

THE ITEMS

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The man who steals a march is seldom caught up with.

Most of the tasks we step on in the dark are income tasks.

Some statesmen who were once shining lights are now only x-rays.

It is conceded that there will be some tariff tinkering attempted by the next Congress.

Anarchist is an abomination on the body politic and should be exterminated before he breaks out.

The fellow whose voice is all for war while it is brewing is usually the first to denounce the fracas when it happens.

President Roosevelt whose nerves have been braced by familiarity with danger gets angry when people point Kodaks at him.

The South is about to pick the largest cotton crop in its history—and all without the fertilizing fruitfulness of free silver.

It may be true that the assassin was born in America, but his name and principles come from the viles of European hatcheries.

A lot of impecunious politicians who couldn't strike office have really struck oil. This is the reward of boring the earth instead of the people.

The trip of Representative Moody and party through this section some months ago points to something substantial being done for Eastern Oregon. Professor Newell, chief hydrographer of the government survey, who was one of the party, has just returned to Washington and speaks very favorably of the country. Read his interview in another column.

Many ladies, renowned alike for their beauty and graciousness of manner, have lived in the White House, but Mrs. Roosevelt, who is a most accomplished woman of literary tastes and a delightful conversationalist, is one of the most interesting women that has ever occupied the position of first lady of the land. She is of striking appearance, possessing finely chiseled, regular features, dark brown hair eyes and great sweetness of expression. Her dislike for ostentation and her love for a quiet and retired life have already been demonstrated in Washington. To a rare charm of manner she adds much self-possession and dignity, as well as tact, and her voice is one of her chief attractions.

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A REVELATION TO HIM

Professor Newell on His Tour of Eastern Oregon.

The Washington correspondent to the Oregonian, of the 30th ult., says: There is more likelihood now than ever before that Eastern Oregon will receive some considerable attention from the Geological Survey in the matter of examinations of its water supply and the location of feasible reservoir sites. This change in the situation has been brought about solely through the personal and individual efforts of Representative Moody, who induced Professor F. H. Newell, hydrographer of the survey, to make a personal inspection of the field during the past Summer. Mr. Newell has just returned to Washington much enthused and very agreeably surprised at the communities for development which he found in the eastern part of Oregon.

"What struck me most forcibly on my tour of Eastern Oregon?" he repeated in answer to a question of The Oregonian correspondent.

"The thing that impressed me most of all was that the Second District has at last got a Representative in Congress who has studied its needs, who understands the problems that confront his constituents, and who is leaving no stone unturned to further the interests of his district at large."

"But to get down to the physical

features that impressed me. I am forced to admit that I had always maintained a false idea of the true condition of Eastern Oregon. I had the opinion that Eastern Oregon, like a large section of Southern Idaho, was one vast lava bed, where

agriculture was almost an impossibility. My trip was a great revelation to me, for, while I found a number of lava beds, yet Eastern Oregon contains vast quantities of rich soil, which would make excellent farm lands if it can be properly watered. I had no idea so much rich land was there being given up entirely to the grazing interests.

"Moreover, I had a false view as to the available water supply of that section of the state. To my surprise I found an abundance of water in most sections. The Deschutes River turned out to be a large stream, and its water can be readily diverted into numerous irrigation ditches at a minimum cost,

and without the construction of

storage reservoirs. Yet all the rivers are not so fortunately located. To derive the full benefit of the waters of such streams as the Malheur and Crooked Rivers, storage reservoirs will have to be constructed and feeding canals connected with the reservoirs. Most all of the streams of Eastern Oregon were larger than I had supposed, and the quantity of water going to waste far exceeded my expectations. There is water enough to irrigate all the land in Eastern Oregon that can be settled for sometime to come."

"Of course, there are a number

of vast plains which are now prac-

tically useless and without value,

because they are too remote from a

source of water for even stock grazing.

I am reasonably sure that artesian well can be sunk in these regions, which will, if properly managed, furnish all the water that is needed, not only for watering stock, but for irrigating large portions of these plains for agricultural purposes. The soil itself is rich; it needs only water to make it valuable.

"Irrigation alone will not settle

and build up Eastern Oregon. In my mind, one of the most pressing needs of that section today is a railroad. There is a vast section of country nearly 250 miles square that has no railroad facilities whatever. Transportation is entirely by horses, wagons and coaches. Farmers cannot be expected to go into and develop a section when they cannot get their products to market. Hence, I believe the lack of railroad facilities more than anything else retards the settlement of Eastern Oregon."

"It is true the stock industry can

continue to thrive there, and with

the sinking of artesian wells in

many noted sections, additional

pastures of the highest order can be made available. But agriculture brings in a greater yield to the acre than sheep or cattle raising, and in the end a large part of Eastern Oregon must be given over to the farmers. Of course, there are vast ranges where agriculture will never be properly protected, and judiciously used, will afford pastureage for all the sheep and cattle that Oregon will care to maintain."

Mr. Newell was asked as to the benefits that would arise from his visit to Eastern Oregon. He explained that his trip was merely preliminary, and made at the insistence of Representative Moody, with a view to getting an accurate idea of Eastern Oregon conditions, and the need for early investigation by the field forces of the Geological Survey. These examinations are made each year under a general appropriation by Congress.

