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It is a question whether the plan to hold a mass meeting to discuss county division, as proposed by Judge Lowell and S. F. Wilson, would do any material good. The proposition is the same as it has been for twenty years. Milton wants the county divided and outside that locality no one else does. She comes seeking territory that is unwilling to accede to her demands and always has been. She has signally failed in the past to draw Athena and Weston into her imaginary boundary lines for a new county and she expects nothing but opposition from them now, hence nothing could be gained by her entering on public discussion of selfish desires. Outside of the Milton-Freewater district, the divisionists are counting on support from the state at large in their unjust contention that Athena and Weston territory would be better served in the confines of the proposed county. Thus in the possibility of securing assistance by invoking the aid of votes throughout the state, Milton divisionists are keen to override the wishes of Athena and Weston and will make a supreme effort to secure the sufficient number of names required to get her scheme to a vote. She has selected her boundary lines and will conduct her fight for them. She has flung down the gauntlet and it is up to Umatilla county to provide methods of educating the voters of the state as to the true status of the division question. The divisionists are in the fight to stay and Athena and Weston are radically opposed to being dragged into a division of territory which would tuck an embryo county seat four miles from the Washington state line and perpetrate an unjust burden of taxation.

That Oregon irrigation projects will be pushed to completion is the message of encouragement given by Arthur P. Davis, engineer of the United States Reclamation Service, who was in Portland during the week. He is on a tour of inspection of projected irrigation works throughout the West. Mr. Davis says he has every reason to believe the \$30,000,000 bond issue for reclamation will be approved. This will be distributed among 20 projects and will mean \$1,500,000 for each of the Oregon projects, including Umatilla, Malheur and Klamath Lake.

The visit of James J. Hill and party to Portland during the past week has been of great significance. Accompanied by railroad officials Louis W. Hill has left Portland to make a tour of the state. He will cross Central Oregon and see for himself what the tonnage possibilities of that great region are. After this trip, it is expected that a definite

announcement will be made as to the expected east and west lines across the state. While in Portland Mr. Hill talked freely and his statements mean much for Oregon. He confirmed his purchase of the Oregon Electric and United Railways, interurban systems running out of Portland, and says he will extend them down the Willamette valley. He also confirmed his purchase of the Pacific & Eastern but said it was yet too early to talk of a connecting road clear across the state. The Deschutes road will of course go ahead as fast as possible, he said, and besides all this railroad activity in this state Mr. Hill proposes to do a great deal in securing publicity for Oregon throughout the East and Middle West.

The College Suffrage league has donated ten thousand posters to the equal suffrage campaign in Washington, which will terminate at the election in November with a vote on the suffrage amendment to the state constitution. Now the ladies militant will proceed to plaster the state with the posters, bearing quotations from Lincoln, Roosevelt and Mark Twain advocating "votes for women." Suffrage headquarters, 495, Arcade building, Seattle, are sending out posters free of charge to anyone who will promise to have them displayed. The suffrage campaign had a little ginger injected into it last week by the Seattle Star, which began a straw ballot vote among its women readers to find out if the women really want to vote. The results obtained by the newspaper so far are overwhelmingly in favor of "votes for women."

The sale of the holdings of the Northwestern Corporation properties throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho to H. M. Byllesby & Co., large Eastern investors, announced recently, was confirmed during the past week when the final options were closed in Philadelphia. This means the coming of a great amount of new capital to the Pacific Northwest where it will be used developing water powers and gas and electric plants.

**W. P. Temple Dead.**  
William P. Temple, son of J. F. Temple and one of the best known and most successful farmers of Umatilla county died at his home in Pendleton about 9 o'clock Sunday night, after a brief illness. Death was the result of acute enteritis. The deceased was born in Mahaska county Iowa in 1862. The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge and the order of the Eastern Star and a prominent worker in the Farmers Union. Two years ago he united with the Presbyterian church and has been an active member of that organization continuously since that time.—East Oregonian.

