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After having been editorial chief of the Seattle Post Intelligencer for seven years, Erastus Brainger has resigned. He will be succeeded by Scott C. Bone, one of the best known journalists of Washington, D. C. Under Mr. Brainger's guidance the editorial page of the state of Washington's leading republican organ has commanded a considerable following. There are various stories as to why Mr. Brainger parted company with former U. S. Senator J. L. Wilson, publisher of the P.-I. One of them is that he will head a new evening paper in Seattle.

Funeral directors of the state of Washington are considerably exercised about what Judge Wilson R. Gay of King county, Washington, recently called the "tax on death." He was criticizing, in his capacity as protate judge, exorbitant burial bills against small estates, to which there were no heirs. In strong terms he indicated that there seemed to be some attempts to loot these estates. Resenting the implication, the organized undertakers ask that a special grand jury be summoned to investigate the situation.

Peach Day, held under the auspices of the Commercial club at Freewater yesterday was a success in every particular. There was a large crowd in attendance and the program was interspersed with addresses by prominent speakers. Sports blanded diversion in the day's proceedings while peaches and cream was served to satisfy the cravings of the inner man. Peach day has come to be a permanent affair in the Freewater town, and each year the people of Umatilla county are pleased to accept the cordial hospitality extended them.

The value of experimental farms to this state is shown in a striking way by the results attained by the station in Moro county, maintained by the Oregon Agricultural College. Wheat grown on this farm by scientific dry farming methods went 23.6 bushels per acre, while grain on adjoining land farmed under the old way, was either too poor to out or yielded only ten or twelve bushels per acre. Other crops grown show a corresponding gain when treated scientifically.

Will M. Peterson has announced his candidacy for congress on the democratic ticket. For a time Mr. Peterson demurred in accepting the overtures made by his friends in the party, but the pressure was more than he could withstand, so at last he was forced to capitulate and the announcement that he has consented to make the race is received with joy and ac-

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claim in rank and file. Turner Oliver of LaGrande is his most formidable opponent for the nomination.

President Taft's forthcoming visit to the Pacific Coast this fall is occasioning a lot of political gossip. It is taken for granted that he will get the republican nomination next year to succeed himself. As a candidate, it is an unwritten law that a president must not tour the country; hence he may be taking time by the forelock and coming out this year.

It is predicted that 75 cents per bushel will move the bulk of the Umatilla county wheat crop this year. Seventy cents is the best that has been offered by buyers to date, and only a few sales have been made at that price.

Labeling Old England.
According to General Fillet of France, the author of "L'Angleterre vue a Londres et dans ses P'ovinces," published in 1815, wife murderers a hundred years ago generally went scot free in England. In this engaging work the author says that "the murder of a married woman by her husband is hardly recognized as a crime. If by some rare chance the guilty husband is brought to justice he is found to be acquitted. This accounts for the heavy death rate among women in England. Most Englishmen of fifty have been married at least three times." Fillet had been a prisoner of war in England and published this work in revenge. It was so full of libelous statements that its circulation was forbidden by the French government, and the few copies available brought very high prices.

Apparently the English did not consider the work very dangerous, as a copy was secured for the British museum.

A Well Deserved Snub.
On one occasion an English gentleman called to see Lord Westmoreland on particular business. He was at breakfast and, receiving him with his usual urbanity, asked the object of his visit. The gentleman said that he felt somewhat aggrieved, as he had brought an official letter of introduction to him from the foreign office and, having learned that his lordship had given a great dinner the night before, was surprised and hurt at receiving no invitation. Lord Westmoreland exclaimed, with his usual heartiness: "God bless me, sir, I am really quite distressed. I think I received the letter of which you speak. I will send for it." Accordingly the letter was brought to him, and on reading it he said to the stranger: "Ah, I thought so! There, sir, is the letter, but there is no mention of dinner in it." On which the gentleman rose and backed out of the room in confusion.

