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### WORTHY OF FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

The writer having resided in this, a railroad division town, for a number of years is familiar with some features of railroading, wherein for the safety of the employes and the traveling public alterations of old established rules and regulations should be and is being demanded. One of the alterations of the present regulations most needed, it appears, is the shortening or limiting of the hours for actual service performed on the road, it not being infrequent that men are on duty from fifteen to thirty-six hours, the fatigue from which renders them physically unfit to perform their exacting duties. With the object of remedying this important matter, Senator Maloney has introduced Senate bill No. 60, providing that in order to protect the traveling public, the hours of labor of conductors, engineers, firemen, brakemen, and flagmen shall be limited to 14, and in case an employe returns from nine hours' service he shall not be sent out again until he has had nine hours' rest.

This is a just and humane measure and worthy of the favorable consideration of both branches of the legislature. It is an established fact that any employe who has served more than 14 hours continuous duty is physically unfit to have charge of an engine, train, to flag or protect trains, to receive or transmit train orders, to have charge of or be responsible for the lives of a train load of passengers. To fall asleep for a few minutes at a critical time means a head-end or rear-end collision, resulting in the maiming and killing of scores of people. This cannot be called carelessness, there is a limit to any man's endurance and when the limit is reached it is well nigh impossible to stay awake. It can be readily seen, should this bill become a law the lives of the traveling public are thereby greatly protected. Many lives are sacrificed through railroad employes being compelled to work excessive hours, and therefore, the Plaindealer believes this bill should receive the united support of all Senators and Representatives.

### MITCHELL WILL DEMAND INQUIRY.

On the floor of the United States Senate Tuesday Senator Mitchell said among other things: "It may be thought or said by some that I have violated precedent in coming here at this time, but let me tell you, Mr. President and Senators, while I am subject to serious charges, I have not been proved guilty of any of them. I am an innocent man, and I have at this stage of the proceedings the same right as any other senator to come here in defense of my character, which is as dear to me as that of any other senator on the floor."

"Were it proper at this time to ask an investigation of the charges against me by this body, I would gladly move in that direction, but in view of the fact that an indictment has been reported against me, I deem it my duty to first respond to the claims of the court. But I trust and believe that the time will come when I can with propriety demand of this senate a thorough investigation."

Criticizing public officers "who knowingly misconstrue the public acts of public men, and thus seek to distort and convert them into badges of dishonesty," Mitchell said: "In conclusion, permit me to declare that the representatives of any government who will tolerate this are unworthy of the exalted position they occupy."

"As for myself, I defy them here and now to produce any evidence worth a moment's consideration which will connect me in any wrongful manner whatever with any of the land frauds in Oregon or elsewhere."

This is an unusually good time for starting into the dairy business in Oregon. The scarcity and high price of feed due to last summer's drought has discouraged a good many who are in the dairy business and it is therefore a good time to buy cows and dairy farms, says the Rural Northwest. It is also a good time to buy prune orchards provided they are in good condition and have been in the habit of bearing in favorable years. A prune grower of many years' experience said a few days ago that in spite of all the failures his prune orchard averaged for the past eight years larger returns for his work than he could get from the land in any other way. This would not be the case in sections where failure of crop is the rule.

Washington's newspaper libel law has been repealed by a vote of 38 to 3 in the legislative assembly at Olympia.

### Musings.

The bill grinder is getting busy at the state capitol. It is poor policy to build up by tearing others down. Hobson and Hodson are liable to get mixed up down at Salem. Religion ought to make a man larger in the mind as well as in the heart. The best sermon preached is that by the Christian who lives the life he professes.

Weather continues bright and fair. Looks like the springtime had come, gentle Annie.

Some things have to be left out of the local papers for the good of the community—and the editor.

Again it is in order to suggest that indictments that are first heralded in the newspapers snack of politico-sensational.

A New York woman who sued a man for damages for breach of promise got a verdict of 5 cents. We hope the Plaindealer will not be snatched like that in its damage suit.

