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## CONTRIBUTES TO A GREAT AND GOOD MAN.

While Professor Thomas Condon  
lived, he was a man of great  
character, ripe with honor, and  
in the consciousness of work  
well done, there is regret among the  
Eugene people that the end had to  
come. Thomas Condon was a char-  
acter that had grown reverend in  
the service to his fellows. His life  
was the manifestation of full living,  
for the dross which most men  
accumulate, but in search for the joy and  
truth, that he might in-  
terfere with these to others.

Men of the Condon type confer  
similar honor upon the community in  
which their lives are spent. It is a  
distinguished distinction for those who  
remain to say that such and such an  
achievement in which there  
is genuine worthiness, lived here.  
There is a tribute of respect in the  
modesty of this boast that is  
the commentary on the character  
that becomes the subject of it.  
Thomas Condon was amply deserving  
of this tribute. The state of Oregon  
honored in his worthiness and  
will bear it in memory with pride and  
veneration.—Portland Evening Tele-  
gram.

Oregon has lost one of its most  
loved citizens in the death of Pro-  
fessor Thomas Condon of Eugene. Of  
his demise was not unexpected.  
He had reached the age of 84  
years, and his useful years, which  
were long in the land, could not be  
extended to be much longer extended.  
Condon was the deepest student  
of geology in the West, and he has  
to Oregon a mine of valuable in-  
formation on this interesting sub-  
ject. He had gathered a large and  
valuable collection of fossils, min-  
erals, rocks and other deposits in  
which the history of centuries is writ-  
ten in legible characters for the sci-  
entific student. The work of Dr.  
Condon is not for yesterday, today or  
tomorrow, but for the education of  
a yet to come, and will be most  
highly appreciated as the future un-  
derstands it. Mr. Condon was kind,  
friendly and agreeable. He was a stu-  
dent of nature and a friend of all its  
creations. He was a good man in ev-  
ery sense and his mourners will be  
widely.—Salem Daily Statesman

## INSURANCE ROBBERY

Eugene is being robbed by the fire  
insurance companies until the limit  
of endurance has practically been  
reached. If other cities in Oregon  
are being taxed at the same rate  
by the financial highwaymen who  
control the insurance business of the  
Pacific coast, it seems strange that  
definite steps have not already been  
taken to organize local mutual or co-  
operative insurance companies that  
will put out of business the so-called  
"board" companies who are openly  
and brazenly holding up businessmen  
and property owners and rifling their  
pockets, protected, of course, by laws  
framed to foster such trusts.

As a specific example of insurance  
rates in Eugene we will mention our  
own experience, not because we have  
any special cause of complaint, but for  
the reason that we are able to speak  
on the subject with full knowledge.  
On an insurance policy of \$2700 on  
one linotype machine the premium  
for one year was \$146.81, and the  
Guard building is only 200 feet from  
the headquarters of a partially paid  
fire department, whose team was out  
with the engine when the alarm  
sounded yesterday morning in 38  
seconds. There is a fire plug at the  
station and an unobstructed line of  
hose might be laid to the rear of the  
Guard office. No better fire protection  
could scarcely be conceived than that  
which is enjoyed by a building located  
like this office—and yet the insurance  
trust demands and extorts over 5 per  
cent annually for insurance.

All along the business streets of  
Eugene similar rates to this mentioned  
prevail, and instead of having  
been reduced with more effective fire  
protection, the price of insurance has  
been steadily raised.

Here is a field of endeavor for the  
Commercial Club and Merchants'  
Protective Association that might  
well claim their best efforts until  
some effective plan of relief is for-  
mulated and put into effect. The in-  
surance companies are placing a  
higher tax upon the business inter-  
ests and industries of Eugene than  
the oppressive railroad rates or any  
other of the evils from which our  
people are complaining. It is robbery  
without reason or justification,  
perpetrated by a gang of sharks who  
are fattening off the tribute wrung  
from people who have in the past  
been powerless to protect themselves.

## ENSLAVED BY HARRIMAN.

It seems that the Southern Pacific  
company has no intention of build-  
ing a new depot in Eugene this year.  
That is the opinion of well-informed  
persons, the Harriman people being  
too busy managing legislatures to  
spend any time or money improving  
their tracks or buildings in Oregon.  
Perhaps if Eugene merchants would  
begin to route their goods from the  
East over opposition lines, and our  
people going East would buy their  
tickets over other roads, the officials  
of the company might sit up and take  
notice of the fact that a town of 8000  
people paying them a revenue of  
\$80,000 a month is entitled to some-  
thing better than a second-class  
wood shed for a passenger depot.

