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All subscribers who receive their mail at the Newberg postoffice may now readily see by glancing at their names printed on the paper the date to which their subscriptions are paid. By the end of the month all others will be included in this list, or in case we fail to get our mailing list all made up to date, others will be notified by mail, following which, as stated recently, the names of all who are in arrears more than one year will be dropped. Those who are in arrears less than a year are earnestly requested to renew as we need the money, and the date printed along with your names will look so much better.

The Graphic does not share in the criticism that is being indulged in by some with reference to the repairing of the buildings on First street that were injured by fire a short time ago. With the scarcity of labor and the high cost of material no sane man would put up a brick or concrete building now, for he would know in advance that he could not hope to rent rooms at a figure that would bring any return on the investment, and consequently in this instance it means either repairing the old buildings or another vacant spot on the street to be stared at until such a time as conditions may change sufficiently to justify the investment. As a nearby property owner the writer prefers to see the old buildings repaired, rather than to be compelled to gaze at vacant space across the street for an indefinite time. It is easy enough to tell the other fellow how he ought to spend his money—much easier at times than to apply the golden rule in the case at hand.

Some newspapers give little thought or attention to the editorial page, claiming that readers care nothing for the expressed opinions of the editor, but we think such reasoning is poor, though of course it depends largely on the vision of the editor and his ability to get down to a discussion of the little things that are likely to appeal to his readers. Few country weekly papers can afford to employ special writers, and it is not an easy matter for the editor who must do all the writing and attend to the various details of the business end of the office to always keep an even balance and thus make his editorial page and local columns just what he would like to have them be from week to week, but we feel that to entirely ignore the editorial page is coming far short of what a local paper should be. A few days ago a Portland subscriber who was in Newberg came in to renew his subscription and said he was directed to do so by his wife who always read the editorials first, and that she wanted to be in a position where appeals made to delinquent subscribers

would not effect her. We have been gratified to hear such expressions of approval of our editorial page and hope to make it more worth while in the future. As a rule, we try to keep away from the use of this page or any other part of the paper in denouncing delinquents, but just now the Graphic is making a clean-up which calls for some heart-to-heart talks with subscribers. When this job is completed the date of the expiration of each subscription will appear along with the printed address of the subscriber, so that anyone may see at a glance when the date for renewal comes around, thus making it easier both for subscribers and publisher.

The county press is sharpening the meat axe and getting in readiness to swat C. S. Jackson's initiative bills, which are the only ones which will be on the ballot this year. The boys are already taking cracks at the Portland publisher, and some of the things they are saying are, to say the least, unkind. However, it is well to remember that scolding seldom wins out, and if anything counts in defeating these bills it will be sound argument. So far as both bills are concerned, both are as full of holes as a colander, and less scolding and more calling attention to the holes may do the trick, even if it doesn't relieve the feelings of the newspaper boys.—Hillsboro Independent.

Lizard Squirts Blood From Eyes.
We have about fourteen species of horned lizards in this country, and most people still call them "horned toads." Some of their habits are extremely remarkable, but none more so than their ability to send at will a line jet of blood from either eye. This fact is very rarely touched upon in literature, and the average reader of the life histories of our animals has never heard of this remarkable habit, says a writer in Popular Science Monthly, in an article entitled, "A Lizard That Squirts Jets of Blood From Its Eyes." Blood-squirting is generally indulged in when the lizard is laboring under certain states of excitement. The attack comes on suddenly, at a time when you have the lizard in your grasp. It will suddenly stiffen its neck and throw the head upward, as the eyes bulge from their sockets. In another second you can plainly hear a peculiar hissing sound, followed immediately by the finest imaginable jet of pure blood from one or the other of its eyes. With such force is this squirted that the tiny stream, lasting a couple of seconds, may be thrown to a distance of fully five feet.

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

The average height of the women of France is five feet and one inch.

The medical women of this country have organized to help the Red Cross.

The naturalization of about 43,000 women of voting age who will be one of the first results of the suffrage victory in New York.

Although she is past ninety-five years of age, Mrs. Mary Getty of Indiana, Pa., is still acting as knitting instructor for the Indiana chapter of the Red Cross.

Miss Virginia Hyman, daughter of the mayor-elect of New York, has been made president of the Young Women's Democratic league in that city.



Forget Little Troubles

When one thinks about it, few happenings are important enough to take seriously. Why be disturbed about the countless little things that irritate, asks a writer. What is a man's philosophy that it can meet great issues like a stoic and make him uncomfortable to live with just because the coal bill happens to be large or his new coat does not fit quite to his liking? Once having lost one's temper the whole world is out of joint—at least for the time being, and as men live in the "time being" that means much.

