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The way in which fellows flock from all over the country to see a prize fight, as buzzards after carrion, indicates that there is room for several more chapters on "The Ascent of Man."

Sixty-five members of the next United States Senate are lawyers, one is a civil engineer, two are doctors and the others bankers, miners, business men and politicians. The average age is fifty-six. Senator Pettus, of Alabama, the oldest, is eighty-two; and Senator Bailey, of Texas, the youngest, is forty. Twenty-five members fought in the civil war. Of college graduates there are fifty-five. Seven members of the Senate were born in other countries.

The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society for June, 1903, has been received. As usual, every article it contains is of vital interest to every student of Oregon history, as the following table of contents indicates: "Oregon and Its Share in the Civil War," by Robert T. Platt; "The Great West and the Two Easts," by Henry E. Reed; "Social and Economic History of Astoria," by Alfred A. Cleveland; "A Pioneer Captain of Industry in Oregon," by Prof. James R. Robertson. In addition, a number of documents relating to Dr. Marcus Whitman, the emigration of 1842-3 and the earlier conditions of the Oregon Country, are given. Copies of the quarterly may be secured by applying at the Society Rooms, City Hall, Portland.

One of the most disconsolate figures to be found in the world these summer days, declares the Indianapolis Journal, is the youthful clerk returning from the two weeks sojourn at the summer hotel. He saved up his money all year to bask in the pleasant atmosphere of idleness, where there are oodles of women and girls, very few men, a good dancing floor and fair music, and opportunity to make temporary acquaintance with "swell people." When it is all over, his savings spent, and he returns to the humdrum of work with the certain knowledge that the women he has met and danced with will not know him from Adam's off ox when they pass him on the street, it probably occurs to him to wonder whether or not his little fling has been worth what it cost him.

Rural mail carriers are looking forward with expectation to the next session of Congress, in the hope that action will be taken in the way of raising the salary of carriers, or, what would amount to the same thing, appropriating an amount sufficient to cover the expense of keeping their horses. By the time a carrier buys and feeds two horses and keeps a vehicle in repair, he has little left of his six hundred dollars at the end of the year. The work is arduous, and as it is, resignations from all over the country are flooding the department. Justice to the carriers speaks a raise, the result of

which would be the employment of more capable and reliable men, and greater efficiency of service. Generous as a rule in paying his public servants, Uncle Sam can't afford to be niggardly with his rural mail carriers.

Mystery surrounds the theft of a diamond brooch so valuable that the stones composing it are well known to jewelers and collectors all over this country and Europe, say the associated press reports. Detectives in this country and authorities of the principal European centers are hard at work upon the case. Newberg jewelers would do well to scan closely all such jewelry passing through their hands for the next few days.

Congressman Boutelle makes a unique suggestion for promoting the annexation of Canada. He advocates the intermarriage of young Americans and Canadians, and announces that he has already brought a wife from the dominion. His remark recalls the southern Irishman's reply to a question as to how the southern women regarded secession: "Sure, they are all for union to a man."

The Colombian senate has rejected the treaty, the ratification of which would have meant the construction of the Panama inter-oceanic canal. The great project has thus been "laid on the table" indefinitely. It is certainly an untoward state of affairs when a little half-civilized South American republic can thus block the purposes of civilization.

The report comes of a general fight over a watermelon down in Alabama, which resulted in four men being killed and nine others wounded. There would be some excuse for a free for all fight up here, where the luscious fruit is dealt out at two cents a pound, but way down in Alabama—well, we can't understand it.

At the street carnival at Olympia, Washington, a fellow who was vigorously "distributing" confetti was arrested and examined for insanity, the verdict being that he was "comparatively sane." A host of victims of the ubiquitous confetti fiends will swear that the verdict was sufficiently optimistic.

During the review of the American warships by President Roosevelt, Monday, the press dispatches state that twenty-six hundred salutes were fired. Will some good soul please figure out how many bibles the money spent in those shots would have taken to the benighted heathen in darkest Africa?

It is claimed that President Roosevelt is grooming Secretary Root to follow him with a lap in the executive harness in 1908. Messrs. Fairbanks, Foraker, Odell, Beveridge et al. no doubt feel like a fellow who has been running up against a confidence game.

Adelina Patti is to make another of her farewell tours of America, and will make a first and last appearance in Portland. Considering that she is past the half-century post, she may be as good as her word this time.

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Whereas, the action in a cheaply constructed instrument is apt to be made of second class or inferior lumber, cut so as to secure the largest number of pieces to the foot, without any reference to insuring firmest grain. Every other material used in such pianos is made with the same object of saving money—poor felts that soon lose their "springness" cloth and leathers that stretch, and metals that cannot and do not stand wear, so that the action soon becomes so "rheumy-ticky" that it develops in the mind of the player, an uncertainty when a key is struck, whether it will convey the motion to the string or not. Pianos with such action are correspondingly poorly made throughout.

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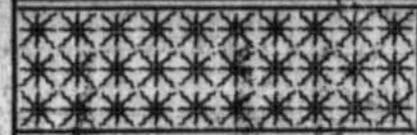
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