

Local and Personal

E. W. Strong made a business trip to Albany Wednesday.

W. J. Kerth of Dallas was a visitor to Monmouth Saturday.

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Number one 7-foot Cedar posts, \$10 per hundred at the Monmouth Lumber Yard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staats and family returned Wednesday from an extended auto trip through the southern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Phillips returned Wednesday from a trip to the Exposition at San Francisco, making the trip in their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rexford and Mrs. E. A. Webb of Rocky, Lincoln county, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Halleck. Mr. Rexford is a former resident of Monmouth.

Miss Katherine Arbuthnot returned Monday from a trip to California, having spent a couple of weeks in Los Angeles and about that long in San Francisco and Oakland where she attended the Exposition and the N. E. A. She expects to lecture in the institute at Albany next week and then go to The Dalles for institute work.

Encouraging the Boys

Opportunity will be offered to 25 Oregon boys to attend the Agricultural College summer camp school, all expenses paid, if the plans now under way mature successfully. N. A. Maris, of the State Educational department, and F. L. Griffin, state agent of boys' and girls' industrial clubs, have agreed upon the general features of the plan, which provides for sending the winner of each of the 25 main and subdivision projects in which the industrial club work is to be carried this year, to the popular Boys' Short Course at the College next summer. It is the plan of the departments to have all expenses of every winner fully paid from the time he leaves until he returns, no matter what part of the state he comes from.

Hunting Season Closed By Governor In Union and Wallowa Counties

Salem, Or., Sept. 1.—Because of forest fires in Union and Wallowa counties, believed to have been started by careless hunters, Governor Withycombe yesterday issued a proclamation suspending the open season for hunting in these counties. The proclamation was issued at the request of George Palmer, president of the Fire Association.

Reports reaching the governor's office are that fires are laying waste some of the best timber in Eastern Oregon.

Incipient Blaze At O. A. C. Is Quenched

Corvallis, Or., Aug. 30.—Fire at the poultry plant of the Oregon Agricultural college was only averted Saturday by its timely discovery by employes about the buildings. Those working about the plant were just about to leave for the noon recess when fire between the ceiling and second floor was discovered. The fire was extinguished without assistance from the fire department.

Precious Metals in Alaska

The annual statement on gold, silver, and copper in Alaska for 1914 has just been issued by the United States Geological Survey.

The value of the total output of these three precious metals for the year aggregated \$18,835,520.

Ready For Heating Equipment

John V. Bennes, architect, has completed plans and bids have been called for the heating equipment for the new training school under construction. The building completed will cost \$50,000.

Thirty-seven States in 1914 reported a production of pottery. White ware was reported from 8 States, china from 4 states, sanitary ware from 10 States, and porcelain electrical supplies from 9 States. Red earthenware, the commonest of pottery products, was reported from 32 States, and stoneware from 28 States.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

E. P. RIPLEY.
On Relation of Railroads and People.



The industrial leaders of this nation are talking to the public face to face through the columns of this paper. The time was when if a corporation had anything to say to the people they sent a hired hand, whispered it through a lawyer or employed a lobbyist to explain it to the legislature, but the men who know and the men who do are now talking over the fence to the man who plows.

When the leading business men of this nation get "back to the soil" with their problems, strife and dissension will disappear, for when men look into each other's faces and smile there is a better day coming.

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe railroad, when asked to give his views in reference to relations existing between the railroad and the public, said in part:

"Frequently we hear statements to the effect that these relations are improving, that the era of railroad bating has passed and that public sentiment now favors treating the railroads fairly. As yet this change in public sentiment, if any such there be, is not effective in results.

"It is true that in the legislatures of the southwestern states during the past winter there were fewer unreasonable and unreasoning laws passed than usual, but a consideration of the hostile bills introduced shows that there is still reason for much disquiet even though they were defeated by more or less of a majority.

"Moreover, the idea that the railroads have been harshly treated does not seem to prevail in the offices of the state railroad commissions, which seem to cherish a notion that their business is not to act as an arbitrator between the railroads and the people, but which proceed on the theory that the railroads are able to take care of themselves and that their duty is to act as attorney for the people, even though in so doing they deny justice to the railroads. It requires no argument to demonstrate that the railroads are entitled to justice equally with other citizens and taxpayers. That they have not received it and are not receiving it is perfectly susceptible of proof. That they have practically no recourse in the courts has also been determined.

"The situation therefore is that the people, through their representatives, must elect whether the services of the railroads shall be adequately compensated or not; and it requires no fortune teller or soothsayer to predict that in the long run the service will take the class that is paid for and no better.

"The natural competition between the railroads and the natural desire to perform first-class service has heretofore resulted in giving the public much more than it was willing to pay for. Continuation of this will be impossible and no laws, however drastic, can long accomplish the impossible."

A Big Settlement

By EDITH V. ROSS

"You say, my boy, that this young lady to whom you have engaged yourself is a saint. Very well, you will know more about her saintly qualities in future. However, that is your affair, not mine. I desire to give you every opportunity in my power to avoid the calling forth of those traits which may be dormant in your angel. For this purpose I will settle on you an amount equal to the young lady's property."

"Her aunt has told her that she will

give her what I shall receive."

"I think it better that this aunt and I should confer on the matter. Give me her name and address, and I will call upon her."

The young man wrote a name and address on a card and handed it to his uncle. The name was a common one, and after glancing at it the older man put the card in his portemonnaie. His nephew hurried away to post his fiancée on what was about to happen.

