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FRIDAY AUGUST 24, 1906

We should like to see Gov. T. T. Geer collector at the port of Portland. He is efficient, and eminently worthy of it.

In the Wallamet valley next week 40,000 people will be picking hops. Portland supplies 5,000 of the crowd. In order to get some of the money back, the larger yards have provided dance halls and will maintain brass bands and orchestras on the place during picking season, after the style of Capt. Thompson's Portland club room where the O. S. N. C. Co's. poker playing Columbia river employees, were wont to assemble after pay day, and play their wages back into the company coffers.

It once was the sheep herder, then the lone traveler, next the summer outing camper, or the slash burning pioneer who was responsible for the forest fires in Oregon and Washington. Now its the wood burning locomotives on the Corvallis and Eastern Railway—a most improbable theory. After burning over 5,000 square miles, at a loss of \$400,000,000 in timber, turn to the files of The Observer, when Secretary Hitchcock was excluding sheep from the reservation, and there find the common sense prediction that without sheep to eat the grass the annual accumulation of dry waste would in a short time become a menace if not the destruction of our forests.

Coyote range, the scenes of fabulously rich gold discoveries this month is too far off to be claimed as a part of the wonderful Blue Bucket immigrant camp of 60 years ago this month. Coyote range is near the Nevada line, 40 miles n.e. of Lakeview, and is quartz formation. Look at your map. The Blue Bucket camp was in what is now Harney county, and was found by a portion of a party of immigrants who were lost in that wilderness in August 1845, by Steve Meek, brother of Joe, identified with the early history of Oregon; who attempted to pilot them to Oregon city from old Fort Boise.

The U. S. R. M. str. Perry recently completed a tour of observation in Behring straight, reports a new island forming like a cabbage in a garden. The officers have photos of the island, which rose above the surface of the sea in June last, 52 miles from Dutch harbor, between the Bogoslof, or Fire Islands. It is being steadily pushed higher, until it is now 900 feet above the ocean. The sea in the neighborhood of it is boiling and from its top clouds of steam are continually escaping. It was so hot that it was impossible to make a landing on it. Everything goes to show that it has been a great subaqueous cataclysm, most probably of volcanic origin, which has driven the floor of the ocean upward despite the immense pressure of the waters covering it. Evidence of an enormous outflow of lava beneath the sea show in the heat of a large area of the ocean, and there are indications that the explosions of heat accompanying them have destroyed all fish life in the neighborhood of the activity. On account of the density of steam surrounding the new land, the photos of it are very imperfect, except indistinct outline.

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TWO RADICAL NEEDS.

The Dallas Chronicle. It was noted at the time of the recent fire and earthquake horrors in San Francisco that certain English papers took occasion to warn British insurance companies against investments in America, "that land of sudden calamities."

Americans have so long been wont to look on themselves as a chosen people and their land as one of special promise that this foreign point of view seems to them almost sacrilegious. Certainly, however, the records would seem to show a depressing array of figures pointing to the unprecedented losses through earthquake, fire, flood, accidents on railroads, bridges, mines, tunnels, factories, apartment houses, and all manner of lofty and weighty structures. The plain lesson of these casualties, in many cases, is that the American people with all their genius and versatility at achieving new effects and compassing new ends are not thoroughly familiar with the proper uses and limitations of the building materials they employ.

During the past five years the annual fire loss in the United States has been \$2.50 per capita as compared with \$3.33 per capita in large European countries. During the last ten years the total fire losses in the United States amounted to \$1,250,000,000. The insurance companies paid out during this period \$87,000,000 and it is reasonable to assume that the premiums paid by the people of the country during the same length of time for protection against fire exceeded these figures. The old proverb about the relative value of an ounce of prevention and a pound of cure would seem to have some application to the situation.

The amount of money spent by the people, individually and collectively, in rearing temporary structures of doubtful value is also colossal. The government is now expending \$20,000,000, and the country \$1,000,000,000 yearly in building and construction work. Judged by the lessons of the last decade, much of this sum will go up in smoke or collapse in indistinguishable ruins before all of us are dead.

It is clear, therefore, to every thinking man, excepting only that miserable portion of humanity call "the real estate pirates," that two things are needed. They are (1) revision of the building laws and (2) accurate knowledge concerning the strength, fire resistance, and other properties of building materials.

