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The Oregon Pacific railway will be a grand benefit to Grants Pass and in a greater degree to all the southern part of the country and the enterprise should receive the most hearty encouragement from the people of both town and county.

President Roosevelt has signed the Indian war pension bill and pensions will be forthcoming to the veterans as soon as the necessary details are arranged. The whole nation and the West in particular owes a great debt of gratitude to these men, as to all pioneers, who have made the Pacific coast habitable and who opened the way for civilization and improvement. The recognition of the services of the Indian war veterans has been slow enough in coming and is slight enough when it does come, but is in some degree an acknowledgment of the value of those services.

In one column of its latest issue the Observer says "The Oregon Observer is the wide awake paper of Josephine ocunty" and that "the interest of Grants Pass and Josephine county will always be our interest and we shall never lag in the matter of advancing them." In the very next column, in an article on "Timber Land Grabbing," it proves the quality of its wakefulness by this query, "As a matter of fact, are there any mineral lands being taken up as timber tracts?," when it is a well known fact that mining claims that have been worked for years have recently been covered by timber locations. Having exhibited its "wide-awake" nature in this repect, it goes on to show the quality of its regard for the interests of Josephine county by ridiculing the idea of there being any danger to our mineral interests. It refers offensively to "howlers, kickers and complainers" and its advice is that the apathy, from which those interested in the mining future of this county are awakening, should be continued. "The thing to do," it says, "is not to kick but to jump in and get some of the land before it is all gone." In other words, let us all "jump in" and grab and let the mineral interests go to the deuce.

A deep interest is being taken by miners and citizens in the necessity of protecting the mining interests from the locators of timber land. In many instances in Josephine county, timber locations have been made on land that is valuable for its mineral resources, and in some instances on mining claims that have been worked for years. In these latter cases, protests have been filed, the owners being watchful, but when timber locations are made on mineral land that is public, who is there to make the necessary protest unless the miners and prospectors make concerted effort and are unceasingly vigilant. The timber land locators are, for the most part men who know nothing of mines or mining. They see no mineral on the ground or in it and with a light heart they can make oath that the ground is not valuable for mineral. They act as witnesses for one another. If the ground were rich in mineral indications it would probably not be detected by them. So, while perhaps in isolated cases timber claims may have been taken for the purpose of securing the mineral, in most instances the locations, are made solely for the timber. But whatever the motive, the result is the same. Land is located in inaccessible regions and in the heart of a mineral belt, as, for instance, on Grayback mountain and on Green mountain, at the head of Grave creek often in localities where the timber can not possibly come to the market for scores of years, if ever. It is reliably asserted by responsible men who have been on the ground that many of these claims have not timber enough to fence them. Yet when patent issues the locator owns the land. It has passed from public to private ownership, the prospector is hampered and mining interests suffer. The mining industry is far superior in importance in this country to any other and its protection is necessary. Nearly all mining enterprises are initiated by the prospector. Others may develop and operate the mines but it is the prospector who discovers them and contributes them to the country's wealth and the prospector's valuable services should be recognized and his industry given protection. In this movement there is no sentiment of ill will against the timberman nor against the location of timber claims on timber land. It is simply to prevent the mineral land from being absorbed by timber location.

PROTECTION OF MINERAL.

A meeting of business men and miners was held on Monday evening to consider the question of protecting the mineral interests in view of the great number of timber claims which are being taken, some of which have been located on mineral land. The meeting was fairly well attended and a lively interest in the matter was manifest.

R. G. Smith was chosen chairman of the meeting and H. V. Meade, secretary. The objects of the meeting were discussed at some length. Several instances were shown where timber claims had been located in mineral regions, where in some cases there was not enough timber on the ground to fence the claim. Other cases were cited where timber claims had been located covering mines that had been worked for years. In these cases, the locations had been discovered and protest filed. The fact that the mineral interests of Josephine county are of infinitely greater importance than any other was kept before the notice of the meeting and the need of preserving the mineral areas from individual ownership was mentioned. The sentiment of the meeting was in no way in opposition to the location of timber claims on timber land but was very nearly unanimous in the view that immediate action was necessary to protect the mineral land from being taken under the timber act.

