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We've been industriously searching the market for the best things that the makers and importers have prepared for this Christmas of 1911—for all these best things are ready for "the trade" long before Christmas. You'll be immensely entertained by them, and looking around involves not the slightest obligation to purchase. For the present, just enjoy seeing them—we will let the future take care of itself.

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Something entirely new. It will save your temper and last a lifetime.

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We Announce our Readiness for Christmas

Less than four weeks—only 20 shopping days remain, only 20 days in which to do an immense volume of business, and as rapidly as week succeeds week this volume will continue to grow.

With buyers coming in greatly increasing numbers, assortments and varieties must necessarily decrease.

Thousands of articles come from markets too far to permit of re-ordering. Among these are the unique novelties in which early shoppers find joy in selecting. Therefore we advise all those who shop for Christmas, to

Shop Early

We will prepare your packages for shipment, and hold them here until you want them here until you want them sent, and attend to sending them for you if you wish.

The PEOPLES WAREHOUSE, PENDLETON
Save your coupons—Where it Pays to Trade

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The Freshest and most Choice the Market affords in

VEGETABLES

The Best that Money can Buy Always Found Here

DELL BROTHERS, CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN GOOD THINGS TO EAT Athena, Oregon

LOADED SHOT GUN PLACED ON FOOT

RESULT, HOLE BLOWN THROUGH PEDAL EXTREMITY.

John Wall, Athena Boy, Hobles Mile and a Half After Accident Cripples Him.

John, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Wall of this city, accidentally shot himself Monday, while hunting ducks in the Tuleet country, a charge of shot from an automatic shotgun passing through the right foot, and resulting in a serious and painful wound.

The accident happened to the boy while he was hunting a mile and a half from the house and by sheer grit he walked the entire distance.

He was taken to Walla Walla where Dr. Blalock dressed the wound, and the boy arrived here on the afternoon train Monday and has since been under the care of Dr. Newsum.

While hunting, he carelessly placed the muzzle of the gun on his foot, and while in the act of lifting it, his finger struck the trigger and the entire charge of shot and wadding passed through the foot, badly shattering it and making a frightful wound.

Unless complications are encountered, it is thought the wound will heal without making him a cripple.

Mrs. Preston Candidate.

Mrs. Josephine Corlies-Preston, county school superintendent of Walla Walla announces that she will be a candidate for state superintendent of public instruction to succeed Henry B. Dewey, whose term expires next year. Mrs. Preston is the first woman candidate for this office in Washington for this office. She will try for the republican nomination.

Through Center of State.

Construction on the Oregon Eastern railway, the trans Oregon line of the Harriman system from Vais will be begun before the first of the year, according to Right-of-Way Agent Harris of the Oregon Short Line, while

speaking before a mass meeting of 200 business men and ranchers at Vale recently. Three parties of surveyors are now camped in Malheur canyon. The first camp is under Engineer Example, 5 miles south of Vale. Two other crews are encamped along the line of the proposed railway. The surveyors are all working on the final survey and modifying location lines. On the whole, the old survey lines will be followed.

Indians to Washington.

After a week or more of campaigning that would have done credit to a more civilized community says the East Oregonian, the Indians on the local reservation have chosen their delegates to the big gathering of redmen in Washington, D. C. which is being held for the purpose of forming a Brotherhood of North American Indians, the honor going to Umapin, chief of the Caynes, No Shirt, chief of the Walla Wallas, Amos Pond, acting chief of the Umatillas, Charley Van Felt, Joe Craig and Captain Sompkin, three well known members of the local tribes.

WESTON WILL VOTE ANYWAY

Liquor License Question to Be Submitted Despite Irregularity.

Weston will vote upon the saloon question at a special election to be held at the same time as its regular city election next Monday, despite the ruling of the attorney general that such an election would be irregular because the precinct boundaries had not been re-established to correspond with the city limits, says the Leader.

After discussing the matter the mayor and council decided to submit the saloon question as per program. They agreed that an expression from the voters was wanted in any event, and that it would cost little or nothing to secure it. The county authorities were so notified and the formal notices signed by the county clerk, were posted in Weston Tuesday by Joe Blakley, deputy sheriff. These announcements read as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of December, 1911, an election will be held to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be prohibited in the city of Weston, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon, which said election shall be held at 8 o'clock in the morning and continue until 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the said day."

YOUR MORNING MAIL.

It May Be Dangerous to Open it at the Breakfast Table.

