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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1911.

WILL IMPROVE ROADS.

Hood River County is going to take advantage of the road law and will bond itself for the purpose of improving its highways.

In pondering over the subject of roads we have been led to believe that this law will prove to be of great benefit to counties taking advantage of its provisions, as roads can be put in proper conditions so that permanency may obtain. Under the old order much labor and money was wasted by filling up the ruts and gutters with dirt, and leaving it for the next heavy rains to wash out, so that year after year the same work was necessary to be done over again.

Now if roads are put in proper condition they will remain so, only requiring a small amount of attention and expense for repair, while the convenience and saving in repair work will much more than repay for the interest on the bonds.

Some persons have thought that the law was framed in the interest of those who own automobiles, and it is true that such persons desire the best of highways, but we believe that the farmer will receive the greatest benefit from having permanent work done so that he is not continually taxed for repairs that will not remain permanent.

Mexico is having a Peace Congress and Uncle Sam has sent his boys in blue to the Mexican boundary to have a look in. Your Uncle has a lot of the boys hiking for Honolulu and the Philippines which would indicate that the gathering may be extensive.

President Taft and his cabinet have the ear of the public just now. Everybody is wondering what is ahead that is calling for all this military display. Perhaps reciprocity with Canada was not the main reason for calling a special session of Congress. "God knows," and perhaps President Taft does, also.

And behold! The mountains labored and brought forth a mouse. After no end of thunder and violent effort the administration succeeded in establishing its postal savings bank policy. Yet it now seems afraid of its shadow and is proceeding with such caution that but one bank will be established for the present in each state. Oregon has one down at Klama'h Falls or somewhere, and it has only succeeded in accumulating a few hundred dollars in deposits. As a matter of fact postal saving banks cannot and will not furnish an adequate remedy for the financial ills in the republic. What is wanted is a guaranty that depositors in state and national banks will not lose their money. When this is accomplished confidence will be permanent and panics unknown. —Weston Leader.

A warlike aspect was presented at the depot Thursday morning, when 210 marines, occupying tourist and standard sleepers arrived at the station, enroute to Mare Island to get further orders. They did not use their commissary department, but were marched into the depot hotel where Mine Host Julius Wolf prepared them a square meal. They were given orders to get out of the Bremmerton, Wash., navy yards within 24 hours but got out in ten. The officers and marines were keen and anxious to see service. —Valley Record.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Polk County High School Debating League will hold its second debate in the Normal Chapel, Friday, March 24. The Monmouth affirmative meets the Independence negative team. Those representing Monmouth are: Nellie Shew, Emma Parker and Bessie Wade. The negative team of M. H. S. Debating League goes to Falls City Friday where they will debate against the affirmative team of that place. The negative team are: Kathryn Hughes, Minnie Wunder and Rubie Lorence. The question is, Resolved, that free text books should be furnished the public schools of Oregon by the State.

President Ackerman visited the M. H. S. Monday morning.

The girls basket ball team will play the Silverton team at that place Saturday evening. We wish them success.

Owing to the examinations held in high school last week the report was not handed in.

The first base ball game of the season was played Friday p. m. on the Normal field. The school defeated the town with a score of 11 to 5.

GROTESQUE NAMES.

Burdens That Innocent English Children Had to Bear.

In England, as in other countries, thousands of people go through life cherishing a grudge against their parents for giving them absurd or incongruous names. It was most natural that a demure and pretty girl in a north suburb should feel resentful when she had to answer to the name of Bughbody, given in honor of the winner of a race fifteen years before. Among the names registered at Somerset House are Ains and Graces and Nun Nicer, which were innocently borne by two little girls who found them most embarrassing in after years.

The appalling name of Wellington Wolseley Roberts was borne by a young man who, in disposition and appearance, was anything but militant, and as little likely to win fame on the battlefield as his predecessors Arthur Wellesley Wellington Waterloo Cox and Napoleon the Great Eagar.

However, even these names, inappropriate as they may be, are to be preferred to Roger the Ass, Anna (sic) Domini Davies and Boadicea Basher.

To parents of large families the advent of another child is not always welcome, but it is scarcely kind to make the unexpected child bear a token of disapproval. It must be rather terrible to go through life, for example, as Not Wanted James, What Another, Only Fancy William Brown, or even as Last of 'Em Harper, or Still Another Hewitt. And yet these are all names which the foolish caprice of British parents has imposed on innocent children. —Chicago Record-Herald.

Betty and the Kitten.

Betty is only four and often in her excitement she makes very odd remarks. The other day she cried out, "Oh, mother, there's a dear maitine kitten all curled up in the corner!"

A Feat For Willie.

Teacher—Willie, if you had five eggs in the basket and laid three on the table, how many would you then have? Willie—Eight.—Life.

It is better to hold back a truth than to speak it ungraciously. —De Sales.

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Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

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Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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W. W. DAVIS, Pastor.

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" 7:30 p. m.
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