On motion of Hon. W. C. Hale it was decided to effect a permanent organization. Joseph Moss was elected president and H. V. Meade secretary. On motion, the president appointed a committee of three to arrange further details for the organization. R. G. Smith, W. C. Hale and H. C. Perkins were appointed. The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday evening the association met and adopted articles of association. Arthur Conklin was elected vice-president and R. W. Clarke secretary. The association adjourned to meet at the call of the president. Following are the articles of association which were adopted:

The name of this association shall be "Citizens and Miners Association of Josephine County."

The purpose and object shall be the preservation of the mineral lands of Josephine county, Oregon, for mineral entries only.

Any citizen of Josephine county shall be eligible to membership who shall comply with the laws of the organization.

The organization shall receive its financial support from membership fees, dues and contributions. The membership fee shall be $1.00.

The officers shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform duties usually incident to such offices.

The president shall appoint an executive committee of five members who shall for the organization take all necessary proceedings to prevent the acquisition of mineral lands under grants for agricultural and timber lands and under railroad grants. The executive committee shall have authority to appoint and employ agents in mineral districts and surveyors and attorneys to assist the work of this committee.

The officers shall be elected annually hereafter on the first Saturday in July. All vacancies shall be filled by election.

The only regular meetings shall be the annual meeting. The president shall call special meetings when the business requires a meeting or upon petition of ten members. Notice shall be given for ten days by publication in one or more weekly newspapers published in Grants Pass for two issues. The place of meeting and place of business shall be the City of Grants Pass.

Eleven members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

No money shall be expended except upon order of the association of the executive committee.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN LEDGE.

Riggs and Flammin are developing their big quartz proposition on Green Mountain and have a tunnel driven some 50 feet on the vein. The ledge at that depth is wider than the tunnel, so that a cross cut will have to be made to ascertain its dimensions. The ore prospects well throughout the ledge and some of it is very rich, free gold plentifully visible. None of the ore has yet been crushed and the operators have a large quantity piled up on the dump waiting to be milled. Green mountain is situated between Cow creek and the head of Grave creek and the mine is situated on the Cow creek slope.

AN ORANG-OUTANG SAILOR.

Besides 61 sailors bunking in the fore castle the Indrapura has an orang-outang occupying a birth and walking about at will with equally as much liberty as the tars who are not allowed to step ashore from the vessel they make their home. The big monkey embarked at Hong Kong, having come all the way from the interior of the country adjacent to Singapore to go to New York, for the purpose of entering the show business. The manlike animal was seen this morning taking a nap in his berth in much the same fashion as a sailor throws himself on his bunk for a few minutes' rest. His arms are of abnormal length and very powerful. During the passage across the ocean the monkey has learned to understand the Chinese jargon of the crew and seems to well understand what is said. The coolies declare that the monkey will be a good sailor bye and bye if he would only stay with the ship and leave the show business to stage-struck amateur performers, elephants and donkeys—Telegram.

Clearance Sale.....

---OF ALL---

Summer Goods

Shirt Waists, Crash and Linen Skirts.
Fancy Parasols, Sun Bonnets.
Children's Straw Hats,
Lawns, Dimities, Batistes, Etc.

If you need any of the above lines it will pay you to look them over.

E. C. DIXON

Shoes and Furnishing Goods

FOREST RANGERS AT WORK.

S. C. Bartrum, of Roseburg, has been appointed supervisor of the southern division of the Cascade Forest Reserve, to succeed Hon. N. Langell, of Jacksonville, who resigned. Mr. Bartrum has for three years past given the government efficient service as a forest ranger and has much practical experience and knowledge in that branch of the government service. Mr. Bartrum is spoken very highly of by those who are best acquainted with him and is a gentleman whose strict integrity and faithful and conscientious discharge of duties and obligations devolving upon him have won for him much esteem.

W. H. H. Dufur is the supervisor for the northern half of the Cascade reserve. The Interior Department has decided upon but two supervisors this year instead of three as heretofore.

A number of forest rangers have already been appointed and others will probably be named in the course of a few days. They are placed on the payroll at $60 per month and furnish their own supplies, food, horses, etc. Those whose appointments have already been announced for this district are: Samuel R. Thurston, Eugene; Robert J. Watson, Oak Creek; Addison S. Ireland, Olalla; Charles J. Van Zile, Roseburg; Robert W. Vetch, Cottage Grove; James C. McCully, Jacksonville; Henry Ireland, Jacksonville; Frank L. Kent, Drain.