More than this, our commercial or-  
ganizations should not let their work  
for an open river lag. The Harri-  
man interests may defeat all efforts  
in this direction for a time, just as  
they have virtually defeated the free  
locks bill before the legisla-  
ture and prevented the enact-  
ment of an effective rail-  
road commission law, but perse-  
vering effort will bring success in  
course of time. The object sought is  
worth years of endeavor—the em-  
ancipation of Western Oregon from  
the bondage of the Southern Pacific rail-  
road.

A McMinnville dispatch telling of  
the finding of a human skeleton in  
the ground of a field near there, says  
it has been identified as that of Louis  
Rainey, and says he will be remem-  
bered by old pioneers as having made  
a memorable ride in early days from  
San Francisco to Portland. Rainey  
had several thousand dollars in the  
hands of the Portland branch of a  
San Francisco house and was in the  
California metropolis when the firm  
there failed for a large amount.

There was no telegraph in those days  
and the monthly steamer that would  
take the news would not sail for sev-  
eral days. It was a long seven hun-  
dred miles between the two places,  
not a little of the distance being  
through a wild country with stop-  
ping places far between, with the  
dreaded Rogue River Indian country  
to pass through, still Rainey did not  
hesitate. Barring accident he knew  
that he could beat the steamer into  
Portland horseback and get his money  
before it was tied up by news of  
the failure. He got his thousands  
out the day before the steamer  
brought the news to the Portland  
branch firm.

A correspondent writes the Guard  
as to the best way to prevent water  
currents cutting a bank. First, rock,  
and last rock. A fine example of the  
efficiency of rock reversionment is that  
of the county at the head of the Eu-  
gene millrace. For a hundred yards  
or more the flood had cut the low  
bank of loam on gravel away, the  
current running its deepest there and  
setting against and hugging the frail  
bank closely. The county wasted no  
time on brush or pilings, but built up  
the bank with large loose rock from  
the Nye quarry a short distance be-  
low. That was seven years ago, and  
with all the intervening floods that  
once frail bank stands as it did those  
summer days when the rock was  
dumped in to the bank level. Another  
example is that of the east end of the  
Springfield bottom railroad grade  
some ten feet high, where the rail-  
road builders ceased piling up gravel  
a short distance west of the county  
road. The slopes of the end, and  
the sides of the embankment for a  
short distance back, were covered  
with rock. The banked up waters in  
the recent floods swept around the  
rocked end of the grade with terrific  
force, but not the least damage was  
done.

The regeneration of the fruit-  
growing industry in the Willamette  
valley has commenced in earnest,  
says the Rural Northwest. The symp-  
toms of it are found everywhere. It  
was feared that the great wave of in-  
terest which swept over the valley a  
year ago would be temporary, but  
on the contrary there is a much more  
wide-spread interest shown this year  
than last. It is now becoming popu-  
lar to advocate the destruction of  
neglected orchards which are not  
worth cleaning up and renewing.

Score one for Kentucky. They  
have indicted several newspapers for  
publishing the nastiness of the Thaw  
case. Members of society, the old as  
well as the young, should be protect-  
ed from needless publicity of the do-  
ings of moral paupers. It is a curious  
thing that there is no real demand  
in the human mind for such stuff, but  
publish it and see with what avidity  
it is read. The purest minded mat-  
rons and the clergy are not behind  
others in following the story of hu-  
man depravity.

## J. BEEBE APPOINTED FRUIT INSPECTOR


County Commissioners' Court Makes  
Appointment of Well-Known Fruit  
Grower to Succeed McCormack.

The county commissioners' court  
on Saturday named J. Beebe, who re-  
sides northwest of the city, county  
fruit inspector to succeed Dr. H. F.  
McCormack, who has tendered his  
resignation because of his inability  
to devote as much time to the work  
as he desired. The appointment was  
upon the recommendation of the  
Lane County Horticultural Society  
at its meeting last Saturday. Before  
Mr. Beebe takes his office the ap-  
pointment will have to be approved  
by the commissioner of the State  
Horticultural Society for this district.  
Mr. Beebe is one of Lane County's  
most prominent fruit growers and  
will no doubt fill the office acceptably  
to all concerned.

