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ship becomes well established in one province, what is to hinder it from spreading to others as class interest or partisan zeal may direct?

IN THE GOOD TIME COMING.

It may really be feared that the railroads will not soon be able to satisfy all the wishes of the jobbers of the Coast cities, who expect the roads to meet the sea rates, and then to carry at lower and decreasing rates from the coast to the interior.

For we all desire to "pinch" the railroads as much as we can. Are they not corporations? And why should we not bring all the railroads especially to a proper sense of their duty to the public? Every city, moreover, wants better rates than its neighbors, and feels that it ought to get them.

Payment of railroad rates is an annoying payment of taxes. Nobody ever will be glad to pay either; and in the good time coming, both are to disappear and "the Government" out of its abundance of mysterious resources, is to relieve us of all cares and costs and charges.

THE COST FOLLOWS THE MOLE.

It is strange people cannot see the uselessness of making complaint about the increased cost of living. It does cost more to live as most people try to live now than it cost in former times when life was on a most careful and most economical basis.

There is change, certainly, it is, in fact, a transformation. Expenses for fact, a transformation. Expenses for fact, a transformation. Expenses for fact, a transformation. Expenses for fact, a transformation.

Return to primitive conditions of dress, food, household and social life, is neither possible nor desirable. But plain apparel, simple food, the rustic furniture and simple life, once sufficient, and now would be regarded as cheerless abodes, can be had now at no greater cost than formerly, but even less. But the style or mode of living has been changed, and put on a higher basis. Naturally, it costs more, and will cost more yet.

MR. CRANE'S RECALL.

The recall of Minister Crane and the incidents leading up to it are exceedingly unfortunate. There is much to be learned from a study of the case. The present contention in the Far East is exclusively over the integrity of China, which is also one of the heaviest purchasers of Japanese exports.

Of course, the "liberty of the press" which is guaranteed by the Federal Constitution means nothing until the words have been construed by the courts, and in this case, as in devious others, there are two trains of decisions which sharply collide. One set of judges hold that the press is free to publish nothing but the truth and not even that unless it is "without malice." The other set maintain that a paper may criticize all public characters and their acts with perfect freedom, and if in doing so it commits errors of fact, still it cannot be punished for libel.

tion to "keep the mouth shut and ears and eyes open." Had Mr. Crane followed this rule, he would not today be in the humiliating position in which he has been placed by his own indiscretion. He would also have saved the Government much embarrassment and explanation that must necessarily follow before the present tempest in a teapot subsides.

ASTROLOGY.

A "constant reader" of The Oregonian in Tillamook writes to inquire if "there is any reputable modern school of astrology or any astrologer who can outline character, temperament, success, and so forth, based upon signs of birth and planetary conditions." There is no reputable school of astrology in the world, and there is no such thing as an honest astrologer.

To put any faith in astrology is evidence of a lack of intelligence. There is the slight possibility of a child's birth by which anybody can predict its future, unless poverty, drunkenness and disease be classed as signs. The planets are not concerned with the affairs of human beings. They move regularly in their orbits, careless whether we live or die, and by some catastrophe we should all perish. The heavenly bodies would continue to pass through their configuration precisely as they do now.

It is not likely that much weight will attach to the testimony of the Eskimos who are said to have gone with Cook to the Pole. Charly requires us to suppose that they know what they are talking about when they tell one tale today and its opposite tomorrow, but it does not require us to vouch for them.

COOK AND PEARY AGAIN.

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The Hill and Harriman interests are still wrangling over the matter of joint operation of the new road between Riparia and Grangeville, Idaho, and meanwhile there is a very unsatisfactory transportation service between Portland and points in the Idaho panhandle.

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Falkland Islands, in the South Pacific, of a seal that had been branded on the Pribilof Islands in Bering Sea. This shows quite clearly that the effect of the inhuman practice of branding the dumb and helpless fur-bearers was to drive them away from their haunts in the north, and scatter them to the Japan coast, to the Antarctic and other remote localities.

The world would not believe me if I said it was sentiment that made me refuse the offer," said the late E. H. Harriman when asked why he had not been more than a magnificent Manchuria and Mongolia, the finest American ships affloat, to the Japanese. "That's a fine old flag," said he, "and I like to see it on my own ships, even if it is an expensive whim."