COUNCIL METING.

The regular meeting of the city council was held at the City Hall, Thursday July 3. Mayor W. F. Kremer, presiding. All Councilmen except Councilmen Williams were piesent.

Need of 500 feet of new hose to replace that destroyed at the S. P. D. & L. fire being conceded, ordered that the proposals for furnishing same be invited by correspondence with houses dealing in such supplies.

Decided to increase upper half of 30 feet of sewer across north 6th street to 8 inches and contract for same approved.

A new bridge across Gilbert creek on E street was ordered.

BILLS ALLOWED.

G. T. Howell returning hose to engine house	$ 1 00
Henry Schmidt labor on bridge	4 50
P. Gravlin care of and driving city team	45 00
S. Norton sprinkling street	20 00
A. G. Long supplies for fire department	20 80
Grants Pass New Water Light and Power Co. flushing sewers in May and June	18 80
Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Co. bridge materials	12 17
John Patrick assistance for burning grass	6 50
John Lockhart cash paid for rent of telephone	11 00
Kinney & Truax feed for city team	16 65

The reports of Col. W. Johnson, City Treasurer and street superintendent, John Patrick for the past year were presented and accepted.

The number of new hydrants to be placed near the Sugar Pine Door & Lumber & Co. factory was increased to four.

The sidewalks on north side of A street from 6th to 8th street and east side of 6th street near M street were condemned and ordered replaced by new granite walk.

The question of purchasing property for a City Park was brought up and a motion to submit the question to a vote of the people offered pending which the council adjourned to meet on Monday July 7th, at 8 p. m.

A special meeting of the city council was held on Monday evening and it was decided to hold a special election for the purpose of issuing bonds, not to exceed $5000, for the purchase of land for a city park. This is in order to secure right of way and terminal grounds for the Oregon Pacific railway.

PAINTS CHEAP.

Pioneer white lead at $8 per 100 lbs. Strictly pure linseed oil 90 cents per gal. Now is the time to buy before the raise—Kremer's Drug Stores.

CHAUTAUQUA ASSOCIATION.

The Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association will be held at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, July 8th to 19th reduced rates via Southern Pacific Co's lines on the certificate plan.

Special attractions this season Chemawa Indian band; base ball every afternoon; Chas Craig, the noted impersonator; Dr. Robt. McIntyre the Great Word Painter of the West, and Thos. McClary, the entertaining lecturer.

On July 10th the Hon. Henry Watterson will speak on "Money and Morals" and on July 11th will deliver his celebrated lecture on Abraham Lincoln.

July 19th the entire program will be furnished by pupils of the Chamawa Indian School, Music, vocal and instrumental, recitation, baseball and grand closing concert by the Chemawa Indian Band, should make this day one of interest and entertainment.

For programs and further information call on nearest Southern Pacific Agent.

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MR. PRALL'S "ZOO" GARDEN.

The first calf born to a tame elk in Southern Oregon can be seen in the park of J. W. Prall, two miles north of Medford, says the Mail.

Many have doubted whether elk would breed in captivity, but this proves that they will, at least where they are given some of the freedom and conditions that they have in their wild state. The elk in Mr. Prall's park have all the requirements for their comfort except unrestrained liberty. The park consists of 20 acres of wooded and grass land along Bear creek and is an ideal retreat for elk. The park is fenced with six boards and three barbed wires, so that there is no chance for the elk to jump out. Mr. Prall also has a band of deer in his park, there now being about fifteen head. The deer breed readily and are increasing in numbers quite fast. To add to the attractions of his park, Mr. Prall secured two young antelope, when in Lake County recently with his sons on a horse buying expedition. His sons were out hunting one day, when they came onto a band of antelope in which there were two young ones. The boys, who are trained horsemen, gave chase and after running the antelope nearly half a day and wearing two horses out they caught the two little ones, a buck and a doe. The boys were then thirty miles from camp and they had to carry the antelope horseback all that distance. From that camp to Medford, 250 miles, they hauled the antelope in their wagon arriving here with them safe and sound and they are now in the park with the elk and deer and appear to be as contented and well fed as though ranging over the bunch grass hills of Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Prall's park is one of the many interesting attractions of this section, and he has shown a commendable public spirit in spending the money and time that he has in establishing his park and securing attraction for it.

