

## THE BROAD-AXE.

### A Bad Policy.

Chandler (Oklahoma) News: A number of Oklahoma towns which apparently have genuine cases of smallpox are trying to disguise the fact by calling it Cuban chicken-pox. It is a mighty bad policy for a town to try such a deception. Lincoln county had a smallpox experience a year ago which will not be forgotten soon. At first it was denied that smallpox existed and the result was that the people were exposed and the disease became hard to control and the county was put to thousands of dollars of expense. The proper course is to use all possible means to guard against smallpox, but if a case is discovered the authorities should not misrepresent the facts. It need not spread if proper precautions are taken and the alarm occasioned by doubt as to whether the disease exists in a town or not will do the town more harm than the certainty would do.

The above is exactly in line with present conditions in Eugene and Oregon towns generally and the reasons set forth therein for the press to publish the truth are just and right.—Ed.

### Language of Umbrellas.

During the winter season it is well to know the language of umbrellas:

To place your umbrella in a rack indicates that it is about to change owners.

An umbrella carried over the woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain signifies courtship.

When the man has the umbrella and the woman the drippings it signifies marriage.

To carry it at angle under your arm signifies that an eye is to be lost by the man who follows.

To put a cotton umbrella by the side of a silk one signifies "exchange is no robbery."

To lend an umbrella signifies "I'm a fool."

To carry an open umbrella just high enough to tear out men's eyes and knock off men's hats signifies "I'm a woman."

## DREAMERS.

"There's nothing half so sweet in life as love's young dream." The old song is right. Lovers are dreamers. They create a special world in which they live immune from the hurts and ills which vex common humanity. In their estimate of household expenses there's no place for a doctor. And very often when the dream dissolves they find that the doctor's bill, the one thing they didn't count on, is now the one thing that's as regular as rent and taxes. And many times it is money wasted.

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## THE MOHAWK RAILROAD.

Written by one who Has put in Time on the Dumps for Mr. Bays.

The Register is seemingly positive that the Mohawk railroad will be ready for business in a short time. We will ask the Register people how long it will take either one dozen men or twenty men to grade 12 or 14 miles of roadbed during this winter? Can twelve or twenty men shovel single handed twelve or fourteen miles of roadbed in three months? At the wages paid by the contractor a laborer with his team this winter cannot clear his salt with hay and mill stuffs at \$10 and \$19 per ton. He cannot feed his team properly at those figures—and teams that haul dirt ten hours a day must be fed and fed all they can eat. During wet weather it is impossible to scrape with teams as they will mire on the dumps, and if teams are not working there is very little work for single handed men to do. Last Saturday a force of 11 men were blasting and shoveling in the rock cut just this side of Hayden bridge but this work will soon be finished. Just out of this rock cut going east is a nine foot fill and the soil to fill it with is blue clay which cannot be scraped while wet. Under these circumstances only a small force of men is employed at grading.

In order to clear anything at \$1.75 per day and board at \$4.20 per week laborers must put in full time—something they cannot do. Employees getting in three days of a week cannot afford to board the other four days out at sixty cents per day at the contractor's commissary waiting for "fair days." Very few men will put good teams on railroad construction work at \$2.75 per day. \$4 is small wages. Yet at \$4 per day the contractor would get much better service and more of it, as there are plenty of good men with heavy teams who would work at four dollars a day.

From Genada.

December 9, 1899.

Editor Broad-Axe:

Are you having any storms out your way if not we will try and divide with you for we have plenty and to spare.

The tug Robar's managed to get over the bar last Sunday.

The Spruce Point mill has shut down on account of high water. The Acme mill has closed down for want of wharf room to pile lumber on. The different mills would like to see the schooners coming in to take away their surplus lumber.

Mr. editor the water has been so high I have not dug a clam for over four weeks.

In your issue of November 20th you headed an article, "Its a Whack." Now dont you know any better than to advocate any thing like that. Why the supreme court would declare that unconstitutional so quick it would make your head swim, besides it is class legislation. Now if all the editors would advocate direct legislation there would be some show to get what would be asked for. And by the way it is June two people of this stat will have the privilege of electing representatives for, I put my self on record that I will

not support any candidate who is opposed to direct legislation.

F. M. NIGHSWANDER.

Our correspondent should not despair, nor be too hard on the supreme court. This court has just decided the Addyston Pipe and Steel Company a trust, and by a unanimous verdict declared combinations who seek by such means to smother competitors unlawful and open to prosecutions.—Ed.

The war news is to the effect that two very severe battles had occurred in Africa, resulting in the Boer's favor, while in Philippines, our troops were chasing small bands of insurgents, from place to place, capturing one insurgent post consisting of 1100 soldiers and arms. The last heard of Aguinaldo he was headed toward Cavite province, with about 300 of his followers. Many small insurgent bands in the country were robbing, and murdering the inhabitants. So it is likely the people of Luzon will come to welcome the presence of soldiers everywhere is being the best means of safety.

In consequence of the downpour of rain the past few days the Willamette and McKenzie rivers were out of banks. Monday the gauge at the bridge marking 19 feet above low water. The water arose around a new corner and his family who were camped across the bridge in the bottom living in a sort of a house on wheels and were rescued by parties from town. A crippled horse being waterbound on a little knob of about fifteen feet square was shot—an act of mercy.

### FULL PARTICULARS.

Continued from Third page.

I am of the opinion that Robert was like many of us men—often get into this Northwestern country without money and among strangers, in which manner he was evidently trying to reach the boundary country, possibly going to Grand Forks or Greenwood, for the fact he had no means when searched and had been put off the train twice by the conductor. On the morning of his death he worked a short time for one of the foremen at this place digging a ditch and quit saying he could not stand the work.

I beg to remain,  
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