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An insatiable appetite for trouble is worse than thirst for strong drink.

The balloon sleeve is falling off. Another sign of the passing of the season of inflation.

The Dingley bill appears to have died while undergoing a very severe and dangerous political operation.

It is understood that Senator Morgan looks under the bed for a Spanish typhoid every night before going to sleep.

The coming assembly has the power to create a Columbia commercial district, similar to the Port of Portland act, with authority to issue bonds and open the Columbia river.

It appears that it was the Empress' invitation to a walk in the garden that caused Li Hung Chang's fall. Chang only gave the Eunuch two dollars and he reported the trespass for want of a larger tip.

The Nicaragua canal, 180 miles long, would cut off 14,000 miles by ship between Portland and New York and nearly as much between Portland and Liverpool. The Suez canal, 99 miles long, cuts off 4,000 miles by ship from England to India.

A good many are wondering how Ma-a-c-o-o is pronounced. The Observer has it this week, direct from the trocha in Cuba. Emphasize the first syllable, Ma-a then finish the word with the trocha, Ma-a-the-o. This is the only authorized pronunciation.

Judge Fulton attended the county judges and good roads conventions in Portland, at both of which some excellent and timely suggestions were made which we hope to see adopted by the assembly. Our present taxation system is the worst we have ever had and the most expensive and wasteful in operation.

A gentleman writes to THE OBSERVER complaining because we do not boom the boat railway fake. THE OBSERVER will accept the fake if nothing better can be had as it may possibly insure this region a trifle better railway rates. We insist, however, that a canal should be built around the dalles of the Columbia and believe a good portage railway would be much better than the proposed boat railway.

Since its organization in 1887 the state board of railroad commissioners has cost the state only \$34,000. About half the sum actually saved to Sherman county annually and less than one quarter the sum saved every year to Umatilla. THE OBSERVER is favorable to continuing the commission. Railway corporations are the ones opposed to it and those who have so much to say about abolishing the commission draw per diem from the corporations.

We agree with the suggestion that the assembly should pass an act providing for employing convict labor to build a canal around the dalles of the Columbia. Not only should we have the convicts in the penitentiary employed on this work, but all persons sentenced to county or city jail. When a hobo or thief is sentenced to thirty or sixty days or more imprisonment send him to Celilo at once to work on the canal and keep him at work till his term expires.

The national wool growers convention, held in Washington City last week, declared in favor of an extra session of congress as soon as practicable after March 4th to enact a wool tariff bill, and declare that nothing less will satisfy the wool-growers of the United States or full measure of promise of most important protection for the wool industry sanctioned by the votes of the people November 3d. The association will meet January 5th to present the claims of woolgrowers at the hearing of the benefits of the proposed bill.

THE OBSERVER notes with great pleasure that Manager C. P. Bishop of the Thomas Kay Woolen Company, Salem, has solved the perplexing problem of how to make a success of home productions. The first bolt of cloth was produced at those mills last month and now each succeeding bolt is disposed of in ample suitings to home patrons who have a state pride in building up home institutions for the benefit of all alike.

The plant will now be steadily employed in putting out this and other hundred fabrics, and it is held by expert judges that the fine worsteds coming from the Kay mills will match the finest samples in the world.

THE OREGON CONSTITUTION

Many reasons might be advanced for needed changes in the constitution of this state and the coming assembly should certainly take the initiative steps in such movement. The document provides amply for its own alteration. Section 3 article 14 should be repealed. There are state institutions at various points and according to the decision of the courts these have no legal right to state funds. Among those threatened are the Normal schools, state university, etc., etc.

There are other sections that should be repealed: section 35 article 1 being in conflict with the constitution of the United States. Section 2 article 17 also should be repealed. The time has come when we must either change the constitution or the best interests of the state must suffer. There are numerous enterprises that are too important to be left undone or in the hands of private corporations.

Among these is the building of a system of irrigating canals to develop the arid regions of the Inland Empire. The farmers of the country need cheap transportation and the construction of the irrigating canals. Such measures are too important to be left in the hands of corporations and should be procured by the state. Let us amend the constitution and use our strength to develop the material interests of the state. We have the resources in Oregon for a grand civilization if we would awaken and use our opportunities.

