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## Sherman County Courts.

Circuit Court, Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, J.,—3d Monday in March, and 1st Monday in October, annually.

Probate Court, Hon. G. B. Bourhill, J.,—1st Monday in each month.

County Court, G. B. Bourhill, J., A. M. Wright, Wm. Walker Commissioners,—1st Wednesday in January, April and October.

## To Patrons and Correspondents.

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Do not send us for free publication anything of an advertising character.

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Copies for ads, changes, etc., must be in the office before 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday to insure proper care and attention.

Church and Society notices FREE, except when for money making purposes. Such notices at regular rates at the option of the publishers.

Do not send us articles on politics, temperance or religion. Discussion of such topics only leads to violent and abusive language in the end.

Avoid personalities. Compliments delicately given are always acceptable, but even they must not be overdone, as the charge of incoherency is apt to follow a shower of pretty nothings spread broadcast.

Before coming to the city to trade readers are requested to examine The Observer advertising columns. Its the active, wide-awake business man who advertises, consequently he is the most accommodating, sells the cheapest, and deals the most liberally in every way.

The English Parliament last week were putting screws on Balfour, and the American Congress were stinging Patterson with party lash. Next.

We do not have to remove the name of Hon. E. L. Smith from our list of gubernatorial candidates. By his own personal consent it remains, and leads them all.

In Sweden school children, led by their teachers, plant 600,000 trees annually. It is a simple lesson in the science of government economics, with all the fun of a picnic.

Judge Webster has decided not to be a candidate at the primaries for U. S. Senator, but Hon. H. M. Calkins has concluded to enter the race for a seat alongside of Hon. C. W. Fulton.

W. C. Bristol, United States Attorney for Oregon, will never cut much of a figure in that position, as the president has withdrawn his appointment accused of attempting to draw money from both parties in a contract.

As a result of recent scientific investigations it may be possible to revise our ideas of the barrenness of the Sahara desert, since it has been found by boring that there are numerous springs which rise to the surface and make possible a system of irrigation. In the territory to the south of Algeria a government irrigation survey has been at work making a series of deep test borings, some of which are as deep as 2000 feet. In this way considerable water has been encountered, and in certain cases already twice the usual amount of water has been made available for the palm groves.

Hon. A. C. Jennings, on the primary ballot for state treasurer, is the only G. A. R. man aspiring to a state office. He is a resident of Eugene, and of whom the Register says: "Having been identified so many years with the public and leading men of the state, and acquired a very extensive acquaintance with Oregonians, Mr. Jennings appears to be a formidable candidate. So far as known there is no other candidate for the office in this section of Oregon, and it would seem Mr. Jennings will have a good lead, should others develop. His platform, short and to the point, covers everything voters require of a state treasurer."

Sherman county has put forward as a candidate for joint representative, Hon. B. F. Pike, of this city. Mr. Pike has been a resident of this county 22 years, and is well known as one of the staunch republicans of the district. He was one of the first settlers here, and is well posted as to the needs of this section. While not an office seeker, Mr. Pike has held the office of assessor for Sherman county three terms, retiring with the good will of all his constituents. At the solicitation of many friends he has consented to be a candidate for joint representative, and will undoubtedly be elected by a large majority.

## THE TEXAS FEVER.

It may be interesting to our readers who have a touch of the Texas land fever to know that in our recent visit to Portland we were told by men who keep themselves posted on such subjects, not for personal gain but for the good and reliable information they can distribute, viz: editors of Portland's large dailies; that the fever, so-called, is only running its course in the counties of Sherman and Umatilla, and that other parts of Oregon are wondering when it will stop.

We hear of train loads of people who are pouring into the land of Texas promise; of the homeseekers and dissatisfied elements of the eastern states, who are going there to buy this land that will soon be worth a fortune to their lucky possessors; but we do not hear a word about any Texas land holders who think enough about the country he lives in to want to hold on to a good thing. They are selling. Not one is buying, companies and individuals, native of Texas, and who should be posted and undoubtedly are, are on the sell. They are so anxious to see that every one is in on a good thing that they are neglecting to get rich themselves, just so that strangers, whom they never saw, or care anything about can make fortunes off land that they have known long enough to know whether it is worth what is said of it, or not.

A considerable sum of money has been put into this proposition by Sherman county farmers. This has been done on not more than a two weeks' visit to the vicinity of the land. Any farmer of Sherman county knows that after a period of farming our own land of even ten years duration, he is not fully posted on the climatic conditions peculiar to this county. Therefore, how much of an expert is he to a section where it is said that nearly all the old time residents are taking advantage of every opportunity to sell their land, as in Texas.

