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ATHENA, ORE., DEC. 12, 1913
 The postmaster general is almost Roosevelt in his tactics. He has introduced the radical reform into his department of eliminating from letter writing all unnecessary words and phrases. No more communications are to be addressed to "My Dear Sir" and "Yours Respectfully." "Yours truly" are to be sent to that limbo where, "I have the honor to subscribe myself—" has long been waiting for them. And at the same time long and ponderous official titles are either to be omitted or else abbreviated so that a minimum amount of time and energy will be consumed in writing them.

Eugene neighbors visited the home of Robert A. Booth the other evening and inaugurated his senatorial boom. Booth is now State Senator from Lane county. He is an old line republican and has always been placed in the Joe Simon faction of the party. He has oodles of money, made in banking and the lumber industry. He is one of the founders of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. In Eastern Oregon he is little known, outside of the fact that he was in the legislature, and has been on a commission or two. He was talked of as a candidate for governor by western Oregon republicans up to a few days ago.

Is it possible that Wilson's Mexican policy has pierced the intellect of the Oregonian, as being the only sane and reasonable method of handling the greaser mixup? Anyway, everybody is pinching everybody else in relation over the discovery that Reynolds is injecting something worth while once in a while into his cartoons. Take it from us, Jeff, that they are. And the "heavy" one seems to have something else salted away in his idea vat, also.

LaGrande is now under commission form of government. To give it fair and impartial trial, a manager has been imported from the outside. He gets a salary of \$200 per month and must give his undivided attention to running the burg. Being a stranger with no friends to reward or enemies to punish, he will probably make good.

The Corn Show at Pendleton was voted "a good thing," by all who saw it. The demonstration of corn production was a revelation to farmers and stockmen, and it is safe to make the prediction that more corn will be raised in Eastern Oregon next year than was raised this season.

The days of fog are with us. When it becomes "so thick you can cut it with a knife," don't do it. Snore a rotary snow plow and plunge into it for all you're worth. You'll find it to be more exhilarating than carving it up into chunks.

"Do not put off till tomorrow that which you can do today." Many can do but little that belongs to today or tomorrow—they are kept busy trying to do that which should have been done in "their yesterdays."

The national boycott on eggs is sort of handing the cold storage men the cold shoulder. But we are thinking that it will be a cold day indeed before any boycott succeeds in freezing out the frigid trust.

With the advent of Miss Oregon Pallet into the Lennyery, the price of eggs has toppled. Mrs. Hen is taking a layoff, but Miss Pallet can lay it all over her.

Each and every individual is entitled to a small parcel of real estate, and sometimes he doesn't even get that—if the crematory interferes.

The man who eats a fifteen cent luncheon in a city cafeteria thinks he has it over an Eastern Oregon farmer. "What fools we mortals be."

And now the Governor is after Moose and Elk. Is there anything under the sun that Oswald wouldn't go to the mat with?

Milton Vote Is Heavy.
 At the Milton city election held Tuesday the largest vote in the history of the city was polled and the entire citizens' ticket was elected over the taxpayers' ticket by a large majority. Dr. H. E. McNary was elected mayor; Bruce Shangle, recorder; T. C. Frazier, treasurer; and C. D. Hobbs, G. W. Johnson, and M. H. Rice, councilmen. Mr. Hobbs received 213 votes, the most of any candidate. Women took great interest in the voting. The contest was the hottest in years. The new officers will take their places January 1.

ELEPHANTS IN A TEMPER.

When Enraged They Are Apt to Tear Their Victims to Pieces.
 An elephant uses several original and effective methods of exterminating its victims. It may rush upon a man, seize him in its trunk, beat him to death on the ground and before leaving tear up the foliage for yards about. There are many instances of elephants literally tearing their victims to pieces. The story is told of an English official in Uganda who on noticing a "safari" passing stepped to the door to inquire of the head man the whereabouts of his master. In response the black swung a human arm before the official and replied that a few days previous his master had been torn to pieces by an elephant and that he had brought back the arm in proof of his assertion.

