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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., D. Chisholm, Wm. Walker Commissioners,—1st Wednesday in January, April July and October.

Almost anybody thinks he could run a weather bureau successfully through March.

It is a poor sort of a man who would rather be awakened by an alarm clock than a robin song.

The man who allows his feet to get wet at this time of the year, looks like pie to the pneumonia germ.

If an army can dig the Panama canal there will be as much glory in it as there would be in licking somebody.

If Eastern Oregon didn't get a place on the Railway Commission, Senator Fulton has given it a separate U.S. District court.

Probably Mr. Harriman thinks that if President Roosevelt possessed ed "fixity of purpose" he might have become a good railroad man.

Nebraska has joined the 2 cent fare states. The disease is assuming the form of an epidemic. The governor in this case hated to take the medicine.

If hell is what the Tennessee minister says it is, "a place of strong drink, tobacco, baseball, theaters, and peakaboo shirt waists," it will seem like a day off to a good many men.

Dr. Fank says that spirits find the air of earth hard to breathe. People who have ever met any of the spirits bobbing about recall the fact that they looked pale and unhealthy.

"State's rights should be preserved when they mean the people's rights, but not when they mean the people's wrongs," says the President. As an epigram guess that's "going some."

To relieve the pressure of Puget sound lumber shipments east, the Interstate Commerce Commission propose to aid the graft by giving it a through route, via Portland and Huntington.

An alienist declares that most men who take one drink of modern whisky become insane. But some men will insist that they must have at least a dollar and a half worth, at a bit a drink, before they're real good and crazy.

Here is more expert evidence which says "the healthiest man is simply a mass of microbes." Perhaps we shall have reached the limit of this sort of thing when somebody proves that man is himself nothing more or less than a germ.

Having been found guilty of doing anything wrong, Senator Bailey may now trot along and not let it occur again. In a frenzy of hatred he declares that he will bury every one of his enemies. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

ABOUT THE COMET TALK.

Here it is the eve of St. Patrick, and nobody on the earth has yet tread upon the tail of that comet. Seriously, if Prof. Matteucci had given as much study to astronomy as he has to the characteristics of volcanoes he would not worry, and would refrain from giving others occasion to do so. The earth passed through the tail of a comet Feb. 28, 1899, and in 1861 dashed the train of one several hundred thousand miles thick without the slightest harm. Prof. C. A. Young, one of the highest authorities on such subjects, says that a small star can be perceived without trouble through a comet 100,000 miles thick. The best clue to the composition of a comets nucleus is furnished by a meteor shower, which occurs when the earth crosses the path of a comet which has disintegrated and lost its luminous envelope.

Meteors are bits of metal or stone which remain invisible until they enter the atmosphere. Friction renders the surface white hot. The great majority are so small that they are consumed, and reduced to dust, (as was the case to which we refer in Feb. 1899), before reaching the ground. The wonderful scarcity of meteoric stones which survive the ordeal because they are large enough, and the comparative insignificance of such specimens, indicate how small is the danger from comets. With three known exceptions well authenticated, Australia, Oregon and Idaho, to which The Observer recently gave the facts, it appears strange that the larger meteoric strike either the sea or an almost uninhabited region on the land. Those which reach the latter may be, and sometimes are, found long afterward. There seems to be but one record of actual damage which they ever inflicted—the one falling in Linn county, Oregon, last month, partly demolished a barn where it sunk in the earth.

"It will be for my party to determine," says Secretary Shaw, whether I am again invited from the congenial fields of personal endeavor to the perplexities of public service." It is quite likely that 'his party' will think twice before disturbing a man who is so thoroughly happy.

A pretty story has been written to the effect that Mr. Rockefeller's \$32,000,000 gift to education may have been due to the appealing song of a bird to which the money king listened one spring afternoon. The kind of bird is not mentioned, but there can be no doubt that it was a sweet singer.

The value of farm productions in the United States, which was considerably less than \$3,000,000,000 in 1896, increased to over \$7,000,000,000 in 1906. The latest estimate of the value of farm animals is \$4,423,915,000, an increase of \$748,525,000 since January 1, 1906, an increase of \$2,768,500,000 (167 percent) in ten years. The advance in manufacturing has been marvelous but not equal to the advance in farm products.

