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Breweries are prohibited from maintaining warehouses in dry units, for the distribution of their products, according to a ruling by attorney general Bell of Washington. This is a reversal of his former construction of the local option law. The latest opinion was given on a question submitted by Stevens county, Wash., which recently voted to abolish saloons. As common carriers are forbidden from carrying liquors into dry territory, it is further held that a warehouse may deliver what stock it has on hand, but is unable to replenish its stock. The defeat of the local option forces in Walla Walla is the first important reversal they have met. To date, they have won in 35 special elections and met defeat in 19, in that state.

The early winter has been somewhat severe all over the country. Along the western coast storms have been driven by hurricane winds and a falling thermometer has followed in the wake of the storm. The same has been true in the eastern states, where blizzards and extremely cold weather has prevailed. The cold spell has been general and from its widespread extent somewhat unusual for this time of the year. The proximity of Halley's comet and the presence of Jack Frost may have some connection and if this is so then we may expect the winter to increase in severity as the comet approaches.

The railroads have enjoyed their best holiday season. Large quantities of merchandise in the form of small packages have been brought to the northwest. There have also been substantial shipments from this part of the country to the older sections. Postoffice receipts show substantial increase over last year. The holiday travel is also above the normal. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. have carried unusual numbers of Christmas travelers this year, all of which indicate that the Northwest is enjoying prosperity.

It is now less than four years since the issue by a London publisher of the first volumes in a series of reprints of the works of standard authors, which marked an interesting experiment in providing the public with the world's best literature in handy and inexpensive form. The books were clearly printed and tastefully bound and sold for a shilling. On the recent addition

of the four hundredth volume to the list the announcement was made that more than 5,000,000 separate copies had been disposed of.

An exchange puts it this way: "We live in a land of high mountains and high taxes, low valleys and low wages, big crooked statesmen, big lakes, big pumpkins, big men with pumpkin heads, silver streams that gambol in the mountains, and pious politicians that gamble in the night, roaring cataracts and roaring orators, fast trains, fast horses, fast young men, sharp lawyers, sharp financiers and sharp toed shoes, noisy children, fertile plains that lie like a sheet of water, and a thousand newspapers that lie like thunder."

The National Apple show management of Spokane, has planned to extend its usefulness. They will establish a clearing house for growers and handlers of apples in the Pacific Northwest. It is planned to keep all apple interests in touch with market conditions and with each other by means of bulletins and special letters. As the apple industry is growing steadily in this part of the country, the innovation will be valuable.

Census taking is a difficult business in Mexico, where the masses are in fear that the enumeration means compulsory military service or more taxes. Consequently, the coming of census in that country will be taken by high officials, priests and men of the greatest local prominence, in order that it may be more accurate than in the past. In the City of Mexico President Diaz himself, as well as his cabinet members and the archbishop, will personally assist in the work.

Instead of throwing old shoes or scattering rice, society in New York has decided to speed the wedding journey of a newly married pair hereafter with a shower of rose petals. Not to speak of the fact that flowers are more poetical than the other things, they make less dangerous missiles.

A Boston publisher of schoolbooks has decided to contribute 1,000,000 to the cause of peace. People who have complained because of the high prices they were compelled to pay for school books may be comforted by the thought that at least some of their money is to be well spent.

The average workingman would like to be rich enough to enable him to tell his boss just what he really thinks of him.

It now appears that the Harriman patriotism was more amply rewarded than we had supposed. The estate totals about \$30,000,000.

When a man starts out to make a fool of himself, he invariably works overtime on the job. We have Dr. Cook in mind.

How can any one believe either explorer since they both failed to send home souvenir postal cards?

CHOICE PROPERTY FOR SALE

Bargains Which are Offered by the Athena Land Company.

Farm Lands.

705—An estate of 430 acres of the finest land in Umatilla county. Abundant water supply—hot and cold water—ten room house modern and well appointed. About 40 acres of good alfalfa land. The farms adjacent to this are all selling for \$100 per acre. This place can be had for \$85 per acre if taken at once. If you want a home let us show you this immediately.

