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Pending the arrival of their old friend the chinob bug and the Hessian fly the Chicago manipulators are working the Canadian reciprocity tugbear overtime in the wheat market, says the Oregonian. There was an advance of 1 1-2 cents per bushel in the market last Saturday on the alleged reason that Congress had adjourned, without interfering with existing trade regulations between the United States and Canada. As the only possibility for the reciprocity measure legitimately to affect wheat prices in this country will be after this country has ceased to figure as an exporter and is no longer governed by foreign prices, Saturday's bulge was hardly warranted by the statistics. For the week ending Friday our exports of wheat, flour included, were 2,980,000 bushels, compared with 2,046,000 bushels for the same week last year. This does not bear the appearance of an immediate cessation of exports of wheat from this country.

There is a movement on foot in Washington, D. C. to preserve a log cabin that was built twenty-five years ago by Joaquin Miller, to perpetuate the name of the poet. If it is relics this society is looking for, Canyon City has a shack to offer that was occupied by Mr. Miller forty years ago, before he got to be a big poet, says the Blue Mountain Eagle. The house is not much for looks and its present owner and occupant, Mr. Thomas Kelly, being a trifle careless about doing up the dishes and sweeping the same floor that the poet used to sweep, has helped Father Time to make a real relic. When Mr. Miller was there in 1907 he identified the house and said everything looked natural but the washing on the line.

Under a new law which was passed by the Iowa legislature last week, the removal of county seats long established will be a difficult matter. According to the provisions of the new law in a county where the county seat has been established in one place more than forty years it will be necessary to secure two-thirds of the voters on the petition asking for removal and at the election two-thirds vote will be necessary to make the removal certain. This will put a quietus on several county seat scraps in that state.

David Graham Phillips' death is mourned not only by the literary world, but also by his many friends who knew him to be a manly, upright man. He refused to allow others to dictate his opinions. He wrote as he thought, and his pen was not for sale. Although a political novelist of some note, he was far better known for his editorial writings. His style was free and easy, yet forcible, somewhat resembling that of Jack London. Phillips was a brilliant thinker, and his death is a real loss to the world.

One reason why Canadians object to annexation is that the people are actually in control of their local governments to a greater degree than in any American state.

It sure is funny to see those progressive republicans who were clamoring for a downward revision of the tariff to now oppose the Canadian reciprocity treaty.

An effort is being made to secure municipal ownership of light and water in Klamath. If successful it will be a sure sign that Klamath is not petrifying.

A man who pays twice as much as an office is worth to get it, wants the office so bad that he cannot serve the people.

The plaintive cry of the killdeer is heard in the land, a sure indication that spring is near, even at the door.

## MAY LOSE 3RD CONGRESSMAN

Action at Special Session Alone Can Give State Its Due.

Unless congress acts at the special session and passes a reapportionment bill, the expectation of a third congressman for Oregon in the Sixty-third congress will fail and the state will fall short of its share in the legislative halls at Washington.

Anticipating the allowance of an additional congressman to which Oregon is entitled under the last census, the late legislature passed a bill dividing the state into three districts, one formed by the counties of eastern Oregon, another by the western counties exclusive of Multnomah and the third by Multnomah alone. This is such a natural division, besides putting approximately one-third of the population in each district, that it was easily adopted in spite of opposition by Speaker Rusk and a few other members.

The houses of representatives at Washington performed its duty at the recent session by passing a reapportionment bill, by which the membership of that body would have been increased from 391 to 433. The bill was killed in the senate. The extra session is the only hope for change in the old apportionment, under which congressmen have been elected the last 10 years and which the country has now outgrown.

While the constitution of the United States says congress "shall" make a reapportionment every 10 years, there is no penalty for failure to perform this duty. Every new apportionment causes a lot of logrolling before figures can be fixed to command a majority vote, and this time the measure was delayed so long that it was lost in the turmoil of the last hours.

## Oregon Layers Are Best.

When New York hens beat those of the Walla Walla valley, they will have to "dust," says a special to the Oregonian. Recently the press reports carried a story of the record made by the hens of Marous Johnson, of Glenville, N. Y. But now comes Mrs. B. F. Williams, of Milton, Or., with 45 hens, Buff Rocks, that laid 960 eggs during the month, and it was not a good month for eggs either. Mrs. Williams believes that when it comes to egg records, her hens are "there with the tells," and she wants to be shown when they are passed by any other variety so far as winter-laying is concerned.

## Ride in Safety.

Installation of safety devices and the Elok signal system are cited for the record of the Harriman railroads in carrying 49,491,000 passengers in 1910 without sacrificing a single life. The report was compiled in the office of Julius Kruttschnitt director of maintenance and operation, Chicago. It covers the business of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and affiliated roads, a total of 17,960 miles. The total number of passengers carried on a mile basis is 3,000,000.