THE FOURTH AT BYBEE

Grand Celebration at Bybee Springs. Sunrise Salute at 5 o'clock 13 yelps by Mr. Jack.

The program was as follows:

1st. Music by the Mule orchestra, entitled "Hay! Hay! Hay!" Miss Bell Cow in her most graceful and charming manner next read the Declaration of Independence.

Trio by the celebrated Guinea Sisters, entitled, "Give me Three Grains of Corn."

Oration, Miss Polly Parrott. Subject, "Polly Wants a Cracker."

The Swinette Band rendered beautifully, "Several Buckets of Lard."

Song, Robin Quartette, "Cherries are Ripe."

Address by Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Thomas Cat, "Ye Midnight Marauders."

The A. M. programme was ended by a solo by Madame Calf, "Less Water and More Milk."

After-dinner Sports. First was a four-legged race by Mr. Jack and Miss Queen. The first half, Jack was in the lead by a tail's length but on the home stretch Queen won by four feet.

Next came jumping contest by the Frogs, won by Mr. Warty Toad., followed by high diving by the Turtle family in which Mrs. Mudd won by a snap.

Then came a close swiming match by the Crawfish family, Mr. Crab Crawfish winning by a pinch.

After this there was a milking contest by seven puppies, won by the Yellow Kid by seven laps.

The last race was between Mr. Road and Miss Creek. In the first quarter the former felt so rocky that he bolted and ran straight up hrough the canyon, where he lost himself in a lonely trail, while the latter lost her head and with foaming mouth threw herself upon the bosom of the Rogueish river and won the "Race by a Mill."

Gen. Maltese Dewey had charge of the sun-set gun and fired several salutes of mice, rats and lizards down his throat to the evident satisfaction of the participant.

The fire works consisted of falling meteors, shooting stars and comets, each member of the planatary tribe adding his own streak of red, white and blue While the old Man in the Moon, from his lofty perch, threw Roman candles and Sky Rockets, Pinwheels and Torpedoes until the maid coming down the path spilled all the milk-a-way. At last becoming tired he hung his weary head upon a moonbeam and fell asleep.

Thus ended the Fourth at Bybee Springs, here we drink and drink and drink again. M. B. Y. and M. C. M.

The Noon Hour.

Many a hard working young woman spends her noon hour in an endeavor to get a little rest to carry her through the remaining hours of the day. She is weak and weary, but she cannot give up the occupation which supports her. She must go back to the office and the typewriter, to the store and its duties, with tiresome customers to wait on and exacting employers to please.

For people who are weak and run down there is no medicine so valuable as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. Many diseases in organs remote from the stomach have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and its allied organs. When the stomach is "weak" there is a failure to properly digest and assimilate the food which is eaten. Hence the whole body, and each organ of it, suffers from lack of nutrition, so that as a consequence of "weak" stomach, there may be "weak" lungs, "weak" heart, "weak" or torpid liver, "weak" nerves, etc. By curing diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, "Golden Medical Discovery" enables the assimilation of the nutriment necessary for the requirements of a healthy body. It increases the activity of the blood-making glands, and so increases the supply of blood which is the vital fluid of the body.

There is no alcohol in the "Discovery" and it is entirely free from opium, cocaine, and all other narcotics.

Sick and ailing people especially those suffering from disease in its chronic form are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter *free*. All correspondence is held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

There is no similar offer of free medical advice which has behind it an institute of national note such as the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., presided over by Dr. Pierce, its chief consulting physician, with the assistance of nearly a score of skilled specialists.

"The Wonderful Medicine."

"I must again send a few lines to you to let you know how I am getting along since taking the wonderful medicine which cured me two years ago," writes Miss Bertha Blacker, of East Boston Station, St. Louis, Mo. "I still continue in very good health and think there is not a better medicine on earth than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. We would not be without it in the house, and also the little 'Pellets.'

"I have recommended Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to many friends, and they all think it will do just what is claimed for it. It is the best medicine for nervousness and for a weak, run down condition that any body could want. I was very nervous and weak last summer. I took five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it just made me feel like a new person. It gives a person new life and new blood. I can now work all the long with-out feeling the least bit tired. In fact I feel like a new person.

