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HITCHCOCK'S NEW ROLE.

The attention of those who may scout the idea that there is politics in recent land fraud affairs in Oregon, is called to a dispatch elsewhere in this issue of the Register copied from the Roseburg Plaindealer, wherein Secretary Hitchcock is reported to have had the audacity to ask Postmaster General Wynne to hold up the name of Geo. M. Richey, recommended by the Oregon delegation for postmaster at LaGrande until former Congressman Moody could enter his objections to the appointment. Here is the situation in a nutshell. If that dispatch is true Hitchcock has gone out of his way and exceeded his authority and furthermore shows his venom against Oregon by sticking his nose into affairs that are entirely outside of his department in order to aid and abet the Moody contingent in their fight against the wing of the party now in power in this state. If Mr. Hitchcock has a case in court against members of the Oregon delegation and can prove his contention he will receive sufficient justification for his course without being so imprudent as to publicly expose his overweening desire to breed contention and promote political inharmonious in the state. More than that it is apparent that Hitchcock, as autocrat of this administration would revel in the glory of being a sort of dictator in all the affairs of state. Hitchcock may be a great man but the public have yet to learn wherein that greatness lies.—Eugene Register.

TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM FAITH CURISTS

Wait until the faith curists let their eyes rest on the bill that has been introduced by Senator Coshov by request! It is an innocent enough looking measure in a way, but it requires parents to provide their children with medical and surgical treatment in case of sickness, and there is where the trouble is apt to commence. If parents have to provide medical treatment at the hands of physicians, the faith curists are likely to lose their standing and naturally will make some objections before the bill goes very far. Senator Coshov came by the bill at the hands of a minister of the gospel in his community who, it is understood, intimated his desire of annihilating the faith curists, says the Portland Telegram. The main clause of the bill is as follows: "It shall be the duty of parents and guardians to provide prompt medical and surgical care and treatment of every minor dependent upon them in case of sickness or injury. Physicians and surgeons who are authorized by law to practice their profession in the State of Oregon shall be authorized to render medical or surgical services in such cases; provided, that doctors of osteopathy, having graduated from a reputable school of osteopathy and duly admitted to practice, shall be included in the terms physicians and surgeons."

LAW SHOULD BE AMENDED

There is urgent need for amending the statutes of this state with reference to criminal libel. Several actions, similar to that in which the Plaindealer found itself involved, have been prosecuted against a number of the enterprising publishers of newspapers in this state in recent years, and thanks to the intelligence of the different juries, in every case, with but a single exception, verdicts have been returned rendering appraisements as to reputation and general character that has made the individuals instituting the actions thoroughly ashamed of themselves.—Oregon City Enterprise.

Miss Ida Galbreth, a public school teacher of Columbia City, Ind., has received from President Roosevelt a letter of thanks and his photograph for defending him in ringing words against attacks made on him in a public speech.

Musings.

A hug is said to be a ronnabout way of expressing affection. Col. Bryan appears to be the latest big accession to the ranks of Roosevelt admirers. On February 8 we shall learn who was elected president last fall. We'll bet it wasn't Parker. The consensus of the press appears to be that the surrender of Fort Arthur either will or will not end the war. When a man makes up his mind to make a fool of himself, he is seldom satisfied without working overtime on the job. John Wanamaker says that "it is better to be a poor man and a rich Christian than a rich man and a poor Christian." If people were judged as closely as a hen at a poultry show, a good many would be disqualified.—Albany Democrat. Fortunately Fulton has not been accused of being mixed up in any land frauds. Moody and Hitchcock have not discovered him yet. If a legislator rides on a free pass and then draws 10 cents a mile in cash from the state, would you call him a grafter or a financier? Mitchell should have maintained dignified silence—like Herriman, who has not turned the bridge behind him.—Woodburn Independent. Telegraphic news from various parts of Oregon states that whiskey is still going down. This is no doubt true and will be so as long as men drink it up. D. R. Shambrook has a very well written "pone" on the last page of the Plaindealer today regardless of the fact that this is the product of his first poetical inspiration.

Southern Pacific Orders Equipment.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Julius Kretschmitt, on behalf of the Harriman road, has put another order for cars with the St. Louis Car Company. This latest order is for 100 cars for the passenger service on the Southern Pacific, the Oregon railway and the Salt Lake and Los Angeles roads. There has now been ordered for the Southern Pacific a total of 20 passenger coaches, 50 chair cars and 23 dining and observation cars and smoking cars. Five of the new diners and five observation and smoking cars are intended for limited Lewis and Clark expedition trains between San Francisco and Portland next summer and fall.

NORMAL SCHOOL REFORM.

