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There are many things on which the Socialists ought to congratulate themselves. Everything is coming their way. Their bitterest opponents pay them unintentional tribute daily. No reform law is passed anywhere having for its object the promotion of justice among men and the benefit of the many rather than the few, but it is denounced by its opponents as "socialistic." Any measure to prevent small scoundrels from robbing the public is "socialistic." Any co-operative movement among the people is "socialistic." The conservation of timber and coal and water power for the benefit of all the people, rather than to give them away for the few to make fortunes out of, will soon be recognized as "socialistic." The greatest individualists are constantly acknowledging that the frightful injustice of our industrial system is "making Socialists." Here lies a clipping speaking of Vice-President Marshall's address before the National Democratic Club in New York, in which he served warning on the rich that they were, by their unlimited greed and exploitation of the masses making Socialists. The dispatch says: "Principally he urged the injection of conscience into 'big Business,' as an antidote to Socialism. He also reiterated his arguments against the perpetuation of great fortunes." He argued that further laws were not necessary, but: "The solution lay in the arousing of business men to their responsibilities to the community at large." Since when has the idea of responsibility of the individual to the community at large been a part of the individualistic scheme of things? It is one of the foundation stones of Socialism, as it is the fundamental principle laid down by the Great Teacher. And how long have great fortunes, honestly (that is, lawfully) acquired, been set down in the individualistic book as a great evil? But when the Vice-President of the United States urges righteousness and "conscience" as an "antidote for Socialism," he is certainly complimenting the Socialists without intending it.

SELFISHNESS OF UNIMPROVED LOT OWNERS

(Portland Telegram)

Does the owner of vacant property owe any obligation to the owner of improved property in his neighborhood? The Telegram is tempted to make this inquiry because of the extraordinary prevalence this year of dandelions. They have become a genuine pest and are making many lawns unsightly and ruining others. If they were kept down before they ran to seed or if they were destroyed they could be managed. But it matters not how much the improved lot owner may work, he cannot keep out the dandelion if in his neighborhood there are vacant lots to which no attention is paid by their owners.

We have therefore this anomalous condition. The enterprise and public spirit of the improved lot owner add very appreciably to the value of the unimproved lot. The return which the owner of the unimproved lot makes is to propagate a pest which renders unsightly all surrounding lawns. A time is coming when either through the force of public opinion or the operation of law such an unmitigated nuisance will be forcibly abated. It may come in the way they meet it in British Columbia, by taxation specifically levied against the land. Sentiment in that direction is being cultivated by the selfish indifference of the owners of vacant lots.

Fire at Smith Mill

The Smith mills at Marshfield had a narrow escape Saturday afternoon when the "chip house" situated between the big mill and the new pulp mill caught fire and was badly damaged. Sparks were blown across the slough to the Bay City Mill and several fires were started there, but were extinguished. One residence on that side was burned,

but its contents were saved. All hands fought the fire, and the Marshfield fire engine was taken to the scene. The starting of the pulp mill will be delayed, as it was in this building that the waste wood from the big mill was prepared to go to the pulp mill.

Entertainment a Success

The entertainment, "A Night of Laughs," produced last week on Wednesday and Thursday evenings for the benefit of the public library, was pronounced a fine artistic success. It drew good houses and a neat sum was realized for the library. It proved that Coquille has plenty of local talent, and it would be an excellent thing if such entertainments could be given oftener. It involves a great deal of time and hard work, but the result justifies the expenditure.

Myrtle Point Pointers

Mrs. S. Brewer is very sick and the M. D's. cannot decide on the name of her illness, except that it is "stomach trouble."

Mrs. Innis Rose returned on the 19th from her winter sojourn in Needles, Arizona.

Louis Suplee is receiving a visit from his daughter, Miss Suplee, who arrived from California on the 19th.

Max Dement made a business visit to Marshfield on the 22nd.

Our marshal arrested three drunken men in town Wednesday, which helped swell the city's exchequer \$30.00 in fines.

