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

The recent threatening letters sent to Speaker Reed call attention to the thousands of such missives sent to publie 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. It is asserted that they were written by some one who hoped to create a little sensation and probably produce a story which could be sold to newspapers, and a libel suit is now pending against a Washington correspondent who charged a certain person with the authorship of the letters and with motives of perpetrating a "fake" which he might dispose of for money.

These "fake" schemes do not work and more than one originator of spurious sensations has come to grief. It is not so many years ago that a fertilebrained 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 prepared an ugly-looking package, including a cigar box filled with black sand, lead slugs, pieces of brass, springs, a fuse, etc., and had it sent to the chief justice's house.

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 sensational "scoop."

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. He broke down and confessed that it was a hoax, but his practical joke cost him a fine of \$5 and led to his retirement from journalism of any

The lesson was appreciated and that young man is to-day a respected mem-

ber 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. There are demands for money and dire threats as to what fate will befall the president if he does not respond.

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 disguised hands 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. Many of the writers, of course, are harmless lunatics, and when discovered they are put under surveillance and restraint.

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 th past few months than for many years before.

The president is not he only public official picked out by these letter-writing cranks. Cabinet officers, senators and members of the house get their share.

The congressmen just now are receiving any number of threatening let-They threaten the political lives of the congressmen if the latter insist upon making certain appointments of posta recitation of what stanch party men they can control, etc., and wind up by Washington Cor. Philadelphia Presa.

Long-Distance Skaring. Skating expeditions of great length are not unusual features of the winter in Holland. A popular feat is to visit in one day the eleven towns of Fries land, an aggregate distance of eighty miles. It is necessary to have good icc. practically clear of snow, a full moon, bright sky and plenty of previous prac-tice. W. J. H. Muller, of Haarlem accomplished this journey a few winters ago in thirteen hours, of which one nour and fifty-five minutes were consumed in resting and nourishing Another remarkable feat is to skate from The Hague to Leenwarden in Holland. Its distinctive claim to no toriety is due to the necessity of cross ing the Zayder Zee, which is only pos sible after an exceptionally sever frost. It is on record that one Reinder Reinders delivered in one day, during the winter of 1765-4, a letter from William IV. to his mother at The Hagne and returned. The distance is vaguely described by the phlegmatic natives as a "forty-hour walk." W Koopmans made a similar journey more recently with important state papers in tifteen hours.

The Appetite of a Goat

such should know that Dr. King's New in' on th' cars.
Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and hver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, 'tween th' nor-r-rth an' saouth kayes 'tween th' nor-r-rth an' saouth kayes

SOME QUEER CUSTOMS. Mining Camp Dishwashing and Tory

Island Teamaking. An old camper-out once related to horrified housekeeper his experience of dishwashing in a miners' camp. It did application for pensions. not take much time, though the company was numerous, and the utensils of the kitchen were in constant use. The reason why it took but little time he sufficiently indicated by the statement that the cook pot was not cleaned till it became too small to hold a pudding of reasonable size. Then somebody got a hammer and knocked off the hardened accretions from its interior till it was restored nearly enough to its original capacity to render further serv-

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 in the embers of the hearth and at each successive brew fresh tea is thrown in, the debt of the church. but the old is never thrown out until the pot is choked." The result is an unusual the Willamette from Portland, was burned wonder, when a Tory island boy who was questioned as to his usual meals could reply:

"Stirabout for breakfast and tay for dinner; tay, of coorse, at taytime and stirabout for supper; whiles we have tay for breakfast instead, and stirabout for our dinner, and then another sup of tay before bedtime."

However, this diet, injurious as it is to the nerves, does not seem to affect the Geerfor appointment as major in the volunteer muscles. The Tory islandens are a ro- army now being formed, has been offered a bust and vigorous race, the men aver- captaincy. He has not as yet accepted. aging six feet in height and the women unusually tall and strong. The women, indeed, have need of all their physical 6, secidentally with an axe. Charles was strikstrength, since it is thy who do the bulk | lng a stump with the axe when the smaller boy of the outdoor work, while the men stay at home and spin and weave.

