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SOME members of Congress are inclined to regard intimation that national legislatures need Secret Service surveillance as muck-raking of the worst sort.

IF ONE wants a good lesson in self-control, let him try to save one hundred dollars out of his wages. The devil himself will conspire to make him spend it ere he gets half of it together.

SOME of the business men of Marshfield say they felt three distinct earthquake shocks inside of an hour one day last week. Wonder where they have been getting their booze lately. It certainly must be the kind that shakes the drinker.

IT WAS the coldest in Portland last week that it has been for twenty-one years, and even the "oldest inhabitants" say the weather was "unusual." Over in the famous Hood River Valley they report two feet of snow, and in the Mississippi valley and farther east they are experiencing a genuine touch of winter, so the little cool breeze we have been experiencing here would seem like a July zephyr to most any other place in the country.

IN MANY respects Massachusetts is a model state. It is so especially in matters of education and labor laws. The recent suggestion of President Roosevelt that orphan or dependent children should be cared for in private families rather than in asylums is not new, for Massachusetts had already adopted this policy and is systematically carrying it out, as far as possible. The public and charitable institutions are useful and as yet necessary—probably always will be so; yet much can no doubt be accomplished along the line of the president's suggestion and Massachusetts is working out the problem, as it has done many others successfully.

THE graft scandal at Pittsburg, Pa., seems to be reaching larger proportions as investigation goes farther, the officials and others who have the work of investigation in hand say they will show up some conditions that will make the San Francisco grafting, which has caused so much sensation, look small indeed. It is to be hoped that if this is the case, that the guilty parties will be brought to justice. It has cost San Francisco a large sum of money, but they are probably rid of Ruefism for a while, as that gentleman will not be turned loose among the people for some time, and it is doubtful if any one else, or any set of men will undertake the same thing again very soon.

CONDITIONS for a prosperous year in the vicinity of Bandon were never better than this year. The merchants here are doing good business and have not felt the usual great lull that comes after the holidays. Real estate is moving at a good figure and everything indicates prosperity. The same conditions exist in other parts of Coos county, according to reports. Over at Coos Coos Bay everything is prosperous, and the up river towns in the Coquille valley also report con-

ditions as first class. The Myrtle Point Enterprise in speaking of business prospects in that city says: "1909 promises to be a banner year for Myrtle Point. Merchants anticipate a large trade during the year, believing it will far surpass any previous twelve months in the history of the city."

WITH this issue the RECORDER begins Volume 25, in good health and prospects for better business in the future than has ever been our lot. The RECORDER has tried to always be fair in its dealing with people, slanders no one and stands up for Bandon and its people, first, last and all the time. The coming year we will try to make the paper better than ever before, and we ask our friends to help us by reporting any items of news they may know. It is impossible for the editor to know everything that is going on unless some one will give him information occasionally. We wish one and all a prosperous year in 1909, and will try to merit your confidence during the entire year.

ALTHOUGH weather conditions have not been favorable, yet the progress on the new school building has been quite good, although not as rapid as had been hoped, and the work will probably not be completed by February 15th as anticipated, but may take about thirty days longer, but one thing is certain, and that is, when it is completed the job will be a very satisfactory one, at least the work is proceeding in a manner perfectly satisfactory to the architect who has the building in charge, and Bandon people are assured of a school building that will be a monument to the community, and what is more than all a convenient building for the work of educating the young. The school board is working for the best interests of the district, in connection with school building, and they are anxious that their procedures will be such that they will meet with the approval of the people, consequently they are taking every precaution to see that the work is all properly done.

BANDON is likely to have a wireless telegraphy station, as representatives of the United Wireless have been here looking over the ground, and say that they will put in the station, providing they can get \$50 per month on it. This will be a very small amount, and the probabilities are that the business will more than double that amount in a very short time after the plant is installed. Several of the vessels plying along the coast will be equipped with wireless, and it will be of great use in communicating with them, as well as for commercial purposes with other cities and towns. Bandon people should jump at the opportunity of getting this station. Wireless is surely the coming means of communicating by telegraph, and will in time replace all other means of long distance communication, as there will be no trouble such as wires being down or crossed or in fact any other difficulty that is so common to the old system.

Land for sale in small tracts near town: A. Haberly

THE capital stock of the Wells Fargo Express Co is \$8,000,000, and there is nothing to show that this is all paid up capital, and the probabilities are that it is not; but during the last year the net profit of the company amounted to \$1,000,000, according to their report filed with the Railroad Commission. This would be 50 per cent on the entire capital if paid up. From this showing alone it is apparent that considerable reduction could be made in rates charged by the company, without materially hampering or deteriorating the value of the capital invested, and at the same time the company would make enormous profits. If the express rate was decreased one-fourth the companies would still make a big profit. The total tax paid by the company in the United States is \$135,270.84, of which \$669.01 is paid in Oregon. Of this latter amount \$100.37 is paid on property and \$568.64 on income and privileges.

