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OFFICIAL SPEEDERS.

Seventy chauffeurs of New York's motor mail wagons have quit in a body, saying they cannot maintain schedules without endangering life on the streets. The chauffeurs say they have killed eight persons in a year because of reckless speed imposed upon mail cars by government regulations.

New York police authorities are powerless to interfere with the United States' mail, even though the cars speeding between postoffice and trains travel at a reckless rate. The chauffeurs say they are required to speed up their machines to maintain schedules mapped out by their superiors.

It is not possible that the federal law makers contemplated making mail wagons entirely independent of local police regulations affecting the safety of life. Protection of life and health is the first duty of government, national, state or municipal. It is not possible that the nation's sovereignty would be impaired by requiring its mail wagons to observe reasonable police regulations in the streets.

It is a wise policy to make mail deliveries as quickly as possible and to reach trains as quickly as is consistent with public safety. But the loss of a few minutes of time by starting the wagons a little earlier is of small consequence compared with loss of life from speeding.

There is ground for complaint generally against mail wagons and other official vehicles. There is no reason why the public's safety should be ignored.—Portland Journal.

Bro. Scott has sold a one-half interest of the News-Times to A. C. Gleason, who is a practical printer. We wish the new firm success in their united efforts.

The Ministerial Association of Charleston, W. Va., have gone on record as being against court house marriages by ministers and say that it is not in keeping with the ethics of their calling.

A Missouri judge last week sat in open court and witnessed two lawyers settle a personal matter with their fists, refusing to allow anyone to interfere. As the report says the fighters quit because of lack of breath showed that the judge was on to his job and knew his men.

The reduction of express rates ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission is to take effect December 1, but has been put back to February 1, which will give the express companies the privilege of sending their Christmas goods the same as usual. So the figuring your Christmas expense you will not have any extra trouble in looking up a new rate table.

Rev. Barber of Forest Grove, who is still there to do a Oregonian most annual publication workers, thinks it's good to be done for following Hallowe'en. He came out in a card in the Forest Grove News and says if some one will give him a space of one inch each week with the wagon he will live and make an honest living. Rather hard on the second newspaper in Washington County.

The advertisement of the Salvation Army in this issue of the Observer should be read by every man and woman who is able to give a little to the support of the organization which is doing so much good among the unfortunates of all classes. The Army is a worthy institution and deserves the support of the people. Read the advertisement and then do what you can to help the cause along.

The Republicans are laying and the party leaders are here, the cause of their defeat will be forgotten, and the old party majority will be shown in the next session. Instead of being on the defensive, as some they are, by the aggressive. Their opponents have a lead in the game with good chance of winning and the man who will be their pilot, the leadership of the opposing and party will be the old standard bearer, A. W. satisfaction.

It was our privilege to meet Ex-Senator Bourne personally for the first time, while he was in this city the latter part of last week speaking in the interests of "Good Roads". Mr. Bourne is one of those national characters who has many original and practical ideas for a progressive government of which he has in the past so well represented. What we need in politics today is more public spirited men like Mr. Bourne who is willing to "do things" and are not satisfied unless the people's interests are well guarded all along the line, keeping posted on all matters as was shown by his address here last week.

Another state has been added to the list where you'll have to go thirsty or be reduced to the awful extremity of sipping pure, cold water if your throat becomes parched and your lips feverish whilst riding on railroads in the state of Ohio. There is, of course, the alternative of grape juice, soda pop or ginger ale, if you don't drink water. Attorney-General Hogan, in looking over certain more or less musty sections of the state constitution, found that moving saloons were prohibited. He informed the state liquor license commission of his discovery, and all licenses to sell "wet goods" on trains are void today.

ALL AROUND

What Other Parts of Oregon are Doing—Gleaned From Our Exchanges.

Educational Change.

New kind of Institute in Yamhill county:

Instead of holding a county institute this week, County Superintendent S. S. Duncan gave it out that the teachers of the county might visit the schools, either in Corvallis, Monmouth or Portland. Accordingly nearly all the teachers in this part of the county are spending the three days visiting the Portland schools—Newburg Graphic.

Season Does Not Close for Fishing.

Contrary to the idea prevalent among many local fisherman yesterday the fishing season does not close at the end of October, but according to the new law passed by the last session of the legislature any person holding a fisherman's license may fish throughout the year, but beginning with November 1 they may not keep out of the water any fish less than 10 inches long. This clause of the law is in operation until April 1. From that time through until the third of October all fish over six inches long may be carried home.

Changes.

One hundred years ago to-day,
With wilderness here,
With powder in his gun the man
Went out and got the deer.
But now the thing is somewhat changed,
And on another plan;
With powder on her cheeks the dear
Goes out and gets the man.
—Indianapolis Sun.

Matrimonial Geography.