The United States geological survey has made certain tests of structural materials, especially cement and concrete, during the last few years. Its work in this direction might be greatly enlarged with untold benefit to the nation. It is estimated that investigations such as it proposes to make would lessen the quantity and improve the quality of materials used and cause a saving of \$1,000,000 yearly in the work of the government alone, and certainly many millions of dollars annually in work done by states, cities, and people of the country. Indirectly the knowledge obtained from such investigations would save many more millions by diminishing the cost of insurance and preventing much of the terrible loss of life and property from fire.

It is proposed that these investigations be conducted by members of the geological survey; and under a board on which are representatives of the navy department, the war department, engineers, the treasury department, supervising architects, and the national engineering and architectural societies of the country. This arrangement will prevent the duplication of such work in different departments.

The Observer's statement in August 3d, concerning Hessian fly was right. Since that date Gov. Meade of Washington, Gov. Chamberlain of Oregon, and the Agricultural department stations in four states, California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, are battling the problem, the only solution for which appears to be to discontinue raising wheat in the affected districts for three consecutive years.

The final exhibit of the Lewis and Clark fair has called many compliments from eastern prints. It is now realized that Portland made a good thing in catering to the wants and enjoyment of many thousands of people who visited the exposition. The shareholders of the corporation received back their investment in full, with a 24 percent dividend on the par value of the stock. The cost of the exposition was \$908,319, the cost of operating aggregated \$500,960, receipts \$1,521,783.

W. H. Webb, a former reader of The Observer at Gtine falls, was recently called to Panama by Uncle Sam, and is now in the engineers department at Culebra. There is work to be done before the waters of the two oceans are united. The canal will be 50 miles long. Mr. W. has no complaint to make about the healthfulness of the canal zone, nor the climate, at present, but the grub! O. Chicago. The meat is so rank and putrid that it is a shame to ask men to eat it. They have no fruit nor vegetables, but poison reptiles are plentiful. It is no surprise to Mr. Webb that the French threw up the job.

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Publicity of Assessments.

Salem State Journal. Several states have adopted publicity of assessment rolls. Assessment is a public record. The people have a right to the greatest publicity of public records. Throw all the light possible on the transactions of every department. The people are educated thereby and good government is promoted; what harm can come from publicity? The effect of publishing assessments is to disclose property and equalize the burden.

State Depository Needed.

Pendleton East Oregonian.

The state of Wyoming, which has a state accountant, and which has saved thousands of dollars of state funds through this law, is now agitating for a state depository law, whereby the state may secure interest on idle funds held in county and state treasuries. Oregon could do well to imitate Wyoming in both these laws. A state accountant is needed in Oregon by which accounts of every public official would be checked up and reported every month. This would prevent shortages, mistakes and losses through whatever source to give rise, and the saving to the state would more than pay the expenses of the office.

Likewise, a depository law by which county and state funds may be placed at interest in banks offering highest rates of interest, with good security, would be profitable to the state. The income from this source would more than pay the expenses of the state and county treasuries. It would be a clear gain to the state, and instead of the people paying out tax money for salaries the idle funds would make the office self-supporting. The Oregon legislature should pass both of these excellent laws. The record of Wyoming justifies imitation.

Bold Timber Wolves

Roseburg Review.

A party of surveyors from up the Calapooia tell of the constant fear existing among settlers in that region on account of the great number of timber wolves. Annually it seems the wolves become more courageous, and venture closer to the homes of the residents, and kill their calves, swine, sheep, and often the faithful watch dog; and ranchers are sometimes followed for miles by the brutes, and unless they are well armed they are afraid to venture far into the mountains. A desperate effort is being made to kill them off.

Bear in Wheeler County.

Fossil Journal.

Ed. Blosser killed a big brown bear near the head of 30-Mile about three weeks ago. He was herding a band of sheep for the Butte creek company, and his sheep had been scattered a number of times by the bear before Ed caught a glimpse of him, quietly standing in a glade all unaware of human presence. Ed is not a crack rifleman but he blazed away at a distance of 60 yards, and plugged his bearship through the neck. The bear fell dead, but the hunter wasn't used to bears, dead or alive, and was sorely afraid that his quarry was playing possum just to get a swipe at him; so he went on in search of help to hold an inquest on the game. He soon found Geran a homesteader, and the two, with trembling hands, removed the bear skin from the carcass. The animal weighed probably 600 pounds.

