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TRIUMPHANT SCIENCE.

A report, given more or less credence, comes from a Walla Walla hospital, to the effect that Wood of the Weston Leader was the victim of a successful surgical operation which resulted in the removal of a quart of angle worms from his left leg. It is further stated that the Weston editor is looked upon as a wonder by the nurse girls in the institution which has so suddenly leaped into public view from enviable notoriety of being the home of the scientific surgical operation, together with the astounding fact that the patient was practically a bundle of fish bait. It is not to be wondered at that the nurse girls consider Wood a wonder and the world at large will agree with them in their correct diagnosis of the class to which he belongs. The peculiarities of the colonel will now be readily understood by the public. In the past it was noticeable that Wood's peculiarities were more or less assertive in damp weather. On rainy days his left leg absolutely refused to respond to the natural laws and practices of navigation and would totally ignore the cross-roads perambulations of its brother, the right limb. The belligerency of his left leg has caused the colonel much humiliation and lost him many a drink. To be caught in the center of a muddy crosswalk with his left foot glued down, and compelled to anchor there until his crop of angle worms had satisfied their famished thirst in copious draughts of moisture, was more than boon companions could stand for; so they drank to the health of the fish bait and left it remain in the mud where it belonged. Now that the surgeon's keen knife has laid bare and removed this wonderful secretion in the colonel's anatomy and given to the world one of the rarest feats the profession of saw-bones has achieved, the reason of Wood's rash action of promoung the streets of Walla Walla with his left foot cemented to a beer keg, has been scientifically, and at the same time satisfactorily, explained.

WHERE STEEL STANDS.

Before the last election it was commonly reported that the campaign of Mr. Steel was financed by Mr. Ross, of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company. Just how true that is no one knows but Mr. Steel and the officers of the trust company. Mr. Steel's office was in the trust company's banking room, and he could usually be found in and around the bank when not at Salem. No one can deny that. Neither can it be denied that he deposited twice as much money in that one institution as he did in the other 32 banks where he had state funds. Mr. Steel says that he showed no favoritism, that he did not know his balance was so large, and several other things along that line, but sometimes

facts speak louder than words, and in this case it looks to an outsider that Mr. Steel did favor the Ross institution because Mr. Ross had pulled him through the primaries and the election.

No one charges that the Treasurer placed his money in the Ross institution to defraud the state, or even supposing it would be in jeopardy. Only an idiot would make such a charge. But it does look as if Mr. Steel came to the relief of Mr. Ross after the failure of the Moore concern, when a run was being made on the Ross bank. That the risk was great the events have proved.

The Optimist is of the opinion that Mr. Steel has not conducted his office in a way to show us that we should repose continued confidence in him. The Optimist thinks that he has shown by his actions that he is not a fit man for State Treasurer and that while he is not guilty of misappropriation of the state funds, he is guilty of using such bad judgment, and of such wilful neglect, that he is not the man to retain control of the public money for another three years.

We do not want a Democrat in the office, but we do want a competent man there, and if Steel is competent then we would like to know what incompetency is.—The Dalles Optimist.

Representative Acheson of Pennsylvania is so enthusiastic over the proposition to vote \$50,000,000 for inland waterways that he has introduced a bill to raise the amount by increasing the tax on beer from \$1 to \$2 a barrel. He explains that last year there were consumed 52,000,000 barrels of beer, and as consumption is constantly on the increase, the additional tax would be more than enough to improve within a few years every river and harbor in the country. The consumer might protest, however, against paying for water when he buys beer. Mr. Acheson, by the way, lives in a prohibition town.

The middle states are looking out for fence sharks who are calling upon the farmers and offering to put up an eight wire fence with iron posts for eight cents a foot. No cash is required but before the fence is put up he gives a promissory note agreeing to pay eight cents a foot as soon as the fence is put up; later it transpires that it means eight cents a foot for each wire, making 64 cents a running foot for the fence.

Manitoba's revenue from fines imposed on "blind pigs" in Winnipeg during the past year amounted to \$12,000. Winnipeg enforces a stringent midnight and Sunday closing law, but the blind pigs seem to be able to pay fines and continue in business.

Resolutions have been introduced in the Canadian parliament in favor of senate reform or abolition. The senators there are appointed for life, and the actual usefulness of the upper house has long been questioned.

Next to newspaper advertising, store-window display attracts the eye and attention of the prospective buyer. Just now the index of holiday trade is mirrored in the attractive show window displays in Athena stores.

Seats on the New York Stock Exchange are selling for 40 per cent less than they cost a few months ago. But it must be said that they are not as easy as they were then.

Taft will come home to find himself a political Enoch Arden.



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12:25 p. m.	Walla Walla - Pendleton Mixed	12:25 p. m.
3:40 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore. Also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Polite, California, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Points.	3:40 p. m.
6:15 p. m.	Pendleton - Walla Walla Mixed	6:15 p. m.

E. M. Smith Agent, Athena.

Somebody has discovered that Emerson prophesied the coming of the phonograph. Emerson's prophecy has been fulfilled. Now let the inventors go ahead and vindicate Darius Green.

"A Brief Description of New York," published in 1670, sold the other day for \$1,750. And there was much less to describe in those days than there is now.

There be those who will maintain that the Mauretania never would have made headway against those winds at all if it hadn't been for that \$12,000,000.

Every time some man over sixty performs a feat that seems out of the ordinary, Dr. Osler finds his name in the papers once more.

Of course, money talks, as it always has—only it is inclined to use the long distance 'phone' a good deal now.

Now if Fairbanks had lived in old Kentucky he might still have standing with the dry wing of the G. O. P.

The Caleb Powers trial is playing another farewell tour in Kentucky.

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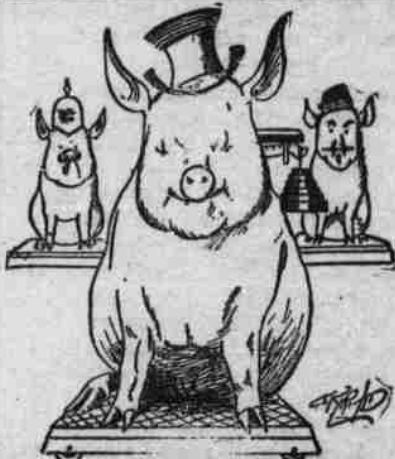
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