Government statistics have been quoted in all good faith to show the desirability of buying these lands. But here again our farmer friends' observations will be of value to show him that rainfall is not everything. We have had rain fall here in such quantities that, though crops were dying for it, we derived no benefit. Rain, in heavy precipitation, is not the rain for crop growing. It has to be gradual.

Texas is a dry country, admittedly so, and even if it has as much rain fall as Sherman county for instance, is the ground dry and parched before it arrives? If so it is safe to say that it will never do the roots of growing grain any considerable good. This is information not gathered by a visit of ten days or less.

The season last past in Texas was very favorable as regards crops; the rains came at the right time; and good crops are in sight at different points. But it should be remembered that this was an exceptional year for that country. Our farmers know here that the

## SEED TIME

The experienced farmer has learned that some grains require far different soil than others; some crops need different handling than others. He knows that a great deal depends upon right planting at the right time, and that the soil must be kept enriched. No use of complaining in summer about a mistake made in the spring. Decide before the seed is planted.

The best time to remedy burning conditions in the human body is before the evil is too deep rooted. At the first evidence of loss of flesh Scott's Emulsion should be taken immediately. There is nothing that will repair wasted tissue more quickly or replace lost flesh more abundantly than Scott's Emulsion. It nourishes and builds up the body when ordinary foods absolutely fail.

We tell you a sample free.



SCOTT'S EMULSION  
409 Pearl Street  
NEW YORK

difference of one or two days means the profits of a year's hard work on the arrival of the usual rain storm. Texas has the reputation of generally being late, or not having a drop for months, and sometimes years at a time.

The question of titles is another interesting phase of this subject. One of the first men to speculate in this land sold his holdings for an advance of a dollar an acre, intending to buy again. When asked why he did not sell for more, he said that under the Texas state law a title was liable to be declared void if more than a dollar profit per acre was made on a purchase of land. H. S. McDanel went to Texas to look up the records and investigate his title. He came back and confirmed the report, saying that a cloud was thrown on any land that sold for more than a dollar advance on the price per acre of the previous sale. This fact destroys land buying for speculative purposes, and forces the party who buys to get around the law in some way that may eventually put a cloud on the title.

Another feature of this land craze is the receipt of letters from Texas parties by those who have already purchased, generally the one who sold the land, of offers to buy it back at this dollar advance. This is an old confidence game and helps wonderfully well to cement the buyers first opinion, and he tells his friend what a lot of money he has made. The facts of the case are—that the profits are "paper profits," and when the Texas letter writer is put to the test of making good, no doubt he would have an excuse ready as to why he changed his mind. This is a trick by which, for a two cent postage stamp, a real estate agent can fan the speculative fever to such pitch that a hard working farmer could be made willing to risk his hard earned competence for something that might leave him financially stranded and in a position to lose his all, on a gambling land deal.

Legitimate speculation is all right, if one is so inclined; but no one should put every thing they have into an unknown proposition. The moment this is done the deal passes from a speculation into a gamble, and more times than can be numbered the person goes broke, for lack of just a little more to carry them along. Those who are mortgaging their farms to buy this Texas land are burning their financial candle at both ends and through a possibility of bad crops here and the inability to sell there, when they might want to, may see them facing a hard row of stumps.

The first buyers can all sell at a good profit, it is claimed. Land that was bought for a few dollars an acre is now worth eight and ten. This sounds good, but still some who are among the first buyers are still buying land for about three dollars an acre, if this is so. And if one assertion is true than the other is. Why should any one hurry to take advantage of the promised land?

By a vote of 346 to 7, the Hepburn railroad rate bill passed the house of representatives on the 8th. The 7 votes recorded against it were all republicans. The bill is intended to comply specifically with the recommendations of Roosevelt. It gives the Interstate Commerce Commission authority, when a rate has been complained of as unreasonable by a shipper, to investigate that rate, state whether or not it is unreasonable, and if found to be unreasonable, to name a rate, which is to be just and reasonable and fairly remunerative, and which is to be the maximum rate to be charged. But trouble will begin when the shippers' complaints are made.

Arlington Record. About three miles east of Arlington lies a barren island of gravel in the Columbia river, some two miles long by quarter of a mile wide, where no vegetation grows except a few willow twigs. Ever since last spring a bay mare weighing about 1000 pounds has been on this island subsisting on the willow bushes and the bark from the drift wood that has been cast on the island. She has pawed for food so much that her hoofs are worn nearly to the flesh and are as soft as a person's hands. There are several brands on the horse but nobody recognizes them here. The supposition is that the animal started to swim the river and getting as far as this gravel bed her strength failed, and since that time she has been afraid to again venture into the icy water of the Columbia. A few days ago a crew of men went up from Arlington to assist the animal in regaining her liberty, but they were unsuccessful. We understand a more determined effort will be made to release her and if this attempt fails she will be put out of her misery as she is slowly starving to death.