"At Anagry strand on a Sunday morning," says the same observer, "one may witness a strange sight. At low tide more than a mile of roundabout saved by wading across a stockings. The women, by courtesy and will amount to between \$7000 and \$10,000. custom, wear 'martyeens'-footless stockings with a loop passing over the toe. Each good wife takes her good man upon her shoulders and the heroes are conveyed across dry shod."-Youth's Companion.

MARRYING FOR TITLES.

The Adaptability of American Women Aids Them Vastly.

It is well understood in Europe that if a man marries into an untitled family it is better for him to marry an American than a woman of any other nationality, for the same reason that Napoleon gave for making choice of a Spaniard—she had no family in France to be enriched and ennobled. Europeans don't trouble themselves much can't understand the difference between a fortune made in 1796 and one made in the same way in 1897. Many of the diplomatic corps have married Americans; there have been several American women are natural diplomats. A European woman is born and bred in a certain rank of life, and although she may be transported to another rank she takes with her the stamp of the grade to which she belongs. Not so with an American woman. As the wife of the premier of Great Britain | this can always be done when the per she would put Lady Clare Vere de Vere to shame by her quick adoption of most of the characteristics of the daughters be passive and let nature have her own of a hundred earls. There is less risk in an American girl marrying a diplomat than any other sort of a foreigner. for a diplomat is under bonds to behave himself. But if she is ambitions and desires to make a really brilliant match she ought to marry a citizen of the United States .- Illustrated Ameri-

How a Caterpillar Defends Itself.

The caterpillar of the puss moth, quite a common insect in this country, has a most effective way of defending itself, and may prove, as we shall presently see, dangerous even to human beings. This well-protected caterpillar is provided between its head and forelegs with a cleft, from which it can protrude an organ capable of squirting ters, but they are signed by the full out a quantity of very acid fluid to a names of some of their constituents, considerable distance, and when alarmed it habitually makes use of this formidable weapon. In one of the entomological magazines a correspondent masters, etc. They usually begin with states that he was observing some of these caterpillars in captivity when they have been and of the extent of he happened to disturb one, and it sudtheir influence, the retinue of relations | denly squirted out a quantity of fluid in a jet, which struck one of his eyesaying that if the congressmen name balls, though his head at the time was John Smith or Sam Jones for the cross- quite two feet away from the insect. roads post offices in their district all He rushed off in great agony to a docthis influence will be turned against tor, who told him that the eyeball was them. As a rule, these threatening let | in a very dangerous condition. His eye ters help to fill the waste baskets .- was totally blind for hours after the occurrence, and it was some days before he finally recovered. What the effect of this fluid must be upon smaller creatures we leave our readers to imagine! -Chambers' Journal.

He Fooled the Surgeon.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton. West Jefferson, O, after suffering 18 months from rectal fistula, he would die

How They Say It. spoken in various parts of the country: In New York-The difference between ther north and sowth carries with it something about which we can't tork while traveling on the cars. In Boston-The dif-fee-rens between ther nawerth and saouth kerries with it

nawth an' sowth ca'res with it sumpn abut which we can't talk w'ile travlin' on th' kyars.

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N. Y. Press.

State News

Douglas county is working its prisoners of the county roads.

Thirty-six of Oregon's volunteers have made Dr. Geo. W. King, the well known physician

of Pendleton, died August 33d. One hundred people attended a meeting in Everett, Wash., to protest against the playing of baseball on Sunday, and the next Sunday 500 attended the game.

panied 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

Senator J. M. Thurston, of Nebrasks, accom-

Dolph, wife of Hon. Cyrus A. Dolph, as a member of the Par's exposition commission, made vacant by the resignation of B, B. Beekman. 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

The new Methodist church at Hardman, Mor row county, was dedicated recently by Rev. recent writer, "the teapot sits stewing Frank Spaiding. People present at the dedication services contributed \$368.25 toward paying The Ross Island House, a resort five miles up

and excessive rate of insanity. Little | Monday morning. Eight inmates, six men and two women, narrowly escaped with their lives, after the storm was over. 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

At the home of James Wiley, near Salem. Charles Wiley, aged 11, killed his brother, aged stumbled and fell, falling upon the stump, the health and much pleased with the hearty welaxe striking him squarely on the head, splitting come accorded her here. Noule is a great fav the skull completely open. Death was almost instantaneous.