"My mother was also cured by it of a very bad state of stomach trouble about three years ago. I think you a thousand times for what you have done for me and for your kind advice."

Wasted to a Skeleton.

"About six years ago my health failed," writes Miss Alethea R. Green, of Coopstown, Harford Co., Maryland. "I kept getting down lower and lower, until I could scarcely walk across the floor without struggling and gasping for breath. My home physician pronounced it general debility and catarrh of the throat, but although he did all he could, he failed to even relieve me. I tried various remedies, but all of no avail. I soon wasted away to a mere skeleton. Finally I was persuaded to write to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., which I did immediately. And on receiving his very kind advice I commenced the use of his 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Favorite Prescription.' I took fourteen bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and nine of the 'Favorite Prescription,' and to-day I am a well woman. I do heartily thank God and Dr. Pierce for my good health."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent *free* on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 31 one-cent stamps for the book in cloth binding, or 21 stamps for the paper covered volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

LELAND SIFTINGS.

The health of our people is good. The weather for the most of the summer has been cool with a good breeze so that those who have labored in the open air have not suffered from the heat.

A good many miners from a distance are coming here to prospect in our hills. They find we have all kinds of miners' supplies so they do not have to buy at other points and ship here.

In making up estimates of different quartz mines and from reports, we think the Greenback mine is in the lead. One thing should be taken into consideration. That mine is deeper down by several hundred feet than the other mines that have been mentioned.

The Greenback is receiving a large consignment of lumber and square timbers for their mine. The owners have taken out a great deal of gold from that mine. Some of our other mines have gone short handed in doing their developement work.

Rogue river has been conceded to be a stream that was not navigable for a saw log but quite recently Kramer & Carpenter rafted down Rogue river from the mouth of Galice creek to the mouth of Whisky creek, a large amount of lumber for their quartz mines on Mt. Reuben. They report a grand success with no mishaps. Other miners that are located on the mountain will also raft lumber down in a short time.

The Ajax is showing up as well as the owners can expect. They will erect a mill in the near future. Other mines are coming to the front. Most of the supplies, such as lumber, will come down Rogue river. We think it would be wise to call on congress for an appropriation to make our river navigable as so much lumber and timber will be needed in that vicinity.

The Copper Stain mine owners have arrived from Illinois. They are engaged in surveying a wagon road from Leland to Mt. Reuben. A large force of men will be needed as soon as the surveying is done to construct the road. The road will be built on an easy grade. We see a correspondent from Glendale says that burg is being built up rapidly by the Gold Bug mine. Please wait a little, Mr. Correspondent. We will show you something. The Copper Stain, as soon as the wagon road is completed, will erect a mill. We don't mean a small mill for their ledge is large and well developed. The owners have plenty of money to put up a big plant.

The weather is cool and balmy. We have had light showers from the 1st to the 4th and the hay got a wetting. The people of Oregon are in the habit of cutting their hay and letting it lie a long time before hauling it in. Consequently they sometimes lose it. Back in Canada we were in the habit of hauling the hay as soon as it was cured. We found that the most profitable way of making hay, for after hay has been out in the weather and has got a good wetting it has lost its goodness but the Oregon farmers do not seem to take that into consideration. Crops of all kinds are good here. The hay crop is very large and some people are complaining of not having room to store their hay. The apple crop will be up to the average. A good many apples dropped off when they were the size of marbles. The peach crop is good.

Capt. Nash, below Leland, has been fixing up his extensive placer claim and now has it in excellent shape, so that he will be in condition for a good run when the water comes again.

Our weather prophet is all right, he hits it every time, so we can tell when it will rain. Bob.

WILDERVILLE ITEMS.

J. W. McCollum was cutting hay for Mr. J. Hocking the first of this week.

J. C. K. McCann was in the Pass on business Saturday of last week.

Chas. McCann has moved back in to our community and is now living nera Slate creek.

J. H. Robinson is the owner of a new 56 pound grind stone.

A. T. Cart, wife and baby, visited with his parents Sunday.

Scott Robinson's two year old girl narrowly escaped a serious accident a few days ago. While riding along the road she fell out of the wagon, the wheel just missing her head.

R. M. Robinson had a barn raising at his farm Saturday. There were seven men at work on the barn and they succeeded in getting the frame up in good shape.