It is not possible to read of the proceedings in the Alpha Sorosis without a feeling of discouragement. Here was an organization of women, one of whose fundamental demands is the sharing of equal rights with man. They would cheerfully take it upon themselves to divide the duties, responsibilities and burdens of life, the posts of danger and the rewards of patronage with man. Yet in the midst of their discussions a rat made its appearance, and the woman who first saw it shrieked. Then the next woman and the next shrieked. The cry of "rats" was raised and the entire assemblage shrieked, gathered up their gowns, and sought places of refuge on chairs and tables and window seats, from which secure positions they continued to shriek until a man came in and drove out the animal, which was more scared than the Sorosis. Women must overcome this constitutional fear of rats before they can expect to participate in all the duties of men, and not only the Alpha, but all the other Sorosis to Omega, should accustom themselves to rats until they can face them boldly without shrieking and get rid of their obnoxious presence without calling upon the tyrant man for help. It is useless to talk of the rights of woman so long as they will surrender them at sight to rats, mice and "such small deer."

## The Railroad Business For the Young Man

By PAUL MORTON, Secretary of the Navy

IT seems to me there is a better opportunity NOW for a young man in the railroad business than there has been heretofore. I have known during the last few years of many vacancies where good men were sought at salaries ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000 a year. Competition at the top is less than it is at the bottom. IT IS THE FIRST YEARS THAT COUNT, although there can be no suspension of energy and purpose in these days of fierce competition by any man, no matter how high he gets.

In the railroad or in any other business the special talents necessary for worthy achievement are integrity and common sense—I am a great believer in common sense; integrity, of course, is a fundamental virtue—and, second, concentration and industry. In order to succeed at anything ONE MUST REALLY LIKE HIS WORK. A man who serves an enterprise or institution, simply that he may earn his livelihood or who works by the clock, waiting for the bell to ring or the whistle to blow AND HAS NOT AN INTENSE INTEREST IN THE TASK HE IS DOING, will not succeed.

It is sometimes necessary for a boy to have "influence" that he may get started, but after he is once fairly started unless he shows unmistakable aptitude for his work and an interest in all that he does and unless he also displays more than ordinary common sense NO AMOUNT OF INFLUENCE WILL DO HIM MUCH GOOD. Merit counts for more than anything else.

In my opinion, then, the railroad business offers a great field for those young men who desire earnestly to attain to prosperity and position. The older men are retiring, and YOUNGER MEN MUST TAKE THEIR PLACES. Personally I am of the opinion that a young man starting in the railroad business should begin on as small a road as he can find. By doing this he will have an opportunity of learning the different branches of the service. Most of the successful railroad presidents of the present day began in that way. Unfortunately, however, the smaller railroads are becoming scarce, through combinations, and unfortunately also a man who starts on a large system is almost sure to become a specialist and to learn only one particular branch of the work.

I want to go a little outside of the subject to say that the railroads of this country are not appreciated. Nowhere else in the world, at no time in the history of the world, has there ever been such a triumph in transportation by land as in America. RATES HERE ARE LOWER THAN THEY ARE IN ANY COUNTRY ON THE GLOBE. Consider this and then bear in mind that the wages paid to railroad employees in the United States are 60 per cent higher than the average paid elsewhere. Remember also that the service is second in quality to no other in the world.

THESE THINGS BEING TRUE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FAIL TO APPRECIATE WHAT THEIR RAILROADS HAVE DONE FOR THEM.

## Parents Should Have Large Families

By Rev. WILLIAM MITCHELL of Trinity Methodist Church, Millville, N. J.

AMONG the Hebrews a child was considered heaven's best gift. Hannah and Rachel desired such a blessing from the Lord. Hebrew poetry says, "Happy is the man whose quiver is full of them." WE SEEM TO BE GOING TO THE OTHER EXTREME. There are women in America who would sooner fondle a pug dog than raise a child.

President Roosevelt, recognizing the tendency of the times to exalt culture and belittle womanhood and motherhood, has coined a new phrase—"reel outside." At the National Council of Women held at Washington his utterances were criticised by some of the delegates, who said that QUALITY WAS BETTER THAN QUANTITY. Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller, the past national president of the Women's Relief corps, is quoted as saying, "Better have two or three splendid children than a dozen incompetent."