Herder Roped a Deer.

Arlington Record.

While riding for stock in Grant county recently, Al Gibson saw a big fat buck leisurely cropping the grass from a point just ahead of him. He moved up as cautiously as possible until the deer started to run away when he gave chase over rough and rocky grounds, but the game was in sight and tempting. Gibson had a good horse and gained so rapidly on the deer that he began uncoiling and whirling his rope. A little further and he "let her go" and snug over horns and neck dropped the loop. The horse was stood on its haunches and the deer brought to rest. He soon arose, and then began a royal battle. All sorts of tricks known to the craft were brought to bear to subdue the panic stricken beast fighting viciously for its freedom. But horse and rope held, and the plucky rider soon wore out the deer. Gibson was soon joined by Dutch Carner, and together they led, dragged and whirled the game to camp—a fine specimen, bearing on its horns four points.

Labors have a \$25 rate now to Oregon from Missouri river points

Our Literary Budget.

THE MAGAZINES.

September Delinquent.

If marriage meant the wedding of a saint and an angel there would be no problems to solve; no perfection to attain; no progress to make. This may be why there are no marriages in heaven.

On earth it is different; husband and wife are strongly human. No matter how lovingly united, or how sweet their accord, they never have the same temperaments, tendencies, or tastes. Their needs are different; their manner of looking at things is not identical, and in varying ways their individualities assert themselves. If, at any critical moment, both express at the same time a desire to defer to the others' taste, the result is foreordained for happiness. This makes matrimony not merely union, but union and unity. The spirit of compromise means simply the instinctive recognition of the best way out of difficulty without a sacrifice of dignity in surrendering in the interests of the highest harmony of the two, rather than a personal vanity of one.

Sherman County Notes

CONTEMPORARY TALK.

Kent Recorder.

A deal was consummated this morning by which CE Boardman sold his stock of groceries of JH Bottentiller. Mr Boardman retains the stock of implements and the building and fixtures.

We are glad to welcome Mr and Mrs JW Leonard back to our midst, after an absence of about two years in California. They came in Wednesday evening and went out to the ranch at once. Mr Leonard says they are home to stay this time.

ERKINVILLE.

Special Correspondence.

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine took a trip over to Monkland Sunday, and returned home that evening.

L. Hayden Brisbane was 22 years old last Sunday. He runs Mr. Erskine's header this year.

Andy Sherar was at the Erskineville depot last Sunday, and took the train for Moro. Since the cars run on time travel is increasing.

The weather is more pleasant now than during the heat we had a while ago. More pleasant for harvesting.

The mail messenger claims to be a retired harvest hand. Witkie.

President French of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School, informs us that never before in the history of the school, has the outlook for a successful year work been as good as at the present time. Already a large number of students have enrolled, more than ever before and many are from different parts of the state. They have secured an exceedingly strong faculty and with added equipment and better furnishings for the dormitories, there can be no doubt but that the year to come will be the most pleasant and most prosperous that the school has ever known. For particulars see advertisement in another page.

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Cows and Calves

TAKEN UP.

Three cows and two calves have been taken up by the undersigned as stray stock, and are now at the O. L. Belcher farm, sometimes known as the Peoples farm, 3 miles south east of Moro, and one mile east of the Boardman school house, Sherman county, Oregon, viz:

One brindle cow, with crop off both ears, branded with a heart on right hip, and also SM on right side.

One white faced red cow, branded with a right angle on the left hip.

One red and white spotted cow, with a brand something like a carpenter's square, repeated under the same brand.

One red and white spotted calf, no brand.

One red and white spotted calf, dew lap cut, no other brand.

Calves supposed to belong to the cows, but not known.

The owner or owners of the above animals are requested to call for them, prove property, pay charges, and take them away, otherwise they will be sold, as by law provided at the farm named in this advertisement, to the highest bidder for cash, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, September 25th, 1906.

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Moro, Or.

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Moro, Or.

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C. G. HULL,
Road Supervisor

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