## KELLY IN FINE SHAPE FOR SPRING TRACK WORK

Dan Kelly is in receipt of a letter  
from his son, Dan, Jr., informing  
him that he is now five pounds heav-  
ier than he has ever been, but that  
he is in constant training and ex-  
pects to smash the world's record in  
the 100-yard dash all to smithereens this  
year.—Baker City Herald.

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# The Test of True Religion

By Sir CONAN DOYLE, Novelist

HERE is an aggressive form of religion calling itself the  
Dogmatic Faith which has done far more harm to the  
human race than PESTILENCE OR FAMINE. Di-  
rectly to its door must be laid not only all the bloodstained  
history of Mohammedanism, but all the murderous doings  
which have in turn disgraced every sect of Christianity.

In the name of Christ, the Apostle of Peace, this dreadful school  
of thought within a few centuries of his death brought about such  
quarrels and such murders as had never been heard of IN PAGAN  
DAYS.

Over the Homoeousian question, a theological point depending  
upon a diphthong, it has been reckoned that a hundred thousand peo-  
ple lost their lives, champions and victims of faith.

The crusades, the murders of the Albigenses and of the Cevennes,  
the Thirty Years' war, the inquisition, the outrages of Catholics on Catholics,  
the persecutions of nonconformists by the church, the persecu-  
tions of Quakers by the nonconformists, the manifold domestic traged-  
ies and tyrannies, embittering the lives of countless numbers—surely,  
when all these are considered, the reader must admit that faith in the  
positive, aggressive sense HAS WROUGHT MORE MISCHIEF  
THAN FAMINE OR PESTILENCE.

ALL SECTS HAVE BEEN MISLED BY MEN OF THE SAME  
ACRID FRAME OF MIND AND HAVE INCURRED THE SAME BLOOD-  
GUILTINESS.

I only know four cults—the original Buddhists, the Quakers, the  
Unitarians and the agnostics—who can, I think, say that they have  
no blood upon their hands. Certainly the atheists cannot, for their  
excesses in France—in the revolution and also in 1870—have been  
as bad as those of the churches.

And what has been the root of it all? Saying you believe what  
your mind cannot grasp and what your free reason would frequently  
reject. A makes his proofless assertion and calls it his faith; B has  
the right to do the same. Then A and B hate each other with a holy  
hatred, and there is the epitome of the blackest chapter of the history  
of the world. We who are like shipwrecked mariners upon this little  
raft of a world, moving upon the face of the infinite ocean, have  
enough to do to live kindly among ourselves, without quarreling bit-  
terly about that which is beyond the horizon.

Perhaps you say that even in these very words I myself show want  
of religious charity. But surely it is not so. If the Catholic finds the  
pope or the Anglican the bishop or the nonconformist the minister a  
help upon his path, then in every case it is a good thing—IF IT  
CAUSES THAT MAN TO BE A BETTER, MORE NOBLE  
HUMAN CREATURE. Every form of belief is admirable that does  
that. But when it turns to want of charity and the reviling of those  
who have other methods, then it is a petty twentieth century exhibi-  
tion of that which ranks in history among the gravest and most blood-  
thirsty crimes.

## HORRIBLE SCENE AT HANGING WHEN ROPE BROKE

Richmond, Va., Feb. 15.—There  
was a harrowing scene at the hanging  
at Farmville today of Moses Hill and  
William Ruffin, negroes, convicted of  
the murder of John Grubb. Hill  
weighed 275 pounds and the rope  
broke when the trap was sprung.  
He walked calmly back to the gal-  
lows and at the second drop the rope  
broke again. Hill died in agony on  
the ground.

Black Cap Omitted.  
Barbourville, Ky., Feb. 15.—Jesse  
Fitzgerald, a negro, was hanged to-  
day for the murder of Mrs. Robert  
Broughton last August. Fitzgerald  
requested that the black cap be om-  
itted and his request was granted.

Two White Men Hanged.  
Russellville, Ky., Feb. 15.—Guy  
Lyon and Polk Fletcher, white men,  
were hanged today for an assault two  
years ago on a young girl.

