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THURSDAY..... September 9 1909

HURRAH for the Anti-Whisker Club! They are getting busy in Bandon and as a result a number of our business men are becoming shorn of their bearded frontis pieces, and look more like MEN. Here's to the Anti-Whisker Club. May they live long and prosper.

A SHEEP herder near Pendleton, has been mistaken for a deer and shot by a hunter, and the cowardly hunter, instead of going to the man's assistance ran away. Such an act ought to be dealt with severity if the party is ever apprehended.

THE Coos Bay Harbor announced last week that Edgar McDaniel had purchased Archie Whisnant's interest in that paper and will edit and manage the same hereafter. Mr. Whisnant has accepted a position with the Portland Journal as correspondent and subscription manager for this entire section. The Harbor is a good paper and covers the field well, and here's wishing Mr. McDaniel every success possible in the future.

CHASING the rainbow for the proverbial pot of gold seems to be the occupation of many people in this world a good example. "A witty French abbe was once asked why he kept up a country seat which he never visited. "Do you not know," he answered, "that I must have some place where, though I never go to it, I can always imagine that I might be happier than where I am?" The world is like the abbe. Most of us are not living--we are anticipating life. "We are always going to our country seat." It is the land that we have not visited that is to give us our greatest happiness. Truly, the world is like the abbe, for most of us are very busy chasing the pot of gold at the rainbow's end and missing many of life's richest treasures in the search. It is always the thing that we do not have that we long most for, the thing we cannot do that seems most tempting, the thing we cannot be that we most admire, the thing we have not done that we wish we had done, the station we do not fill that is most sought after, and in fact, the things that are out of reach are the things we feel that would make us perfectly happy.

ENGLAND and Wales have a combined population of about 45,000,000 and have 58 county judges and 34 judges of higher courts, 92 in all. Oregon has 34 county judges and 19 judges of higher courts, 53 in all. England and Wales have a judge for about every 500,000 population, Oregon has a judge for about every 37,000 yet England probably gets her legal business done with less delay than Oregon. This state is used as an example because it is our own state and matters are probably expedited as rapidly here as any state in the Union. But in reckoning thus it should be remembered that England is much older than the United States, and possibly her laws are better understood, then again there is much more property changing hands in this country that makes work for judges. there are

fewer new enterprises and in fact there are many things that transpire here that demand the attention of the courts that they do not have in England. Then too the courts of England have much more authority than in this country. In many instances the judge is practically both judge and jury, and when he gives his instructions there is but little for the jury to do but to render their decision as he indicates. While the less amount of court work might be a commendable feature, yet in free America we believe in giving everybody a full chance and an equal chance in all cases and it is not likely that our courts will be fashioned after those of England very soon.

THE reference board, appointed by Mr. Roosevelt to ascertain whether benzoate of soda is injurious or not has decided in favor of the chemical. In the small quantities which are required to preserve food from spoiling, they say that the drug is harmless. Dr. Wiley, of the Agricultural Department, still insists that it is poisonous, but he seems to stand alone in his opinion. Even the venerable Secretary Wilson has gone over to his foes. The unscientific laymen may now devour substances drugged with benzoate and feel reasonably sure it will not kill him. The sweepings of a cow-barn would not kill him, either, but it does not follow that he would enjoy eating them if he knew it. In spite of the expert chemists, the law still requires the label on food drugged with benzoate to state the fact plainly. Thus, the person who does not want to swallow a chemical laboratory when he thinks he is dining may avoid it, but how long he can avoid it is a question. The next move of the makers of drugged food, with the help of their chemical allies, will be to ask for permission to abandon the tale-telling label. Then they can dose us to their heart's content and we shall never know it unless we hark to the doleful cries from the tombs. Upon the whole the prospect is cheering. The daily bill of fare for the near future is likely to include corn syrup, flavored with vitriol for breakfast, catsup preserved with benzoate of soda for lunch and beef embalmed with arsenates for dinner. If we live through it we certainly have solved the problem of immortality.—Oregonian.

