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SOME ROGUES STILL LIVE.

The fact developed, the latter part of last week, that a scheme had been pulled off in this section during the past year and a half which, from inquiry, we find to have been done about as follows:

An agent came through interviewing old settlers, giving out that it was for the purpose of getting up a history of the pioneer times of Oregon. The manner of procedure was to interview early settlers and have them give descriptions of early life in Oregon and incidents in crossing the plains, etc., which the agent wrote down, or of which he took notes. When the narrative concluded, the narrator was asked to sign the statement, and in some cases, perhaps all, were asked if he or she would take a set of the books when published. It seems to have made little difference whether the parties refused to subscribe or not, in due time a second agent appeared with a set, four volumes, of the history, which was left whether the pioneer wanted it or not, the agent being prepared to show a contract for the same with the signature of the party subscribed thereto. Last of all came the collector. He was here last week and had contracts signed by several of Monmouth's citizens and as they did not subscribe their names to any such agreements, they are wondering how the agent managed the deception. We are told that a few paid for the history, but there are a number who would not be bluffed into paying \$25 for what they had not ordered. The agent threatened to sue for the amount, but failed to scare them, and there the matter rests. We are told that in one instance the narrator refused to sign the narrative, but that his name shows up at the end of the contract.

This is an old game and has been played in many places. The same agent never appears the second time to face those whom he is trying to defraud, and each one is chosen because of his adaptability to the role he has to play, the collector being of a gruff character calculated to scare their victims into payment.

There should be some way to reach this class but we have never learned of their being punished for their scheming. However, it is a wise precaution to make it a rule not to sign papers for strangers, and where it becomes necessary to do so, see that you have a copy of the contract.

CONFERENCE FOR PEACE.

The fourth American peace conference is scheduled to take place at St. Louis, Missouri, next May, and every person who

can aid in the cause of universal peace is solicited to be there.

It is a turbulent person who does not like to see and contemplate and enjoy peaceful conditions, but how much the dawn of the millennium will be furthered by this meeting is hard to say.

Since the first general peace congress met, nations have been talking peace, while preparing for strife, and actual war has been waged almost continuously since that time, some where or other, until at present two great wars are raging with the prospect imminent of much greater areas being drawn into like turbulent conditions.

Peace is what the world needs, but nations are striving wrongly to attain it. Germany believes that an overpowering preparation for war is the best means to peaceful conditions, that is, her armed strength must be sufficiently great to awe other nations and keep them subdued because of fear, but such preparation will not maintain nor bring about peaceful conditions, neither will any thing else except a return to righteous principals—conditions wherein each person will understand and respect the rights of other persons.

When men and women are inclined to do right, because it is right, and their hearts are bound and knit together by divine fellowship, then universal peace will have a chance to triumph, but just as long as the human family is striving to see which faction can gather in and hold the greatest lot of the bounties, which God created for the whole human family, just for their own aggrandizement and selfish purposes, to the detriment and inconvenience of other persons, there can and will be no universal peace.

Electing Postmasters.

If Congress authorizes the election of fourth-class postmasters we will have heard about the last word in the popular selection of public servants. Such a law will unquestionably meet with public approval.

While it is true that the administration of the postoffice is a Federal function, pure and simple, yet the service in the small postoffice comes as near to the people and affects their interests and their likings as directly as does the service of any town, county or state official whom they choose by ballot. It is really a most logical extension of the democratic system that the people should have the privilege of indicating the person whom they would prefer to have serve them as postmaster.

As matter of political moment the proposed change would be altogether meritorious. Fourth-class postmaster patronage has helped very materially to wreck the party that is now about to go out of power. The use of it as part of the party machinery has been pernicious, and the effect of it on the political fortunes of the country outside of party considerations has not been good. To get rid of it, and at the same time permit the people to say who shall serve them in this immediate and important capacity is the sort of legislative

wisdom which kills two birds with one stone.—Portland Telegram.

In The Avalanche Of Gold.

Early in life, Mr. John D. Rockefeller set himself to fight against the poverty which had skimmed the bread upon his father's table, which had caused him to shiver when other children had been warm, which had put restrictions upon an education he greatly desired and for which he had an unusual gift at absorbing. He fought to such purpose that for the curse of poverty he overcame he acquired the curse of great wealth, for every adversity he mastered he became so much more the slave of vast possession.