Mrs. Martha Scholan has been visiting with her brothers, John and Will Brown, and her mother returned with her to her home near Roseburg.

The Fourth of July celebration at Wilderville was very good; there were several good speeches and a good dinner; all who were present enjoyed themselves. Zanoni.

NEED MORE HELP.

Often the over-taxed organs of digestion cry out for help by Dyspepsia's pains, Nausea, Dizziness, Headaches, liver complaints, bowel disorders. Such troubles call for prompt use of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are gentle, thorough and guaranteed to cure. 25 cents at W. F. Kremer's drug stores.

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WHITE HOUSE CARDS

Invitations to Social Events Written by Expert Penmen.

Four of the Best Writers in Government Service Engaged to Send Out Cards for the Recent Roosevelt Receptions.

The preparation of invitations to the four great social events of the season at the white house—the receptions of the president—is a work that requires great care and the most expert penmanship. The several thousand people who receive invitations to each of the four receptions necessarily notice the attractive and beautiful penmanship, amounting almost to engraving. This work is done by some of the most noted penmen in the service of the United States government, says the Washington Star.

The cards of invitation to each reception are engraved, and contain blanks for the name of the person or persons invited. These blanks are filled in by the penmen. During the social season just closed two penmen were engaged in writing the names on the cards, while two others wrote the addresses on the envelopes containing the cards. With all four men writing beautifully is a profession, and frequently those invited to a reception would wonder whether the name was engraved or written. This work was done by J. L. McGrew, a clerk in the navy department; S. E. Sullivan, of the post office department; W. W. Mortimer, of the interior department, and E. L. Kimmel, of the treasury.

The four men, aided by two stenographers and typewriters, worked under the supervision of Thomas H. Netherland of the white house force, himself a noted expert in writing. For three or four years Mr. Netherland has had charge of the invitations to these receptions, and his work has been so satisfactory as to receive the hearty commendation of Secretary Cortelyou. Mr. Netherland occasionally does some of the writing himself, but his duty consists in seeing to the preparation and distribution of the invitations to the cards of the lists of the invited, and to the thousand and one other things that come before him. He dictates the answers to the requests for invitations and superintends the making up of the lists. The lists are kept from year to year, and Mr. Netherland knows just who were invited to receptions in other years and who were refused invitations. He is a kind of walking encyclopaedia of the social and political standing and the affiliations of Washington and other people. He is so discreet that never a word escapes from his mouth about his duties and whatever he has to say is put before his chief, Secretary Cortelyou, who is responsible for the way in which the work is done.

The work of writing the invitations is frequently begun weeks ahead of the time fixed. Certain classes of people are invited to every reception, and their invitations can be written and put aside ready for delivery when others are made out.

The handwriting experts are not usually fast penmen. Swiftness and beauty of writing are seldom found together, and so the experts take time in affixing the names of society people to the cards and envelopes. All of the four men engaged the last season were assigned from other departments, and Mr. Netherland is the only one belonging permanently on the white house rolls.

TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

Woman Passenger Who Expected a Great Deal from a Common Street Car Conductor.

"This may be a strange world all right," remarked a conductor of the Georgetown and Tenleytown railroad to a Washington Star reporter recently, "but I incline to the theory that the old globe is not at all unusual—'tis the folks who move about its surface that constitute the strange part of the situation. And believe me when I assert that we who personally conduct these street railway tours come in contact with at least 99 per cent. of the strange ones."

"What's the latest?" inquired the reporter, who has observed a few queer people on street cars himself.

"The latest was a woman who should have known better, and who got off at Tenleytown on my last trip out," explained the conductor. "Here we are in the midst of a heavy snowstorm and nobody in existence is able to tell whether this car will get to the top of the next hill or slide back to Georgetown. Now what do you think that woman said to me? Remarked that she was five minutes late in getting to her office this morning and demanded that I should tell her if the cars would be late to-morrow, and if so, exactly to what extent."

"And what did you reply?"

"I informed her in a tone that everybody in the car could hear that if I was the chief of the weather bureau or possessed the power to read the future I wouldn't be registering fares and listening to fool questions. She gave a sniff that was almost a snort as she got off, for all the passengers were laughing."

suspicious.

Mrs. Beatleigh—What is the matter, Mrs. Squiggles? You look terribly worried about something.

