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THOSE MOST TO BLAME.

THE Queen steamed away, Captain Cousins says, in pursuance of imperative orders, on the arrival of the Topeka, not trying in the meantime to do anything. The Queen left the rescue job to the Topeka, which did nothing because it considered it to be the business and duty of the tug to do something.

FOREST RESERVES IN THE NORTHWEST.

THERE IS NOT so much objection in the far west to the government's forest reserve policy as there was a few years ago or even more recently. It is better understood, and it has been learned that the government would—and the government has learned that it should and must—protect agricultural settlers and other bona fide claimants in their rights.

LA BELLE FRANCE AND DON CIPRIANO.

FRANCE has probably not abandoned its intention to compel Castro to make another apology if not to pay some of his alleged debts, but is taking time to consider the case further, especially as the outcome of the Algeiras conference is a more important matter, and if France gets into a fight with Germany it will have no powder to waste for awhile on Castro.

SMALL CHANGE.

After this some people will be inclined to choose Oregon rather than California as a winter resort. If Fenny keeps on taking Eda out riding in automobiles the suspicion will strengthen that he is desperately determined to do something to avoid the contracted marriage.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

By H. D. Jenkins, D. D. Topic: "The Temptation of Jesus"—Matthew 1:1-11. Golden text—"In all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."—Heb. 4:15.

DANIELS DEFENDED BY ROOSEVELT.

Washington Special to New York World. President Roosevelt has scolded the senate judiciary committee because it is a trifle slow in approving the appointment of Ben Daniels to be United States marshal for Arizona.

REFORMING TIMBER LAND LAW.

THAT THE LAND LAWS have been very imperfect and until recently very loosely if not corruptly administered everybody knows. At every session of congress the prevailing if not the unanimous opinion is that the laws should somehow be changed or some of them repealed, but congress can agree on nothing and ends by doing nothing, as will probably be the case again.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

A Bend man Sunday saw six deer at the foot of Sugar Loaf butte. They were very tame, leisurely walked away and then turned around and looked at him. It is presumed that the "heavy" deer to the court above has driven the deer to that vicinity to seek food.

THE BIG WOODS OF OREGON.

T. B. Van Dyke in the Outing Magazine for February. Stupendous silence reared on the greater part of this dense forest. For hours at a time there was not even the faintest peep of a bird, the flash of a squirrel or the hum of an insect through the vast somber halls formed by the serried ranks of tree trunks.

LEWIS AND CLARK.

At Fort Clatsop. February 20. There is no occurrence to note today. All are pleased that one month of the dreary time that separates us from home and friends, and binds us to Fort Clatsop, has now elapsed.

Mrs. Roosevelt Thoughtful.

From the Indianapolis Morning Star. Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt is one of the most thoughtful of women. She does many little gracious and kindly acts of which none but the recipient knows.

A New One From Champ Clark.

Yesterday's Debate in the House. Mr. Clark, continuing, said: "One of my predecessors in this house, along back in the sixties, was a man of splendid genius, Colonel George W. Anderson. While he was running for congress the second time he was opposed by a very able man, Colonel F. Switzer, the Senator of the editorial profession in Missouri. In the debate Switzer took an entire hour to prove that Anderson was inconsistent. When Anderson's time came the only reply he made was: 'Fellow citizens, consistency be damned.'" (Laughter.)

Hiyu Shookum Time.

From the Arlington Record. The first of this week the Rock Creek Indians, some 350 strong, a few miles from Arlington in Klickitat county, closed their big bow-wow and feast which occurs each year. There were present Indians from Umatilla, Yakima and Warm Springs. The festivities have been running since January 7. The days were spent in gambling, dancing, feasting, etc. The nights were spent in all kinds of dancing, such as war dances, spirit dances, skull dances, etc.

The Chaplain's Prayer.

From the Kansas City Journal. They are telling in Washington of a Kansas who, with his little boy, visited the senate gallery while in the capital recently. Among the persons the boy was interested in was Edward Everett Hale, a magnificent looking old man. His father told him that was the chaplain. "Oh, he prays for the senate, doesn't he?" asked the lad. "No," replied the Kansas man, "he gets up and takes a look at the senate and then prays for the country."

THE HISTORY OF O. R. & N. ENGINE.

From the Pendleton East Oregonian. O. R. & N. passenger engine No. 134, which pulls the Spokane passenger train in and out of this city daily, boasts of one of the most exciting and remarkable histories of locomotives on the entire system, and perhaps on the coast.

Potentialities of Salt.

From the Chicago Evening Post. Another alarm clock has been set off by the medical profession. Dr. Tracy of New York says: "If you want to avoid Bright's disease use very little salt." This is indeed startling, with which animals in general have treated this warning. Deer and other ignorant creatures have been known to wander across miles of country, to wander along looking up a salt spring and acquiring a large dose of Bright's disease, and any farmer will tell you how the cows hang about the kitchen door eager to take into their systems that which will play havoc with their interiors.

Innocents Abroad Still Alive.

Derby (Conn.) Dispatch in New York Tribune. One of Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad" is living quietly at Deep River at the age of 71 years. He is Captain William A. Pratt, who was for many years one of the best-known sailing-masters of the New York Yacht club. Captain Pratt was quartermaster of the steamship Quaker City when that vessel made the trip to the Holy Land that Mr. Clemens has immortalized in his famous work.

WATER WAGON.

The juggernaut of goodfellowship. Take away the fagon, I am on the water wagon, and I dare not get a jag on. Till the roses bloom again, by Bernard Shaw. Unpopular Song.

WOMEN HEAR SMOOT'S FIRST SPEECH.

From the Washington Post. Senator Reed Smoot made his first speech in the senate yesterday. It was brief, occupying about five minutes. It was an argument in favor of a bill to extend the limit of time for homestead entry within the limits of the United States Indian reservation from February 15 to May 15. Close attention was given to Mr. Smoot. The female occupants of the galleries were especially on the alert. Necks were craned and whispering exchanges, indicating the popularity of his speech, were heard from the galleries. "What is your name?" "I forget," replied the witness. "In it Ha Ha Rogers?" "By advice of counsel, I have forgotten," answered the witness—Report of Standard Oil Investigation.