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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The loftier your purpose is, the more sure you will be to make the world richer with every enrichment of yours.—Phillips Brooks.

## Mail May Be Stopped.

The Oregonian of November 30th says:

"Cities and towns served by 'star route' mail deliveries in Oregon may be cut off because of poor roads. The winter season has advanced to the point where many roads are now almost impassible, and mail carriers are sending in their annual batch of complaints. Unless better roads are provided for mail carriers, it was intimated in the postoffice inspector's office yesterday, the Government may adopt a system applied to cities—that no deliveries of mail shall be made to districts that do not provide sidewalks, street lights, street names and numbers.

G. W. Prior, who has the contract for carrying the mails between Oakland and Stephens, wrote a letter to the United States Marshal, which found its way to the postoffice inspectors, in which he charged that the road had been made impassible by the Southern Valley Land & Water Company digging a ditch and throwing all the dirt on top of the road.

The letter brought up the old complaint about the two roads from Roseburg to Myrtle Point and Marshfield. These roads are so bad that the contract for carrying the mails was raised from \$14,000 to \$29,000 at the last award. The delivery of mail over these roads requires the services of 75 horses and 23 to 24 men, when the roads are good.

"These two roads, for the distance and the size of the cities they connect, are the worst in the civilized world," said one of the inspectors yesterday. "I do not base this assertion on my personal knowledge of the roads, but I have been over them with people from all parts of the world, and without exception they say they are the worst they ever saw. Coos county has done a great deal of work to better them, but Douglas county does very little. Coos county has spent about \$25,000 on the roads and Douglas county about \$10,000. I have walked over the roads, I have ridden over them in a rig and by stage and I never saw the like, winter or summer. In the winter time they are next to impassible.

"It is certainly up to the people to provide roads that may be traveled if they want mail. It is not the duty of the Government to make the roads but to deliver mail where roads are provided. There are five Presidential postoffices served by those two roads, each office paying a salary of \$1000, and there is no excuse for such conditions. 2000 to 4000 pounds of mail a day are hauled over the roads and the people who are dependent upon such an amount of mail should certainly try to do something with the roads."

Now, the fact being true that Coos

county has done her share toward building good roads, then why should our mail service be cut off because Douglas county has done practically nothing? The justice of such a course on the part of the post office department would be hard to detect. Of course there is no immediate danger of such a course of procedure, but if there were it would be a discrimination against Coos county that would be absolutely without justification, even taking the government report into account, for according to it the "people who are dependent upon such an amount of mail" have certainly "done something with the roads," but the people who are not dependent are the ones who have done nothing.

## An Age of Books.

Centuries ago a certain wise man said:

"Of the making of many books there is no end." What would he say today if permitted to look upon the rapid accumulation which the hundreds of publishing houses are unloading upon the reading public every passing day?

Like human beings, books may be divided into three classes—good, bad and indifferent.

It is pleasant to reflect that the public taste in the matter of reading is slowly but surely being elevated. This has been brought about undoubtedly in large part by the rapidly increasing number of public libraries. These agencies have also brought the people in contact with the best.

Another striking illustration of the demand for a higher standard of reading matter is found in the recent experience of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company. It is reported that the company in seeking to give its patrons reading matter of real value, first adopted the much discussed five-foot shelf of books chosen by Dr. Eliot, late president of Harvard university, as the most vital part of literature. The railroad company kept account of the extent to which these books were used. After a trial extending over more than a year, the fact was apparent that Dr. Eliot's selections, while they will stand the test of scholarly judgment, are not popular. The demands of the passengers for something different were so insistent that the company invited them to ballot for a new library. They responded in large numbers, and the result is a fourteen-foot book shelf which does credit to them.

Thackeray, Cooper, Shakespeare, Stevenson, Smollet, Goldsmith and Birrell are represented on this shelf, as well as writers of the day who produce the "best sellers." There are also some heavy works for the studiously inclined. In the list are Aldrich's "Margery Daw and Other People," Balzac's "Short Stories," Bunner's and Davis' short stories, "Robinson Crusoe," Field's "Love Affairs of a Bibliomaniac," Hadley's "Railroad Transportation," Kipling's "Captains Courageous," Merritt's "Federal Regulation of Railroad Rates," Scott's "Ivanhoe," Sewall's "Papa Bouchard," Spear-

man's "Whispering Smith," the Holy Bible and the World Almanac. There was a day when it was practically an impossibility to find any reading matter upon a railway train outside of the daily newspapers, except the merest trash. That time has apparently happily passed. It is one of the most hopeful signs of the age in which we live.

Good books are the safeguards of intellectual and moral health.

## Denounces Slapping Children

H. N. Adrian, in an address to the teachers of Spokane a few days ago, bitterly denounced the practice of "slapping school children in the face." Where, may we ask, is such a practice used in this day of enlightenment, for it is certainly a relic of barbarism.

In the olden days, the school master sometimes used a good hickory switch with which to preserve order, but even that, of late, is becoming obsolete. Teachers of today are using the much better method of moral suasion, which, in most instances, works to better advantage than anything else, but, of course, there is, once in a while, an unruly child whose sense of right and wrong is so vague that no appeal to his better senses will avail anything. In such a case the only thing to do is to "spare not the rod," and it should be used with telling effect; but to slap a child in the face or anywhere about the head, whether it be done by school teacher, parent or anyone else, is very wrong and may result in permanent injury to the child.

## How One Woman Got Votes

In Jasper Co., Miss Della Sharp was chosen Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Twenty-fifth Judicial District. Her success was largely due to her ability as a campaigner and her record in the office where she served 12 years as a deputy.

Miss Sharp toured the county by automobile, and every morning she was to be seen emerging from her boarding house clad in a black skirt a dainty white shirt waist, and as big a hat as was likely to keep within the bounds of approval. She distributed cards on which were printed: "Della Sharp needs your vote on November 8th for Circuit Clerk." She carried with her a box of cigars. She talked to every man in the mining districts, in many cases going down shafts for a hearing.

She presented lead pencils to Democrats, with the injunction: "I brought this for you to scratch your own ticket on November 8th. I am sure that you would rather have an old maid in the office than an old bachelor."

Almost every fence post, telegraph pole and bridge in the county bore placards: "Vote for the girl," under which many wrote: "You bet I will."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

## To Keep Young.

Think that you are young. On your birthday don't allow yourself to think that you are a year older. Keep mental cobwebs, dust and brain ashes brushed off by frequent changes.

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Dated this 25th day of November, 1910.

W. W. CAGE

Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon

By C. A. GAGE, Deputy. 57-5t

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