Philosophy.

Men are put into the world to live together. Most of the time living amounts to making the best of a bad business. They have to compromise at every turn. But let them compromise gracefully. It is worth while having a philosophy that one can use as one uses a comfortable everyday coat. Some people's philosophy is like a fine coat, only to be put on for dress occasions; but a man can be himself only when clad in the clothes that are his everyday wear. Good humor is a comfortable, everyday coat; we feel instantly at home with the man who wears it.—Exchange.

Maria Theresa.

The most celebrated instance of the Salic law in history is the accession of Maria Theresa, empress of Austria, writes Fred H. Peterson in Case and Comment. She was the only child of Charles VI, who was emperor from 1711 to 1740. During his entire reign he devoted himself to assure his succession in Maria Theresa, making many sacrifices and treaties to accomplish that purpose. The Salic law excluded her from her father's throne, but in 1713 he caused an act to be passed, known as the Pragmatic Sanction, which suspended the Salic law in so far as she was concerned.

Standards of Doctrine.

The Apostles' and the Nicene Creed, and the Thirty-nine Articles are the standards of doctrine in both the English and American branches of the Episcopal church. The American church omits the Athanasian Creed, which the English church retains, and has made some alterations in the Thirty-nine Articles, omitting Article 21. The church acknowledges two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper as generally necessary to salvation, practices infant baptism, admits no one to communion until confirmed or ready and desirous to be confirmed, permits those only to officiate as ministers who have received Episcopal orders, and does not agree doctrinally with either Armenians or Calvinists.

Beautiful Volcanic Mountain.

No one can write much about Japan without making enthusiastic mention of Fujiyama, the most beautiful of the volcanic mountains of the world, says a correspondent. While "yama" means "mountain," the author found it difficult to ascertain the precise significance of "Fuji," but his students finally agreed that it meant "rich samurai," samurai being the military retainers of the princes who enjoyed the privilege of wearing two swords before the abolition of the feudal system in Japan. Fujiyama, then, would be "the mountain of the rich samurai." The slope of a mountain is almost always exaggerated by artists, the mountain being represented in the picture as much steeper than it actually is. This is the case with most pictures of Fujiyama.

The Modern Chaucer.

Poets are the great exceptions. Poets are forever performing the impossible. "No man putteth new wine into old bottles . . . new wine must be put into new bottles." But putting new wine into old bottles has been the steady professional occupation of John Masefield. While many of our contemporary verse librarians and other experimentalists have been on the hunt for new bottles, sometimes perhaps, more interested in the bottle than in the wine, John Masefield has been constantly pouring his heady drink into receptacles 500 years old. In subject-matter and in language he is not in the least "traditional," not at all Victorian; he is wholly modern, new, contemporary. Yet while he draws his themes and his heroes from his own experience, his inspiration as a poet comes directly from Chaucer, who died in 1400. He is, indeed, the Chaucer of today; the most closely akin to Chaucer—not only in temperament, but in literary manner—of all the writers of the twentieth century.—The Bookman.

Some Difference.

"You look as if you had been kissed by a breeze from Northland," said a poetic young lady to a pretty friend, whose cheeks were glowing with color. "Oh, no!" was the laughing reply; "It was only a soft hair from Baltimore."—Topeka State Journal.



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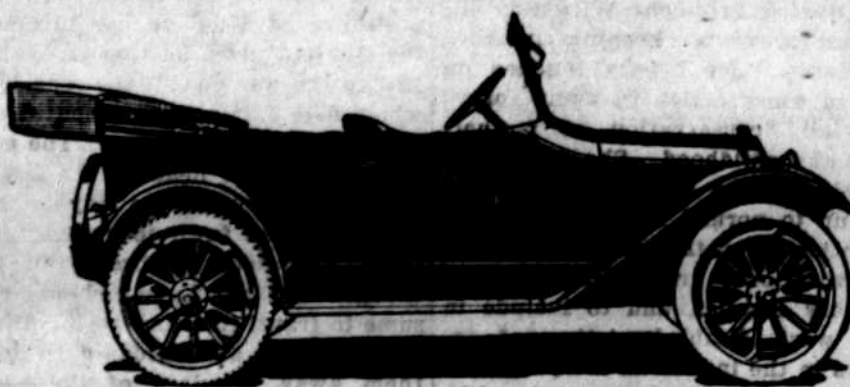
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