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It would appear that it is up to the state board of text book commissioners to alter the present service of furnishing school books to the different districts of the state. Under the present method of securing text books the higher grades in the public schools are compelled in some instances to wait a week or more after the beginning of school before entering upon the year's work, for the reason that books are not in stock in local book stores. This in face of the fact that the J. K. Gill company of Portland is under contract to keep a complete depository of text books in every town in the state, so we are reliably informed. To the contrary, this is not done, in Athena at least. The result is that the books have to come from Portland on order after school starts and all of this week's work will be practically lost to the students in the High school department. No blame can be attached to local book sellers for the reason that the narrow margin of 10 per cent on sales will not permit of them carrying a voluminous stock of books, when the contracting company refuses to allow the return of unsold books. This is nothing less than flagrant injustice to the local seller, the school pupils and the public, and apparently is in rank violation of the depository clause of the contract between the J. K. Gill company and the state. The text book situation should be so arranged that any one paying the price could at any time procure any book embraced in the general course of study without having to wait for an order to go to Portland.

"Let 'er Buck," echoing and reechoing throughout the Northwest for the past month had the desired effect. Pendleton has entertained the largest crowd in the history of the town this week. Thousands came from a distrance to see the West of yesterday, staged in an arena of commodious proportions, and together with home people, counted thrills of excitement in unison. The Roundup, a relic of frontier days, when Charley Potter drove stage through Centerville and all the reservation domain was a waving sea of bunch grass, may lack the refinement and culture of the effete East, but as a vivid, stirring exhibition of range life and a picture of the strenuous times of early days, and even a true example of the life led on the big cattle ranches of today, it stands unequalled. And that the people like it,is attested by the crowds that came to see the show.

Asking for assistance from Divine Providence to guide them in their deliberations in arriving at a verdict in a murder trial, is a procedure that is certainly out of the ordinary in the annals of jurors. But this is what happened in the Beattie wife murder trial down in Virginia. On bended knee, the Virginia farmers comprising the jury prayed that they might reach a just and true verdict. And they did. After hearing the evidence in a court presided over by a fair and impartial judge, there was nothing left the jurymen to do but avenge the outraged morals and decency of the community in which the atrocious crime was committed, by declaring the brute guilty, and allowing him to take the consequences of his devilish act.

The general land office has made a ruling in favor of the desert land entrymen in this state, which enables the entryman on a desert claim to make final proof and secure title to his desert claim before securing final water right certificate from the state. The water rights for desert claims are initiated by filing a water right application in the office of the state engineer. This application is subsequently approved and returned to the applicant and is his authority to construct works and apply water to the irrigation of his claim. This application is analogous to the certificate the entryman received from the Land Office and as the Land Office certificate is replaced by a deed after final proof, so is the water permit replaced by a final water right certificate or deed, after the land is under irrigation.

THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT.

It Is Pervading the Whole Country, Declares Woodrow Wilson.

How widespread is the progressive movement in American politics was eloquently expressed by Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey in a recent speech. The governor said:

"It does not require any great imagination to think that high thoughts and purposes in politics are running subtly through every household and every member of every household in this country. It does not need that you should touch elbows—actually touch elbows—with men in the street and men in the shop in order to know the great issues of human happiness that are involved in a great contest like this, for the question of the tariff is not a mere question of policy. It is a question of the rearrangement of the public interests as you touch every household in this country, and how any man in such circumstances can hold his head up after he has voted for a special interest without a just conception of the common interests I for one cannot comprehend.

"But whether men can comprehend it or not, help it or not, we all know that the 'mills of the gods grind slowly,' and they 'grind exceedingly fine,' and the men who now resist this great impulse of reform, the men who impede this great compulsion of public interest, will be ground so fine in some of these mills of the gods that their very dust will be imperceptible."

Genesis of the Playhouse.

