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have been granted them by the interstate commerce commission. It is news of interest in this upper country and has a bearing on the road situation in Umatilla county. In arranging the bond proposition why not give serious attention to the moving of the wheat crop? There is every reason for believing that if through the right sort of road construction the Columbia is made accessible to the wheat belt a good reduction in the freight rate may be secured. It is a subject of practical economic importance and it has not had the attention it deserves from those back of the bonding proposal.

INSPIRING

THE Umatilla county library is adding new books at the rate of 3,000 per annum and during the past year the book circulation through the local and branch libraries amounted to 37,000 volumes. This data is from a report made by the president of the library board at a recent dinner here. There is inspiration in that statement. It means the people of this county have had the benefit without expense of 37,000 good books. Think what that means to the homes of Umatilla county. Think what it means to young men and women thirsting for the pleasure and instruction that may be derived from reading the best fiction the world has produced. Take thought of the decided practical advantage afforded by access to the thousands of volumes of non-fiction in the library. There is added glory for the library in the fact it is an open house for all the people. Any resident of the county is entitled to any feature of the institution on the same basis as anyone else. The poorest child has the privilege of taking the gems of literature shine with impartial light for all who wish them. The blessings are not just for town homes but for sheep camp and farm and all other places where good reading material is wanted. The public library is a truly wonderful institution. In potential good it is the most valuable thing in Umatilla county. If it continues to increase in usefulness as it has during the last few years the happiness and culture resulting from its operation will be inestimable.

OVERLOOKING THE WHEAT

THE port commission at Astoria has asked for bids on the construction of two river steamers and two barges for use on the Columbia, presumably for wheat handling. They seem intent on making use of the river even though common point rates

GET IT FIRST—NOT LAST

When a cold grips your system it is convincing proof that your condition is weakened—remember that. It is risky indeed to simply trust your strength to throw it off, because neglected colds have brought more serious sickness than any other one thing, while weakening cathartics and stimulating syrups are often depressing and dangerous. The one best treatment for any cold—the one so often relied on when others fail, is the powerful blood-nourishment in Scott's Emulsion, which feeds the very sources of bodily strength to suppress the present cold and generate strength to thwart further sickness. Get Scott's first, not last—and insist on the genuine—always free from alcohol and injurious drugs. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 15-13

A "former confidential agent" for Francisco Villa, the Mexican outlaw, is talking in Chicago about the glories of his erstwhile chief's "army," which he says is "better than ours." As proof of this remarkable assertion he declares that less than six months ago he spent \$10,000,000 on Villa's account for arms and ammunition from the Remington company. This is something of a pot of money and perhaps the Remington people will be interested to know that they obtained so much from Villa. But of more interest to Americans generally is the speculation as to where, if the former confidential agent's story is true, the Mexican bandit got the cash. Ten millions do not grow on Mexican bushes. Who financed Villa? If a formidable force is gathered around Villa the question will become still more important.

It is worth while for Pendleton to have a reputation as one of the cleanest small cities in the country; we should hold fast to that compliment and live up to it.

If there are numerous Mexicans who want to fight the United States they have a splendid opportunity. Our men are in the ring looking for just such chaps.

The baseball tree will soon be in full sprout in all parts of Umatilla county. The hard winter did no damage there.

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN

MIGHT OMIT THE MUSIC

A clergyman of Kentucky, according to Senator Ollie James of that state, who never lost an opportunity to decry what he termed the "sin of dancing," met a pretty girl member of his flock who was reluctant to adopt the view of her spiritual adviser. "You should give up dancing, Miss Smith," he urged. "Don't you know that dancing is simply spooning set to music?" "Well," said the girl, "I suppose they might omit the music."

INSHOOTS

Undeserved praise is but a momentary stimulant. It is better not to lie about your salary if you intend to marry the girl. When hoping for the smile of fortune we sometimes encounter only a ghastly leer.

This work of reforming some fellows is as difficult as patching together a broken egg.


The man with a billygoat face is just as liable to be pursued by a jealous wife as a tango Apollo.

Film baseball games will never be popular until some means of abating the empire can be devised.

NEGLECTED COLDS

(By Dr. E. B. Haslop, Pendleton, Or.) You had better get that cold cured. It may develop into grippe, pneumonia, or even tuberculosis. The cure is an expert in breaking up colds. He can do more for relieving the grippe than any other treatment. Don't let the cold settle. "A stitch in time saves nine."—Adv.

