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The Coquille Valley Sentinel, the official paper of Coos County, appeared this week with 79 columns of delinquent tax list. The Polk County list is large enough but does not swell out like that.

Now that members of the House of Commons, England, will draw \$2000 a year salary the common people will hereafter have some chance of representation. Heretofore the members served without remuneration, hence none but men of wealth could afford to make a campaign and serve if elected.

The Portland Telegram has started out on a house-cleaning act and is getting up a lively fight against the parasites of Portland, for which it should not only be commended, but should have the support of all honorable citizens. This class of men and women will stoop to degrade anything, no matter how pure or sacred, if they can make merchandise of it and gain the means to aid them in pursuing their sensuous, devilish lives. The highwayman or bank robber is a credit to the parasite although there is nothing favorable to be said in extenuation of the profession of either of them.

Mrs. Edith Smith Davis, the President of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the W. C. T. U., has recently made a trip through Oregon and other coast states, speaking specially in Chautauquas and in the interest of the Scientific phase of the temperance question. Mrs. Davis is said to be one of the finest speakers on the Lecture platform, even though she deals with a topic which to many seems trite. Mrs. Davis is able to dress this old topic with thrilling interest even for one who does not agree with her main contention, viz; that alcohol has no place in the human needs. Other Temperance organizations may be open to criticism from those who do not believe in radical temperance, but every one must agree that the W. C. T. U. usually "hits the nail on the head" and their speakers manage to interest and persuade those who are not with them to a careful consideration of their appeal.

J. M. Riggle, of Independence, is said to have found something strange in the milk and, his suspicion being aroused, he brought it in to a doctor and druggist to have them determine what it was. They each found that a sample contained a quantity of strychnine. The only question is, how did it get there? It seems that the milk was left on the porch and of course some one put the poison in. There has been a lot of neighborhood misunderstanding and hard feelings in this part of town.—Independence Enterprise.

GERMAN RED TAPE.

And an Attempt to Arrange the Preliminaries of a Wedding.

A story is told in "Faces and Phases of German Life," by Theophilus Liefeld, once American consul at Freiburg, Baden, which adds another drop to the bucket of "circumstantial evidence" tending to prove that the course of true love is ever a troubled one. It also indicates that the duties of consuls are more varied than most people know.

A young American lady living in Germany was engaged to be married to her lover in America. He was a civil engineer and was planning to go to Europe to be married; but, his leave of absence being short, the young lady was attending to the wedding arrangements.

The authorities demanded birth certificates, but the lady could not procure any for herself, as her birth had not been recorded, and for a while there was much unpleasantness and worry.

As her mother was with her in Germany, the very accommodating official finally suggested that the mother appear before the consul and make an affidavit concerning the daughter's birth. This was done, the certificate was accepted, and the first serious trouble was at an end.

Now a new difficulty arose, for which no remedy was in sight; for before the proper marriage license could be issued to her it was necessary that the young man also should appear in person before the official and declare that of his own free will he desired to marry that particular young woman.

But he was in America, 5,000 miles away, and as his time would be exceedingly limited all these matters had to receive full attention some weeks before the ceremony could take place.

The kind, accommodating official, however, had at last the courage to suggest a solution, for he believed the young woman, although he had to abide by the law. So he suggested that the lady take her love letters to the American consul to look over, and if the consul believed the young man sincere and that the girl's statements were true, he should prepare a certificate to that effect, which would be accepted.

Of course this was a great embarrassment to the bride and not less to the American consul, to whom she brought those precious letters. But with womanly satisfaction she pointed to the many expressions of affection which indicated the young man's sincerity and devotion.

The German official accepted the consul's certificate, and the serious troubles of the young lady were at an end.

The marriage in due course of time took place, but not in Germany, for the leave of absence was too short. The young people met in England. Hence all the worries in Germany were in vain.

The Gentleman.

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