

Devoted to the material and social condition of the Coquille Valley particularly and of Coos County generally.  
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The space writers are still manufacturing copy out of Zola and his works. His work will hurt no one who does not read them.

Count Boni de Castellane has purchased the historic Chateau de Crignard, formerly the home of Mne de Sevigne. Someone paid \$60,000.

It begins to look as though Kaiser Wilhelm and his Uncle Edward have bitten off more than they will be able to masticate of Venezuela caout chouc.

Spain is considering a law to prohibit marriage between persons liable to transmit disease in their offspring. Progressive Young America may well imitate retrogressive old Spain.

The Highlanders of Scotland have what they term a "Festival of St. Idleness." This festival is kept by many, and is confined to no particular season of the year.

A Boston settlement worker finds the people of the tentements excellent judges of real literature. Moliere knew that a few centuries ago and always tested his comedies by their effect upon the uneducated.

Paris has a "Beggars' Journal" price 4 cents. The mendicants buy it to learn dates and locations of approaching weddings, baptism, funerals and the like where they stand a chance to pick up "an honest penny."

The midshipmen at Annapolis are afflicted with the community of interest idea and have formed what may be called a study union. Students who work in recreation hours in order to lead their classes are disciplined by the union until they conform more nearly to the average grade of the class. This is unionism with a vengeance.

The destruction of fur-bearing animals has gone on so long, without proper offset that it is with surprise that the proposition is now received to domesticate and propagate some of the most valuable. The blue Arctic fox is found to breed under proper conditions and the day may come when people of moderate circumstances can wear its fur.

At present the law forbids the carrying of live stock by rail without water, food or rest for a continuous period of more than 28 hours. An amendment to this law has just passed the House of Representatives extending this period to 40 hours. We hope the Senate will kill this amendment as dumb animals are entitled to more considerate treatment than pig-iron.

In a walking match from Dresden to Berlin, 124 miles, wherein no sleep and only one hour for eating was allowed, the six arrivals at Berlin were all vegetarians, Karl Mann, the winner, 28 years of age, has lived on vegetable food for ten years. He covered the distance in 26 hours and 56 minutes, or at the rate of 4 miles and 6-10th per hour, and was declared the champion pedestrian of the world.

Wild beasts are still very destructive to human life in India. Strange to say wolves kill more people than do either lions or tigers, and the government experts think the hunting of small game has driven the larger carnivora to preying on human flesh. It is now proposed to wage systematic war upon wolves, lions and tigers by detachments of Gorkha soldiers.

A wealthy man out west had \$40,000 left him by will. The next of kin thought he ought to share this sum with them, and to this he agreed. But his poor relations could not agree as to how the sum should be divided and they made life a burden to him. Eventually he squandered and gave the money away in order to rid himself of the importunities of his kinfolk.

Instead of prohibiting the intermarriage of clerks in his employ Postmaster-General Payne had undertaken to see that every employee gave an absolute return in labor performed, for the compensation he received, he would have been entitled to more respect. Under business conditions, it would be none of the Postmaster-General's business whether his clerks married or not. His sole object should be to see that they earned their salary.

It is worthy of remark that the Boer generals are urging loyalty to Great Britain, and that Kruger and the other "statesmen" are still holding on to the national funds for the purpose of upholding Boer nationality in the future. If our memory is correct, the same state of affairs once held in this country. The men who do the fighting generally know when they have enough; the irreconcilables are invariably the "statesmen" who stay at home and do the talking.

Cable Being Spliced at Honolulu End.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—The following cablegram has been received from the cable ship Silvertown, timed at 4 a. m. today:

"About to buoy the cable off the Island of Oahu, in about 450 fathoms of water. Up to this time 2238 nautical miles of cable have been paid out."

The shore end of the cable, which is of a much heavier type than the sea cable, will be spliced to the sea cable some miles off Diamond Head, which is to be the landing place of the San Francisco-Honolulu cable. Until the splice is completed no further word will be received from the cable ship. It may take a day or two to complete the work. The dispatch with which the work is finished and Honolulu placed in cable communication with San Francisco and the rest of the world depend largely upon the weather conditions.

Fatalities Number 25 or 30.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 26.—A coal miner from north of Trinidad, who was taken out of the debris of the Colorado & Southern freight wreck north of Trinidad last night, and died a short time later, said just before expiring that there were 14 coal miners besides himself in the car in which he was riding, and which was smashed to splinters. The ruins of this car still remain under the wreckage. All the men it must have perished.