If Susannah Wesley had been filled with the ideas of these modern women that three children are enough for a home, we never would have had Methodism, for its founder, John Wesley, was her TENTH child.

And we would never have had Charles Wesley, the famous hymn writer, for he was her EIGHTEENTH child. As we sing his grand hymns we thank God for Susannah Wesley and that she gave to the world her eighteenth child, proving that QUANTITY AND QUALITY GO TOGETHER.

## The Woes of the Taxpayer

By Governor E. C. STOKES of New Jersey

TODAY the taxpayer is suffering from a high rate and is threatened with INCREASED valuations. Our tax rate in many cases is over 2 per cent, in sixty-two districts over 2 1/2, in fifteen over 3 and in a few cases over 5 per cent. Do you believe that capital and property can pay 2 or 3 per cent in taxes AND GIVE AN HONEST ACCOUNT OF ITSELF? Are not such rates practical confiscation? Are not our citizens leaving the large cities and seeking the country districts as places of residence in order to escape these INTOLERABLE burdens? Is it not time that something was done FOR THE TAXPAYER in this humanitarian age? Is not a tax rate from \$1.50 to \$1.80 on an honest valuation all that property can stand? The constitution protects property valuations. The law fixes a limitation on bonded indebtedness. SHOULD NOT THE LAW LIMIT THE TAX RATE?

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## NEW TODAY.

### Farmers and Stockmen

Attention. There will be a meeting held in Moro, Sherman county, Or., Saturday, February 24th, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing a County Fair. We want every person interested in the growing of fine stock to be in attendance. By order of the Sherman County Stock Association.

E. W. ELAOD, President,  
Grass Valley, Or.  
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### Good Milch Cows For Sale

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H. O. SHUGART,  
Moro, Or.  
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### Lost Mare--Reward

I will pay \$10 reward for the return to me, or \$5 for information that will lead to the recovery of a 1400 lb. light grey mare, branded LS on left shoulder, one ear split on end by a wire. Address, H. D. STONE, 206] Wasco, Or.

### For Sale or Trade.

One graded Percheron Stallion 15-16 Percheron, good style, good breeder and kind disposition, age 6 years old in spring, weighs 1900 pounds. Will sell on easy terms or trade for horses or mules. For particulars, address ENOBERG & MONTGOMERY, 202] Blalock, Or.

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### Moro Property for Sale.

One store building and one lot Main street. Two lots and building, suitable for residence. Main street. This is all good paying property, and I want to sell it. For particulars apply to L. B. HILL, 203] Moro, Or.

### City Property.

And two ranches for sale. I have several residences in Moro for sale. Also two ranches in Gilliam county. One of 640 acres, and one of 932 acres. On this there is between 800 and 900 acres in cultivation. Good buildings, and an abundance of water, supplied by wind mill from a well. Any or all of this property can be bought on easy terms, or I am open to consider trade for other property.

J. M. PARRY,  
Moro, Or.  
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### Brick Yard for Sale.

The Moro brick yard property, adjoining and west of the Court house, is for sale. Besides two city blocks there is an acreage good for first class gardening, and the whole tract will make a lovely suburban residence. Price \$700. For particulars address B. F. HOOVER, 202] 542 East 38th street, Portland, Or.

### To Buy, Sell or Exchange

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## NOTICE TO BREEDERS

## The Monkland Percheron Horse Association

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## COLANTHE

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Tuesdays at Chris Anderson's,

Wednesdays at O. C. Mortensen's,

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## CERTIFICATE OF PEDIGREE

COLANTHE is recorded by the American Percheron horse breeders and Importers Association, and his recorded number is 40930. Color and description, Brown, star; small snip. Pedigree, Foaled April 11th, 1903. Bred and owned by H. G. McMillan, of Rock Rapids, Iowa. Got by Calypso 25017 (44577), by Theudis 25015 (40871), by Besigne (19-602), by Brilliant III 11116 (2919), by Fensel 2682 (38), by Brilliant 1271 (755), by Brilliant 1899 (756), by Coco II (714), by Vieux Chaslin (713), by Coco (712), by Mignon (715), by Jean Le Blanc (739).

2d Dam, Babe 21146, by Pluton 10113 (19321), by Vaillant (404), by Prosper (893), by Decide (892), by Vieux Pierre (894), by Coco (712), by Mignon (715), by Jean Le Blanc (739).

3d Dam, Dimmitt 4450, imported from France in 1882, by Dillon Bros of Normal, Illinois.

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