Isn't the salmon industry about able to stand on its own feet, and take care of itself without burdening the taxpayer? Isn't it almost time to stop helping the poor salmon millionaires, at the expense of the general taxpayer?

Speaking of a full page picture of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon in the last issue of the War Cry, the Salem Journal says: "The picture represents the Queen of Sheba coming to old King Solomon anxiously searching for the wise article—a queen in search of wisdom. She is a stunning, fine-looking woman and old Sol is sitting on his throne wrapped up in solemnly and a yellow horse-blanket with a red border. His whiskered majesty fairly drools with wisdom, but we would not be afraid to bet that there are forty young women hanging around the Oregon legislature who would not have to go to old Solomon to get wise and some of them could come pretty near making a fool of the old man. The War Cry ought to know that women of today have outgrown Solomon."

If these land fraud investigations are being conducted in good faith with a view to relieving the government of an organized conspiracy to defraud it out of its lands, all good and well, but if it is, as it appears, a scheme to put prominent state politicians out of the way and persecute homesteaders, while the syndicates and railroad companies go scott free, it is no less than an outrage.

Roseburg has a broom factory with a capacity of fifty dozen good brooms every day, and keeps a number of men busy at good wages. Such enterprises are of great value to any town and the more of them Western Oregon has the better off she will be, truthfully says the Eugene Register in commenting on the Plaindealer's write-up of the Roseburg broom factory.

Instead of building a new asylum building, would it not be just as well to change the law a little, and not make it so easy to send old people and hysterical women to the asylum? A reputable physician says that about one-third of the people kept there at the expense of the state are not insane by a scientific definition of the term.—Salem Journal.

George C. Brownell is the author of a bill which will provoke keen controversy. It provides that all judgments shall be accounted dead after 10 years. Six months after its passage is given to judgment creditors or assignees to issue executions which might have issued in case the bill had not passed.

The Plaindealer's circulation is increasing rapidly. It publishes more good, live, readable news than any other Southern Oregon newspaper every week. It is also enterprising, aggressive and fearless, with fixed principles and editorial opinions to back them up.

The difference between leading and following, the difference between success and failure, is all in favor of the man who does the right thing at the proper time. The proper time to increase your business is now. An ad in the Plaindealer will do it.

Thos. K. Niedringhaus, was elected U. S. senator from Missouri last Tuesday to succeed Senator Cockrell. The Missouri legislature therefore proclaims the first republican senator from that state in 30 years.

A Salem paper says: "It is purely accidental, of course, but hard on the members, that two of the handsomest members, Vawter, of Jackson and Flint, of Washington, should occupy seats together."

Senator Cockrell will lose his seat as a result of the Republicans capturing Missouri. President Roosevelt has appointed this sterling old Democrat to a place on the Panama Canal Commission.

For a member from the cow counties, that bill of Sonemann's to tax corporations means more to the people of Oregon than any bill yet introduced, says the Salem Journal.

For one of the boys from the cow counties Henry Sonemann hasn't done so very badly on the committees.—Capital Journal.

The county attorneys' law will doubtless pass at this session.

The Albany Democrat says, the Roseburg Plaindealer man, just sued for \$10,000 for libel wishes to borrow \$10,000 for an opportunity for the Review man to display a brotherly spirit. (He has troubles of his own.)

An Arkansas editor who has been married two weeks, gives vent to his experience on the matrimonial son in the following language: "We rather live on Cat Island with a parrot for a mate and have a sand blister on each of our toes, than to dwell in paradise and wear silk slippers with a woman who poasts."

Talking about grafting and grafters, after hearing Jas. Newland relate the following story, which he declares is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, we believe he is entitled to the blue ribbon: "In the spring of 1896 we were butchering a pig just at apple grafting time. My brother, who was helping me, cut off the pig's tail, and threw it on the ground. It attracted my attention, and my mind being full of horticultural schemes, I immediately took it while yet warm, inclosed it in a tube of fresh apple bark taken from a Bailey Sweet apple tree, and using the whole as a scion, I grafted it into a vigorous Ben Davis tree standing near the cow-barn. To my astonishment, the scion grew. It had a peculiar look from the start, and I was greatly worked up about it. When it bore, in 1898, I was delighted to find that each apple contained in place of the ordinary core, a fine pork sausage."