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## A COOL RECEPTION.

It Was Not Surprising, Though, in View of the Explanation.

Letters of introduction are not invariably serviceable. For one reason, they may be too frank. Harry Furness in his "Confessions of a Caricaturist" says that when a brother artist was setting forth on his travels in foreign climes he was provided with a letter of introduction to a certain British consul.

The writer of the letter inclosed it in one to the artist, saying that he would find the consul a most arrogant snob, a bumptious, arrogant humbug, a cad to the backbone. Still, he would probably offer some courtesies to any one who had a good social standing and thus compensate the traveler for having to come in contact with such an insufferable vulgarian.

On the return of the artist to England the writer of the letter asked how he had fared with the consul.

"Well, my dear fellow," drawled the artist, "he did not receive me very warmly, and he did not ask me to dinner. In fact, he struck me as being rather cool."

"Well, you do surprise me," rejoined his friend. "He's a cad, as I told you in my letter, but he's very hospitable, and I really can't understand this state of things. You gave him my letter of introduction?"

"Why, I thought so; but, do you know, on my journey home I discovered it in my pocketbook, so I must have handed to him instead your note to me about him."

The explanation was quite adequate.

## A MEMORY TEST.

The Act by Which One Controversy Was Decided.

Three men were disputing in Berlin one day as to which of them had the best memory, and finally they asked a well known writer to decide the matter.

"Read me any page of Goethe's prose works," said one of the three, "and I will at once repeat it word for word."

"I can do better than that," said the second one. "Put me in a corner of this room, and I will play three games of chess simultaneously without ever looking at the boards."

"That's nothing to what I can do," said the first speaker again. "Begin a conversation with me now about the most absurd things possible, and at the end of an hour I will repeat the entire conversation to you."

The third man was silent, and the referee said to him: "Why don't you tell us what you can do? A few minutes ago you were boasting a good deal of your wonderful memory."

"I know it," was the reply. "but I did not then know that my two friends took the matter so seriously. And as they are so much in earnest I will not try to surpass them, for I cannot forget that each of them did me a favor yesterday."

"Yesterday?" asked the referee.

"Yes," was the reply. "And you have not yet forgotten it? In that case the laurels belong to you, for you have indeed a wonderful memory."

## Seven.

Numerous are the queer beliefs concerning the number seven. From the very earliest ages the seven great planets were known and ruled this world and the dwellers in it, and their number entered into every conceivable matter that concerned man. There are seven days in the week, "seven holes in the head, for the master stars are seven," seven ages both for man and the world in which he lives. There are seven material heavens. There are seven colors in the spectrum and seven notes in the diatonic octave, and the "leading" note of the scale is the seventh. Be it noted that the seventh son is not always gifted with beneficent powers. In Portugal he is believed to be subject to the powers of darkness and to be compelled every Saturday evening to assume the likeness of an ass.—St. James' Gazette.

## Natural Gas.

Natural gas is a member of the paraffin series formed by the decomposition of animal matter, as in Ohio and Indiana gas, and from vegetable matter, as in Pennsylvania gas, this decay having occurred within the rocks and probably at moderate temperatures. When once formed it accumulates in the pores of the rocks in which it originated or in the overlying layers, but is usually kept from escaping to the surface by the presence of some layers of impervious rock. It is then obtained by the piercing of these strata by wells, or where the beds have been fissured by folding or faulting it may issue from natural channels.—New York American.

## An Inspiration.

"What's the name of her successful story?"  
"Byloxi-perhoof!"  
"Gracious! What does it mean?"  
"She doesn't know."  
"Where did she get it?"  
"Why, she was on a train wondering in a discouraged way where she would get a name for the story. And just then the brakeman opened the car door and called the next station."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Get His.

"I'll admit I was trying to get something for nothing."  
"Well?"  
"I got what I deserved."—Washington Herald.

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