The scarcity of labor in the Wil-  
lamette valley is hitting the farmers  
hard. They cannot afford to pay  
high prices for labor that are paid  
by the logging companies and other  
competitors in this line, and conse-  
quently they have to depend on half  
able-bodied men and boys to do their  
work. One prominent berry grower  
of Eugene today informed a Guard  
reporter that at present he had more  
work on his ranch than five men could  
do, but that he is unable to secure a  
single man to help him through the  
rush of the spring work. Taking  
these things into consideration don't  
it give you that "tired feeling" when  
some big husky hulk of humanity  
steps up to you and asks for the price  
of a cheap meal?

NOTICE TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS.  
All persons knowing themselves  
indebted to me, please call and settle  
at once.  
W. H. KAY.  
dfl1 wit

## RAILROADS NEED NOT CARRY OFFICIALS FREE

Guard Special Service.

Salem, Feb. 14.—An attempt to  
pass a bill compelling the railroads  
to furnish free transportation to offi-  
cials was defeated in the senate this  
morning. Bailey argued that such a  
bill would save the state the mileage  
paid to the members of the legisla-  
ture, and Miller (Marion) said the  
railroads were just as willing to give  
passes under compulsion of law as  
they now do voluntarily.

Booth contended that the bill was  
unfair and ridiculous, while Coshow  
pointed out that, since the railroads  
would get no compensation in re-  
turn, the law would be void.

Hedges asserted that the proposi-  
tion was unconstitutional; that it was  
a disgrace to the state to demand  
private corporations to pay a portion  
of the expense of government.

"How can we get away from graft  
and keep men straight, when we com-  
pel railroads to carry officials free?  
We have no moral or legal right to  
compel such action."

The bill was defeated by a vote of  
15 to 12.

## Matters in the House.

The house passed a resolution this  
morning ending the introduction of  
all bills at noon today, except those  
that come through some committee.

The house passed a bill it knew was  
unconstitutional this morning. When  
H. B. No. 363 came up Speaker Davy  
announced that there were grave  
doubts of the constitutionality of the  
bill, in which statement several mem-  
bers who were lawyers concurred.

The bill made it an offense for any  
attorney to solicit damage cases and  
was backed by corporate influence,  
because it would prevent damage  
suit attorneys from interfering with  
corporation lawyers making a speedy  
settlement with injured persons to  
whom a corporation was liable.

Sitting as a committee of the  
whole the house at noon today adopt-  
ed H. B. No. 342, the special appro-  
priation bill for the Corvallis Agri-  
cultural College, that gives this school  
\$75,000 a year for the next two years  
in addition to the regular state and  
government appropriations. It de-  
veloped that part of the half of the  
\$150,000 grant by the bill was for a  
chapel, and the college representa-  
tives stated that at present the stu-  
dent body did not, as a whole, attend  
morning religious services because  
of inadequate chapel facilities. There  
was considerable debate, but despite  
this fact the bill was endorsed by the  
committee of the whole and when it  
comes up for third reading it will  
pass the house.

## Bills Passed by the House

Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—The House  
today passed the following bills:

H. B. 143, Gray—Making uniform  
dates for hunting season in Douglas  
and other Southern Oregon counties.  
H. B. 223, Merryman—Refunding  
to Klamath County Water Users' As-  
sociation \$496.25 corporation tax  
paid to state and exempting the as-  
sociation from the further payment of  
this tax. Ayes, 36; noes, 18.

H. B. 371, Freeman—Declaring  
dogs to be personal property so that  
they may be taxed and owners may  
proceed against the malicious poison-  
er of these animals. Passed with  
nine voting against the bill.

H. B. 222, Freeman—Amending  
law on attachment so as to provide  
for recovering judgment jointly  
against principal and sureties.

H. B. 221, Freeman—Requiring  
judgment debtors to appear and an-  
swer under oath concerning property  
they may claim.

H. E. 181, Barrett of Umatilla—  
Amending law so as to permit sale of  
firearms and ammunition to Indians  
and halfbreeds.

H. B. 131, Freeman—Requiring  
proceedings in re estate to be recov-  
ered in counties where land is situ-  
ated.

H. B. 119, Jackson—For protec-  
tion of gardenmen while on duty.  
H. B. 167, Coffey—Providing in-  
creased penalties for persons con-  
victed second and third times of a  
felony; providing a double sentence  
for second conviction and a life sen-  
tence for a third conviction. Ayes,  
33; noes, 23; absent, 4.