It is now estimated that the number of deaths will reach from 25 to 30. All of the men in the wrecked car were going to Trinidad to spend Christmas. They all came from coal mining camps north of this city.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 26.—Developments indicate that the wreck on the Colorado & Southern Railroad just outside of this city Wednesday night, which was caused by a collision between a merchandise freight train and a heavily loaded coal train, was the most disastrous in the history of the road where freight trains alone were concerned. It is known now that at least 14 men were killed, and rumor has it that several more bodies will be unearthed before the wreckage is cleared away.

All Allies Have Agreed.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The notes received from the governments interested in the Venezuelan controversy, including Venezuela, agree to submit the question at issue to the Hague tribunal. A note is now being prepared by Secretary Hay in which this Government announces its hearty approval of such a course. There appears to be no question of the fact that it is the general understanding of the Monroe Doctrine is not to enter into the question of arbitration.

The Marine Engineers' Association of Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma and Astoria are perfecting plans by which they expect to tie up every steamboat and coaster along the Pacific Coast. They do not endeavor to conceal the fact that they expect to precipitate a general strike, but on the contrary willingly give the full details of how they intend to proceed in order to bring it about. While the blow is aimed directly at the Harriman interests, all other lines they believe will be driven out of business until the fight that the local order has been waging for months against the O. R. & N. Co., is satisfactorily settled.

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The U. S. Civil Service Commission reports that for the year ending June 30, 1902, there were 14,983 persons appointed from its registers. This was 4,692 more than was ever before appointed in a single year. Anyone wishing information about those positions can secure it free by writing for the Civil Service announcement of the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C. The Commission will hold examinations to secure young men and women for these places during March and April, at Pendleton and Portland. Many people do not know that these appointments are made without political influence and that a large share of them are filled by those having only a common school education, but such is now the case.

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Whole Empire is in Chaotic State.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—The resurgence of the rebellion in Kwang Si is causing a lamentable state of affairs in that province, according to mail advices received from China. Lung Chow, a prominent walled city of Kwang Si, was being besieged by the rebels when the last advices were dispatched. Nan Ning, on the West River, was also surrounded by rebels who sent messengers to the Governor calling him to fight them. These rebels looted a steamer sent to Nan Ning with provisions and money for the Governor of that city.

The province is not only suffering by reason of the depredations of the rebels, but also of the imperial troops, who when they have dispersed the insurgents, ravage the countryside. The "braves," eager for loot and the opportunity to display the heads of rebels slain in battle, make no distinction between rebels and peaceful inhabitants. Crops are destroyed, accompanied by indiscriminate pillaging and acts of savage vandalism. As a result, instead of contracting, the sphere of the rebellion is growing more widespread than ever, while gaunt famine stalks through the land.

While the rebels are harassing Kwang Si in the south, other rebel movements have been started in Kansu by General Tang Fu Siang, and to the northeast of Peking by Teng Lai Peng, who defended the Chao Ying Valley, which is shut in by high mountains, against the Russian in 1900, and who has begun a movement against the Chinese government. He has gathered several thousand men and has considerable cannon and small arms. General Ma has been sent against him with the force of imperial troops. General Tang Fu Siang has 10,000 troops, and has accumulated a large amount of grain and stores at Ning Hsia and, assisted by Prince Tuan, the banished Chinese Boxer leader, he has begun a movement against Peking in the western province.

Another troublesome movement is reported from Kang Kiang. Here Boxers are said to be openly prosecuting the men of North Kiang Su.

Army Must Again Govern Filipinos.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—It is stated by officers arriving on the transport Thomas that the Provinces of Cavite, Batangas and Tayabas, in the Philippines, are to be placed under military control because of the difficulties of the civil government with the Lagrones. In speaking of the situation, D. J. O'Connell, a Manila newspaper man said:

"The proposed change is due to the increase of robber bands which infest those provinces. Aglipay, a Filipino agitator, has declared himself Pope of the Filipino National Church. He is the head of a movement for the reorganization of the insurrecto element. At present the Lagrones keep the constabulary in a state of constant fear. They come within a few miles of Manila and fire upon the mounted police. The military authorities do not interfere, because the situation is in the hands of the civil government."

