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BY D. W. BATH.

The administration has approved of a big irrigation plant for Montana to cost $10,000,000. It is hoped that water frauds will not be added to the land frauds of the West.

A man who begged a pair of trousers from Andy Johnson is now one of the applicants for a consulship under the present administration. There is nothing peculiar about this except that he got the pants and is likely to get the consulship.

Frosts somewhat damaged fruit around Ashland. It is impossible to tell to what extent, but nothing approaching a loss of crop. Reports conflict, which indicates that some localities escaped, while damage was done in others. Early varieties, such as Hales, Alexanders and Muirs, are not injured, and the chief damage seems to have been among Crawfords. Cherries and pears are reported to have suffered, but not seriously. The weather is warmer, but the critical time not yet passed.

The moral wave has struck Astoria and Clatsop county in an unexpected way, and while officials say it is a legal and not a moral wave, it has the appearance of the latter. The first move was by Sheriff Linville, who closed all the public gambling in the city and then notified the nickel-in-the slot machine owners that on April 1 they must cease business or be liable to arrest and confiscation of their machines. These latter are licensed by the city and pay a handsome revenue. The gambling games paid a monthly fine and in the aggregate the city acquired nearly $20,000 from such sources. This is a larger amount than the property interests pay in taxes annually, so some stringent action will have to be taken to make up this deficit, or the running expenses of the city reduced to that of a much smaller municipal corporation. Sheriff Linville announced yesterday afternoon that his action with reference to gambling was not to be confined to Astoria, and would include all of Clatsop county, and especially Seaside, where gambling of all kinds has been prominent in the past.

The prominent illustrations in "People—Places — Things" of The Pacific Monthly for April, which is just issued from the press are. First, "Prince Mirky, the new Russian Minister of the Interior." Then follow illustrations of "Crater Lake National Park," "A Bear Totem in the Indian Cemetery at Ketchikan, Alaska." "A Typical Anti-Cigarette League." occupies a full half-page, followed by a good likeness of "Rev. Wallace R. Struble, General Superintendent of the International Anti-Cigarette League." "A Famous Japanese Temple," "The Summit of Mt. Shasta" and a "Bust of Washington" and three full page illustrations of the mountains, with poems accompanying. Mr. G. Adams contributes an excellent article entitled "With a Life-Saving Crew," which is also well illustrated. Miss Kathron Kallock Hilton has an article on "The California Ostrich," which is of very great interest. There follows "Acoma—An Ancient Indian Pueblo in the Sky," by Elizabeth D. Lyon, which will well repay reading. The departments are well sustained, Mr. C. E. S. Wood filling his four pages of "Impressions," with matter which it is not too much to say should be read by everybody. "Optimism," Light," "Literature," "Progress" and "Humor" compete the list of the departments, and fill out a number of the perodical fully up to the high standard which has recently marked its successive issues.

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A Great Sensation.

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"The last lines of the old prayer," declared Mrs. Edgar A. Hall, president, "are horrible."

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
And if I die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

"The idea of death during the night is horrible," added Mrs. Hall, "and I never use it."

A buzz of general approval met the remark, and many fine bonnets, that had probably given their owners more concern than had all the prayers in the world, nodded approbation.

"Father, we thank Thee for the night
And for the pleasant morning light,
For rest and food and loving care
And all that makes the world so fair."

"Beautiful!" someone murmured; "so tranquilizing!"

And now the familar old prayer is under the ban, and the new is the thing.

Maybe none but experts in prayers ought to volunteer criticism. But it must be the privilege of anyone to make inquiry.

It is a nice meaningless little rigmarole for nice little ones in nice homes, but what hollow mockery there is in it for the countless children who are without "food and care and all that makes the world so fair."

Must these crouch dumb before the Lord?

These that are helpless, friendless, most in need—is there no plea that they can utter?

Do the nice Chicago ladies imagine that the Lord understands only the language and emotions of the nice and well-provided for?"

To be sure, "the idea of death during the night is horrible." So is the idea of death at any time, particularly to those who can find nothing in life to give thanks for but their own material comfortableness.

No doubt lots of people are so pleasantly situated that, in spite of their mouth-deep professions, they would rather remain in this sinful world than go to heaven.

Very pious persons sometimes want the doctor to hurry unreasonably.

Perhaps it is because that already, even in prayers, there has been more thought of "all that makes the world so fair" than of the spiritual visions that allure the soul heavenward.

Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows. "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters' to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed at all drug stores.

Heavy Frosts of Last Week.

Heavy frost was reported from almost every part of Oregon last week, but little damage is done excepting to cherries, and as that is always a heavy crop, there will be more than enough left to go around and some to spare. In Grand Ronde Valley the orchardist say the frost has not injured the fruit to any great extent, the trees not being far enough advanced.