Those whose names are on Roll of Honor for 1st month are William and Charly Rachor, Earl and Raymond Snyder, Ed Perdue, Oliver, Elva, Maida and Ole Beals, and Ada Fate. For 2nd month, Frankie Neuner, Maida, Elva and Ole Beals, Ruth Boyle, Mary Dietche and Irene Cunningham. For 3rd month, Earl Snyder, Oliver, Elva, Maida and Ole Beals, Bert and May Willard. Patrons of school are cordially invited to call and inspect our work. LLOYD MARQUAM, teacher.

Hon. J. M. Shelley, and wife of Eugene started on their California trip Tuesday. They will visit with friends and relatives in Southern Oregon and in California for some time and finally go to Los Angeles where they expect to remain until about the first of April. Miss Lulu Applegate of Eugene accompanied them as far as Ashland where she will visit friends.

# IT IS NOT SUICIDE BUT MURDER

## This Is the Coroner's Verdict in the Jack Rogers Tragedy in Roseburg

After a careful examination made of the clothing and wounds inflicted on the person of Jack Rogers, the timber cruiser, who was found dead in Pilkington & Bristow's blacksmith shop last Monday morning, three of Roseburg's physicians, Coroner J. C. Twitchell and Drs. E. DuGas and C. V. Fisher, found that not only was deceased wounded in the breast, but that the same bullet had penetrated the right forearm, while that limb was held up before deceased as if to guard against a blow or a snarl. After passing through the arm the bullet entered the right breast about an inch from the center, pierced the body, coming out of the back directly opposite where it entered, the bullet being found somewhat battered in the clothing near its exit from the body.

The side of the face and head was also discolored, but this might have been due to the fall to the floor of deceased after the shooting. The peculiar attitude which must have been assumed by deceased at the time of the shooting leads to the general belief that he met with foul play, though the motive remains a mystery unless it was on account of the knowledge he might have had regarding timberland locations in this county, he having worked for and operated with Gardner and McCrossen, both of whom have been convicted and fined on a charge of changing corner stakes and who have been detained in Portland for some time past as witnesses in the timber fraud cases.

The inquest and inquiries continued all day Tuesday and up to midnight Tuesday night yet not a single statement was uttered by any of the witnesses to the identity of the party or parties who committed the alleged murder. None said they had ever heard Rogers engage in a quarrel with any one; none said they even knew of Rogers having an enemy; none said they had ever heard him speak of having trouble with anyone or make any threats, neither had they ever heard anyone make threats against him. He had no money on his person, save a half dollar which he borrowed on the night of his death, so robbery could not have been the motive. And the theory that he was killed because he knew too much of illicit transactions in connection with the Oregon land frauds found no support whatever in the testimony at the inquest. Therefore the motive for the murder, if murder it was, will probably always remain a mystery as well as the identity of the party who could have committed such a deed. Yet it is an old and somewhat true adage that "murder will out." It was demonstrated at the inquest that it would have been a physical impossibility for Rogers to have shot himself through the right forearm and breast at one time on a horizontal line by holding the weapon in the left hand. The weapon found on his person has a barrel seven inches long, and the one empty chamber did not appear to have been discharged at a

very recent date. Had Rogers actually been able to inflict the wounds himself his coat sleeve would have been badly powder burned, and not the slightest trace of powder burn was noticeable on the garments. The murder theory was therefore supported by strong circumstantial evidence.

There are those who hold that the shooting was probably accidental. That in attempting to open the top chest in the shop in which some knives were kept his revolver fell to the floor, and was accidentally discharged, the bullet penetrating the arm and body, and a blood from the wounds staining both the inside and outside of the tool chest. Some color to this theory is found in the fact that a small indentation is found on the lower part of the tool chest and the floor as though having been made by the hammer of a revolver, and a discoloration on the side of the tool chest is said to resemble powder burn, but how much credence will be given this theory remains to be seen. It does not appear probable that in such a serious accident the fatally wounded man would have picked up the weapon and placed it in his pocket after being mortally wounded and this too with his left hand.