Some brass buttons of different sizes were found on Memorial island recently. Each size bears No. 4, 6, 12, 21, etc., and the French legend—je renais de mes cendres—I shall arise (be born again) from my ashes. Nobody has any idea where the curious buttons came from, nor how they got into the possession of the Indians.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Take your wheat to the Dufur roller mills. Highest cash price paid for No. 1 wheat.

Dalles-Moro stage leaves Moro hotel every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Fare \$1.50.

When you want first class laundry work apply to C. H. Williams, Moro, agent for the Troy Laundry, Portland.

The Dufur roller mills will give you more flour according to grade of wheat, than any mill in Wasco or any other county.

CREAT SALES prove the great merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Sarsaparilla sells because it accomplishes **CREAT CURES**.

L. W. Hunting gives strict attention to all collections entrusted to him. Terms reasonable. Prompt returns. Office in Watkins building (up stairs) Main street, Moro.

Why haul your flour from The Dalles, when you can save money by going to the Dufur mills? They have a large stock of flour on hand and their prices are lower than the lowest. Give them a trial.

Mrs. M. E. Briggs, the leading milliner of The Dalles, has a full line of trimmed hats always on hand. Mrs. Briggs bought her seasons stock in the east at advantage and can sell at eastern prices.

Donnell's drug store is still at the old stand opposite A. M. Williams & Co.'s store. Call when in need of drugs or any thing in the drug line. Orders sent by The Dalles-Moro stage will receive prompt attention.

T. A. Van Norden the long established and well known watchmaker and jeweler at The Dalles respectfully solicits a portion of the trade of Sherman county. All work warranted. Second street, next door to the First National bank, The Dalles, Oregon.

The Eastern Oregon Land Company has one more Section of land in Sherman county for rent, Sec 33 Tp 2 S R 17 E. This is a fine body of agricultural land and can be leased for a long time on easy terms for full particulars apply to T. A. Hudson, The Dalles, Or.

Two dollars and fifty cents reward will be paid to any person who will find and send word to Fred Collins, Condon, Oregon, the whereabouts of a light bay horse branded with a combination SP (the P made by a straight mark and bottom of S) on right shoulder; has bald face and three white feet. Horse was last seen on the head of Jack Knife.

REWARD FOR A STRAY HORSE.
Strayed from my place sometime in October, a bay horse, branded GS on the right shoulder. A small white dot in the forehead. I will pay \$50.00 reward for the delivery of the horse at my farm near Wasco, known as the Sink ranch, or suitably for information where he may be found. Address: A. R. SINK, Wasco, Oregon.

Rich Enough to Wear Anything.

The excellent people here are, for the most part, the poorest, some one writes to the Pittsburgh Dispatch. In the Springs, and in this Arkansas is not unlike the rest of the world. There is an old man to be seen about the baths and lobbies of the hotels and even on the street, whose coat is ragged and hanging in buttons, whose trousers are frayed at the bottoms and who for some incurable reason wears a rubber overshoe all the time on his left foot. To all appearances he might be worth fifty cents and many a crippled beggar on the streets here has a more elegant air. Yet the eccentric invalid who shuffles along with one foot in the grave and the other in a rubber shoe is more than a millionaire and owns a good part of the town that is taking the place of the rattle-trap and tumble-down village which Hot Springs was until very lately.

A Temple of Serpents.
The small town of Weir, in the kingdom of Dalaney, in the state of Oregon, is a temple of serpents, a long building in which the priests keep upwards of one thousand serpents of all sizes, which they feed with human beings. To them the money is offered by the natives. These serpents, many of them of enormous size, may be seen hanging from the beams across the ceiling, with their heads hanging down and in all sorts of strange contortions. It often happens that some of these serpents make their way out of the temple into the town, and the priests have great difficulty in coaxing them back. To kill a serpent intentionally is a crime punishable by death, and if a European were to kill one of the authority of the King would scarcely suffice to save him. The money is offered by the natives. Temple are large enough to enfold a large ox in their coils. St. Louis Republic.

THE GORILLA AT HOME.

at a Scientific Traveler Discovered in the African Jungle.
The usual pictures of the gorilla do not represent him as I have seen him, writes R. L. Garner in McClure's Magazine. He is not only a cunning animal, but he has the motion of most quadrupeds, using his right arm and left leg at the same time, and alternates with the left arm and right leg. It is not exactly a walk or trot, but a kind of shuffling gait, while the chimpanzee uses his arms as crutches, but lifts one foot from the ground a little in advance of the other. They do not place the palm of the hand on the ground, but use the back of the fingers from the second joint, and at times the one I have described above seemed to touch only the back of the nails, but this was when she was scarcely moving at all.

