

COOS BAY TIMES

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CRIMINALLY CARELESS.

THE TIMES prints in another column a brief description of the route followed by the Titanic and the cause of the wreck in the 20 mile danger zone of icebergs.

A moment's perusal of what is here said will satisfy everybody that it was nothing but criminal carelessness that wrecked the Titanic. To be running at top speed in the night through waters known to be so dangerous was merely to invite catastrophe.

It may now never be known whether proper precautions were taken to detect the presence of glaciers. In the absence of knowledge of what happened, it has amazed the world that neither the growing chill of the water, nor the appearance of ice in the course of travel, nor any other weather sign, seemed to warn the officers of the doomed vessel of what was ahead.

Whether there were life-boats enough, whether in other respects the Titanic was the vessel it was supposed to be, whether the officers and the crew acted with the heroism that the dispatches have seemed to indicate, these are questions that will all be answered in due time. But it does not need any story from the survivors to satisfy the public on this other matter. It was criminal to be following a course of known danger with so little regard for what might happen. The engineer of an express train who would swing onto a bridge where the rails had already spread without slackening his speed would not be more criminally careless.

FOREST FIRE SEASON

THE forest fire season is only a few weeks off. Those who have slashings to burn, as the result of land clearing, logging, road building, or any other purpose, should begin to watch for the time when burning can be done in accordance with the law, and with safety to surrounding property. It is only by having slashings removed through early spring or late fall burning that there is hope of keeping down fires later on.

Timber land is paying a large part of the taxes in Oregon; 75 to 80 per cent in some counties. The owners of this class of property are not asking for roads, or other improvements to enhance the value of their property, but are contributing cheerfully to have these built for the benefit of others. It therefore seems only right that county officials should assist in preserving a property which contributes so substantially to the running expenses of the government.

County courts can do much to help keep down fires both by being sure that rights of way of roads are kept free from inflammable material and by assisting the State Forester during the dry months through assigning men to work under his direction. One bad fire will result in the loss of thousands of dollars of tax money to the state, and it is sound public policy to avoid this if possible.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING

I do the very best I know how—the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end—if the end brings me out all right what is said against me won't amount to anything; if the end brings me out wrong ten angles swearing I was right will make no difference.—Abraham Lincoln.

NATURE FAKIR

A HEN—
is not supposed to have much common sense or tact.
Yet every time she lays an egg she cackles forth the fact.

A ROOSTER—
hasn't got a lot of intellect to show. But non the less most roosters have good sense enough to crow.

BUT MAN—
the greatest masterpiece that nature could devise.
Will often stop and hesitate before he'll ADVERTISE.

The fireless cooking and paper-bag

cooking and cookless cooking may be all right in their place, but they cannot come up to the kind of cooking that mother used to do.

The world may owe every man a living, but some Coos Bay people put the bill in other hands for collection.

"I'm tired of laying eggs," complained the hen. "And I'm tired of lying about them," chimed in the dealer in the cold storage product.

An unfortunate man whose name is E. Z. Money, has petitioned the legislature to change his name because he cannot live up to it.

A MAN OF FOREIGN PARTS

He had:
Railroad kidneys.
A coffee heart.
A whisky breath.
Leather lungs.
A copper-lined stomach.
Muscles of steel.
An iron nerve.
A silver voice.

The tourist who after many hours of tiresome climbing gained the top of Pike's Peak, looked inquiringly around and demanded, "Now show us what this man Pike pecked at?"

While interest in the world's 20 best-known women is keen, the following selection may be apropos:

- Sue Aside.
- Bay Bee.
- Mary Goround.
- Katy Did.
- Ann Titoxin.
- Lillie Putian.
- Maude Lynne.
- Sophie More.
- Eva Entually.
- Fan See.
- Rose Ary.
- Grace Full.
- Ann Heuser.
- Minnie Ature.
- Ena Kops.
- Mag Nitude.
- Jen Till.
- Flo Path.
- Flo Wing.

The other day a prominent Denver man took his fountain pen to his room to do some writing and a few minutes later committed suicide. Out of consideration for the feelings of the manufacturer the particular brand of fountain pen was not mentioned in the press reports.

THE BACHELOR GIRL SAYS

Love sickness is one malady that can be cured by suggestion. Merely suggest to the man that the girl is trying to marry him.

It does not always happen that a man is as black as he is painted or a woman as crimson.

Many a man finds that his greatest automobile trouble comes in trying to sell his last year's car.

WHAT DO WE PLANT?

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship which will cross the sea;
We plant the masts to carry the sails;
We plant the plank to withstand the gales;
The keel, the keelson, and beam and knee;
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the houses for you and me;
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors;
We plant the studding, the lath, the doors,
The beams and siding, all parts that be;
We plant the house when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
A thousand things that we daily see;
We plant the spire that out-towers the crag;
We plant the staff for our country's flag;
We plant the shade from the hot sun tree—
We plant all these when we plant the tree. —Selected.

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Notice is hereby given that David Talbot, of Empire, Ore., who on April 20, 1908, made timber application No. 0675, for W. 1/2 Section 33, Township 26 South, Range 14 W. Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to sell his final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver United States Land Office, Roseburg, Ore., on the 19th day of May, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Franklin Elliott, of Empire, Ore.; Tom Talbot, of Empire, Ore.; William Gall, of Marshfield, Ore.; James Wages, of Empire, Ore.
BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register.