What further action the coroner and district attorney will take in the matter is not announced.

Rogers' body was interred Wednesday in the Odd Fellows cemetery under the direction of the county court. Judge Thompson maintaining that Rogers was entitled to more than ordinary consideration in view of the services which he rendered his country during the Spanish-American war, and on account of which he drew a deserving pension of \$40 per month. The court expects to be reimbursed from the property which Rogers is supposed to have owned at the time of his death, which consists principally of a timberland claim.

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THE CORONER'S VERDICT.  
Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, January 17, 1905.  
We, the coroner's jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of death of John H. Rogers, do find the following facts to-wit:

That the deceased was John H. Rogers, by birth an American and about 34 years of age; that he came to his death on January 16, 1905, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock a. m. in a building at the corner of Washington and Kane streets known as Pilkington's blacksmith shop; that the cause of death was hemorrhage due to a wound received in the right chest with a bullet from a pistol in the hands of a person unknown to us.

J. M. FERBER, W. J. CURRY, C. E. COATES, G. E. COLE, W. E. MASTERS, E. A. WOOD, J. C. TWITCHELL, Coroner.

Reversed.  
"The wise man will make play of his work."  
"Except the musician. He must make work of his play."

Handicapped.  
"If there are honest lawyers, why is it that we never hear of them?"  
"Don't you know that poor people never attract attention?"

FERT PARAGRAPHS.  
Some people hesitate about loving their neighbors lest the neighbors should construe it as an invitation to borrow money.

The average man is quite certain that he could write a book if he could just think of something to say.

When a girl marries a title she can't always expect to have a man thrown in.

One reason why some people do not take a good photograph is that they obey the photographer and try to look pleasant.

The meek and long suffering parent is always fully convinced that his children do not appreciate him.

This campaign should be put on the market in bottles for insomnia.

Some great generals might not object if war were established so long as army officers were not.

It is not the married men who claim to be the best fathers.

### Jobbers Profits in Prunes.

The California prune growers are still styling the problem of how to increase the demand for their prunes. Low prices increase the European demand for American prunes but have very little effect on the American demand. There is no doubt that American prunes can be bought at retail in Europe at such lower prices than in the United States. This is not because American growers sell prunes for export at lower prices than they ask for those sold in this country, as American manufacturers of machinery have been charged with doing, but because European merchants are obliged to content themselves with smaller margins of profit than the American merchants make. W. D. Morrison, a Santa Clara grower and packer of prunes has recently been doing some work selling prunes direct to consumers in Eastern cities. He did not find the business directly profitable but cut down the retail prices of prunes nearly one-half. He found that the general rule with retailers is to charge twice as much for prunes as they cost, while in some cases they make a profit of 200 per cent.

### Yoncalla News.

Mrs. Manley Strawn is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. John Bull. Sunday, Jan. 8, Mrs. Allie Love of Hayhurst presented her husband with a fine son.  
Miss Julia Bishop is visiting Miss Esther Deardorf and other friends at Oakland.  
The Yoncalla Literary Society meets every Friday evening at 7:30 and should be helped in every way by those who favor advancement.  
Miss Evva Applegate has a nice class in elocution and physical culture which meets Saturday afternoons. This is something we have needed and we wish the undertaking success.

Mr. E. A. Lovelace of Elkhead brought a young son to town to have him treated for some disease which produces ulcers. They are staying at Mr. Mosiers and Dr. Mortensen is treating the patient.  
Mrs. Raymond spent last week with the family of Mr. Lemp of Scotts Valley.