Then again after knocking a man down an elephant will often continue on its course without stopping to learn how much damage it has done. A hunter who was within close proximity of a herd of elephants handed his rifle to the gun bearer and started to climb a tree to look about. At that moment an elephant charged from the tall grass and under for the gun bearer. As the man started to run he threw up his arms, and in some manner the elephant in reaching for him snatched the rifle from his hand and stopped to hammer it on the ground, while the black made good his escape.—J. Alden Loring in Outing.

Gunpowder.
 The explosion of gunpowder is divided into three distinct stages, called ignition, inflammation and combustion. The ignition is the setting on fire of the first grain, while the inflammation is the spreading of the flame over the surface of the powder from the point of ignition. Combustion is the burning up of each grain. The value of gunpowder is due to the fact that when subjected to sufficient heat it becomes a gas which expands with frightful rapidity. The so called explosion that takes place when a match is touched to gunpowder is merely a chemical change, during which there is a sudden evolution of gases from the original solid. It has been calculated that ordinary gunpowder on exploding expands about 9,000 times or fills a space this much larger as a gas than when in a solid form.

It is the mental and spiritual attitude with which one meets a crisis in life which makes the crisis one of victory or defeat.

Notice of Final Account.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
 In the Matter of the Estate of J. H. Hiteman, Deceased:
 Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that Henry Dell, administrator of the estate of J. H. Hiteman, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Saturday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1913 at ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court house at Pendleton Oregon as the place where the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.
 Dated this 14th day of November A. D. 1913.
 Henry Dell,
 by Homer I. Watts,
 Atty. for Administrator.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.
 In the matter of the Estate of Martha Carpenter, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the above estate by order of the above entitled court and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same at the office of my attorney, Homer I. Watts, in Athena, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from date hereof.
 Dated this 14th day of November, 1913.
 W. M. McBride,
 Administrator.
 Homer I. Watts,
 Attorney.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.
 In the matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Dell, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the above estate by order of the above entitled court and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my office in Deepain Block, in Pendleton, Oregon; with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof.
 Dated this 8th day of November, 1913.
 York Dell,
 Administrator.
 Homer I. Watts,
 Attorney.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.
 In the matter of the Estate of John L. Duffy, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the above estate by order of the above entitled court and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my office in Deepain Block, in Pendleton, Oregon; with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof.
 Dated this 30th day of October, 1913.
 Stephen A. Lowell,
 Administrator.

Notice of Final Account.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.
 In the Matter of the Estate of Amos Shiek, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Arthur E. Shiek, administrator of the estate of Amos Shiek, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of said estate. That the County Judge, by the order duly made and entered, has appointed Saturday,

the 30th day of December, A. D., 1913 at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon as the time, and the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.
 Dated this 14th day of November, A. D., 1913.
 Arthur E. Shiek,
 by Homer I. Watts,
 Attorney for Administrator.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
 Mary F. McCubbins, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 A. C. McCubbins, Defendant.
 To A. C. McCubbins, the above-named defendant:
 In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled suit within six weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons in the Athena Press, a newspaper published weekly at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, and you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint, or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for and demanded in said complaint, viz.: For a decree of divorce forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant and for such further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.
 This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. G. W. Phelps, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 8th day of November, 1913 and the first publication thereof is made on Friday, Nov. 14, 1913 and the same will be published for six consecutive weeks, the last publication to appear on Friday, December 26, 1913.
 Homer I. Watts,
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His Christmas Gift

A few Suggestions
 from our big list; compare them with yours, and you'll find them to be helpful

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- Fancy and dress Shirts.
- Sweater Coats and Mufflers.
- Suspenders and Belts.
- Dirty or soft Hats.
- Auto Caps.
- Overcoats.

- Silk Ties.
- Plain or initial Handkerchiefs.
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