

ANNOY PUBLIC MEN.

"Orank" Letter Writers and Their Fool Productions.

Governmental Heads at Washington Are Made the Recipients of All Kinds of Commentations.

The recent threatening letters sent to President Reed call attention to the thousands of such missives sent to public men during the course of a year. Ordinarily little attention is paid to them, as they are usually the work of cranks who are harmless in other ways.

A large number of these letters are written as jokes and with the expectation of causing a brief sensation. Those sent to Mr. Reed were evidently the work of some would-be practical joker, and their contents made no impression on the big man.

These "fake" schemes do not work and more than one originator of repulsive sensations has come to grief. It is not so many years ago that a fertile-brained young man who had an ambition to shine as a "new journalist" conceived the idea of sending an infernal machine to the late Chief Justice Waite.

He then visited several newspaper offices, offering for sale a sensational story of how an attempt had been made on the life of Chief Justice Waite, describing the "infernal machine," its deadly character, and all the other details required to make a big sensation.

Unfortunately for the young man, he tried to dispose of the story before the package reached the chief justice, and the inquiries made by the newspaper correspondents to whom the story had been offered revealed that fact, so when the package did arrive the young man was immediately arrested for having had something to do with it.

The lesson was appreciated and that young man is to-day a respected member of the bar in this city.

The person most frequently made the object of threatening letters is the president of the United States. Every crank that imagines the country to be going to the dogs blames the conditions on the president, and straightway writes to the latter, threatening all kinds of horrible deaths if he does not reform these conditions or resign his high office.

These letters never reach the president, and he is never aware of the awful doom that overhangs him in the imagination of some flighty people in this country. This correspondence is usually turned over to the secret service bureau and an effort made to discover the writers, but usually without success.

The letters are written in a disguised hand and on common note paper, which cannot be traced to the owner. When, however, a series of letters are received the detectives are able to find the writer and proper punishment is given.

President McKinley has not inspired many cranks with the notion of threatening him by letter. Fewer of these letters have been received at the white house during the past few months than for many years before.

SOME QUEER CUSTOMS.

Mining Camp Dishwashing and Tossing. An old camper-out once related to a horrified housekeeper his experience of dishwashing in a miners' camp. It did not take much time, though the company was numerous, and the utensils of the kitchen were in constant use.

On Tory island, an out of the way bit of an Irish islet, the natives are not much more dainty in their living, and their habit of letting the grounds remain indefinitely in their teapots has disastrous consequences.

"Every day and all day long," says a recent writer, "the teapot sits steaming in the embers of the hearth and at each successive brew fresh tea is thrown in, but the old is never thrown out until the pot is choked."

"Strutout for breakfast and tay for dinner; tay, of course, at daytime and strabout for supper; whiles we have tay for breakfast instead, and strabout for our dinner, and then another spud tay before bedtime."

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State News

Douglas county is working its prisoners on the county roads. Thirty-six of Oregon's volunteers have made application for pensions. Dr. Geo. W. King, the well known physician of Pendleton, died August 23d.

One hundred people attended a meeting in Everett, Wash., to protest against the playing of baseball on Sunday, and the next Sunday 300 attended the game. Senator J. M. Thurston, of Nebraska, accompanied by a party of friends, reached Portland Wednesday night from Idaho, where they have been hunting and fishing for some time.

Gov. Geer has appointed Mrs. Augusta C. Dolph, wife of Hon. Cyrus A. Dolph, as a member of the Fair's exposition commission, made vacant by the resignation of B. B. Beckman. William Smith died at Eugene Wednesday, aged 73 years. He was born in England. He removed to the United States with his parents when a boy, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1847.

The new Methodist church at Hardman, Morrow county, was dedicated recently by Rev. Frank Spalding. People present at the dedication services contributed \$98.25 toward paying the debt of the church. The Ross Island home, a resort five miles up the Willamette, from Astoria, was burned Monday morning. Eight inmates, six men and two women, narrowly escaped with their lives, but without much wearing apparel.

At the Astoria meeting of the Oregon Press Association which adjourned yesterday, J. S. Stewart, editor of the Fossil Journal, was elected president; B. F. Irvine, editor of the Corvallis Times, vice president, and Albert Tozier, secretary. Major Percy Willis, formerly of the Second Oregon volunteers, who was recently recommended to the war department by Governor Geer for appointment as major in the volunteer army being formed, has been offered a captaincy. He has not as yet accepted.

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Scullings Best tea sold only in Packages

GRANT COUNTY NEWS Blue Mountain Eagle. Dave Browning left Thursday for Heppner, for freight for merchants of this city.

A bachelor editor gets of the following: What is the difference between a honeycomb, a honeycomb and a pretty girl? A honeycomb is a small cell, a honeycomb is a big cell, and a pretty girl is a dandelion.

A heavy rain and hail storm passed through the country some three miles west of Astoria, on the 13th inst. The storm was striking about a mile in width and swooped down of Fox mountain, passing north with almost the violence of a hurricane. The rain fell in torrents and in places the hail was four inches deep after the storm was over.

From Grant County News. The building boom is still on in John Day. Lee Wiseman, who was struck with a club eight or ten days ago by Fred Bunn, is getting shrewd.

J. C. Moore, of Mt. Vernon, sold his stock sheep last Friday to Mr. Mays, of Antelope, for \$2.43 per head. Sam Elliott and Will Owens came in from Heppner loaded with freight for John Day merchants a few days ago.

Mrs. Nonie Estes, who has been on a visit to relatives and friends in John Day and vicinity for a few weeks, returned to her home in Heppner on Tuesday. She goes back improved in health and much pleased with the new welcome accorded her there. Nonie is the great favorite of our townpeople.

Hank Workins, of Mt. Vernon, made a sale of all his stock sheep last week, except the lambs. The consideration was \$2.40 per head. He also disposed of all his wool to Geo. Fell, of Pendleton, and received therefor 15 cents per pound, net weight. This sale is probably one of the last that will be made this season, as most of the clips have been disposed of. He sold his sheep to Mays, of Antelope.

NOTICE OF INTENTION. L. AND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON. August 19, 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before A. Malory, United States commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on Saturday, October 7, 1899, viz: THOMAS SAPP, of Heppner, Oregon; Homestead entry No. 542, for the south 1/4 southeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 southeast 1/4 and southwest 1/4, section 31, township 11, south range 27 W. M.

NOTICE OF INTENTION. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, United States commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on Saturday, October 7, 1899, viz: MILES MCKELVEY, of Morrow county, Oregon; Homestead entry No. 461 for the west 1/4 southeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 southeast 1/4 and southwest 1/4, section 31, township 11, south range 27 W. M.

NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THE 25th day of August, 1899, W. W. Smead of Heppner, Oregon, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at room 348, Worcester Building, Portland, Oregon, on the 9th day of September, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated, August 29, 1899. ALEX. SWEEK, Referee in Bankruptcy.

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