### Cared His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother was a sufferer for many years says W. H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania. At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she declared it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

### Oregon Normal School Regents.

Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain submitted the following appointments of regents to the Oregon State Senate, Thursday, which were confirmed:  
Ashland State Normal School—Lee Beall, Alex. Martin, Jr., J. O. Booth, Dr. J. S. Herndon.  
Drain Normal—J. A. Black, W. W. Kent, Dexter Rice.  
Monmouth Normal—C. E. Wolverton, J. V. B. Butler, S. B. Eakin and H. L. Fenton.

University of Oregon—F. V. Holman, C. A. Dolph and William Smith.  
State Agricultural College—W. W. Cotton, J. D. Howell and J. M. Church.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best Made.

"In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds," says Mrs. Clara Walker of Porterville California. There is no doubt its being the best. No other will cure a cold so quickly. No other is so sure a preventive of pneumonia. No other is so pleasant and safe to take. These are good reasons why it should be preferred to any other. The fact is that few people are satisfied with any other after having once used this remedy. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Company.

### Carnegie Does Noble Deed.

OSHELIMA, Jan. 17.—President King, of the Oberlin College, this morning announced that Andrew Carnegie will make good the losses to those who suffered worst in the failure of the Citizens National Bank. A draft covering losses has been received by King. The beneficiaries are students and people of small means, churches, etc. The money will be distributed by commission.

The students alone had \$15,000 in the bank. Others who will be benefited will add a large amount to this sum.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substances, is some times more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for colds, coughs and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

### Crater Lake Railroad.

The Medford & Crater Lake Railroad Company was organized Saturday and elected as a board of directors and officers: A. A. Davis, president; B. F. Adkins, vice president; Dr. J. M. Keene, secretary; W. L. Vawter, treasurer; R. H. Whitehead, manager; B. F. Harris and W. F. Entrop, directors. J. A. McCull, engineer, has completed the preliminary survey for 25 miles and was ordered to push to completion as soon as possible, ten miles more, bringing the line to the Big Eutte timber belt.

### MRS. H. EASTON

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# FARMERS' NEEDS

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Buffalo Pitts, Pan American, Spike, Spring and Disc Harrows, and Syracuse and Steel Chilled Plows.

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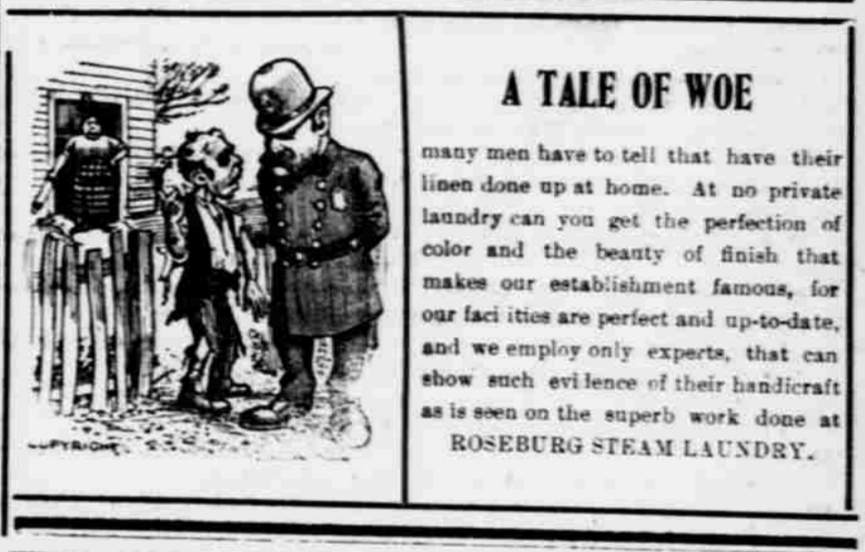
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many men have to tell that have their linen done up at home. At no private laundry can you get the perfection of color and the beauty of finish that makes our establishment famous, for our facilities are perfect and up-to-date, and we employ only experts, that can show such evidence of their handicraft as is seen on the superb work done at ROSEBURG STEAM LAUNDRY.

## GREETINGS OF THE NEW YEAR

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