The work which will probably be done in Oregon will be on a more elaborate scale than is usually followed out, and to facilitate its early execution, a special appropriation will probably be required. The survey of possible reservoir sites can be made with funds taken from the general appropriation. But Mr. Newell desires to go further, examining the structure of the country so as to determine whether or not artesian water exists, and by making borings; here and there, determine the depth at which the maximum flow can be encountered. The survey would sink wells perhaps one or two hundred miles apart, and from results there obtained, could give approximate estimates of the depth of artesian water at intervening points, provided the structure of the country is first studied out.

Two places where wells would be sunk would be in the center of the Harney Desert and the Malheur Desert. An appropriation of \$15,000 will probably be asked for purchasing a well boring outfit, which once secured, can be used on all points in Oregon. Mr. Newell thinks the outfit should be of sufficient size to bore to a depth of 3000 feet, although it is hardly to be expected that wells of such depth will have to be sunk in Oregon.

He touches with some emphasis on the need of a forest reserve in Eastern Oregon, particularly in the Blue Mountain region. Mr. Newell contends that if storage reservoirs are to be constructed in that region, a forest cover is needed to protect the snows to a certain extent, but more particularly to hold the soil in place, and prevent its being washed down into the reservoirs, thus filling them up, and rendering them useless. He does not believe it necessary to hold up the creation of such a reserve, because certain companies and individuals hold a portion of the lands that might profitably be included within its limits.

"Go ahead and create the reserve," says he, "and exclude all lands that do not belong to the Government. It is a near-sighted policy to refrain from creating reserves where they are needed, just because all the desirable lands cannot be had, or because, by their inclusion, opportunity would be given for perpetrating frauds on the Government. The checkerboard system of exclusion is good enough to meet these contingencies. I talked with a large number of people in Northeastern Oregon, as we drove around the Blue Mountains, and all were heartily in favor of the creation of a reserve."

Mr. Newell concluded with a second eulogy of Representative Moody, saying he was well right. Not only had he made full preparations in advance of the trip with Mr. Newell, but all during the trip Mr. Moody made it his personal duty to manage everything, arranging all meetings with representative people in the several communities, and affording every imaginable facility for making a thorough reconnaissance.

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O. O. Buck, Birne, Ark., says I was troubled with constipation until I bought DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Since then I have been entirely cured of my old complaints. I recommend them. H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

WRITE JUVENILE STORIES.

J. T. Towbridge has 20 books to his credit. He writes for grown-ups, too, and is also poet. He writes only when he is in the mood, not believing in forcing himself. He is nearly 70 years old.

Nora Perry does most of her writing in the morning. She rises early and works till noon, when she goes out. If she feels like it she will work an hour or two more in the afternoon, but never in the evening unless she is especially urged.

Susan Coolidge has written very little, comparatively speaking, but is well known among juvenile readers. Her real name is Sarah Chauncey Woolsey. She is about 50 years old and has a sweet face. She lives in Newport and writes only in the morning.

Oliver Optic, whose name is William T. Adams, is past 75, but he still goes on writing. He has written more than 100 books and more than 1,000 stories for various papers. He took his queer name from the name of a character in a play which was running at the time his first poem was printed.

Edward S. Ellis began life as a teacher and used to tell his scholars stories Friday afternoons. The popularity of these tales caused him to write them out and to start on his career of author for the young. He does all his work on a typewriter which is placed on an elevation, as he stands to do his writing. He makes brief memoranda of the characters and incidents of his stories and then checks off the story itself in two or three weeks.

DREAM LORE.

To dream of a hen and chickens means that your sweetheart will desert you and marry another.

Walking in the street in a dream signifies that some one is waiting to do you injury.

To dream of a ditch indicates that you will soon be placed in imminent danger, either of life or limb.

To dream of eating soap means that you will readily recover from any illness which may afflict you.

A dream of being clothed in silk denotes ultimate wealth for yourself and happiness for your family.

To dream that you are flea-bitten indicates that your enemies will cause you great annoyances.

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To dream that you are attending church means that you will have a lawsuit ending to your advantage.

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The Tramp's Scheme Failed.

A weeny-looking tramp sat on the bank near an office in Lewiston, recently. He had a half-pecked enameled cup in his hand which he was sipping with a stick and eyeing ruefully all the while. From beneath his half-shut eyelids he watched the people come and go. A woman stopped. "Poor man, is that all you have to eat?" "Yes, ma'am," said he. "Hain't you had no dinner?" said the woman. "No'm," said he. "Why don't you eat the enameled cup?" said the woman. "It's been in the dirt, marm," said he, showing a large and generous saucer of mud on one side. "Poor man," said the woman, "let me help you," and she felt in her pocket. The tramp's eyes gleamed, but all that the woman did was to take a penknife out of that mysterious receptacle, borrow the "cup," and eat off the mud. Then she handed it back and went on. The tramp waited until she was opposite the bill boards, and then he snatched the forlorn "cup" against a den of performing lions and turned the air blue with new adjectives.—Lewiston Journal.

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