Though heavy frosts have been experienced in Albany fruit is not yet seriously damaged, though hurt to some extent. Forenoons have been cloudy, and this has tended to protect fruit more than if the sun had come out directly following frosts. Orchardists are very anxious now, as prunes are in full bloom and subject to the greatest damage. If the frosts continue, the crop will be ruined. The chief danger here is for prunes. There is not much anxiety for other fruit.

Following a two day's snow storm and a freeze, an examination of the condition of fruit in Union county has been made and the fruit is all right, no injury having been done by the frost. Snow is melting rapidly and will soon dissapear in the lowlands. There has been a heavy snowfall in the mountains surrounding the Grand Ronde Valley, and farmers are assured of an abundance of water for crops.

A Grant's Pass special says. While the weather has been colder than during any time in February, with much snow on the higher ranges, the valley has escaped the frost, and fruit is uninjured. Fruitmen feel safe from frost.

Fruit in Jackson county is practically uninjured. Frosts have been very light. There is snow on the low hillsides, but the weather has been cloudy, preventing frosts. Reports throughout the county indicate a large crop in all sections. Unless frost comes later, the crop will be large. Conditions, aside from danger of frost, are ideal for a large crop.

Light frosts occurred throughout Wasco county last week, heaviest in the lowlands along the creek bottoms. Only early fruits have been damaged A few early peach orchards have suffered, but late fruits have escaped without damage. Grain and vegetables have not been injured.

Several Lane county fruit growers interviewed are of opinion that apples, prunes and peaches are not far enough advanced to be injured by frosts and cold rains. Cherries, however, are thought to have been damaged. Recent warm weather started the sap flowing, and later frosts and cold rains checked it, causing the cherry buds to die through lack of nourishment.

Although Salem and vicinity were visited by frosts, indications are that the fruit well out in bloom escaped danger of serious nature. None but earlier varieties of cherries and apples and petite prunes are in full blossom, and these are damaged to a slight degree. Later varieties of fruit are not in bloom yet, and are unharmed, but may be injured to some extent.

There has been no damage from frosts around Roseburg. The lowest temperature of the month was March 18, 34 degrees. This month has been remarkably warm. The total rainfall was 3½ inches, while the average for twenty-seven years has been practically 4 inches.

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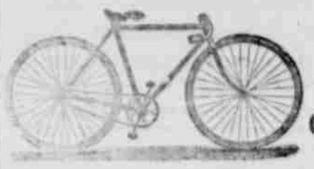

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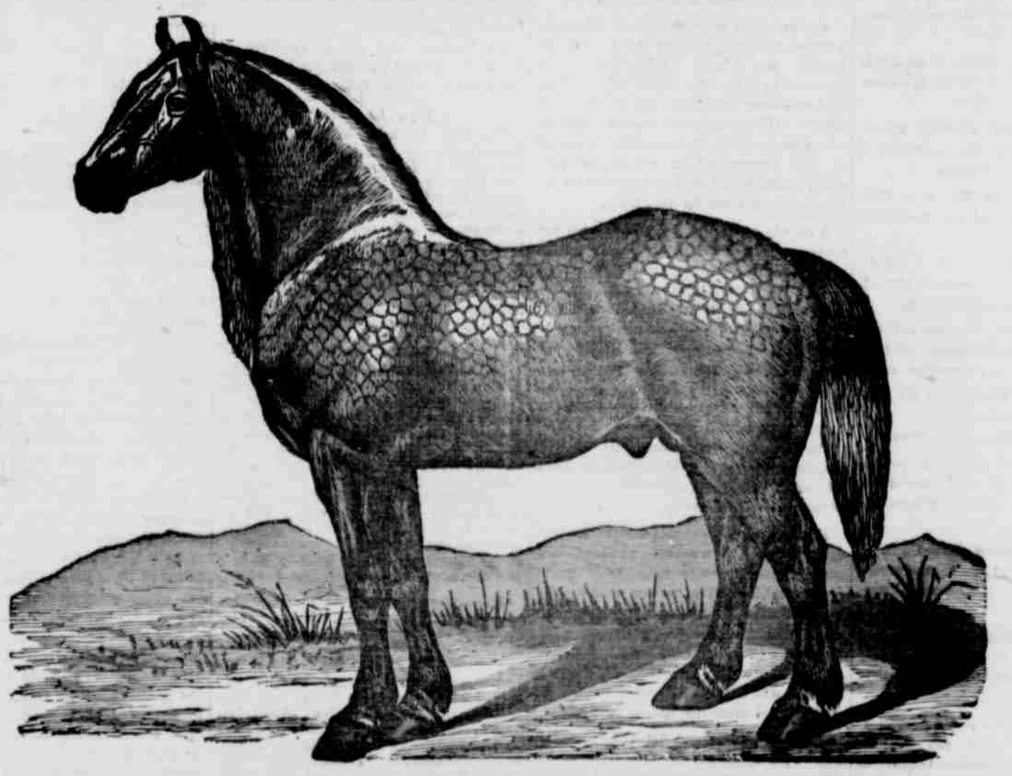

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