Behold him now deluged with money, caught in an avalanche of gold. The other day a lump sum of ten millions of dollars was placed to his account—a windfall which but merely added to the weight upon his neck, which but chained him the more to his money bags, which could but cause the persons who guard him now as a prisoner is guarded to draw their lines in closer. He has untold wealth—and untold fear. He has property beyond his own power to reckon—and he is not free to go and come as he likes. He has fought with poverty—and all the doors of treasure vaults are open to rain their holdings upon him and around him until he seems like an insect caught in a pit of loose-running sand.

One may wonder if Mr. Rockefeller honestly thinks that the fight has been worth while. And we may wonder, too, if the persons who envy him have any conception at all of what they are envying.—Toledo Blade.

"Big Sister" Movement Adopted At O. A. C.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 18.—Henceforward the upper class young women at the Oregon Agricultural College will make it their particular business to look after the interests and welfare of the freshmen in the girls' dormitory, Waldo Hall. As the seniors in Eastern colleges each choose a freshman to whom the part of temporary guardian is played, so each junior girl at O. A. C. has adopted a freshman. The "Rockerine" will be guarded from unhappy mistakes, her class standings will be watched that she may not fall behind and be "conditioned" or "failed" at the end of the semester, and the girl "in loco parentis" will see that her protegee is not neglected socially.

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

John Shetterly et ux to Matilda Oleson, two acres in tp 6 s, r 7 w, \$10.

Jacob Hanson et ux to Bery M Pierce, 8 acres of land in tp 7 s, r 5 w.

John W Nendel et al to M M Diel, 120 acres in tp 10 s, r 4 w.

Roy W Lantz et ux to Frank A Logan, lots in McCoy, \$160.

Phillip Hess et al to John Schreiber, 40 acres in sec 23, tp 6 s, r 8 w.

Mittie M Stewart et hd to Falls City Lumber Co, 12-100 acres in tp 8 s, r 6 w.

Ella E Graff to Merchants Savings & Trust Co., 16.53 acres in Broadmead, \$1.

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Harrington, lot 4, block 3, Polk's add to Willamina, \$150.

Empire Investment Co. to John Spady, lot 9, block 3, Sheridan View acres, \$1,000.

Empire Investment Co. to Henry Krieger, lot 8, block 3, Sheridan View acres, \$1,000.

Empire Investment Co. to Gottfried Schreiber, lot 3, block 3, Sheridan View acres, \$900.

Empire Investment Co. to Peter Schreiber, lot 11, block 3, Sheridan View acres, \$1,000.

Alfred Simkin et ux to Wm. Branchflower, 39.40 acres in tp 6 s, r 4 w, \$2400.

Mary Harrington et hd to E B Harris, lot 4, block 3, Polk's add to Willamina, \$200.

William Ellis et ux to Lee Perrin, 81.100 acres in tp 8 s, r 6 w, \$75.

Josie B Hayes et hd to A L De Coster, lot 6, block 14, Hill's town of Independence, \$100.

CURIOUS LIGHTNING.

Remarkable Silent Discharges That Play About the Andes.

Remarkable displays of so called "heat lightning" are often observed along the crest of the Andes and are sometimes visible far out at sea. Thunderstorms are rare in Chile, and this fact may possibly be explained by the assumption that the Andes act as a gigantic lightning rod between which and the clouds silent discharges take place on a vast scale.

The visible discharges occur during the warm season, from late spring to autumn, and appear to come especially from certain fixed points. They are confined almost exclusively to the Andes proper or cordillera real as distinguished from the coast cordillera. Viewed from a favorable point near their origin there is seen to be at times a constant glow around the summits of the mountains, with occasional outbursts, which often simulate the beams of a great searchlight and may be directed westward so as to extend out over the ocean. The color of the light is pale yellow or rarely reddish.

One striking feature of these discharges is that they are especially magnificent during earthquakes. At the time of the great earthquake of August, 1906, throughout central Chile the whole sky seemed to be on fire.

The natives regard these lights as the reflection in the sky of the glowing lava in the craters of volcanoes, but there seems to be no doubt that they are electrical discharges.

It is planned to make spectroscopic observations of this singular phenomenon and also, if possible, measurements of the electrical state of the atmosphere in the high Andes, where it appears to have its origin. Possibly the result may be to connect up "Andes lightning" with a peculiar form of aurora which has been observed by Lemstrom over mountain summits.

Took It Literally.

A party of tourists were visiting the ancient landmarks of England, and their guide was supplying them with valuable historical facts.

"This tower," he expounded, "goes back to William the Conqueror."

"Why, what's the matter?" asked one of the party. "Isn't it satisfactory?"—Exchange.

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