Thursday and Friday along the western slope of the mountains, but they were not sufficient to extinguish the forest fires which were burning in many localities. The winds were light, and the smoke from the forest fires hung like a pall over the valleys and made the weather very oppressive. Rain is badly needed in all sections west of the Cascade Mountains to extinguish the forest fires and to clear the atmosphere of smoke.

East of the Cascade Mountains numerous thunderstorms occurred and the atmosphere contained but little smoke. The temperature averaged below normal, and in some of the higher valleys frosts occurred, and in the mountains some snow fell. No damaging winds attended the thunderstorms and the rainall, as a rule, was very light.


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## PORTLAND PAPER CRITICIZES NELSON

### CHARGES CLACKAMAS OFFICIAL WITH NOT ASSESSING PROPERTY AT CASH VALUE.

The Portland Journal, in an editorial Tuesday evening, criticizes the assessment of Clackamas county property by Assessor J. F. Nelson, charging that official with not listing the property of the county at approximately true cash valuations. The Journal, in part, said:

"The Clackamas county assessor has chosen not to conform to the new plan adopted by most assessors of Oregon in raising assessments to cash valuations, or nearly so, and consequently the assessable property of Clackamas county totals officially only $10,559,000, while that of Marion county, whose assessor fell in line with the new system of valuations, shows up with taxable property amounting to $28,755,000, a difference of nearly $18,200,000. Marion county's wealth is somewhat more than that of Clackamas, but such a discrepancy is absurd, unless one understands the different methods of the two assessors in valuing property. A stranger in looking over the assessment totals of the different counties would suppose that Marion county had nearly three times as much property as Clackamas, whereas in fact the difference between them is small. One assessor puts down property at nearly its full cash value, as the law requires; the other clings to the old antiquated system of assessing property at one third or 40 per cent of its true value, on the theory that a low assessment means light taxation, a notion as absurd as that of the ostrich that, when it hides its head its whole body also disappears from view."

When his attention was called to the Journal's editorial, Assessor Nelson said:

"It is true that the greater part of the taxable property of Clackamas county is not listed to exceed from 40 to 50 per cent of its actual cash value. But there is no penalty for failure to so list property. When property is assessed at 50 per cent of its value the tax levy must necessarily be double the levy that is required if the property be assessed at its true cash valuation. The result is the same, the individual taxpayer being required to pay proportionately the same amount of taxes under either method.

"When I first went into the assessor's office, I found that the assessment for 1902 amounted to $4,526,000. In the following year I doubled the assessment, the totals being more than $9,000,000. Since that year, I have not raised the assessment of farm property, as a general rule, the values remaining substantially the same. But I have gradually added to the assessment of corporations until I now think these properties are only fairly assessed. Since taking charge of the office I have more than doubled the assessment of railroads. During the last year I have increased the assessments of the paper mills and the Portland General Electric Company about $300,000 in the aggregate. The electric company will this year pay $3500 more taxes than it did last year. Last year the Southern Pacific Company paid taxes at the rate of $115 per mile in this county and this year, on an assessment of $15,000 per mile, this company's tax wil be $225, or more than double that of a year ago.

"Under the system that has been followed this year by a number of the other assessors in the state, the valuations on all property has been doubled and trebled, with the result that the taxes of the individual farmer are increased at the same rate as the corporation. People of Clackamas county appear to be thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which I have made the assessment. Not one disgruntled taxpayer has appeared before the County Board of Equalization, which has been in session all week.

"The Journal makes an unfair comparison in contrasting the assessable values as returned from Clackamas with those of Marion county. Marion is a much older and more widely settled county than is Clackamas, and besides, contains a much larger acreage of tillable land. With its several prosperous towns, Marion is a rich county. What concerns the farmer directly is the rate of the tax levy. It is immaterial to him whether he pays a 20 mill tax on a 50 per cent valuation or a 10 mill tax on property that is listed at 100 per cent or cash value."


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For 8 1-3 cents a month the subscriber is given free switching with all other subscribers connecting with his central exchange. Under this rate it would appear that no rural resident need be without a telephone and its attendant advantages especially as every assurance is given of prompt and efficient service.

Mr. G. J. Hall is in charge of the canvass in this county and he states that he may be seen at the central office of the company in Oregon City, Oregon, or will visit any community or organization of farmers interested in telephone matters. 33eow.

### In Self Defense

Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attacked, four years ago, by Piles, bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says: "It cured me in ten days and no trouble since." Quick healer of Burns, Sores, Cuts and Wounds. 25 cents at Howell & Jones' drug store.


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