How He Won the Votes.
A physician in a small town wanted to be mayor. Politicians told him he had no chance—the machine was against him. A few days before the election he printed the following card in the paper:

"To the People of Bingham—I am getting old and have decided that before I die I would like to be mayor of Bingham. I have no particular platform to run on except that I want the office. I have lived here forty years, have paid my taxes without a murmur, collected what I could and forgiven and forgotten many offenses. If I am not elected I will publish in the Bingham Herald what I know about people in this community."

When the votes were counted the old doctor received all but three, and those three were cast by people who had moved into the town that spring.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Property Man Knew.
An English actor tells a good story of the old days of the touring ship companies. They were at Oldham playing a melodrama called "Current Cash." One of the properties essential to the piece was a light rowing scull, with which the hero had to push himself off into the stream. When the company reached Oldham the oar was missing, but the property man promised to have one ready for the evening's performance, says the Pall Mall Gazette. That afternoon, with evident pride, he produced from the sacred recesses of his room a real human skull, and when it was pointed out to him that it was hardly what was required he declared in haughty tones: "If that skull's good enough for 'Hamlet' it ought to be good enough for a piece like 'Current Cash.'"

Thanking the Bishop.
A vicar in England was taken suddenly ill, and his church warden was in great difficulty about getting a substitute when the bishop of the diocese, hearing of the circumstance, offered to take the Sunday services himself. The church warden, wishing "to do the right thing," at the close of the service went up to the bishop and after thanking him stammered out, "A poorer preacher would have done for us, your lordship, but we were unable to find one."

The American Temperament.
"You observe," remarked the host, who was showing the distinguished foreign visitor around Newport, "that we Americans devote ourselves to pleasure regardless of expense."
"I'd hardly put it that way," retorted the witty foreigner. "Rather you devote yourselves to expense regardless of pleasure."—Boston Transcript.

His Comparison.
"Footlite is a good actor," said a playwright who was criticizing a New York production wherein the hero's part was very badly cast, "and in this part he does his best; but, by Jove, doesn't he remind you of a man trying to play a Tchaikovsky symphony on a typewriter?"
Nan—Anyway, I don't like his looks. Fan—That's because he looks in my direction rather oftener than he does in yours.—Chicago Tribune.

The Man Eaters.
It seems strange that bears, so fond of all sorts of flesh, running the risks of guns and fires and poison, should never attack men except in defense of their young. Only wolves and tigers seem to have learned to hunt man for food, and perhaps sharks and crocodiles. Mosquitoes and other insects would, I suppose, devour a helpless man in some parts of the world, and so might lions, leopards, wolves, hyenas and panthers at times if pressed by hunger, but under ordinary circumstances perhaps only the tiger among land animals may be said to be a man eater unless we add man himself.—John Muir in Atlantic.

A Blow at Science.
"And the voltaic current," continued the lecturer, "was the discovery of Volta, and its development is a comparatively recent achievement of science."
A still, small individual hoisted himself to a chair in the rear of the hall. "Hold on there, professor! What about the earlier discoveries of Noah?" "I don't understand you, sir."
"Then brush up! Didn't Noah make the arc light on Mount Ararat?"—Baltimore News.

Odd Churchyard Inscription.
The following quaint inscription is taken from a monument in a London churchyard:
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On Condition.
Customer—See here! I thought you said these things would grow in any climate. Dealer—They will. But if you want to grow them in this climate you've got to have a hothouse for them, of course.—Pack.

Hopeless Case.
"Why don't you make hay while the sun shines and"—
"Huh! If I tried to do that it'd just be my luck to get sunstruck."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Administratrix Notice.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Umatilla.
In the matter of the Estate of Charles Wilson, Deceased:
Notice is hereby given that Maggie Wilson of Athena, Oregon, was on the 1st day of June, 1911, appointed administratrix of the estate of Charles Wilson, deceased, by the above entitled court, and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present said claims with proper vouchers thereon, to said administratrix or to her attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena Oregon.
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