The state of matrimony is one of the United States. It is bounded by kissing and hugging on one side and cradles and babies on the other. Its chief products are population, broomsticks and staying out at night. It was discovered by Adam and Eve while trying to find a Northwest passage out of Paradise. The climate is sultry until you pass the tropics of housekeeping, when squally weather commonly sets in with such power as to keep all hands as cool as cucumbers. For the principal roads leading to this interesting state, consult the first pair of blue eyes you see.—Ex.

Wins Prize.

At the Chicago National Dairy Show a yearling Jersey heifer, exhibited by Darrow Stump, 12-year-old son of J. B. Stump, of Monmouth, Oregon, carried off the sweepstakes prize over cattle from all parts of the United States. Oregon is going into the great Land Show to be held in Chicago the latter part of this month and it is fully expected that she, which is probably the best ever assembled by the state, will carry the blue prize of the show.

Rueben Hanstreet of the Stumptown Sun has been filling the circumambient with yells of delight over an apple that measured 12 inches in circumference; but when he wants to see a big apple he should come to Willamina. W. H. Carter has a big red apple that measures 14 inches and another that measures 13-1-2 in circumference. Besides these fine pomological specimens, Mr. Carter this spring planted a sack of Jerusalem artichokes and from this planting he harvested 31 1-12 bushels of the tubers. Now, Oregon pid boy, can you beat it?—Willamina Times.

McMinnville experienced quite a sensation Tuesday night when four different homes were entered. The Register in this connection says the burglar was a non-resident, although no one saw him.

Two engineers have been working in the city with their chest change game successfully. At Salem, the professional team, as well as in Albany, they succeeded in working a number of business men after dark, this time using an automobile for the transportation and when they arrived there, the driver slumped down to adjust the machine, was struck by the two men on the head and rendered unconscious. When he recovered he discovered that the two men had disappeared and that he was out the amount which he was to receive for bringing them here. They evidently caught an Electric train for Eugene.—Independence Enterprise.

Falls City has decided to remain wet, but the regulation and control of the liquor business is just as much a part of our law as it ever was. One of our officials, it appears, was very emphatic in his statement that if Falls City should go dry he would see that the law would be enforced. The fact that Falls City is wet does not change the obligation. Enforce the law—all the laws.—Falls City News.

Portland, Oregon November 11.—The demand for apples this season and especially the stock of ordinary quality has been the most extraordinary for many years. This is the assertion of C. E. Sanderson, Vice-President and a director of the Yakima Fruit Growers' Exchange, an affiliation of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange.

What System Does.

Charles Craig Westerborrk is today the proud (?) possessor of a much battered watch, still going, but of doubtful use, and trough no fault of his own. He did his best to throw it away on a Southern Pacific train, but, like the proverbial cat, it came back, thanks to the vigilence of a signal maintainer and the railroad's lost and found bureau.

When Westerbrook bought the watch, it was a perfectly good timepiece. Something happened last week and it started to lose an hour or so every day, no matter how well he wound it or how carefully he reset it. Westerbrook is a patient man. But there is a limit in all things. Wednesday all out of breath, he ran into the San Mateo depot and jumped on what he thought was the 8.40 train to San Francisco. The conductor informed him that it was the 9.30 express.

A brakeman in the vesibule saw him gasp and fume, and saw the watch go flying out between the car. He heard Westerbrook say, "there goes that——watch," and other words not reported. "Hey, he yelled to a signal maintainer, J. A. Runds, who was standing along the track. "Get that watch. A fellow here just dropped it."

And so it came back. One hand was missing, and the crystal and works gathered up some twenty feet apart, were recovered. It was turned in to the division superintendent and sent to Westerbrook by express.

F. M. Bethel, who has been employed on the Observer at Dallas for the past two years, came over from that place last Tuesday to help out on The Sun for a few weeks.—Sheridan Sun.

Oregon to Install Splendid Exhibit at Chicago.

Portland, Oregon, November 11 (Special)—C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League, who is to head the Oregon delegation at the United States' Land Show in Chicago, November 29 to December 8, has gone east to install the exhibit. Oregon will occupy two booths in the Land Show and will have lecture room privileges. From five to eight Oregon representatives will be in attendance at all times.

The exhibit will consist of agricultural products of every sort, contributed by commercial clubs in Oregon. All of the exhibits were shipped from Portland last Saturday in a special baggage car via the North Bank, Great Northern and Burlington roads.

15 New Houses.

Giving conclusive proof of his faith in the future of this city, Julius G. Voget, a prominent builder of this city and one of the members of the German Investment company, has taken out permits to build 15 new houses and a store room, and is planning to start work on the construction of these buildings in the course of the coming week. Mr. Voget expects to have the entire 16 buildings completed by next spring.

That which particularly prompted Mr. Voget to begin the construction of these new houses was the fact that the people of Salem voted for prohibition in the recent election. Mr. Voget says that he believes in Salem and that he particularly believes in dry Salem.—Salem Statesman.

