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## EXPERIENCE IN AN ELECTRIC ZONE

**DEL CAMPO ASCENDED AND EXPLORED BY ATHENA MINISTER**  
**Stones Writhe as Though Endowed With Life, Giving Forth Queer Sound.**

A. Mackenzie Meldrum reports a very pleasant holiday spent in the mountains of western Washington, with his friend, Mr. R. L. Bussabarger, accompanied by Mr. Hilen of Everett. A big landslide on the Monte Christo road necessitated walking about forty miles into the mountains. On reaching Del Campo they were royally entertained by that genial and well known mine promoter, Mr. J. Morton. Mr. Meldrum examined the several prospects and regards them as of great value. He says: "It is the best sulphide copper surface prospect I have ever seen in this or any other country." The whole country around Del Campo is highly metamorphic, and Mr. Morton, with an efficient staff of practical miners, is systematically developing the claims. The camp is nearly 6000 feet above sea level and consists of Messrs. Gust Lundberg, Fred Kaufman, Otto and Albert Friebel.

## FIRE BLIGHT STAMPED OUT

O. A. C. Experts Wipe Out Pest Entirely at Hood River.

"Remarkable results have been obtained in Hood River by the college experts, in eradicating fire blight," said Dean A. B. Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural College, dismissing the progress of this branch of the pest eradication work of the institution.

"Fire blight was first reported to this experiment station from Hood River last fall, and Prof. H. S. Jackson, of our department of plant pathology spent some two weeks with Mr. Cassner, their county fruit inspector, and the corps of inspectors, in locating the disease and cutting it out as thoroughly as possible.

"When W. H. Lawrence assumed the duties of the Hood River fellowship in horticulture, one of the first lines of work he took up was the spring investigation and eradication of the disease. Together with Mr. Cassner and four assistants he spent something like two months in making a careful investigation of every single tree in over 8,000 acres of orchards. They also made a careful survey of trees in hundreds of acres of surrounding orchards.

"The results of this fall and spring work under the direction of Professor Jackson and Mr. Lawrence appears to be that fire blight has been completely eradicated from the Hood River region.

"This, so far as I know, is a result which has never before been accomplished in any fruit growing region that has once been infested with fire blight. They have not found a case of fire blight there in the past two months."

Regarding general orchard conditions in that district, Dean Cordley said: "I found the orchards of Hood River in excellent condition. The crop will perhaps not be over fifty or sixty per cent of that normally obtained there, but it is of unusually good quality."

Notice to Subscribers.  
 Beginning with today's issue, the subscription price of the Press is reduced to \$1.50 per year, when paid in advance. If not paid in advance, the price is \$2.00 per year. There is a large number of subscribers in arrears and in order to take advantage of the 50 cent out in subscription price, they are expected to remit at once. The new subscription and advertising rate of the Press will be found at the head of the editorial page. Subscribers who are now paid in advance for the Press, will be entitled to the \$1.50 rate, counting from this date.

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## ANOTHER SUICIDE AT MILTON

The Third Tragic Death Occurs There During the Past Two Months.

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Mrs. Morse was well known in the east end of the county, according to reports there. She was the widow of an old soldier and had lived in Freewater many years. Recently she had been in very poor health and had told several of her friends that she would never get well. The suicide was committed about 9 o'clock and the body was discovered several hours later. She had carefully locked her doors before swallowing the poison.

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## IN A JOY RIDE

Pendleton has gained sensational notoriety, as the result of an automobile joy ride this week. A touring car was stolen from a garage there Saturday night by one Harry McDonald, who proceeded to load it up with select passengers. The ride came to an abrupt end on the Pilot Rock road when the car turned turtle while turning a sharp curve, throwing the occupants out and injuring them all more or less, one of them, Mrs. Cynthia Barnes quite severely. The members of the party were Harry A. McDonald, Ted Boynton, Dave Hanover, John Nolte, Mrs. Cynthia Barnes, Mildred Dinnington, Gladys Whitworth and Margaret McMahon, all of whom are between 17 and 21.