Thespis in 536 B. C. acted his plays in a wagon. In 499 B. C., during the time of Aeschylus, creator of drama, the performances took place upon temporary wooden scaffolds, one of which, having collapsed during a representation, the Athenians were induced to build the great theater of Dionysius, calling it the Lenaion, which was the first permanent stone structure of its kind. It required 160 years to erect it. There was no scenery, but he scene was decorated so as to represent the locality in which the action was going on. Roofless was his structure, but around the building were porticoes, to which the people retreated during rainstorms. Sometimes awnings were used to ward off the sun's heat. Invariably the actors were males, who wore masks with mouthpieces, answering the purpose of speaking trumpets. Owing to the vastness of the theater metal vases were placed under the seats to serve as reflectors of sound. Performances began in the morning and usually lasted twelve hours.—New York Telegram.

Got What She Wanted.

"I can stand for some things, but not for everything," said the clerk as he watched a stylishly dressed young woman leave the store.

"What is the matter?" asked the proprietor, who had walked up unobserved.

"That woman who just left hustled up to the counter and asked to see men's shirts. I showed her every style and color we carry. After inspecting the entire stock she rose and thanked me sweetly, adding: 'I didn't wish to purchase any. You see, I am making my husband some shirts, and I wanted to be sure I was doing them right. My husband is very particular about the finish of his shirts.' And they say married women are so considerate."

The boss smiled and walked away.—Boston Traveler.

The Sun.

It is computed that the temperature of the sun would be expressed by 18,000 degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer, or about ninety times the temperature of boiling water. This is about five times the temperature that man is able to produce by artificial means. The light given off from the surface of the sun is reckoned as being 5,300 times more intense than that of the molten metal in a Bessemer converter, though that is of an almost blinding brilliancy, or, if we compare it with the oxyhydrogen flame, the sun sheds a light equal in brilliancy to 146 times the intensity of the limelight.

Plant That Feigns Death.

In South America there is a plant, a species of mimosa, which resorts to death feigning, evidently for the purpose of preventing grass eating animals from eating it. In its natural state this plant has a vivid green hue, but directly it is touched by a human finger or by any living animal it collapses into a tangle of apparently dead and withered stems. Among British wild plants the most sensitive to touch is the insectivorous sundew of English bogs.—London Globe.

Kind Critics.

"How did Jones get such a reputation both as a singer and an artist?"

"He sang before the Painters' club and painted pictures for the Musicians' union."—Cleveland Leader.

Reason Enough.

"Why does she think he has such a splendid future?"

"Because she has promised to marry him, I guess."—Houston Post.

Self Confidence.

"Do you believe in all the views you advocate?"

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, after some hesitation, "I do, but I doubt whether a less skillful reasoner than myself would be able to convince me of the correctness of some of them."—Washington Star.

His Conclusion.

Mrs. Gnaggs—I'll never forget the night you proposed to me. You acted like a perfect fool. Mr. Gnaggs—That wasn't acting.—Philadelphia Record.

Talebearers are just as bad as talemakers.—Sheridan.

Administrator's Sale.

In the matter of the Estate of B. C. Kidder, deceased.

Notice of sale of real estate.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, made on the 26th day of August, 1911, in the matter of the estate of B. C. Kidder, deceased, I will sell at private sale for cash in hand, at the home of Ruth C. Kidder widow of said deceased at the city of Athena, Umatilla county, state of Oregon, on or after the 30th day of September, 1911, the following real property, to-wit:

The southwest quarter of Section 5, township 2 North, Range 32 E. W. M.

Dated at Pendleton, Oregon, this 28th day of August, 1911.

George B. Kidder, Administrator of the estate of B. C. Kidder, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased:

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Clyde Willaby has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law to the said administrator at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson, his attorneys, at Athena, Oregon, or Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, on this the 1st day of September, A. D., 1911.

Clyde Willaby,
Administrator.

Peterson & Wilson,
Attorneys for the Administrator.

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 thereto, to said administratrix or to her attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena Oregon.

Maggie Wilson,
Administratrix of the Estate of Charles Wilson, deceased.