Dr. Wickyoumbe says: "A cow needs a large eye so she may see everything; a large mouth, so she may eat everything she sees; a large stomach, so she can hold everything she eats, and a large udder so she can turn everything she holds into milk."

About one half pint of harmful insects and their larvae was found in the stomach of a China pheasant recently killed for demonstration purposes in the Oregon Agricultural College laboratories. At this rate the bird would have devoured one bushel of insects in 124 days or almost three bushels per year.

Workmen's Compensation.

Governor Bickel and other officials are pleased with the showing of the workmen's compensation act, the figures for the first month of which were available yesterday.

As the result of fatalities in West Virginia in October, 25 widows and mothers are to be provided for. Temporary disabilities during the month cost the state $13,000.

The report says total idemnity for the first quarter based on the first month will reach $45,000. This will insure $20 a month to each widow or mother and $5 a month to each child.—Portland Telegram.

Lowell Rogers is reported to have paid $134 an acre, or $21,440, for the Sam Carpenter quarter on the reservation—said to be the highest price ever commanded by wheat land in Umatilla county. According to reports, several large farmers, including J. T. Lieuallen, whose land it adjoins, were rival bidders for the Carpenter quarter, and ran up the price.—Weston Leader.

More Battleships or More Roads.

The cost of a battleship, with trimmings, would build 500 miles of good road. The battleship would be obsolete almost as soon as built, and ready for the scrap heap in ten years. The good road would, within three years at the most, repay its cost by the increase it would bring to abutting property values, and afterward would be a net, permanent asset.

As a reducer of the cost of living, the good road has it over the battleship like a tent. What is the use of expecting folks to go back to the farm if the roads are so poor they can hardly get back, and, once back, have to see the farm produce rot on the ground because of the difficulty of getting it to market?

Next winter Congress will be asked to spend money for three new battleships, and also to begin a systematic development of national highways. It will probably vote the battleships and refuse to vote the good roads, on the ground that good roads are a state and local concern.

Yet a gridiron of good roads would be a much better insurance of the general welfare than the costliest fleet of battleships that money could buy. In which way would you prefer to have your taxes spent?—Portland News.

Receives Many New Books.

The following new books have been received at the Dallas Public Library:

Adult Books.

Felix Holt—Elliott.
Middle March—Elliott.
Prince of the House of David—Ingraham.
Prisoner of Zenda—Hope.
Opening a Chestnut Burr—Roe.
Following the Equator—Twain.
Honorable Peter Sterling—Ford.
How to Tell Stories to Children—Bryant.
Quo Vadis—Prinkiewicz.
The Oregon System—Eaton.
South America—Bryce.
How to Know Architecture—Wallis.
A Montessori Mother—Crawfield.
The Secret of the Pacific—Enock.
Being a Boy—Warner.
Practical Salesmanship—Towler.
Heroines of Modern Progress—Adams and Foster.
Psychology and Industrial Efficiency—Munsterberg.
The Ne'er-Do-Well—Beach.
Guy Mannering—Scott.
Spinner in the Inn—Bud.
Last of the Barons—Lytton.
Marcus Whitman—Mowry.

Juvenile Books.

Norah, Our Little Irish Cousin—Wade.
Osma, Our Little Turkish Cousin—Wade.
Osma, Our Little Jewish Cousin—Wade.
Five Little Peppers at School—Sidney.
Bew Pepper—Sidney.
The Flaming Feather—Munroe.—
Weatherby's Innings—Barbour.
Crofton Chums—Barbour.
Mary Warr's Promised Land—Johnston.
Mary Warr in Texas—Johnston.
Nelly's Silver Mine—Jackson.
Cat Stories—Jackson.
Little Smoke—Stoddard.
Three Colonial Boys—Tomlinson.
Three Young Continentals—Tomlinson.
Children of the Wild—Deming.
"Tell Me Why" stories—Clandy.
Tale of Mr. Tiggy Winkle—Potter.
Tale of Mr. Todd—Potter.
Tale of Tom Kitten—Potter.
Tale of Timmy Tiptoes—Potter.
Tale of Mrs. Tittle Mouse—Potter.
Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher—Potter.
Tale of Jemima Puddle Duck—Potter
Japanese Twins—Perkins.
John and Betty's Scotch History Visit—Williamson.
Kings in Exile—Roberts.
Afloat—Carpenter.
Boys' Book of New Inventions—Manns.
Patch Work Girl of Oz—Baum.
The Silver Key—Paine.
Snow Bird Folks—Peary.
Where the Wind Blows—Pyle.
The Sampo—Baldwin.
Three Musketeers—Dumas.
Dwellings of Boat-Dwellers.
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn—Twain.
Fifty Famous Stories Retold—Baldwin.
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland—Carroll.
The Lamb Bearer—Thurston.

It is a strange fact that the most unbearable Christmas gift is the cheapest. Think of putting up five presents for $5 or even less and having it over at once. But to be sure of getting them out and away you will have their work thus I can do this winter.

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