## San Francisco Response

CALIFORNIA heads the list of state subscriptions for the relief of Sicilian sufferers, and in the contribution of California, San Francisco is, of course, the heaviest factor. The Bay City is generous in accord with its reputation, and just as the rest of the country expects it to be. The very name of San Francisco conveys an impression of Pacific Coast largeness in charity. It is recognized in the West as typical of generosity, and, as the metropolis of the Coast, its giving becomes a matter of more than local pride. In the present instance there is special prompting to give liberally. The demand of those stricken Sicilians is great—how great can probably be appreciated by San Franciscans more keenly than by anyone else. The memory of what the relief meant under similar circumstances is yet fresh and impressive in and about the city of the Golden Gate. Without the reminder, San Francisco would have maintained her reputation for liberal giving; with the reminder, it is no manner of marvel that she should be at the head of the list.—Telegram.

## A Continental Movement

THE PRESIDENT has invited Canada and Mexico to join the United States in the movement recently inaugurated for the conservation of national resources, and it is probable that they will accept the invitation, and that it will therefore become an international North American endeavor. In his letter to the governor-general of Canada the president said: "It is evident that natural resources are not limited by the boundary lines which separate nations and the need for conserving them upon this continent is as wide as the area upon which they exist." This is especially true in regard to forest wealth, and Canada has so far pursued a far wiser policy than the United States has in this respect. Besides, the political line dividing the countries has been made too much of. There is no good reason or a tariff barrier along the same line. Geographically the whole region is one country. Various rivers rise in Canada and flow into the United States, and vice versa, and the two countries should unite to get the most benefit out of those streams and to maintain reasonable forest reserves. The same is true in a less degree of Mexico, in which country Americans have hundreds of millions of dollars invested. There is needed an international code of laws covering the develop-

ment of waterways and mining, and such a code may be an out-growth of this new conservation movement.—Journal.

## For a More Rational Jury Law

FOLLOWING somewhat after the movement in California, a bill will be introduced into the Oregon Legislature to provide for a constitutional amendment to affect the conduct of jury trials, and with special reference to criminal cases. Whether this particular bill may pass or not, is not so pertinent, as the fact that it will bring to the attention of the Legislature the need for some sort of corrective law-making that will eliminate some of the difficulty and delay involved in the present system of jury trial. The pertinent point in any such effort, as we conceive, is to secure law that will do away with the unanimous vote in the ordinary jury trial. What is desired in the trial of any case is the speediest decision one way or the other. The unanimous vote prevents that altogether too often, when the merits of the case are clearly apparent. Through this one requirement, caprice and corruption have defeated justice and brought more discredit upon the jury system. Common sense and a desire for an honest and speedy determination of civil and criminal issues that have to be settled in the courts urge the adoption of some measure that will simplify the jury system.—Telegram.

## RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME.

The Gray Haired Man Remembers a Boy Who Tried It Years Ago.

"Whenever I read in the newspapers that a boy has run away from home to fight Indians or seek some other sort of adventure, it takes me back forty years," said the gray haired man in the club smoking room, "for I ran away from home once, just as I suppose every other youngster does, once at least, only in my case I wasn't seeking adventure. I was escaping tyranny. "It seems foolish now, but it was all very real to me then. The tyranny consisted of the one fact that I got my first licking, and I guess there's no doubt that I deserved it. But I couldn't see it that way then. I was very bitter, and the one idea I had was to get away where life was free and tyrants were not.

"The impulse to depart on my travels was carried out so suddenly that I found myself wandering far away from the house before it dawned on me that I was ill provided for a journey. In fact, I had gone just as I was, with the smart of my physical as well as my mental wrongs still acute.

"As I went I pondered over the matter of provisions, and the idea came to me that I would make my first stand in a cranberry bog right on the farm. With this as a headquarters, I would make raids on neighboring orchards, and if worse came to worst I supposed the cranberries would support life.

"Well, I reached the cranberry bog presently and bivouacked. Here I should spend the first night under the friendly stars. I picked out a soft place for a bed and sat down to wait the coming of night.

"Now, cranberries are not very filling, especially in the raw, green state, but I managed to eat some of them. And then it began to get dark.

"Well, sir, the shadows fell quickly on the hills about me, and the air grew chill. Fantastic monsters reared their horrid heads on every hand. The free life began to pall.

"So it won't surprise you to learn that a very little boy ran home crying before the supper things had been cleared away and that he never ran away again."—Washington Post.

## HARVEST HOME.

BEYOND the smoke and noise of town  
The tasseled cornfields lie  
And bronzy squares of stubble lands  
Stretch barrenly and dry.  
And every breeze that ruffles the grass  
With plenty rustles by.

THE poppy flaunts its flaming head  
Along the garden wall,  
And one by one from laden trees  
The mellow apples fall,  
And in the tangled sumac brush  
The redbird pipes his call.

THE summer winds with rich perfume  
Through fields of plenty roam  
And kiss the waving wastes of grass  
That shine with golden foam.  
While all the boundless countryside  
Prepares for harvest home.

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