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Why U.S. Should Control Oil Fields

(By Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior.)
 At present, as for years past, a number of this country's most valuable, indeed indispensable resources are either being exploited under laws as wasteful as they are arcaic, or are not being utilized at all. How vitally important to our national welfare is the enactment of new laws, intelligent and just, is obvious from the nature of the more conspicuous of those national assets—our oil, gas, coal and phosphate.
 The remedy is at hand in what is known as the general development bill, prepared two years ago after investigation of conditions that was as painstaking as it was conscientious. After passing the house of representatives it failed to pass the senate. Congress has it under consideration anew, under circumstances which have become more urgent through the very lapse of time.
 Our oil and gas lands are still taken up under a law that is worse than an anachronism. Were it not so immediately harmful, it would be laughable. Back in 49, California's gold seekers, locating their claims along the streams, working out a rough and ready rule that ownership of the claim depended on the finding of gold in that particular spot; until it was found, any one could try to find the gold and, on finding it, assert owner's rights.
 The rule subsequently furnished the principle on which was founded the law governing the ownership claims of minerals in general.
 Today, applied in the case of law to oil that may be half a mile below the earth's surface, and be discovered only after the outlay of a fortune—small or large—the principle of the old placer gold claim is sheer nonsense. Worse—it has permitted the taking up of public lands purely as a basis for speculation.
 Worse still—under the law as it stands, this mineral, which is so needful to the people, which can never be replaced, is wasted by the millions of barrels. It is true that the estimate by the geological survey that our total supply of petroleum is 23,000,000,000 barrels; but, within our own borders we are consuming that supply at the rate of 265,000,000 barrels per year.
 Children born in 1916 need not live to four score and ten to witness the complete exhaustion of our petroleum. So far from being rich in that most important national asset, our consumption draws now so heavily on our supply that any waste of it is criminal, and use of it as fuel before extracting all of its valuable constituents is folly barely short of madness.
 The sane course for us, with regard to our oil lands, is to give first a government permit for drilling, to be followed by the gift of a circumscribed acreage upon discovery and the leasing of lands adjacent on royalties and on conditions preventing waste.
 We have now, in California and Wyoming, 3,011,000 acres of oil lands withdrawn by the government, partly for national fuel reserve purposes, and principally awaiting suitable laws for development. Much of this land has been tied up and some of it has been developed.
 As for our laws governing coal lands, we estimate the deposits and sell them on the government expert's appraisal, a plan founded in doubt and conducted on chance. Under the general development bill a citizen need not possess large capital to choose the alternative offered, of leasing a coal land and paying in the form of royalty, only for what it yields to his endeavors.
 We have no law at all that provides for the utilization of the phosphate rock underlying 3,000,000 acres of land under withdrawal in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, although in Montana and other parts of the west smelters are located that

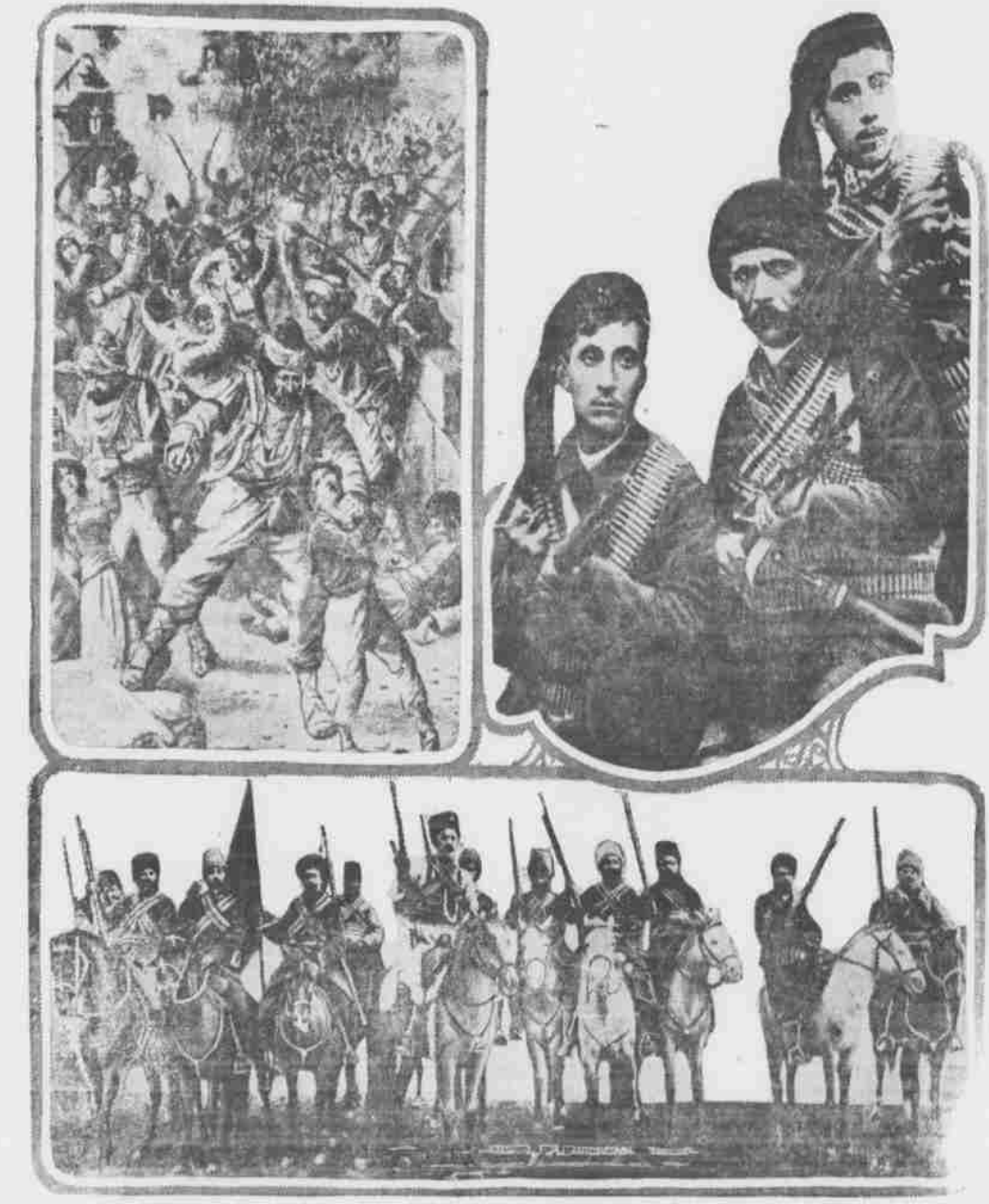
furnish sulphuric acid for the production of valuable fertilizer from the rock, while the orchardists of Washington, Oregon and California are transporting rock from Florida, 6000 miles removed by water, with overland freight besides. Nothing is needed for the correction of this anomalous condition but the law which opens to use the vast stores of phosphate near at hand.
 All of these things are matters of very pressing need, calling for action without any delay. Some of them are vital to our future as a nation.