Did you ever hear that it is dangerous to open your morning mail at the breakfast table? According to a Berlin scientist, Professor Kron, and the London Lancet, it is dangerous—very dangerous. Professor Kron has succeeded in tracing several cases of contagion to the old custom of waiting until you sit down at the breakfast table before opening and going through your morning mail. He calls attention to the fact that the average man or woman goes down to breakfast with hands and face scrupulously clean, teeth scrubbed and throat gargled. In that condition he is prepared to eat without danger of swallowing more disease germs than may have possibly escaped the watchful attentions of the cook.

But instead of doing that he handles letters and papers which have passed through many hands before reaching his own. Between bites he opens envelopes and wrappers and in doing so unwittingly parves the way for the absorption of all kinds of germs which may or may not do him a great deal of harm.

It has long been the custom in many well regulated households where the breakfast hour is fixed somewhat late and where the mail carrier gets around before breakfast is served to place each person's morning letters by his or her plate in the dining room. This, says the Lancet, is a custom which should be abolished at once. Letters should be opened and read either before or after breakfast, but never at the table during the handling of food.

Every Woman's Privilege.

Mrs. Byram—That's the kind of a husband to have! Did you hear Mr. Dike tell his wife to go and look at some \$100 hats? Mr. Byram—My dear, have I ever deprived you of the privilege of looking at \$100 hats?—Chicago News.

Venus will not charm so much without her attendant graces as they will without her.—Lord Chesterfield.

Pre-Nuptial Agreement.

Profiting by the experience of their first matrimonial venture, J. B. Miller and Viola Miller filed a pre-nuptial contract with the county recorder before entering the bonds of matrimony for a second time. Under the terms of the contract their individual property rights are to remain separate.

Moving Picture of Schools.

The moving picture is to be put to a new use in this county, when County School Superintendent Frank K. Wallis will start on a tour of the county districts to show how they can be built up and improved. He will use pictures made in some of the more progressive districts of this county.

Horse 40 Years Old.

A Weston special to the Spokesman Review says: Amos Phillips, 80 years old, is driving a horse just one-half his age, and both appear to be good for several years of work yet. Mr. Phillips is the owner of valuable

LOWELL SWIPES AT JONATHAN JR

PENDLETON ATTORNEY DENOUNCES OREGON SENATOR.

"If He Has a Home in Oregon, Where is it and When Was it Acquired?"

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, will be a candidate for United States Senator, to succeed Jonathan Bourne, whose term expires March 4, 1913. In his announcement to the republicans of Oregon, the Judge states explicitly his attitude on national issues, for what he stands and gives the following reasons for his opposition to Bourne:

First—I do not regard him as a bona fide resident of Oregon. In the last campaign reputable speakers asserted that he maintained no home within the state, and the assertion was never denied. He visits the state upon rare occasions, coming as a traveler, and stopping at the hotels of Portland. If he has a home in Oregon, where is it, and when was it acquired? If he is a taxpayer in Oregon, where are the taxes paid, and what is the amount thereof? The gentleman is classed as one of the multi-millionaires of the country. Whether that be true or not, he assuredly is possessed of vast wealth subject to taxation.

Second—He is apparently more closely identified with Massachusetts than with Oregon. He is the head of one of the great cotton manufacturing concerns of New England, heavily protected by the tariff laws, and said to yield immense revenues. Born an heir of Jonathan Bourne, Sr.—in his day one of the leading capitalists of New Bedford—the son has retained his interests there and under such circumstances his economic views can hardly square with those of the people of the west.

Third—I know his record at Salem as leader in the disgraceful legislative hold-up. The men who engineered that outrage should be tarred from public office, because their proceedings then indicated such a disregard for the lawful conduct of affairs that no man responsible therefor can be safely relied upon in official life. If selfish purposes were superior to the interests of the state then what assurance have the people that selfish interests may not again be paramount, if occasion arises?

Fourth—Because his kaleidoscopic political changes make it difficult to determine his real opinions upon public questions. His erratic career as a politician is known, while upon entering the senate he allied himself with the Aldrich wing of the party, and voted with that group as late even as the enactment of the present tariff law. Now he claims to be a progressive, but where shall we find his impressions upon the pages of progress, except in his personal literature upon the Oregon system? His history in this state is the opposite, while insurrection in congress found small comfort at his hands until others had made the movement popular. He is an advertiser of remarkable cunning. The editorial staff of the country was sought by his spectacular declaration that he would spend no money upon his campaign for re-election, yet what voter in Oregon is unfamiliar with the post-frank of the senator. Apparently he espoused the Roosevelt third term idea as a personal advertisement, tried to pose as the golf crony of Taft for like reason, and is now exploiting his new plaything, the Progressive League, for the same purpose. Who, if not Mr. Bourne, is financing that organization?

