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### WINTER RAINS.

Oregon never overstates her virtues. Possibly she remembers that some of her most prominent men have been caught in times past and it makes her feel modest and retiring. She does not feel disposed to encourage the world to come hither and the people of Coos Bay are very apt to put the worst foot forward. It is on this account that the old timer tells the new comer some wonderful stories and laughs at the consternation he has produced. There are a good many new comers in Marshfield just now who never spent a winter here and they are looking forward to the advent of that season as Noah must have looked forward to the coming of the flood.

Now some of the editorial staff of the Times have lived many years in Minnesota whence a large number of our new citizens come. Let it be said from a fullness of experience in both Minnesota and Coos Bay that the number of sunny days in winter is as great in Coos Bay as in Minnesota. Only in Minnesota it snows while in Coos Bay it rains. But the point is that the rain in Coos Bay is, in no sense, as objectionable to most people as the snow in Minnesota. The writer remembers very distinctly the summer of 1903 at Bald Eagle Lake near St. Paul. Having spent last winter in Marshfield he is able to say that last winter here was just about as the summer of 1903 there. Besides this the old timers all insisted that last winter was an exceptionally severe one in Coos Bay. To the writer, who has experienced almost every change, from frigid to tropical heat, and from cyclone to calm, the winter of 1906-7 was the pleasantest, from a climatic point of view, he every spent. He believes the climate of Coos Bay the best in the world. They told him the winds of summer would terrify him. He has felt no wind that could be compared with the breezes which blow over the prairies of Minnesota or Dakota. The other morning there was a mild rumble of electrical concussion in the atmosphere which people called thunder. Timid natives of California and Oregon put their heads under the bed clothes and, it is said, refused to get up until the terrible storm was over. Storm? Let all the new comers from Minnesota who called that thunder or a storm hold up their hands. If the native Pacific coaster could hear the ear splitting crash of the Minnesota brand of aerial artillery he would never again listen to the Oregon fake imitation. The terrors of rain are far less disturbing than snow. The only drawback is mud. If Marshfield would only tear up her streets as fast as she can repair them, instead of tearing them up and making them all impassable at once, the mud would not be troublesome either. The waterways never freeze up.

**EXCLUDING FRONT STREET.**  
The Times contained an editorial yesterday, which criticized the action of the city council in not including the east side of Front street in the fire limits. No member of the city council has undertaken to explain and The Times has heard only approval of the sentiments expressed in that editorial except from one man and he was little interested. But on investigation, while it has been found that the consensus of opinion is that the east side should be included, yet the city council did have reasons which were weighty and which they considered carefully and thoughtfully in acting on the subject. In the first place they considered that the time might come when public policy would make it necessary that the east side of Front street be kept clean and free of all

buildings. In the second place there is and was practically no basis for a foundation for any out a wooden structure on that side of the street. In this connection let it also be said that it seemed, on first view, that the apparent ground for excluding the east side was rather personal or municipal than fair. Such, indeed, was the general assignment of motive and we are only too glad to declare that we do not believe that the enlargement of the city hall or the proposed elevation of one of the Front street structures, actuated any member of the council. Nor did we say so. We simply said that it would have looked better to include the tract. We believe the council have been struggling manfully with many complicated questions and that they have done good work, on the whole, in a very difficult and thankless service. Still it would have been better to include the water front in the fire district. The fact that foundations can not be made there does not justify a tinderbox district. The time will come when tall frame structures will stand on one side of that street and cement or brick on the other. The brick and cement will, in case of a fire on the frame side, melt and crumble, like so much mud.

### The Modern School Child.

Make haste to school, my little child,  
Or else you will be late;  
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And here's your sterile slate.

Your pencil has been boiled an hour  
'Tis germless now, I hope;  
And don't forget to wash your desk  
With this carbolic soap.

And lest about the schoolroom floor  
Some unseen microbes lurk,  
Just sprinkle formalin around  
Before you set to work.

You'd better put, for safety's sake,  
Bicloride in the ink,  
And water that has not been boiled  
You must not dare to drink.

Of course, when recess comes around  
Some food you'll want to munch:  
So in this disinfected box  
Is predigested lunch.

And since 'tis said that in a kiss  
Bacteria may dwell,  
I may not give you, as I'd like,  
A mother's fond farewell.

Make haste to school, my child,  
And leave my tender care;  
And may you still be safely kept  
From microbes in the air.

—Life.

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## HEPPNER SCENE OF MURDER MYSTERY

E. T. Zsbell Found Dead With Bullet Hole at the Base of His Skull.

Heppner, Ore., Oct. 3.—Heppner is excited over what looks to be a murder mystery. E. T. Zsbell, of this city, was found dead this morning with a bullet hole at the base of his skull, and a man named Webb, in whose company he was last seen, is missing. The Sheriff and a posse are scouring the county in search of Webb. The coroner's jury has been out all day and at a late hour has not returned a verdict.

Zsbell, who has been working in the country with a threshing crew, came to town yesterday and hired a man named Webb. They left town in a hack at about 7 o'clock last night, leading a horse. About a mile below town, near the slaughterhouse, the tracks showed the rig turned around and came back to town. It was found on Court street. A second horse which Zsbell had tied behind the hack was missing, and it is believed that Webb made use of the animal to effect his escape. The reins were cut and Zsbell's body was found with the head and shoulders hanging out of the buggy.

Webb has been herding sheep in the vicinity for a year or more. He is a man about 40 years old. His initials are not known.

Zsbell formerly conducted a meat market in this city. He had no known relatives here and was about 55 years old.

Webb is said to have been seen passing the Edwards place nine miles from here. Robbery is thought to have been the motive for the alleged crime.

### Notice.

—Since the first of the month Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cooper have taken charge of the Garfield. The house has been thoroughly renovated and refitted throughout.

### KENTUCKY SENSATION.

Prominent Woman Jailed For Lack of Bail Money.

Lexington, Oct. 3.—Mrs. Julia Gentry was arrested today on a bench warrant charging subordination of witnesses in the Caleb Powers case. Her bond was fixed at \$1,000, which the prisoner was unable to furnish at once and she probably will be taken to Frankfort for commitment. Mrs. Gentry is highly connected and her arrest created a decided sensation here.

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