700—560 acres of fine wheat land—good water—eight room house—good barn and out houses—place highly improved—on the railroad and only one mile from the station. \$85 per acre.

City Property.

505—\$1100 for a nine room house in Athena—two blocks from Main street and half block from the school building. You can not buy the material in the house for what we ask for the entire place.

If you have something to sell or trade tell us about it. It will not hurt either of us and it may be an advantage to both of us.

ATHENA LAND CO.

Box 274. Phone 355.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. F. S. LeGrow, Cashier. Dated December 10, 1909.

Young Girls are Victims.

of headache, as well as older women, but all get quick relief and prompt cure from Dr. King's Life Pills, the world's best remedy for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood, and strong nerves and build up your health. Try them. 25c at all druggists.

The Kind Cat.

A neighbor of old Mrs. Harrington killed a fine pig one day. He cut it up and hung the pieces in his woodshed. Mrs. Harrington's cat climbed into the shed that night, stole a large pork chop and carried it home to her mistress. The minister happened to call on the old lady the next day. She was just frying the chop. She told the minister how miraculously it had been brought to her by the cat.

"And, oh, sir," she said piously, "it was almost beautiful to see the way the sweet animal brought me the pork chop. It quite recalled to my mind what we read in Holy Writ about Elijah and the ravens."—Exchange.

The Courtship Gate.

We have been shown a design for an upholstered front gate which seems destined to become very popular. The footboard is cushioned, and there is a warm soapstone on each side, the inside step being adjustable, so that a short girl can bring her lips to the line of any given mustache without trouble. If the gate is occupied at 10:30 p. m., an iron hand extends from one gate post, takes the young man by the left ear, turns him around, and he is at once started toward home by a steel foot. The girl can, if she likes, set this part at a later hour than 10:30. —Jones County (Ga.) News.

Something From Nothing.

"It is impossible to take something from nothing," quoted the wise guy. "Well, you come pretty close to it when you take the conceit out of some people," added the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

Kills Her Foe of 20 Years.

"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed and several doctors gave me up. I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney Trouble, Lame Back, Female Complaints, it is unequalled. Only 50c at all druggists.

Forced Into Exile.

Wm. Cpehuroh of Glen Oak, (Okla), was an exile from home. Mountain air, he thought would cure a frightful lung-racking cough that had defied all remedies for two years. After six months he returned, death dogging his steps. "Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery," he writes. "and after taking six bottles I am as well as ever." It saves thousands yearly from desperate lung diseases. Infallible for Coughs and Colds, it dispels Hoarseness and sore Throat, Cures Grip, Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1. trial bottles free, guaranteed by all druggists.

A Good Position.

can be had by ambitious young men and women in the field of "Wireless" and Railroad telegraphy. Since the 8-hour law became effective, and since the Wireless companies are establishing stations throughout the country there is a great shortage of telegraphers. Positions pay beginners from \$70 to \$90 per month, with good chance for advancement. The National Telegraph Institute of Portland, Ore., operates six official institutes in America, under supervision of R. R. and Wireless officials and places all graduates into positions. It will pay you to write them for full details.

California

Midwinter Excursion Walla Walla

To

Los Angeles
and Return

on January 17, 1910

\$94.00

This rate includes railroad ticket for the round trip, and berth in sleeping car for the going trip, side trips provided for in the itinerary, and all meals from the hour of departure Monday night, January 17, until arrival in Los Angeles, 8:30 p. m., Sunday, January 23, are also included; also trip to Riverside and Redlands, over the inside track, Monday, January 24th. Two tickets entitle holders to a full section.

Return Limit, April 17, 1910

Berth reservations and full itinerary of the trip can be had of your local agent or R. Burns, District Freight and Passenger Agent, Walla Walla, Wash. A deposit of \$20.00 will be required on each ticket at time reservation is made.

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