Princess and Lover Are Found.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—The Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, who mysteriously disappeared from the castle of the Emperor Franz Joseph on the night of December 11, deserting her husband and children, is here at the Hotel Geneva, and with her is Corin, the French tutor of her children.

The Princess was also accompanied to Geneva by her brother, the Archduke Leopold, and his mistress, a French dance-hall singer. Two archdukes who were sent by Emperor Franz Joseph to request the errant princess to return at once to Dresden, called upon her this morning at the Hotel Geneva. The Crown Princess Louise is en route, the result, it is said, of an intrigue with an American dentist. The details of the whole story will furnish the greatest sensation that has been known for years in the court circles of Europe.

Oh yes! Do not forget the waterproof Boot and Shoe and Harness Grease at F. A. White's shoe shop. Yes, his shop is a good dry dock to have ribs and other parts of your umbrella repaired.



Coos County Marble and Granite Works.

COQUILLE, OREGON.

Increased Wages As Christmas Gift For Many Tellers.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Notices were posted throughout the Connellsville coal regions today granting the 20,000 employes of the Frick Coke Company a voluntary advance in wages averaging 8 per cent. The increase will take effect January 1st. It means that the company will next year disburse in wages to its men, \$1,000,000, more than it has this year, and that it will continue to pay the highest wages of any concern in the United States employing this kind of labor. The Frick Coke Company is a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation.

The Bessemer Coke Company which is the second largest independent coke-producing interest in the Connellsville coking region, today notified its employes that an advance of 8 per cent in wages at all of the plants of the company would become effective on January 1st. The advance applies to the wages of 5000 men.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The 4700 engineers and firemen on the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul system have been given an increase in pay of about 10 per cent.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Announcement was made tonight that the wages of engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and station employes of the Alabama Great Southern have been increased from 5 to 10 per cent. This effects about 1500 men.

Anti-Gambling Ordinance Showing Its Effect.

While there is naturally some kicking about the new gambling ordinance, the result of its passage and enforcement seems to be giving general satisfaction. Some of the merchants say that it made a noticeable difference in their trade, and that some working men who usually came to town Christmas and blew in their money at the games before making their purchases, this year fitted themselves out with new clothes etc., before spending the balance of their wads on "a good time."

One good effect already to be seen from the ordinance is a thinning of the number of tin-horns hanging around town, and performing no useful service for any one. The shutting down of the games has compelled them to seek new pasture.

Marshal Carter declares that he proposes to enforce the new ordinance strictly and without fear or favor, and that as long as he is marshal, open gambling will not be tolerated.—Daily Mail.

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COQUILLE, OREGON.

Something Radically Wrong.

The Washington Star of December 15—a cold day there—said:

"During the middle portion of last week the well-to-do household of Washington was in the most serious plight for coal. Last Saturday the deplorable condition of the poor came most acutely to public notice. Today the Government is shown to be in straits which threaten even the closing of the great departments unless relief is at once forthcoming. Thus it appears that the fuel famine is affecting every interest, from the highest to the lowest."

And this is the Capital of the greatest country in the world, that has coal enough—a natural product, that God, not man, made—to last 300 million people a thousand years. And yet there are very prominent and influential people, including National and international characters, who say that nothing is wrong or "nothing in particular."

There is a "whole lot" wrong, when such things can be. Is it not possible for our statesman to find out the wrong, and right it? And if they cannot or will not, should we not get rid of them and put others in their place?—Evening Telegram.

Pirates are still active in the Red Sea.

The destitution of the London poor is something awful. Men fight for work and there is not enough labor to go around.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has this day filed his final account as the administrator of the estate of Matilda E. Nosler, deceased, and that Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1903 being the first day of the 1903 February term of the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, has been set by the Judge of said Court as the day for hearing objections to said final account in the settlement of said estate. Dated this 26th day of December, 1902. J. T. NOSLER, Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Dec. 23, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892. MRS. ZILPHIA NEELY, Widow, of Fairview, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her statement No. 4182, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section No. 22, Township 12 N., Range 12 E., Coos County, Oregon, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before L. H. Hazard, County Clerk of Coos Co., Oregon at Coquille on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 1903. She names as witnesses: Lee Neely, F. R. Taylor, H. L. Underwood, of Fairview, Oregon, and Willis Neely, of Coquille, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 5th day of March, 1903. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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