Mrs. I. T. Weekly, of Coquille, went to her old home the first of last week, where she visited with relatives and friends, returning on Saturday.

L. A. Roberts went the first of the week to Medford to attend the I. O. O. F. Grand lodge, which convenes there this week.

The pupils of grades first to fourth of our public school, gave an entertainment in two acts at the Unique. It was scenes from Fairyland, interspersed with sketches from Mother Goose, in which forty of the tots took part, and was a decided success from start to finish. For the drilling of the children their teachers deserve a good deal of praise.

Fishtrap and Vicinity

The farmers of Fishtrap are very busy rushing their plowing and seeding now.

Mr. Brewer Sr. is very ill at his home at this place. The doctor has made a number of visits within the last few days, and at last reports there was but a very slight change.

The Peterson brothers have hauled 68,000 shingles from the Hammock shingle mill the past week. They are building them a large new dairy barn on their place near Arago.

Little Flossie Radabaugh has been quite sick for several days.

We wish to correct an error which the Herald made last week in stating that "Mrs. Fred Barker would go as a delegate to the annual conference, rather it is "Mr. Fred Barker

A little surprise picnic dinner was given Mary Taylor last Wednesday at school by teacher and pupils. The event being her twelfth birthday.

Bob Miller is now employed at the Conologue logging camp.

Mrs. Ettie McAdams, of Coquille, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, for a few days.

Jim Hammock visited at Rink creek over Sunday.

Tenn Robison and family were shopping in Coquille Saturday.

Down-River Items

(The Surf)

The Bandon schools will close for the summer vacation on June 6th.

Mrs. Chas. Wickham left for Portland Monday in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Luckey.

The Grace Dollar crossed out Sunday evening with 801,000 feet of lumber. This is by far the largest load that has ever crossed the Coquille bar.

James Olsen, of Langlois, left yesterday for a visit to his old home in Denmark. He will be absent several months.

A small house belonging to Eddy & Jarman near Prosper burned to the ground last Saturday night.

Salves Can't Cure Eczema

In regard to skin diseases, medical authorities are now agreed on this: Don't impress the disease germs in your skin by the use of greasy salves, and thus encourage them to multiply. A true cure of all eczematous diseases can be brought about only by using the healing agents in the form of a liquid.

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN COQUILLE CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Frank H. Adams, Pastor.

M. E. Church Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 p. m. ROY L. CLARK, Pastor.

Christian Science Society Corner Third and Hall streets. Services at 11 a. m. next Sunday. Subject lesson sermon "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced." Wednesday evening meeting 8:00.

M. E. Church South Services next Sunday as usual Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. You are invited to be present. C. H. CLEAVES, Pastor.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL. Services first and third Sundays of each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. You are heartily welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening of each week at 7:30. You are cordially invited to all these services. T. B. McDonald, Minister

The fire was thought to have been set by a half demented tramp who had been hanging around the premises for several days.

Travelers should experience no difficulty in getting in or out of Bandon. There are at the present time no less than eight passenger boats running out of Bandon for up-river points and we are told that Captain Russell Panter is soon to put on still another boat which will be the fastest ever seen on this river. In addition to this the Transportation Company's new "Charm" will probably be in commission in the course of the summer.

Pottery Clay in Coos

In connection with the brick-making enterprise just starting in Marshfield, where the first kiln of brick has now been burned, Peter Scott is showing at his news and confectionery stand a piece of pottery made of Coos county clay. It



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TEST YOUR BAROMETER.

It is a Tricky Instrument and Must Be Treated With Respect.

Don't expect a barometer to tell you the truth about the weather until you have tested it thoroughly. Two common causes for unreliability are air and water mixed with the mercury in the tube. These can be expelled by boiling the mercury.