On reaching St. Anne I selected a site for my cage and erected it at once. It is located in the jungle, a trifle more than a mile from any human habitation, and I named it Fort Gorilla. It is in a spot where nothing but the denizens of the bush has any cause to come. It is near a grove of palm-trees, on which the gorilla feasts with a gusto of a character member of the Gorilla club. He does not care so much for the fruit, but takes out the tender heart of the young stalk, which is quite succulent, and eats it with an appetite peculiar to his case.

Before my cage was quite in order to receive I had my first call from a young gorilla, who came within about ten yards, as if to see what was going on. I had my rifle in my hand, but did not fire, as I desired him to call again and bring friends. He didn't tarry long, but hurried off into the bush as though he had something to tell.

The third day after my cage was completed a family of ten gorillas crossed the rear of the open grounds belonging to the mission and not more than two hundred yards from my house. A small native boy was within some twenty yards of them when they crossed the path in front of him. Within a few minutes I was notified of the fact and took my rifle and followed them into the bush until I lost their trail. A few hours later they were seen again by some natives not far away from the cage, but they did not call on me. The next day, however, I had a visit from a group who came within some thirty yards of the cage. The bush was so dense that I could not see them, but could easily distinguish four or five voices, which seemed to be engaged in a friendly conversation. I suppose that they were the same family that had been seen the day before.

NEW ENGLAND BRIDAL FEASTS.
Marriage Celebrations of the Old Country Reproduced in the New World.
Marriage celebrations and marriage customs followed in a new world. The wedding of a family who were Sackpotes, the drink of Shakespeare's time, a rich, thick concoction of boiled eggs and spices, was drunk at New England weddings, as we learn from the pages of Judge Sewall's diary; but it did not furnish a very gay wassail, for the Puritan posset-drinking was preceded and followed by the singing of a psalm—and even a psalm in long tedious drawing performance from the Bay Psalm Book.

The bride and groom and bridal party walked in a little procession to the meeting-house on the Sabbath following the marriage. We read in the "Coming out" of a Sewall bride thus "coming out," or "walking-out bride," as it was called in Newburyport. Cotton Mather thought it expedient to make public with due dignity the marriage. In some communities the attention of the interested public was further drawn to the newly married couple in what seems to us a very comic fashion. On the Sabbath following the wedding a gayly dressed bride and groom occupied a prominent seat in the gallery of the meeting-house and in the middle of the sermon they rose and slowly turned round to display complacently on every side their wedding ring.

In Larned's "History of Windham County, Conn.," we read a description of such a scene in Brookfield, Conn. Further attention was paid to the bride by allowing her to choose the text for the sermon preached the first Sunday of the coming-out of the newly-married couple. Much interest was exercised in finding appropriate and unusual Bible texts for these wedding sermons. The instances are well known of the marriage of Parson Smith's text, which incidentally was selected the text: "Mary has chosen that good part," while the daughter Abby, who married John Adams, deeded upon the text: "John came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and ye say he hath a devil."

This latter ingenious and curious choice has given rise to an incorrect notion that the marriage of Abigail Smith with John Adams was distasteful to her family. Mr. Charles Francis Adams says that this supposition is entirely unfounded, and that old President Adams would fairly rise in his grave and denounce any such slander should it become current.

NEW TO-DAY.

TO THE PUBLIC.
Notice is hereby given that at a meeting held on Monday, December 18, 1906, at the residence of the Sherman County Treasurer, J. C. Ireland, the undersigned were elected managers thereof. All outstanding obligations of the county are hereby acknowledged and the undersigned are authorized to execute any and all necessary orders and warrants payable to the county.

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STRAY MARK TAKEN UP.

A stray mare, 4 or 5 years old, black, with a white blaze on her face, and a white star on her forehead, was taken up by J. C. Ireland, Sherman County Treasurer, and is now being held at the residence of the undersigned. Any owner who wishes to claim her should do so within ten days of the date of this notice.

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LAND CONTESTS, NOTE.

For the purpose of settling land contests between the State of Oregon and the United States, the following notice is hereby given: Any person who claims land in the State of Oregon, and who is not a citizen of the United States, is required to file a statement of his claim with the State of Oregon, within ten days of the date of this notice.

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