Chicago, New York and a few other Eastern cities observed "Columbus Day" Tuesday, by closing the banks and stock markets. It has been over 400 years since Columbus laid the foundation for this celebration in his honor, and for a time it seemed uncertain whether he, or Amerigo Vesputci, would win first honors for discovery of America.

Central Oregon has sent an exhibit of farm products to the Dry Farming Congress at Billings, Mont. This is the first time that the products of the Central Oregon products have been sent, and the exhibit will hardly fail to attract attention. It should not be inferred that this exhibit at a Dry Farming Congress necessarily means that dry farming, as it is understood in less-favored sections, is a specialty in Central Oregon.

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UP TO U. S. ENGINEERS

Only Their Reports Count in Appropriations.

It is up to Portland to struggle up close to the Board of United States Engineers if it would secure appropriations for harbor and river improvements. In a "heart-to-heart" meeting yesterday before the Oregon City board of trustees of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and two representatives of the commercial body at Salem, the two members of the Oregon Senatorial delegation said with gusto that the United States Engineers were the technical authority and supreme with Congress when appropriations were considered.

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FRATERNITY SETS HIGH MARK

Freshmen Must Prove Scholarship Before Initiated.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—The Sigma Nu fraternity at the University of Oregon has just taken a progressive step toward making good scholarship a necessary qualification, by passing a rule that none of their freshmen pledges will be initiated into the fraternity until they have satisfactorily passed college examinations giving them nine full credits at the end of their first semester's work each year.

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Life's Sunny Side

"So William Watson, the British poet, has married an Irish girl, Watson, to be sure, has a government pension of \$10 a week."

"The speaker, a leading member of the Franklin Inn, of Philadelphia, shook his head ominously."

"In the present depression of the poetry market, poets shouldn't marry," he said. "But Watson has always been proud, unreasonably proud, and self-confident."

"Well, the Briton began to praise one of General Buller's retreats."

"Buller," he said, "was splendid. He retreated without losing a man, or a flag, or a gun."

"Yes," said Mr. Wells, "or a minute." —Philadelphia Record.

When Charles Dudley Warner was the editor of the Hartford (Conn.) Press back in the '80s, arousing the patriotism of the state by his vicious appeals, one of the typographers came in from the composing room, planting himself before the editor, said:

"Well, Mr. Warner, I've decided to enlist in the Army."

"With mingled sensations of pride and resentment," the editor replied encouragingly that he was glad to see the man felt the call of duty."

"Oh, it isn't that," said the truthful compositor, "but rather he had to get up to try to get any more of your copy." —Rochester Herald.

A day or two ago I gave a story about the late Lord Tweedmouth, who once received half a crown as a "tip" from an American lady whom he had shown over the House of Parliament.

"Possibly the American lady who Upped Lord Tweedmouth may have read the above sentence and taken it seriously." —London News.

Every visitor at the new Capitol at Harrisburg, Pa., who gets as far as the registration room is expected to write his name in a big book, together with his business and present residence. Not long ago, when a crowd of excursionists visited the grounds and buildings, a stout girl started to register.

"What you want to know dat for?" "Dis man vant to put it in der big book." "Acht," answered the mother, "you know well enough in der old stone house." —Troy Times.

A man who had been three times married and as often left a widower was reported to be thinking a fourth time of entering into matrimony and comfortable estate of holy matrimony.

A friend ventured to ask whether there was any truth in the rumor and received this quaint reply: "Up in Illinois, where I came from, we always had nine ears to each stalk, and a peck of shelled corn hanging to each eassel, but we never carried it until the corn was ripe." "Why?" asked the Missourian. "Because," nodded the other, "the corn grew so fast that it pulled the beans up." —Crescent Magazine.

Girls Trained to Run Luncheonrooms. New York Press. Simmons College, Boston, boasts it is the only place in the world where women are trained to plan and manage luncheonrooms. The demand for such training has more than tripled in the last two years. The college has a steady increase in girls studying the luncheon course, and the graduates are going into almost every state. Every detail of luncheonroom organization and management is taught. There is instruction in cooking and in service. The girls are taught how to buy, how to figure profit and loss and how to handle a waiting staff.

Aeroplanes. Dayton News. While this country does not claim any leadership in music or art—the people over here have been too busy conquering a wilderness to devote as much time to such things as the people of the old world have had—it will not surprise a great many people who understand manufacturing to be informed that the American piano leads all others.