Fifth—Because he has not risen to a just appreciation of Oregon's needs, and has failed to grasp opportunities to secure legitimate national aid in her development—namely modification in the matter of distribution of irrigation funds. And because he seems not to appreciate the grave questions of state, but is riding a hobby as lightly as he rode free silver in 1896.

I assume that at this late date no republican candidate is likely to enter the field and therefore I extend to Senator Bourne an invitation to discuss with me upon the public platforms of Oregon during any two weeks of the primary campaign, his own public record and the political issues of the hour. He surely can be spared from Washington for that period.

Pretty Steady.
"That Jones boy who used to work for you wants to hire out to me. Is he steady?"
"Steady? If he was any steadier he'd be motionless."—Judge.

Great Britain's Great Seal.
Measuring six inches in diameter and made of silver, the great seal of Great Britain is kept in the custody of the lord high chancellor, and a new one is prepared for each reign.

Actions.
Every man's actions form a center of influence upon others, and every deed, however trivial, has some weight in determining the future destiny of the world.

Weston land and town property and labor with him is not a necessity yet he is not contented unless industrious from morning until night. He is now hauling gravel for a concrete building he is erecting on his Main street lots for an automobile garage and implement warehouse. One of the horses he is driving was brought to Weston from Utah by Joseph Blomgran. It has lost some teeth and its forage must be ground but it is in good condition otherwise and tugs strongly in the harness.

White Slave Case.

Jack and Faye Sullivan, bearing the same name but no relation, were given a hearing before United States Commissioner Vida Johnston this week and held to appear before the federal grand jury on a white slave charge.

Excavate at Night.

The work of excavating at the new asylum site in Pendleton is being rushed by the addition of a new force of men who toil at night in the gravel pits under the glare of electric lights. Work has been under way at the asylum grounds for the past two months.

REWED ON DAY OF DIVORCE

Judge Places New Construction on Law in Default Cases.

So long as the defendant in a divorce proceeding in Oregon allows the case to go by default, there is no limit to the time during which either the plaintiff or defendant to such action deprived of the privilege of joining in wedlock with any person his or her heart desires, according to a decision of Justice Bean, of the Oregon Supreme court, which has just been received. Hitherto it has been the accepted law that parties to a divorce proceeding cannot rewed within six months after the decrees have been made, but it appears from the decision of Justice Bean that this is a misconstruction.

According to Justice Bean it is a well accepted principle of law, that where there is no contest—that is, where the issue goes by default—there can be no appeal. The law reads that marriage is barred during the period during which an appeal may be taken from the decree of the trial court, which is six months. There being none the parties to the divorce which is allowed to go by default, may therefore marry the instant the decree of the trial court is docketed.

A STORM ON GALILEE.

Fierce While It Lasted, It Went as Quickly as It Came.

The sea of Galilee is not always calm. The mountains immediately adjoining it are 2,000 feet high, and through their deep gorges the storm winds are sucked into the hollow of the lake, so that sudden squalls come literally out of a blue sky. One charming spring morning we started out to sail from Tiberias to Capernaum. There was not a ripple on the water or a cloud in the heavens. But when we were a quarter of a mile from shore our boatmen noticed a band of rough water rushing toward us from the other side of the lake. In spite of our remonstrances they immediately gave up the plan for making Capernaum, took down the sail with such frantic haste that they nearly upset the boat and then rowed for the land with all their might and with such excited urgency to one another that we thought them a cowardly crew. But hardly had the boat beached in a sheltered cove when the wind was howling down on us from the mountains and the heavy breakers were foaming along the shore as far out into the lake as we could see. A quarter of an hour later the sea of Galilee was again as level as a mirror, and only a soft, warm breeze was blowing over the smiling waters.—Travel Magazine.

SEWERS OF PARIS.

How This Great System Swallows Up the Litter of the Streets.

The Paris sewer system is said to be the finest in the world. The observant visitor in the French capital soon notices that its people have somewhat different ideas from ours as to the use of sewers, for he will see porters throw big bundles of paper down large openings left in the curb, and even rags and garbage.