"I fear," he said, "when my uncle meets your aunt they will get to quarreling and there will be no settlements. He is as fierce a woman hater as your aunt is a man hater."

"Aunt Helen is not a man hater. She considers herself to have been badly treated on one occasion by a man, but she does not condemn the whole sex."

"Well, let us hope for the best. Uncle will call upon her this evening. Do what you can to put her in a good humor, and warn her that she is to meet a man who needs skillful handling. A great deal for us depends upon the meeting."

At 8 o'clock the same evening Mr. Edward Cutler rang the bell at the residence of Miss Emily Brown and was admitted to a drawing room, where he amused himself looking at the pictures on the wall while he waited. A portrait of a girl of twenty caused him to start. At the same moment Miss Brown entered the room. The two stood looking at each other in astonishment.

"Edward Cutler?"

"Emily Brown?"

"Are you William Gifford's uncle?"

"Yes. Are you Ethel Wheeler's aunt?"

"I am."

There was an awkward pause which was broken by Mr. Cutler.

"We meet for a purpose of great importance to two young persons. It seems that they are about to make fools of themselves as we did eighteen years ago. Let us not stand in their way, but help them on. You and I found each other out before being tied up together. Perhaps they will not have such good luck."

"There was nothing in me for you to find out. I have never been any worse or better than I have appeared."

"Then why did you turn me down a week before we were to have been wedded, and that, too, without giving me a reason?"

"And why did you take your dismissal so coolly? It was plain to me that the story I heard about you and Winifred Baldwin was true. You seemed happy in your release."

"Winifred Baldwin was nothing to me and, as for being happy at my release, you wouldn't have had me whimper, would you?" His eyes turned from the lady to the portrait. "You are not so much changed as I would have expected," he added. "To look at that innocent young face one would not suppose its owner would have"— He checked himself.

"Recriminations after so many years will not mend matters. Let us proceed to business. I understand that you will settle on your nephew an amount equal to what I give my niece."

"I will."

"Very well; I have fixed upon \$25,000. If you give the same they will have \$50,000. This invested at 5 per cent interest will give them \$2,500, which, with William's salary, will make \$5,000 a year."

"Quite enough to keep the wolf from the door."

Meanwhile Mr. Gifford had come in, and he and his fiancée were listening at the door. When they heard these words they embraced and, taking no further interest in the interview, went to another room, where time flew so rapidly they did not realize that more than an hour had passed before the two elder persons, leaving the council chamber, entered the room where the young couple were. Instead of wearing the appearance of having quarreled they seemed to be radiantly happy. Mr. Cutler called upon Miss Brown to state to the young couple what had been agreed upon for their comfort, and Miss Brown signified that she would prefer Mr. Cutler should make the announcement. After an "Amen!" the gentleman proceeded:

"The aggregate settlements will be \$250,000. Miss Brown has consented to give \$100,000, and I, preferring to lead in the matter, will give \$150,000."

The young lovers looked at each other in amazement at this increase over what had been expected.

"There is another matter it becomes my pleasure to speak of. Miss Brown and I when we were about your respective ages became engaged. Through my fault—"

"I beg pardon," interrupted Miss Brown, "through my fault."

"Anyway, I made a fool of myself and threw away eighteen years of happiness. We have decided to make up for what we have lost and are to be married on the same day that you two are united."

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BLOWING OUT A FLAME.

Wherein That Differs From Blowing on a Bed of Glowing Coals.

An observant man, having accidentally blown out the flame of a cigar lighter in a restaurant, asked in a casual manner what made the flame go out. The cashier answered with a laugh, because he blew on it. The man asked why blowing on glowing coals made them burn faster instead of putting out the fire.

To answer these questions one must understand the nature of fire and be able to distinguish between incandescence and flame. Good coal and charcoal burn without flame, they merely glow. In such combustion the burning solid unites directly with atmospheric oxygen. When gases burn, on the other hand, the phenomenon of flame is observable. Flame is never observed except in the burning of gases.

How, then, can it be that a candle, which is not a gas, burns with a flame? The explanation is this: The wax or tallow is melted by the heat, drawn up the wick and, coming in contact with the flame, is heated to the point of vaporization. In this gaseous and overheated condition, the infinitely small particles float off and upward from the wick, whence, coming in contact with the air, they unite with the oxygen, and in so doing glow and produce flame. Similarly, wood, paper, soft coal, sulphur and vegetable substances burn with a flame because their own heat of combustion is continuously liberating great quantities of gas.

If a match be held over a lighted lamp a flame will appear hovering over it as its gases rise and take fire.

When you blow upon glowing embers you increase the supply of oxygen, and this bursts into flame. The same would be true of blowing upon flame were it not for the wind dispersing the gaseous particles of the fuel, so that those which are burning are unable to impart their heat to those yet unburnt. Therefore, as soon as these are burnt out, which is almost instantaneously, combustion is discontinued and the flame disappears.—New York World.

If You Have to Fight a Boa.

If any reader of this article should ever be so unfortunate as to experience the embrace of a boa constrictor it is recommended that he try to release himself by taking hold of the creature's tail and unwinding it from that end. It can be easily unwound in that way, but otherwise it is not possible. The way to kill a snake is not to attempt to crush its head, the bones of which are very hard, but to strike the tail, where the spinal cord is but thinly covered by bone and suffers readily from injury. It is the same with an eel. Hit the tail two or three times against any hard substance, and the eel quickly dies. The boas are not venomous, but their fangs are sufficiently powerful to seriously wound.

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