The first step in the right direction is to put the normal schools under one board of regents, and give them a uniform course of study. A bill to accomplish this end has been introduced in the house by Vawter of Jackson, chairman of the ways and means committee. This bill strikes at the great defect in these schools at present—each one having a board of twelve regents, nine by local and three by state. The new bill makes the state board of education three of the regents, and add one from each county having a school, or seven in all. This removes local pressure from the legislature, but insures each school support upon its merits, and as a state institution. The Vawter bill has been carefully revised by the state board of education and is the right step to take to make the normal schools worthy institutions, and insure a business administration for each one.

One of the most sensible bills yet introduced in the Legislature provides for a prosecuting attorney in each county instead of the nine district attorneys who travel over the counties in their respective districts during circuit court, says the Eugene Register. The Plaindealer would like to know wherein the bill mentioned above is sensible or meritorious. It would create twenty-four new offices, thirty-three new officers to transact the business now very easily handled by nine officials, thereby imposing great additional expense upon the taxpayers, while it is an assured fact that the present degree of efficiency could not be maintained under such a regime. The bill finds some favor from the fact that it creates a few more fat offices for the legal fraternity, who under the present system could not expect to fill such an important position owing to their ordinary qualifications and fitness for the place, but who with little competition under this proposed measure might secure the plum. We can see no demand or necessity for the change and therefore no merit in the measure.

By the provision of a bill introduced in the senate by Malarkey, men who refuse to support their wives will have a rocky road to travel. The desertion of a frail wife and numerous children by a brute of a husband without providing them with some means of support is the most heinous of all common crimes and should be punishable by law. The bill should pass.

After an almost hopeless fight the Oregon delegation in congress, aided by strong pressure from this state, succeeded in getting \$300,000 for the Dalles-Celilo canal entered into the sundry civil bill. But the harbors along the coast, including Siuslaw are made the sacrifice to carry the measure through, although they received fair-sized appropriations.

Cottage Grove and the Bohemia Miners are up in arms against the Eddy corporation tax law. It does work a hardship on the mine developer and should be amended in its application to mining properties. The legitimate mine developer should be encouraged rather than burdened by an expensive license besides the usual tax assessment.

Live merchants are not lying idle because the holiday rush is over but they are out with special inducements to draw trade during February. The fellow who is dozing and imagines there is no trade to be got, will lose.

Canyonville.

Mrs. A. W. Stearns is quite sick with erysipelas. H. J. Wilson has been on the sick list, but is improving. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Albro, an eight-pound girl. W. R. Bentzen is at Winthrop, California, on business. W. D. Love went to Grants Pass yesterday to visit relatives. Born, to the wife of C. W. Hodges, of Sisson, California, a daughter. A traveling hypnotist gave a performance last week to a small house. Mrs. Harvey Comer, who has been quite sick, has almost recovered. Mr. H. W. Dunn of Eugene was in town a couple of days last week. Miss Bessie Gregory has just closed a successful term of school at Starvout. Mrs. Thos. Dyer of Riddle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stearns. J. D. Jackson of Gazele, California, is at home to recuperate from an attack of grippe. Mrs. M. J. Stock is dangerously ill at her home near this place, and her recovery is considered doubtful. Miss Flora Wilson went to Portland last week to take the course for trained nurses at the Good Samaritan Hospital. A called meeting of the voters of this school district was held Saturday for the purpose of voting a tax to carry on the school. A good deal of interest was manifested. The proposition carried by a vote of 37 to 31. A bill for a railway commission, based upon the law in Texas, has been introduced in the legislature by Representative Smith of Josephine. It provides that the governor shall appoint three members, who shall serve until the next election, when one member shall be elected from the state at large and one member from each congressional district. The commission shall have control of railway rates of the matters affecting the railways of the state.

IS IT MURDER?

Nelson Elsie Found Dead Near His Cabin Last Friday Two Miles From Comstock.

DRAIN, Jan. 27.—"Was Nelson Elsie poisoned into death?" This is the question that is being asked by the people of Northern Douglas county just now. Circumstances surrounding his death seem to justify the suspicion.

Last Friday morning Jan. 20, 1905, the body of Nelson Elsie, a man about 60 years of age, was found on a trail about 200 yards from his cabin, by Geo. Long. His shoes were unlaced and one suspender was off his shoulder, which would seem to indicate that he had left his place in haste and was endeavoring to get to a neighbor's home, when death overtook him. At his cabin there was a table with a chair, and on it were some preparations to start a fire, probably to prepare a morning meal, which was cut short by circumstances at present unknown.

After the finding of the body, word was sent to Roseburg for the coroner, but he being absent from the city, Justice Krewson of Drain was summoned to hold an inquest and the following verdict returned:

VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY.

We, the jury empaneled to enquire into the cause of the death of Nelson Elsie, deceased, two miles east of Comstock, in Douglas county, Oregon, on the 20 day of January, 1905, find as follows: That his name was Nelson Elsie; was about 60 years of age and that he came to his death by causes unknown to us.