Mrs. Squiggles—I have reason to be worried. When my husband gave me his week's wages last night it was five cents short. It looks if he patronized establishments.—Boston Tra-

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Lord Walsingham has presented his collection of 200,000 moths and his library of books on microlepidopterans to the British museum.

The rotation of a waterspout at the surface of the sea has been estimated by Prof. Bigelow as 354 miles an hour, or nearly six miles a minute.

The deepest gold mine in the Transvaal is 3,750 feet, and though in so hot a country, is less hot at the bottom than a German mine the same depth.

The measuring-machine made by Sir Joseph Whitworth will measure one millionth of an inch, and will show the expansion of an inch-long bar of metal if touched by the finger.

A strange lamp has been constructed by Prof. Dubois. A glass globe placed on a metal stand is nearly filled with a liquid composed of luminous marine microbes; there are two tubes running from the globe, and through these a supply of air can be sent to the interior when the light grows dull, the effect apparently being to revivify the microbes. The light from this lamp will last for several weeks without renewal of the illuminating medium.

It seems that as yet the speed at which the Hertzian currents of wireless telegraphy move has not been determined. Marconi says he thinks they travel at about the same speed as light, 186,000 miles a second. Therefore should Marconi be able, as he professes to believe he will be, to send a message around the world, it would occupy in transmission approximately one-eighth of a second, and the clerks of the sending and receiving instruments would be almost simultaneous.

To determine whether there exists a relation between the climate and the weight of the grains of cereals experiments have lately been made on 75 samples of cereals obtained from all the grain-producing countries. The average weight of 10,000 grains of each sample was determined and the results arranged in order, of the countries of provenance. The first six groups were (1) Russia, (2) United States, (3) Germany, (4) Denmark, Sweden and Norway, (5) England, Holland and Belgium, (6) France, Spain and Italy.

THE SULTAN'S SPIES.

Their Number Is Legion and They Are Found in All Classes of Society.

In no country and no time of the world's history has the spy system been developed to the point it has attained in Turkey to-day. It is a most elaborate organization and costs an immense amount of money. There are spies and counter spies, and counter counter spies to the fourth or fifth degree, says the London Chronicle. Their number is legion, and they are to be found in all classes of society, from the highest to the lowest. Besides the minister of police, almost every high dignitary has his own service of spies. These are all rival organizations, and spend most of their time in spying and denouncing one another. All prominent persons are closely watched, and followed even while shopping, and should they speak another person of note and exchange a few words the fact is carefully noted. Turks no longer dare assemble in parties of five or six for the purpose of spending their evenings together. It is impossible for three or four of them to sit down at a table in a coffee house without having a spy at the next. On such occasions they always speak very loud, so that everybody might hear them. Should a European converse with a Turk in the street, a spy will follow them and try to find out what they are saying. The result of all this is that the Turks avoid one another's company as much as possible and whenever they do come together the conversation is on the most futile subjects, and is childish. The Turkish nation is growing more and more demoralized under the present spy system.

SNUFF-TAKING DYING OUT.

Story to That Effect Revived in London Is Without Much Foundation.

Stories have been in circulation recently in regard to the new craze, snuff taking in England. The habit is supposed to be becoming most prevalent in aristocratic quarters in the West end, London, and is even spreading to the most august personages. But there is little real foundation for the stories. The London snuff dealers do not report any noticeable increase in new sales. The manager of the oldest snuff factory in London, according to recent report, says:

"The trade has been a decreasing one for many years. There is a very slight recently in an upward direction. I am afraid that snuff taking is a lost habit. I attribute the decline to the advent of the white handkerchief. In the days of the yellow and red handkerchiefs the snuff did not show. Now nowadays it is mostly old gentlemen who use snuff frequently.

"I hear from dealers who do not want more supplies, as their old gentleman customers have died. Otherwise, the people who work in places where they cannot smoke often take snuff, such as compositors, and in many factories."

Outside of the snuff takers indicated above snuff is often served in English clubs and saloon bars. What little increase has been noticed in the sale of snuff boxes has been attributed to the influenza epidemic, snuff being commended to effect the cure of a cold, for which it retains its place in sales and often on the dining table of old-fashioned public banquets, being used to clear the heads.

Greece Is Progressing.

Last year the sale of agricultural machinery in Greece was fourfold that of the preceding year.