On Shrove Tuesday there is a carnival along the Paris boulevards. From noon to midnight the crowd throws paper confetti in such quantities that the broad streets are covered with many tinted paper snow when the last revelers leave for home. The visitor wonders how this mess is to be cleared up. In the morning, however, every scrap is gone. If he had stayed out late enough he would have seen the litter swept and washed right into the sewers.

Perhaps that takes him underground to visit them, one of the sights of Paris. There are nearly 2,000 separate channels, some great aqueducts navigated in a boat, with walks on either side. They carry the telephone and telegraph cables, electric light wires, gas mains and pneumatic letter tubes. —Telephone Review.

Cordova's Stone Pavements.

The oldest pavement of which there is any record in modern cities is that of Cordova, in Spain, which was paved with stones by the Moors in the middle of the ninth century. The Moors also caused water to be conveyed to the city in leaden pipes.

COUNTY'S WEALTH ON THE INCREASE

GAIN OF NEARLY 200 PER CENT SHOWN IN TEN YEARS.

Nearly a Half Million Acres Added to Tax Roll But Live Stock Shows Decrease.

Showing that the taxable property in Umatilla has increased from approximately \$18,000,000 to more than \$48,000,000 in the past ten years, but testifying also to a great decline made in the stock raising industry, Assessor C. P. Strain submits to the public his comparative summary for the Umatilla county tax rolls in 1901 and in 1911.

His figures in the East Oregonian show that 40,000 acres of land have been added to the tax roll which is an increase of 50 per cent but they also tell the story of the passing of one of the last frontiers when they show 4000 less cattle and 55,000 less sheep in the boundaries of the county now than in 1901.

In his statement, Assessor Strain also takes occasion to warn his constituents against the movement on foot at Salem to take railroads and all public service properties away from the counties and give them to the state as an exclusive subject of state taxation. To Umatilla county he declares this would mean the loss of one fourth of her taxable property and would raise local taxes \$75,000 annually.

The tables shows that 400,000 acres of land has been added to our tax roll in ten years, or an increase of 50 per cent. We have lost over 4000 cattle and nearly 55,000 sheep, but have gained 6570 horses.

The assessment of 1901 was made at approximately one-third true value. The actual value of all property in the county ten years ago was about \$18,000,000, while now it is \$48,000,000, the increase being \$30,000,000.

"There is a movement on foot at Salem," says Mr. Strain, "to take railroads and all public service property away from the counties and give them to the state as an exclusive subject of state taxation. If this succeeds, Umatilla county will lose more than one-fourth of her taxable property. This loss would exceed by \$3,000,000 the combined value of all our personal property and city real estate."

Sues For Divorce.

Alleging that on two occasions her husband, Charles Matt, threatened to kill her and was only prevented doing so in March, 1908, by the timely intervention of Luis Snyder, Rosetta Matt, of Freewater, formerly of this city, has commenced action in the circuit court for legal separation. The complaint cites that they were married in Adams, January 4, 1906, and have one child, Robert Matt, aged 5, the custody of which she asks, also, S. D. Peterson of Milton is her attorney.

Teachers at Baker.

More than 250 Umatilla county teachers were present Monday morning at the opening of the annual meeting of the eastern division of the Oregon State Teachers' association, held at Baker. Umatilla, Union, Walla Walla and Malheur counties are represented in the association and upward of 600 teachers were in attendance. The schools of the counties are enjoying a nine-days vacation.

School Report.

The following is the report for the month beginning November 8 and ending December 1, for LaMar District No. 30: Number of days taught, 15; number of pupils enrolled, 18; pupils who have been neither absent or tardy and are especially noted for good scholarship: Charley Henley, Basil Van Gleave, Floyd Corporation, Carl Johnson, Elmer Corporation, Freddie Johnson, Helen Johnson, Shirley Barnes, Vargie Key, Lola Key, Marnie Sheard, Minnie Johnson, Lela Schu- bert and Velma Sohnert. Visitors for the month: Supervisor Albert E. White, Wilma Downing, Mrs. Jos. Key, Ray Downing and Mrs. Sarah Swaggart. Lillian Downs-Dotson, Teacher.

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1912, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m. E. S. LeGrow, December 1st, 1911. Cashier.

Weston Girls Win.

Girls representing Weston high school and the Columbia college of Milton battled at basket ball in the Weston court Saturday evening. The visitors had numerous chances but could not get one goal, and were beaten by a score of 10 to 2. The attendance was large and the crowd remained for a basket school.