H. B. 360, Ways and Means Com-  
mittee—Appropriating \$26,000 for  
support of orphans, foundlings and  
wayward girls.  
H. B. 297, Jackson—Fixing time  
within which bills of review may be  
brought.  
H. B. 208, Campbell—Fixing at  
eight hours day's labor for mechanics  
in performance of labor for state or  
county. Ten voting no.  
H. B. 220, Barrett of Washington  
—To prevent management of logging  
and mining camps from compelling  
men to board or trade at some par-

ticular boarding-house or store. Six  
voted no.

H. B. 118, Jackson—Appropriating  
\$100,000 for Armories for National  
Guard companies of the state.

H. B. 265, Pike—Authorizing State  
Land Board to sell certain lands de-  
vised to Soldier's Home at Roseburg  
for benefit of home.

H. B. 179, Vawter—Amending  
statute so that accused men on re-  
trial of case shall be tried on the  
criminal information first preferred  
regardless of degree of crime report-  
ed in verdict of jury at first trial.

H. B. 186, Brown—Revoking will  
of unmarried person on occasion of  
subsequent marriage, regardless of  
their sex, present law applying only  
to wills executed by women.

H. B. 228, Hendrick—Including  
churches, box cars, steamboats and  
partially constructed buildings.

H. B. 179, Vawter—Amending law  
requiring husband and wife to tes-  
tify the one against the other in cer-  
tain criminal cases. Ayes, 31; noes,  
25; absent, 2.

H. B. 321, Chase—For disposal of  
Coos land grant.

H. B. 50, Beveridge—Authorizing  
purchase of text books at expense of  
district at whose direction purchase  
shall be made.

H. B. 302, Freeman—Abolishing  
fees paid for district attorneys in di-  
vorce suits.

H. B. 195, Connell—Requiring  
county officials to turn into county  
treasury all fees received for making  
abstracts.

H. B. 71, Burns—Requiring public  
officials to answer garnishees.

## Bills Passed by Senate.

Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—Bills were  
passed by the senate today as fol-  
lows:

S. B. 25, Hart—Regulating drain-  
age upon county roads.

S. B. 129, Bingham—Creating a  
railroad commission.

S. B. 122, Malarkey—Majority of  
directors of railroad company may  
reside out of state.

S. B. 173, Schofield—To remove  
defects in the law governing enu-  
meration of products in taking census.

S. B. 184, Haines—To punish bur-  
glary with use of explosives.

S. B. 199, McDonald—Salary of  
treasurer of Union county, \$900.

S. B. 107, Bingham—Regulating  
setting of brush fires.

S. B. 216, Marion delegation—Sal-  
ary of clerk of Marion county.

## Laughin'est Baby

Laughin'est, kickin'est squirmin'est  
kid!  
Laughin'est, kickin'est baby!

I'll bet that angels loved you—I  
know that they did!

Before they gave you me; may be  
They didn't shed tears when they  
bade you goodbye,

It may be they didn't, perhaps angels  
don't cry;

If they didn't they couldn't, I know  
that was why,

I know that was why, oh, my baby.

I'll bet that when the stork started  
out with his load

All heaven was worried and sighing,  
And with you from paradise 'way  
down the road

The angels were swooping and flying,  
I'll bet they came with you as far  
as they dared,

I'll bet the most careless one of them  
all cared,

I'll bet they felt lonely as backward  
they fared,

Their eyes on their white plumage  
drying.

I'll bet heaven wasn't what it was  
before,

Before they had brought you to me,  
dear,

Yea, heaven was sad when you left  
heaven's door,

But the earth was glad as could be,  
dear;

And I, oh, you kickin'est, squirmin'est  
elf!

My love for you fills every uttermost  
shove

Of my heart, and your mother loves  
you some herself.

Now kick and goo goo in your glee,  
dear!

I think at least one angel didn't go  
back,

Just couldn't bear to go back know-  
ing  
The bleakness and gloom of the heav-  
enly track  
Without any you on it. Going  
Along as she watches, invisible sprite,  
Beside where you're sleeping by day  
and by night;  
When you dimple she's kissing you,  
oh, you sweet mite!  
With your hands stretched to me  
pink and glowing.  
—J. M. Lewis, in Huston Post.

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