Fred Balman,
I. S. Beupre,
W. H. Lawrence,
J. A. Griggs,
C. R. Lawrence.

J. W. Krewson, Acting Coroner.

Dr. Brookhart was present and examined the body and stated that his condition gave evidence of strychnine poisoning. This was further evidenced by the fact that some ground coffee, also some coffee that had been prepared for drinking, gave indications of containing poison. The indications of poisoning were so strong that the man's stomach and the coffee was sent to Portland for analysis. The cause is being thoroughly investigated and the report of the analysis is being anxiously awaited.

The dead man was living on a homestead he had taken up about two miles east of Comstock. His family lives at Cottage Grove. The funeral was held at that place yesterday under the direction of the order of Foresters, of which he was a member.—Drain Nonpartisan.

Medford Saloons Open.

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Jan. 27.—Saloons doors are open in South Medford. A grand jury decision was rendered in cases against saloon men this week that the local option law was unconstitutional and that the Medford saloon men who dispensed liquor in a "dry" precinct should therefore be acquitted. The jury appeared to think that inasmuch as the saloon men were selling liquor under a license granted them by the city of Medford, they were not violating the local option law, as they were selling liquor pursuant to a right granted them from a source having authority. The decision opens the doors of South Medford liquor dispensaries. The fact that Medford is deeply in debt and needs the revenue money is thought to have been partly responsible for the jury's decision.

Adjourned Term of Court.

An adjourned term of circuit court will be held Feb. 10, on which date arguments will be heard for a new trial in the case of L. Kabat vs. Maurice Moore. At the term of court closed last week, the plaintiff alleging that the defendant had located him upon occupied government land, was awarded damages by a jury in the sum of \$350. Judge Galaway presided over the court during the hearing of the case.

Before adjourning court Judge Hamilton made orders in the following cases: IFM Martin, piff, vs. State of Oregon et al. def.; suit to quiet title. J. T. Long and F. G. Mirell, attys for piff; F. W. Benson and A. N. Orcutt, attys for deft. Continued.

Teachers Examination

Notice is hereby given that the regular semi-annual teachers examination for State and County papers will be held at the Court House in Roseburg, Ore., commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday Feb. 8, 1905; the same to continue until 4 o'clock p. m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1905 for County Certificate and until 4 p. m. Feb. 11, 1905 for State papers.

Letter List.

Remaining uncalled for at the Roseburg postoffice:
Barley Mr F
Churchman Mr G
Duffman Mr W
Doris Mr J
Dorner Mr J
Garner Mr J
Gates Mr F
Kloth Mr Carl
Diney Miss Waneta Woodworth Mrs
Persons calling for these letters will please state the date on which they are advertised, Jan., 30/1905. The letters will be charged for at the rate of one cent each.

C. W. PARKS

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MUNTER WAS HELD UP

A Former Roseburg Boy Robbed at Point of Revolver at Cottonwood, California.

A bold robbery is reported from Cottonwood, northern California, in which a young man well and favorably known in Roseburg figured as the object of a highwayman's dastardly designs. Wollenberg Brothers, the Roseburg merchants, have just received brief particulars of the hold up and robbery of the young man, Mr. Arthur Munter, who is a nephew of the above mentioned gentlemen. It seems as if the young man upon closing his merchandise store at a late hour in the evening had proceeded but a short distance from his place of business when he was confronted by a masked highwayman who ordered him to return and unlock the store. Mr. Munter thought to deceive the robber by stating that he did not have the key, whereupon the highwayman produced an ugly looking revolver and ordered the young man to march, unlock the store, and the safe as well. Mr. Munter obeyed orders, and a gold watch and chain, which was placed in the treasure drawer for safe keeping, was turned over to the robber, who dashed it to the floor, saying he did not want that, but the young man's watch and money. Fortunately very little money had been left in the safe, so Mr. Munter lost little, other than his gold watch and chain.

The robber then ordered the young man at the point of his gun, to lock the store and proceed ahead of him down the lonely Red Bluff road, which was a nerve racking ordeal as Mr. Munter supposed he was to be murdered to a lonely spot, there to be murdered and perhaps concealed from view.

However, after proceeding about 1/2 miles on the road he was halted by the robber and told to proceed on his way home, which he reached about 2 o'clock in the morning all but exhausted and on the verge of collapse from the severe mental strain through which he had passed. Arthur Munter is a brother of Carl and Bernhard Munter all of whom are conducting successful mercantile establishments in California. All three boys are well and favorably known in this city and county.

Work Commenced on Big Ditch.

