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Athena is no easy mark in damage suits, as would appear in the Ireland case, decided in Pendleton Tuesday. The sidewalks in this city are no worse than they are in other towns and cities. One is liable to encounter slight offsets and projections anywhere, and weak ankle joints are liable to turn on smooth bitulithic pavements. The evidence in the Ireland case, preponderous in the city's favor, again conclusively demonstrates that action brought for damages must have basis other than supposition and hope for sympathy. The Mayor and Council displayed good judgment in refusing to consider a proffered compromise with the Irelands before the suit was filed. The winning of the suit cost the city more in attorney's fees, perhaps, than the case could have been settled for out of court, but the city has been vindicated and the establishment of a dangerous precedent prevented.

Dr. G. J. Smith has formally made announcement of his candidacy for Governor on the Democratic ticket. Dr. Smith emphatically takes a stand for law enforcement; favors strict economy in state and county government; believes the governor should have power of vetoing any single item in appropriation bills; would give unemployed work on certain lines of road construction during winter months; wants open rivers and a 40-foot bar at the mouth of the Columbia; patents to state lands and other benefits according to the state in general. Dr. Smith, who is popular in Eastern Oregon, desires to head his state ticket only after the refusal of Governor West to enter the campaign has been made. The doctor will make a vigorous campaign and will probably speak in Athena before the primaries are held.

The fact that Copperfield's lawlessness called for interference on the part of Governor West is no reason why the state should be branded with outlawry. While a few other towns also needed cleaning up under the supervision of the state's chief executive, there was only one Copperfield, and the average citizen revolts at the limitation of the Snake River gambling resort being cast into the political crucible. Governor West did his plain duty; that is all there is to it, or should be. For this reason we fail to see wherein West's official action at Copperfield should cause more than passing interest throughout the state, where in common with other states, the law is being enforced by the civil authorities. It would seem that such an issue should die a-borning—or is the comparison of the balances of the state with Copperfield to be the result?

The fact is revealed by a Grant county paper that it is cheaper to ship groceries from Boise to Canyon City by parcel post than it is to ship by freight. The parcels post rate between the two points is 54 cents for fifty pounds, and two tons of groceries arrived for Canyon City merchants in one shipment. The parcels post has caused the contract price for carrying the mail from Canyon City to Boros, to jump from \$2000 to \$10,000 per year. The carrier has been compelled to put on freight teams, and even though the interior points have been sighted in railroad building, they seem to be coming into their own with the aid of Uncle Sam.

Despite the importation of meat from other countries, the price to consumers continues to increase. This statement we make on estimates of comparisons furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture for Oregon. On January 1, 1913, Oregon had 452,000 head of cattle valued at \$32.00 per head; January 1, 1914, 470,000 head valued at \$38.00 per head; January 1, 1913, 2,644,000 sheep at 3.80 per head; January 1, 1914, 2,670,000 at \$3.90 per head; January 1, 1913, 268,000 swine at \$9.50, January 1, 1914, 300,000 at \$11.00.

We have no recollection of seeing Thomas W. Lawson peddled on the "Who's Who, and Why" page of the Saturday Evening Post. Isn't Tom peddled about high enough to gain recognition? He's carried frenzied flunco to the very steps of the White House and handed his package to Woodrow. The Pendleton Live Wire seems to be indelibly impressed with his views; the Oregonian is quite the reverse. Now let us hear from the Wallula Gateway and the Post.

Pasture your cow on the home lot, and whatever else you do, let other people's wood piles alone. This is indeed an open winter, but certain wood supplies in town are said to be depleted nightly by others than the lawful owners.

The Portland Oregonian has been the goat in more than one political campaign, and to judge by the silly tactics it is now pursuing, there will be ample opportunity and supreme pleasure in hanging another ear to it.

"Fifteen men on a dead man's chest, Yo-ho ho, and a bottle of rum;" but the national drink is grapefruit!

MARRIAGE BY FORCE.

Greenland Youths Have a Rough Way of Showing Their Love.
 The courtship and marriage customs among the Greenlanders were in early times simple and unceremonious. When a lover's youth made up his mind as to the girl he wanted to adorn and be useful in his hut of ice or snow he went to her house and dragged her forcibly to his own domain, where she was expected to stay without any further marriage ceremony.

If an affluent bridegroom would perhaps soothe her lacerated feelings by presenting her with a new lamp or some other article of household utility. No matter how willing and even eager the bride was to marry a young man, Eskimo etiquette demanded that she should resist every attempt to drag her to her new home, and she must weep and wail bitterly once she was there. Indeed, she must continue to weep and wail for some days, running down her home only to be dragged back again.