The Kind of Law Taft Respects. Washington Star. Mr. Taft's respect for the law is of course understood to apply to the law as conscientiously interpreted and interpreted. It is well known that the law sometimes affords valuable advantages to unscrupulous dealers in technicalities.

In the Good Time Coming. Providence Journal. In the large sense, reforms do not move backward, and the epoch of special privilege and advantage to the people of the old world is over. In a word, the Ultimate Consumer will come into its own.

Entirely Used to It. Philadelphia North American. Wilbur Wright sailed around the Statue of Liberty in his aeroplane. Liberty never noticed it. The trusts have the clockwork going, and so often that she is entirely used to it.

A "Seab" Explorer. Pittsburg Gazette-Times. Henry Hudson didn't make a cent out of his discovery of the river. If he were alive today he would never be admitted to the Explorer's Union.

The Devil Wagon. Life. "That wealthy young broker has given his motor to a well-known traitor." "Yes, he says his father taught him to hitch his wagon to a star."

RECORDS NOT RECOGNIZED

Hood River County Clerk Refuses to Certify to Report.

SALLEM, Or., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Attorney-General A. M. Crawford has rendered an opinion as to the meaning and intent of Section 10 of this law provides that the work of transcribing the records of Wasco County affecting the real estate interests in Hood River County shall be let to the lowest bidder by the County Judge and that when the work shall have been completed the County Clerk of Hood River County shall examine and certify to the correctness of the same.

It is held that the records of Hood River County have no legal status until they have been examined and certified to as prescribed by law.

LABOR'S DEMAND STARTLES

Bellingham Unions Insist on Voice in City Government.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—The cool demand that the labor unions be allowed to influence the policy of the city administration; that the Mayor consult with them on matters of importance connected with the city government and that they be permitted to name their own men for two of the appointive offices, was made today by the organized labor leaders to all four of the candidates for Mayor. The coming city election, it is expected, will be closely contested, and the labor unions are making a strong bid for the labor vote. It is not believed, however, that any of them will agree to hand the reins of government over to the unions.

RECORD FISH RUN EXPECTED

Mammoth Catches Are Made This Fall on Grays Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—That all records for the fishing industry on Grays Harbor will be broken in black salmon is indicated by the mammoth catches of the past few weeks. This applies both to quality and quantity of the fish. Most of the catch is being sent to Seattle, where it is being packed for export.

Dog and silver salmon are now coming with indications of a big run to the coast until the first of November 25 to reopen December 25 for steelhead salmon, the highest priced of all the salmon species. Local fisheries are jubilant over the outlook.

GOES FOR RABBIT, KILLS SELF

Hunter Drags Gun From Wagon and Bullet Enters Breast.

FENDELTON, Or., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—While trying to shoot a jack-rabbit, John Holben, of Lewiston, Idaho, became the victim of his own carelessness. He was driving his wagon west of Echo, just before noon today, and details are lacking. It is reported, however, that he was seated in the wagon, the muzzle and pulled it toward him in taking it from a wagon. The weapon was discharged and the bullet penetrated the chest of the hunter, but died almost as soon as he reached there.

BUTTER GOOD ONLY FOR SOAP

Fifty Barrels of Dairy Product Are Confiscated.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Fifty barrels of renovated butter, valued at \$1,000, have been seized by Ernest Kelley, State Dairy Inspector, at the warehouses of the Chehalis Produce Company, in Aberdeen.

The butter was offered for sale, but found to be in such bad condition that it was reported to Kelley, who immediately came to the harbor for the purpose of making the seizure.

Albany Prepares for Shriners. Albany, Or., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Albany Masons are making big preparations for the pilgrimage of Al Kader Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Portland, this city on November 12. A score of committees are now at work on the plans for the pilgrimage, which will probably be the greatest event in Masonry since the city was founded. A big camp has already been secured for initiation into Al Kader Temple on that occasion and additions are being made to the list of participants. Many of the men who will compose the caravan to cross the burning sands will be from Albany, there will also be a number from Clatsop, Clatskanie, Lebanon, Brownsville, Corvallis, Harrisburg, Halsey and other cities who will join the class.

MEYERS PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Defendant's Counsel Expected to Ask for Postponement.

SALLEM, Or., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—George Meyers was brought into Circuit Court today and, by one of his attorneys, pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of Policeman Tom Eckhart.

Date of the trial has not yet been fixed, but it is understood the defense will try to secure a continuance until the January term.