In order to test a barometer let it hang for a time in the proper position, then gently and with care incline it so that the mercury may strike against the glass tube. If there is no air within you will hear a sharp metallic click, but if the sound is dull and muffled indicates the presence of both air and moisture. The presence of air alone is shown by minute bubbles.

If at any time the mercury seems to adhere to the tube even in the slightest degree and the convex surface assumes a more flattened form it is safe to conclude that either air or moisture is present. In any of these cases the instrument should be put into expert hands for rectification.

There are several kinds of barometers. The ordinary "weather glass" in common use is more or less unreliable and is easily made more so by careless handling. In fact, any barometer must be treated with great respect in order to retain its usefulness. —Harper's Weekly.

CHURCHES IN CHILE.

They Are Always More or Less in an Uncompleted Condition.

When walking through the streets in any large town in Chile one is immediately struck by the fact that church buildings are always undergoing repairs.

One day you will pass a church which for weeks has had about six ladders resting against the walls. Then another day you will find that they have been changed to the other side. This constant changing of ladders goes on year in and year out, but no use ever seems to be made of the ladders, though, perhaps, a new brick or a bit of plaster will occasionally be added to the building.

There would seem, however, to be a very real reason for the presence of these ladders. The Chilean government, in fact, levies a tax upon church buildings, but only when they have been completed. In order to evade this tax, therefore, no church ever has been completed.

The law surely might be altered, then, for the eternal presence of these ladders—certainly an ingenious idea—does not add to the appearance of the buildings or to the comfort of pedestrians in the streets.—London Answers.

KING ROBERT BRUCE'S WATCH.

In Dalziel's "Fragments of Scottish History" is the following: "The oldest known English watch was made, it is said, in the sixteenth century. There exists a watch which, antiquarians allow, belonged to King Robert Bruce." In tracing this subject further we found a letter in the Gentleman's Magazine dated Forfar, Aug. 20, 1785, and signed J. Jamieson, who therein states that the watch was offered for sale to him by a goldsmith hawker of Glasgow, who afterwards sold it for 2 guineas, and it was next sold for 5 guineas further, but we find in a little work by Adam Thompson, entitled "Time and Timekeepers," that it subsequently found its way into the collection of King George III.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Can Snakes Fascinate Their Prey? Mr. Fitzsimons answers this question in the negative. The belief in fascination is general, but there seems to be no real foundation for it. "I have had much experience of snakes," writes Mr. Fitzsimons, "and have made it my business to observe carefully their habits and ways, both in their natural condition in the wild state and captivity, and in no instance have I ever known a snake to fascinate an animal in the manner it is alleged to do." He has seen two species, which he mentions, many a time in trees surrounded by a crowd of fluttering, excited birds. But the birds were not he says, fascinated by the snake. They were endeavoring to intimidate it in order to frighten it from their haunts.—Westminster Gazette.

Curious luminous circles or arcs, delicate and perfect in form, have been seen over the craters of Vesuvius and Etna—one at each explosion. A study of this strange phenomenon has been made by Mr. Frank A. Perret, who has witnessed it hundreds of times, and he concludes that these "flashing arcs," as he calls them, are really sound waves made visible for an instant, the rate of propagation of the images seeming to be about that of sound. The appearance is analogous to the air waves seen above heated roofs.

An Exception. "When a fellow wishes to do anything he can always succeed if he only sticks to it."

"Not always. How about you when you start to remove a sheet of sticky fly paper that you've sat down on?"—London Telegraph.

Innocence Faked. If you want to see a picture of innocent honesty just get a look at a man's face in a street car after the conductor has forgotten to collect his fare.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Shoot with the rifle of concentration and leave the shotgun of scatteration to the other fellow.—Sheldon.

The Separation. Hogan—Did Clancy's wife get a separation? Hogan—She did. Four cops tore her off him.—Brooklyn Life.

An Old Hand. Owner of Apartment House—Is the new janitor experienced? Agent—You bet he is! He wasn't on the job half an hour before all the bells and speaking tubes were out of commission.—Life.

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