Negotiations are in progress for bringing the all his stock sheep last week, except the lambs. Washington volunteers by steamer from San The consideration was \$2.40 per head. He also francisco to Seattle. Two steamers will be redisposed of all his wool to Geo. Fell, of Pendlequired. Levi Ankeney, the well known Walls ton, and received therefor 13 cents per pound narrow bay. The men include Walla and Pendleton banker, has offered to the ruling rates. This sale is probably one of in their Smalay's wardrobe shoes and bear the entire expense of the vessels, which last that will be made this season, as most of

How to Stop Worrying.

"The usual way people set about stop ping woory is a wrong one," writes Mary Boardman Page to the September Ladies' Home Journal. "That is why it is so ansuccessful. If a doctor tells a patien he must stop worrying, the patient is likely to say impatiently: 'Oh. dictor don't I wish I could! Bat I cau't. If I could have stopped worrying a year ag would not be ill now!'-all of which is probably perfectly true. And the dector does not always know how to help him, because both doctor and patient have at idea that it is possible to repress worry through an effort of the will. This is about American social distinctions and mistake. It is not possible to repres worry. You have got to replace it with something else. Let me illustrate this by a figure. Suppose you were to go in to a completely dark room, wishing it to marriages of Washington girls to sec- be light. How would you set about the retaries of legations and attaches with- work? Would you try to scoop the in the last year, and a large propor- darkness up in buckets and carry it out? tion of them have turned out well. Not at all. You would just open the windows and shutters and let in the bleesed sunlight. You would replace the darkness with light. So it is with worry. The only possible way to get ric of it is to replace the worry attitude of mind with the non-worry attitude. And son is sincere and patient in his desire to bring it about. All he has to do is to perfect way with bim "

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Distinction With a Difference. "I think you pay too much attention to wealth in America," said the visiting foreigner. "You say a man is rich and influential. Do you mean that he is influential because he is rich?"

"Not always," said the native. "In the case of statesmen we frequently mean that they are rich because they are influential."-Brooklyr Life.

A Hard Accusation. "Strange story that of the Georgia

girl who carried a splinter in her foot 44 years, and then had it work out in a petrified state " "Petrified, did you say?" "Yes."

"I'll bet anything the girl was originally from Boston."-Cleveland Plair



think twice before she answers. She should think once for herself, and once for the man who has chosen her for his life companion. If she is suffering from a torturing, drag-ging weakness or disease so prevalent with her sex, she has no right to answer "Yes" until her health is restored. If she does, she will be wretched and ill herself and her home will be an unhappy one. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a scientific remedy that cures all weakness, disease, disorder and derangement of the delicate and important feminine organs. It is not a "cure-all," but a medicine devised to correct this one class of disorders and no other. It has accomplished its purpose in tens of thousands of cases, as is shown by tens of thousands of testimonials of the grateful patients themselves. It imports vigor and patients themselves. It imparts vigor and virility to the entire womanly organism, and is the best of all nerve tonics and restoratives. It fits for wifehood and mother-bood. It transforms weak, nervous, de-spondent invalids into healthy, happy

women.
"I was so weak I could scarcely walk about the house." writes Mrs. Mattie Scruggs of Allen's Creek, Amherst Co., Va. "Was reduced to a mere skeleton. I was never free from pain in the back and head and could not sleep at night. I bought three bottles of Dr. Petrce's Favorite Prescription and "Golden Medical Discovery" and two vials of "Pleasant Pellets." After taking these six weeks I felt like a new person; slept well and gained in flesh. I am doing all my own housework and we have nine in the family."

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GRANT COUNTY NEWS

Blue Mountain Eagle. Dave Browning left Thursday for Heppner or freight for merchants of this city.

A bachelor editor gets of the following: What is the difference between a honeycomb, a hon eymoon and a pretty girl? A honeycomb is pretty girl is a damsel.