## HORSE RUSTLERS OPERATE

Reports from Heppner state that as had a gang of horse rustlers as has operated in eastern Oregon in many years is still preying on the stock of Morrow, Gilliam and one or two other Oregon and Washington counties along the Columbia river. Since the first of the year between 75 and 100 animals have been stolen and presumably run into eastern Washington and northern Idaho for sale. A reward of \$200 has been offered by the county court of Morrow for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of the most recent theft, that of seven horses from the Black Horse country ten days ago. Scott Brothers lost four head and Frank Bell three head on this occasion, Bell's three being unusually good stock. Bell himself has added \$100 to the reward. The tracks headed north, toward the Columbia. Indians have been among the heaviest losers along the Columbia in recent months.

## MURDERER CONFESSES

J. H. Wilson, the section foreman on the Northern Pacific railroad at Rainier, Wash., has confessed that he killed Archie Coble and Mrs. Coble as they slept in their home at Rainier on the night of July 9th. Following the discovery of the Hendish crime, Wilson furnished information upon which Swan Peterson was arrested. Peterson proved an alibi. Wilson was arrested four days ago after his wife had told the police that he washed blood from his person the morning after the murder. Wilson says he had a mania to kill the couple and that is his only explanation. He declares that he had no grievance against either of them.

## UNDERSTANDING

In its wider acceptance understanding is the power of perceiving and conceiving, extensive of the sensibility; the power of dealing with the impressions of sense and composing them into wholes, according to a law of unity, and in its most comprehensive meaning it includes even simple apprehension.—Cotteridge.

## WESTON PHYSICIAN HURT

Dr. Donald C. Lazier, who has been in Weston for several weeks, met with an accident while riding a bicycle between Weston and Milton recently. While coming down Dry creek hill Dr. Lazier was thrown from his wheel dislocating his hip and receiving many bruises. He was taken to Milton and his injuries were attended to by Dr. Thomas. He was brought to Weston Sunday morning.

## SENATORIAL TIMBER

In the democratic as well as in the republican ranks there is prospect for an interesting contest before the next United States senator is chosen to succeed Jonathan Bourne, says the Journal. While the formal election will not be made until the legislature meets in January, 1913, the primaries next April will name the candidates

## AUDITOR CHECKS MR. SMITH OUT

**AGENT REFUSES TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVEL ON FREIGHT**  
**Traveling Man Reports Popular Agent, Who Was Enforcing Regular Rule.**

It is understood that M. E. Smith, the popular and obliging agent for the O-W. R. & N. company in this city, is being checked out of the service by the traveling auditor at the local station today. From reports, it is learned that some days ago Mr. Smith, in accordance with rules of the company, refused to allow transportation of a traveling man on the local freight train. It is alleged the traveling man took the matter up with the company, stating in his complaint that Mr. Smith used abusive and belligerent tactics in depriving him of passage on the train. Mr. Smith holds the confidence and esteem of the business men and citizens of Athena, who are loth to believe statements made by a traveling man or anyone else, that would place in question his integrity in complying with the rules of his company or that reflect on his courteous and obliging method of transacting business with its patrons. Mr. Smith is one of the best agents the O-W. R. & N. company ever placed in Athena.

## FAIR NEWS

F. A. Sikes of Milton writes to Secretary Fitz Gerald stating his intention of working up the best exhibit ever sent from the east end of the county. He says H. T. Manela has been appointed to collect a large number of grain, grass and fruit samples for the display.

Secretary Fitz Gerald is being deluged with letters from attraction managers who want to come to Pendleton during the fair. The Oregon quartet is the most insistent of these and E. J. Arnold of carnival fame, the most recent. All applications are being given consideration.

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## BOSTON WANTS HIM

Pendleton sported is again placed on the map by an offer of the Boston American league team management made to Donald Rader, son of M. A. Rader, formerly of Pendleton, to be placed on the reserve list at \$150 per month for development. Young Rader is in his 17th year and since going to Medford has played a splendid game at third base for the Medford team in the Southern Oregon league.

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