It is said that this extremely simple marriage ceremony is the only one still in use on the east coast of Greenland, and the laws governing divorce are as informal as the laws of marriage.—London Telegraph.

TEA AS A MEDICINE.

Freshly Made and Taken in Moderation It Helps the System.
 The use of tea, as opposed to its abuse or misuse, is highly beneficial to the system. There is no remedy equal to it for a tired headache. It washes out the stomach and gives it a fresh start for the next meal. A cup of tea in the early morning will often enable a better breakfast to be taken, and one in the afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock helps to complete the digestion of the midday meal.

Furthermore, it serves a good purpose in making the blood circulate more freely and in dilating the vessels of the skin, thus assisting in the elimination of waste matter. In this respect it is much better adapted than cold drinks in hot weather, particularly for those engaged in active outdoor games, such as tennis, for it makes a more efficient thirst quencher and by flushing out the tissues helps to prevent the onset of fatigue. Have it freshly made, take it in moderation, and it will never do any harm. Especially is this the case with China tea.—From "Nervous Breakdowns."

Homer and Humbog.
 I do not mind confessing that for a long time I have been very skeptical about the classics. I was myself trained as a classical scholar. It seemed the only thing to do with me. I acquired such a singular facility in handling Latin and Greek that I could take a page of either of them, distinguish which it was by glancing at it and, with the help of a dictionary and a compass, whip off a translation of it in less than three hours.

But I never got any pleasure from it. I lied about the pleasure of it. At first, perhaps I lied through vanity. Any scholar will understand the feeling. Later on I lied through habit, later still because, after all, the classics were all that I had and so I valued them. I have seen a deceived dog thus value a pup with a broken leg and a napper child nurse a dead doll with the sawdust out of it.—Stephen Leacock in Century.

MAGIC OF A MAGNET.

Makes a Chain Rigid Enough For a Man to Climb It.
 A Berlin correspondent of the Scientific American describes an interesting experiment that was made at the works of one of the large German manufacturing firms with one of their lifting magnets.

A chain, fastened to the ground and carrying an iron ball at its free end, was raised to a vertical position by the approach of the great lifting magnet suspended from a crane.

The attraction of the magnet was so strong that the chain remained in a perfectly vertical position. A grown-up workman climbed up the chain without disturbing its rigidity in the least. The chain seemed to float in air. The magnetic pull on the ball was greater than the gravitational pull on the man.

This remarkable experiment shows the enormous power of attraction exerted by the lifting magnets that are used in iron and steel works to carry about iron material of every description. The magnets enable the operator to seize iron material at any point desired and convey it to any other point within the range of the crane. Incidentally the use of lifting magnets has greatly diminished the risk of accidents in the moving of heavy masses of iron.

"Do any of the good things you hope for come to pass?"
 "They all come to pass, but they come and pass so doggedly swift I can't grab 'em." Houston Post.

Real Fame.
 "My grandfather flew his own passenger as a commodore in the navy."
 "Yah! My grandfather helped capture one in a world's series." Pittsburgh Post.

Disappointed.
 Dorcas: You say the hero was disappointed in love? Dorothy: Yes. He thought that after marriage his father-in-law would support him.—Judge.



Miss Helen Duffy, with Kenworthy Players.

The Kenworthy Players with Helen Duffy will return to Athena Sunday for an engagement of two nights at the Opera House. For Sunday night a double program will be given consisting of the beautiful play in three acts, "Lena Rivers," and a tableau called "Are You Crazy." As Lena, every one is assured a good time. The company carries all its own scenery so as to properly stage the play and between acts up-to-date songs and violin solos will be given. Seats are now on sale at popular prices of 25c, 50c and 60c.

Notice to Creditors.
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the matter of the Estate of W. W. Jacobs, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the above estate by order of the said court and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same at my office, or at the office of my attorney, Homer I. Watts, in Athena, Oregon with proper vouchers, within six months from date hereof. Dated this 12th day of December, A. D. 1913.
 Homer I. Watts, B. B. Richards, Administrators.

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 In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon. In the Matter of the Estate of William Pinkerton, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed executors of the last will and testament of William Pinkerton, deceased, and as such the above entitled Court has made and entered an order in the above matter appointing the undersigned executors of the estate herein, and they have qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned executors at Milton, Umatilla County Oregon, or to Homer I. Watts, their attorney at Athena, Umatilla County Oregon, with proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof.
 Dated this 9th day of January, A. D. 1914.
 James W. Pinkerton, David A. Pinkerton, Executors of the Estate of William Pinkerton, deceased.
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