THERE is more ground for encouragement in the formation of the so-called "farmers, trusts" than in almost any other phenomenon of the day. The cotton raisers of Texas have managed to combine and hold their product for a reasonable price. The wheat men of Nebraska have done the same thing. Farmers' elevators have become common in Washington. Fruit-growers everywhere are learning the benefit of co-operative marketing. If this raised the price to the consumer it would be regrettable, but it does nothing of the sort. It simply eliminates one or more ranks of middlemen and delivers their profits to the producer. Its ultimate effect will be to force the middlemen to give up a function which is useless to everybody but himself and go to work. For countless years the farm-

er has been the helpless sheep whom everybody has sheared. He has discovered, at this late day, that by co-operation he can keep some shreds of his fleece for himself. The power of enlightenment has been tedious and it is not yet complete, but it has gone far enough to excite turbulence in the breast of the New York Times. That newspaper fears lest the greedy farmers "want all the money there is." If they do, the Times need not look very far to find where they caught the disease. The farmers may possibly be almost as greedy for money as the Wall street combinations are, but there is no danger of their ever getting more than the meager drippings from the pot where the metropolitan magnates feed fat. Farmers, as a class, may be comfortable sometimes, but they will never be wealthy and it is safe to say that the more money they can get out of their products the better for the country.—Oregonian.

It is reported, denied and confirmed that Dr. Cook, the great Arctic explorer, has discovered the north pole. Perhaps he has succeeded in reaching his coveted goal, we hope he has, if the fact would be of any consolation to him, and it is presumed such would be the case or he would not have undertaken the exploit. But after all is said and done, what real value to civilization or commercialism is such an accomplishment? Fruit, grain, vegetables or live stock do not thrive around the north pole, it is of no value to commerce and it is not likely that any factories will spring up around the pole. There is one thing, however, that might be of great value, for instance the boxing where the earth's axis is joined to the pole might need lubricating, but that is hardly probable as there is every reason to believe that the machinery is equipped with a self cooling apparatus and there would be no danger of a hot box. Some one has gone so far as to call it the greatest achievement of the twentieth century, but it no way compares with the achievement of Wright Bros. in their air navigation act. There are many other feats that have been accomplished that would far surpass the discovery of the north pole. But we do not desire to take away and crowning glory to which Dr. Cook is entitled, and it may be that his work will be of great benefit to the world of history and research. There have been enough lives lost in the attempt to discover the pole to make it extremely valuable. One feature that is worthy of commendation is the unbounded nerve of the man who would attempt such an exploit and yet there might be a question as to whether it was an exemplification of nerve or one of foolishness.

THE news is that Mr. Harriman is to abdicate. The information may, or may not be confirmed. If the event does not transpire now, it will within a comparatively brief time. Mr. Harriman's great work is done, but there are others. The four commanding figures in the world of railroad and finance are approaching the serene and yellow leaf. They have reached the point in the average lifetime, when they cannot many years longer continue in the strenuous activities habitual to captains of finance. They are Mr. Harriman, Jacob Schiff, J. Pierpont Morgan and James J. Hill. There are other powerful financiers, but none who approximate the calibre of this quartet. They are giants who loom extraordinarily large

above the ordinary level of human capacity. By the test of what they have achieved, they are the greatest financiers of all history. They are a quartet of figures who stand out above all others, and around whom the financial storms of the greatest nation on the planet ceaselessly beat. When these masters of financial strategy lay down their work, the map of the financial world will change. There will be no Harriman to hold his vast railroad systems together, and no Schiff to execute the financial end of his maneuvers. The financial lieutenant is as essential to the railroad Napoleons as the Napoleons are to master systems. Through all the triumph of his daring operations, Mr. Harriman has had behind him the splendid intellect of Schiff, and the infinite financial confidence lodged in Mr. Schiff's colossal banking house. The other pair in this quartet are equally notable in the paramountcy of their achievements. Except in the case of Harriman and Schiff, their combined power to assemble money for vast financial evolutions has seen no counterpart in history. What they might accomplish, if their careers were extended 50 years can only be imagined. As the world waited 1900 years for such men to arrive, it is not likely that when they go, others will very soon step in and take their places. And, Harriman at 61 is said to have abdicated, Schiff is 62, Hill is 71 and Morgan 72.—Journal

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	Leaves	Arrives
Bandon	6:00 a m	8:30 a m
Coquille	1:00 p m	3:30 p m
Dispatch	7:00 a m	10:00 a m
Favorite	1:30 p m	4:00 p m
	Leaves	Arrives
Coquille	Bandon	
Favorite	7:30 a m	10:30 a m
Coquille	3:00 a m	11:30 a m
Dispatch	4:00 p m	5:30 p m
Dispatch	1:00 p m	5:00 p m

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