Wait a Bit.  
Guest—Look here. How long am I going to have to wait for that half portion of duck I ordered? Waiter—Till somebody orders the other half. We can't go out and kill half a duck.—Tolledo Blade.

Flirtation.  
"What really constitutes flirtation?" asked the young man of the woman of the world.  
"Attention without intention," replied the experienced one.—Scraps.

Too Rusty.  
Lady (after singing a few rusty notes)—Don't you think my voice should be brought out? Manager—No; pushed back.

## THEY SCRUB EACH OTHER.

Daily Bath of the Pupils in Copenhagen's Public Schools.

Denmark is one of the cleanest little countries imaginable. In a Copenhagen public school one may see an interesting sight. Mounding the spotless stone staircase to the first flight, every morning you may see at 8 o'clock the children assemble and answer to their names and then march to a dressing room. Here they undress, and each child neatly folds its clothes and puts the tidy little bundle on the floor. Then the children go into a small square room with shelves all around, and on these shelves are innumerable wooden tubs, such as we use in America for washing, with two iron bands around them. Everything is in immaculate order. The teacher gives each child a tub, and he or she takes it into an immense and well lighted wash room.

Of course the girls and boys are washed separately, and they perform their ablutions by grades, the finest ones coming first. The floor of this wash room is of cement, and in the center is a latticed wooden floor. All around the top of the walls runs a nickel shower pipe, the water of which is regulated by the teacher. Under these showers at the height where the small fingers can reach are little nickel stands with soap and the stiffest hog bristle brushes, which make one shiver. Near by is also a faucet.

Each child puts his or her tub under the faucet and lets the necessary amount of water into it and proceeds to scrub, not himself or herself, but the child in front—a novel sight and a pretty one for a lover of children. But one could not help thinking what an instrument of torture that innocent brush could be if the small fingers that manipulated it did their duty viciously, paying off some grudge or fancied slight.

When all are clean the teacher turns on the showers, and they are all thoroughly rinsed with first hot and then cold water. Each child is obliged to empty its own tub. Then the clean, rosy little bodies dry themselves with rough towels, standing on the wooden latticed floor. Each tub has to be carefully put away, the children dress themselves, and they file in for prayers, and the business of recitation begins. —Youth's Companion.

## Willing to Divide.

An American newspaper correspondent who followed the government army in a revolution in a Latin American country tells a story about an experience that he had with the general commanding the division. The correspondent observed that in every town that the troops invaded they would help themselves to everything that was not nailed, screwed or anchored down. This did not appeal to the American's ideas of the rules of war, and he reported the misdoings of the soldiers to the commander.

"That is selfish," said the latter indignantly. "I will see to it that when we reach the next town you will have the first chance."

The correspondent confined himself thereafter to the writing of "copy."—New York Tribune.

## Complied With the Conditions.

The monotony of the London postal official's daily routine is frequently broken by the peculiar whims and caprices of eccentric members of the public with whom he is from time to time brought in contact.

A lady once sent to her son a pair of trousers by book post, which is cheaper than parcel post. The postal officials wrote to her: "Clothes cannot be sent by book post. If you will refer to the Postoffice Guide you will see under what conditions articles may be sent by book post." After a few days the lady replied, "I have looked in the Postoffice Guide and find that articles which are open at both ends may be sent by book post, and if trousers are not open at both ends I should like to know what is."—London Answers.

## Fear of the Tree.

The first experiments at tree planting in London were sternly discouraged. A. D. Webster tells us in Town Planting that when London built his house in Porchester terrace, Bayswater—this was in the thirties—he planted a sumac by the side of the path opposite. The action was met by prompt and triumphant opposition on the part of the district surveyor, whose complaint was that it was "likely to shade the pathway and keep it damp." In the end the tree had to go.

## Proper Chills.

"I've had cold chills running over me all day," the thin man complained. "You ought to be glad of that," said his heartless friend.

"I don't think I understand you. Why should I be glad?"

"Oh, well, you know, it is quite an ordinary thing to have cold chills. There's no cause for alarm. Just think what an extraordinary thing it would be if you should have hot chills running over you."—New York Press.

## Not a Success.

Sawyer—Twister has invented a combination broom that can be used for a cane, a trapeze, a rolling pin, a billiard cue, a lawn mower handle and a wooden leg. Gearing—He ought to make money with a broom like that. Sawyer—He could if he only knew how to adjust the bladed thing so it would sweep.—Chicago News.

As It Impressed Him.  
"How about the Nile? Great, eh?"  
"Yes. As I remember it took up several pages in the guidebook."—Washington Herald.

The highest liberty is in harmony with the highest law.—Giles.

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