About 20 men in charge of F. B. Waite and Leon Vial, have commenced work on the right of way of the Calapooia investment company's irrigation ditch, and more men and teams will soon be added to the working force. Work has now commenced in earnest, but may be retarded somewhat by inclement weather. It is expected, however, that the power plant will be installed early in the coming summer. The main ditch will be 3 1/2 ft. deep, 8 ft. at bottom and 12 ft. at the top. Thirty acres of alfalfa will be irrigated on Phil Beckley's farm at Fair Oaks and irrigation has proved a success elsewhere. It is safe to assume water will work wonders with Douglas county soil. We believe that this is merely a commencement. Hundreds of acres of land near Oakland will yet produce the proverbial one hunk red fold when touched by refreshing waters from the Calapooia.—Owl.

Coos County Mines

E. G. Flanagan and Attorney McKnight have returned from a business trip to the mining district above Myrtle Point. They report unusual activity in the silver and Salmon Mountain sections, where over 150 prospectors are vigorously engaged developing promising quartz ledges and placer claims. Ed Hussey, they say, is working one of the best claims in the group, the quartz mill is being operated day and night. This is the 5th stamp mill installed in several years, by a company, in which Marsfield capital had a controlling interest, but was later transferred to outside parties. The property is reported as yielding large dividends to its share holders.—Marshfield Sun.

Brief Strike in Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—Because non-union men were put to work on the government building, 400 carpenters employed at the Lewis and Clark fair grounds quit work this morning. A satisfactory agreement was reached with the strikers shortly afterwards and they returned to work.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best Made.

"In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds," says Mrs. Coara 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.

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Lathrop P N
McKinney J H
McKinnon J H
McKinnon M G D
Merritt Mrs J H
Robinson Mr B
Woodward Mr Geo
Diney Miss Waneta Woodworth Mrs
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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH
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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

When a woman does not want a thing she can say "No" without the least bit of previous practice.

Graduates from a cooking school are surprised to discover how much they can learn by a postgraduate course in their mother's kitchen.

Misery loves company, but not by any means with the passionate regard of a theatrical manager.



Single men are beginning to wonder if the girls really know it is leap year.

The continued sprightliness of a gas meter is surprising, considering the amount of night work that it does.

A fisherman's union would hardly be a success, for no one would want to be the walking delegate.

A campaign spellbinder talks so impressively that at first one is half inclined to think that he almost believes what he says.

Green goods are only disposed of to stockers who are ripe.

Where Wisdom is on Tap.
Back in Hasom's livery stable
All the great affairs of state
Brainy hangers on are able
To dispose of while you wait.
The law experts hold a session,
Gravely sitting in a row.
Each one by his own confession
Knowing all, there is to know.

On the knotty eastern question
Statesmen fess so much about
Each one has a grave suggestion
And feels free to try it out.
Tiff and affairs financial,
Silver coined or stored or free.
Each one has a rule substantial
That will fit things to a "T."

How the war should be conducted
On a scale superb and large
Each has sure results deduced
From the plans were he in charge.
How the treaty should be written
When the day of peace shall dawn.
Terms for smelter and for smelter
And which land should be in pawn.

All of these the able loafers,
Warming chairs in lieu of rent,
Who as prattle dogs or snappers,
Sive and do not charge a cent.
And their wives perhaps more heedful,
Wonder, as at home they stow,
Where they're going to get the needful
When the rent is overdue.

His Record.
Reporter (interviewing candidate for sheriff of Pinen Creek)—Your opponent, Bill, says you have no record to speak of.

Bill (blushing)—What's that, sonny? No record ter speak of? Well, ain't I shot thirteen prominent citizens in this county an' drunk more whiskey than any galoot in the bull state?

Home Cooking.
There is a charm about the words "home cooking" that the facts in the case do not always justify.

When a fussy gentleman who knows human nature when he meets it on a bright day opens a restaurant, he hangs out the mystic sign "Home Cooking" over the door, and the crowds come and turn over their money for foundry made pies and trust baked cakes and never know the difference.

"Oh, home cooking," as the poet Shakespeare or some one else has said, "what crimes are committed in thy name!" The poor, forlorn dyspeptic wandering about looking for a soft spot on which to die sees the sign, and hope springs in his breast as weeds in an onion patch. But after he has been against the game he comes forth more determined than ever to find the soft spot he was looking for.

Not Even if We Tell Them.
We live for those who love us.
But when we go about
Without a kind word or a smile
They never find it out.

Contented.
"She seems to have a most happy disposition."
"Happy is no name for it. When she cannot find amusement any other way she can always enjoy herself by not having the toothache."

Cash Conquered.
"He used to say Ethel was worth her weight in gold, yet he married Edith."
"Yes, Edith was only worth \$50,000, but it was where they could draw checks on it."

Would Just Suit Him.
"I will pay you that little bill next week."
"But next week may never come."
"I hope it won't, but that would be too good to be true."

Got Acquainted Slowly.
"What is your husband's politics?"
"Really I never heard him say. You see, we have only been married ten years."

Cured 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 times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided 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."

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