A heavy rain and hall storm passed through the country some three miles west of town Thursday evening of last week. The storm was about a mile in width and swooped down off Fox mountain, passing north with almost the violence of a hurrican. The rain fell in torrents and in places the hall was four inches deep

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

J. C. Moore, of Mt. Vernon, sold his stock

\$2.43 per head. Sam Elliott and Will Owens came in from

Mrs. Nonie Estes, who has been on a visit to for a few weeks, returned to her home in Hepp orite of our townspeople.

Hank Workins, of Mt. Vernon, made a sa'e of the clips have been disposed of. He sold his sheep to Mays, of Antelope.

L AND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON,
August 19, 1829.
Notice is hereby given that the followingnamed 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. Mailory,
United States commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on October 6, 1829, viz:

THOMAS SAPP, of Heppiner, Oregon:
Homestead entry No. 5442, for the south 15
southeast 15 and northeast 15 southeast 15 and
southeast 15 northeast 15, section 31, township
1, south range 27 E W M
He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: William Dwan, R R Dwan,
Oscar Edwards and Jay Devins, all of Heppner,

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 16, 1899.
Notice is hereby given that the followingnamed settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim, and
hat aid 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, Or.,

Homestead entry No. 4641 for the west ½ sorthwest ¼ and west ½ southwest ¼ section it township 3 south range 26 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his sontinuous residence upon and cultivation of of said land, viz: wm. Rughes, Mat Hughes, James Lahey and Robert Beach all of Heppner, Oregon,

JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THE

25th day of August, 1889. W W Smead
of Heppner, Oregon, was duly adjudicated
backrapt; and that the first meeting of his
creditors will be held at room 548, Worcester
Building, Portland. Oregon, on the 9th day of
september, 1899, at loo'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,

final account as such administrator of saidestate, and that Monday, the 4th day of September, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing of objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

Administrator of the estate of Holland B. Thompson, deceased.

United States Land Office, the Dalies, Oregon, July 21, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that Henry F. Tolle, of Hardman, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before J. W. Morrow, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on Friday the 1st day of September, 1899, on timber culture application No. 3143, for lots and 4, and south 5, northwest 4, of section 4 in township 4 south, range 24 E W M.

He names as witnesses; Edwin D. Rood, Jacob S. Young, Wesley W. Brannan and Clifford E. Jones, all of Eight Mile, Or.

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JAY P. Lucas, Register.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon for the County of Morrow.

Martha Ann Wilson, Pisintiff

Ye.

Rafna Wilson, Defendant

To Rufus Wilson, defendant above named.

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff filed in the above entitled court and suit on or before the 18th day of September, 1899, and if you fall so to answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defeudant, and for her costs and disbursements in this suit. This summous is published by order of the Honorable A. G. Bartholomow, junge of the county court of Morrow county, Oregon, given under his hand at Heppner, Oregon, and dated July 28, 1899, setting the 16th day of September, 1899, as the date for answering the summous in said suit by the defendant. This summons was published for the first time in the Heppner Gaszette, of Heppner, Morrow county, Oregon, on the 3d day of August, 1899.

J. W. Monnow & G. W. Ra., 11-8

A Oregon for Morrow County, Maggie M. Clark, Plaintiff.

Matthew E. Clark, Defendant To Matthew E. Clark, the above named de-You are hereby notified to appear and answher complaint filled against you in the about nitiled a side, on or before the 4th day of Sember, 1899. (that being the first day of it exiterm of the above entitled dirent Cound if you shall fall to appear and answer sa complaint on or before that day it said coundaintiff above named will apply to the as court for the relief demanded in her complaints will: For a decree dissolving and cancelline bonds of matrimony now existing betwee efendant and plaintiff, divorcing plaint com defondant, and granting to her the so heree, cursistly and management of the three from defendant, and granting to me the social charge, custody and unangement of the three minor children of said plaintill and defendant, and costs and dishursements against defendant, and for seneral relief.

This summons is published pursuant to order made by the Judge of the above entitled Court at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, at chambers, on the 14th day of July, 1898,

Cantes & Raley,

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Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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