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## THE LAW BOOKS

The laws are numerous as flies upon a summer day; at making laws the statesmen wise still pound and pound away. No man on earth could recollect a list of all the laws; I tried it once—my mind is wrecked, and now you know the cause. Some gent who are in prison yet proclaim with angry shout that they are so with laws laws beset they really can't stay out. "A man can't walk around a block," I heard a sad man wail, "but what the cops will round him, flock, and chuck him into jail." I heard the butcher man re- pine, and weep, and rail at fate, because he had to pay a fine for being short on weight. I heard the corner grocer snort, and use some language sour, because they yanked him into court for selling mouldy flour. The milkman bottled half the creek, and sold it on his route; he said: "The law just makes me sick," when friends had balled him out. The laws are numerous as scales upon a fish, no doubt; and so some people are in jails and simply can't stay out. But all the time and everywhere one great truth stands out clear: The man who acts upon the square has nothing much to fear.  
 —WALT MASON.

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## MONEY AFRAID OF STOCKS

When Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane informs us that foreign money would gladly seek investment in American railroad stocks if government supervision gave assurance that money so invested would really have behind it the railroad property, he tells nothing surprising, says the Detroit News. Could money be invested in railroad stocks in this country with the certainty that it was buying an interest in the railroad, and not just simply water, there would be plenty of money from nearer by than Europe to go into just such stocks.

As a matter of fact, railroad securities ought to be the finest and safest investments in the United States. Under the franchise rights granted railroads in this country, and under the ample protection given railroads, their securities should form the ideal refuge for trust funds held for the protection and benefit of

minors and other helpless people. But it is known to all that in the present circumstances any person responsible for the safety of trust funds who would invest such funds in American railroad stocks would be regarded as little if anything short of criminal in his action.

Some railroad bonds are very fair security. Others are not. And as for the stocks, they often mean too little in real value. It is an absurd situation, and one that need not exist. The government ought to supervise the issue of all railroad securities, which should be based on the property at its actual worth. With this done it would not be necessary for railroad officials to hawk their stocks in Europe. There is plenty of money in the United States seeking safe investment and it would go into the railroads in almost unlimited sums if that could be brought about which Mr. Lane says would bring foreign money to this country.

The Medford Tribune quotes Congressman Hawley as saying that Medford is the best known town in Oregon, outside of Portland. Brother Hawley should be more circumspect in his utterances—we poll over 2000 votes here in Eugene, and publicity is where we shine.

After a couple of rainy days, work on Eugene's numerous buildings under construction has been resumed. There will be plenty of work for a large force of carpenters all winter.

It really makes little difference whether Dr. Cook discovered the North Pole. His lecture tour receipts and book sales are quite satisfactory.

If Jim Hill is behind half the railroad projects credited to him here in Oregon railroad development will be fast and furious.

Now we ought to have a busy and pleasant fall season in Oregon.

## BAPTISTS MEET

### AT ROSEBURG

Twentieth Annual Convention Is Now in Session There

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 20.—The 24th annual convention of Oregon Baptists opened last evening in the Baptist church of Roseburg. The convention session was preceded by a meeting of the general board of directors, which prepared reports of the closing year's business and church growth. The sessions will close Friday evening. There will be a banquet Thursday night, served at the Christian church by the ladies of that church.

Services last evening were led by Rev. A. B. Waltz of Portland, Rev. I. N. Munroe of Portland and Rev. S. A. Haywood of Oregon City, delivered addresses. This morning twelve

addresses were made on the theme, "The Christian Minister," and a general discussion followed.

New officers of the Oregon Ministers' Conference of Oregon were also elected and are: President Rev. F. C. Lovett of Grants Pass; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Mr. Pease of Oregon City.

The afternoon's session opened with a bible reading, conducted by Evangelist H. W. Jones, Rev. E. H. Hicks, Dr. C. A. Woody and Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, of Portland, and others, delivered addresses.

Tonight an address of welcome to the ministers was delivered by Mayor E. V. Hoover, also an address by Pastor Eaton of the Roseburg Baptist church. The annual sermon before the convention was delivered tonight by Rev. C. P. Bailey of Prineville.

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## PORTLAND GLEE CLUB DATE IS UNCERTAIN

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for in Salem on February 11. The club will leave for the south on December 29, and will disband in Ashland on September 23. Manager Geary said this morning: "I wish to make the trip south as short as possible, in order that the boys who desire may get home for Christmas."—Oregon Emerald.

## TWO BIG EVENTS OR UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

All is now ready for the freshman party and the girls' dance, the two big events in University society this

week. The girls say that the is going to be a "real swell" and that any co-ed who is making the mistake of not attending the grand march will start at 7:45 o'clock Saturday the gymnasium. The freshman party will be at Chi Omega house, Friday. Football men are especially come, and an effort is being made to induce Hayward to suspend rules for the occasion.—Oregon Emerald.

C. L. Eaton is in the Jasper.

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