AUTOMOBILE GOES OVER BRIDGE; THREE HURT
SPOKANE, March 22—An automobile with eight occupants, planned from the approach to the Monroe street bridge, falling 30 feet this morning. Three were seriously injured. The chauffeur denied any of them were intoxicated. The party had been to the seven mile road house. In crossing the bridge, the glaring light of an approaching machine blinded the driver, who turned into a sidewalk. The car broke the railing and fell. John Hinde, cashier at a local theater, fractured his skull and two actresses were seriously hurt. The others escaped with minor injuries.

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FIRST OF ARMENIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING



Above, at left, an Armenian artist's drawing of a Turkish raid. At right, three Armenian infantrymen of an insurgent force. Below, a party of Armenian cavalry organized to resist the Turks.

ARMENIANS ORGANIZED TO RESIST THE TURKS

BY L. V. B. RUCKER,
 (International News Service Staff Correspondent.)
NEW YORK, March 22—Bitter experience of the actual horrors of war is being brought to America by Armenian refugees—children, women, and old men—fleeing from their homes and burned villages in Asia Minor, before the devastating Turks. With the Goddess of Liberty a stone's throw away and the towering skyline of New York staring them in the face, I watched forty-five Armenians, fifteen men and the rest women and children and babies in arms, waiting wonderingly while Uncle Sam announced the red tape that temporarily held them back from breathing the air of freedom. They seemed already to have forgotten the noise of battle, the shouts of the on-rushing Moslems and the cries of the victims whose homes were being destroyed as the last of their misery.
 These were the advance guard of 1,250 Armenian women and men being accepted as refugees to the United States by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. The refugees were to be colonized in this country. Their way was paid by relatives already here.
 As fast as they were discharged by the immigration authorities, the Armenians were taken in charge by Walter H. Mallory, field secretary for the committee. In turn, those who had friends or relatives in New York were sent to them. The others were placed in charge of the various Armenian organizations to await employment which the committee is attempting to obtain for them.
 Most of the first contingent of refugees came from the villages of Habatlee and Batyan, on Mount Moses, bordering on the Mediterranean, 15 miles from the ancient city of Antioch. The two villages, having a total of 16,000 inhabitants, were destroyed last summer by the Turks.
 "It was late last summer," said Mrs. Achsah Sakenian, 79 years old, formerly of the village of Habatlee, "when the inhabitants of Habatlee and Batyan received word from the Turkish officials that we had been ordered to depart to a desert somewhere in the interior."
 Mrs. Sakenian spoke through the interpretation of her son, S. H. Saken, a New York art dealer, who met her at Ellis Island. He is thoroughly Americanized and has had the courts cut off the last syllable of his name.
 "During the time spent for preparation," the aged woman continued, "about 1,500 men, women and children, myself among them, fled to a refuge on Mount Moses."
 "The rest were driven by Turkish soldiers to some place in the interior. We never knew where they went, because none ever was known to return."
 "The Armenians on Mount Moses resisted the Turks. Twice the men repulsed attacks by Turkish soldiers sent to delude them."
 "It was a huge home-made flag that finally saved all of us. After our men had attacked the Turks at night, while they slept, we escaped to a slope on the Mediterranean. Our men surprised the Turks, and they fled, thinking it was a superior force."
 "When we reached the slope, the refugees sewed together several large white sheets and in the center they placed a big red cross, made from scraps torn from garments.

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