The Columbian half dollar is worth 50 cents. You don't have to refuse it as a counterfeit coin. Mr. True, cashier of the treasury department says that numbers of inquiries are made as to the real worth of these coins. Nearly \$2,500,000 were coined in 1893 and a large part of these coins was never put into circulation, but was dumped into the reserve fund. Some weeks ago the government began to purchase silver for subsidiary coins, but the price soared and no more silver has been bought. The country was clamoring for subsidiary coins, and as there was about 140,000 Columbian half dollars in the reserve fund they were put into circulation.

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The Ladies' Aid.

(From the Church Herald.)

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We've got an organ in the church—very finest in the land; It's got a thousand pipes, or more; it's melody is grand; And when we sit on cushioned pews and hear the master play, It carries us to realms of bliss unnumbered miles away. It cost a cool three thousand, and it's stood the hardest test; We'll pay a thousand on it—the Ladies' Aid the rest.

They'll give a hundred sociables, cantatas too; and teas; They'll bake a thousand angel cakes, and tons of cream they'll freeze; They'll beg and scrape, and toil and sweat, for seven years or more; And then they'll start all over again for a carpet for the floor; No, it isn't like digging out the money from your vest; When the Ladies' Aid gets busy and says: "We will pay the rest!"

Of course we're proud of our new church, from pulpit up to spire; It is the darling of our eyes, the crown of our desire; But, when I see the sisters work to raise the cash that lacks; I somehow feel the church is built on women's tired backs; And sometimes I can't help thinking, when we reach the regions blest That men will get the toil and sweat, and the Ladies' Aid the rest.

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Program.

LIBRARIES.

- I. Supplementary Reading in the Primary Grades. MISS H. E. BAMBER.
- II. The Use of Periodicals in the School. PROF. J. O. RUSSEL.
- III. The School Library as an Educational Factor in Schools. PROF. A. C. HAMPTON.
- IV. General Discussion on Library Books.

At this meeting a permanent organization of the Sherman County Field Meet and Declaratory Contest will be completed. We hope to have every teacher present at this very important session. Come prepared to enjoy the splendid program to be given at the Wasco Opera House Saturday evening by the Wasco Public Schools.

Horses on Snowshoes.

Up in the Blue Mountains, during the late ugly winter, Grant Thornburg fitted his horses with board snowshoes, home made affairs, 12x12 inches square, and firmly clamped one to each foot of a horse, and thus fitted the animals were able to walk over snow eight feet deep with perfect ease. They were hitched to a beef hide, in which had been sewed 500 lbs of mine supplies and provisions, and this was dragged to the mine without accident. It is said that the horses traveled on the snow about as well as they could on the bare ground.

Too Much Agitation.

(By L. F. Lorie, Kansas City.)

The stringent money market, made so by agitation against corporate interests, may entail serious consequences on the great Southwest which is developing three times faster than any other part of the country, and needs all the capital it can get. It would be hard to borrow 98 cents on a gold dollar in N.Y. City today at 7 per cent. Agitation against corporate interests is solely responsible for this condition of things. There is no other cause for it. We are a prosperous nation; very prosperous; we have plenty; but blind agitation seems too widespread, creating disaster to follow prosperity later on.

Dry Farming Misnamed.

(Field and Farm.)

H. W. Campbell, the man who is responsible for all this dry farming bombast, says that the system is really misnamed. It should be called wet farming, for plenty of moisture is secured where ever the system is applied. We have a number of farms in different sections of the dry countries, he says, "but no drought is visible in any of them."

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The Inland Empire.

CONTEMPORARY TALK.

Dogs have become such a nuisance on the streets of Pendleton that the council has taken steps to eliminate the pests, especially from the business streets, taxing dogs \$3 per head and bitches \$5 per annum, besides a penalty for owners who permit their pets to run at large in the business district.

Eighty acres of pasture land, near the mouth of Grand Ronde river, 21 miles from Lewiston, sank 150 feet deep February 1st, leaving the walls of the cavity nearly precipitous. The entire tract was so turned upside down that it resembled a field of fallow. Fortunately there was no stock on the tract at the time, occurring as it did in the night, but the noise of the slide was simply tremendous.

The 4th case of purpura ever known in the United States was on February 28 the cause of the death of Mrs. Sina Barkhurst, of Laramie. Purpura is the most baffling of all diseases, and the recovery of a case has never been known. Deceased was attacked on the 20th, blood bursting from the veins and spreading over the entire body beneath the skin. Sunday following the entire body turned green. Two days later the color changed to gray, and on the 28th death resulted.

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Dam, Corona 23356, by Sadow 21144, by Clampln 19099 (29802), by Phenix 8849 (8883), by Fenelon 2982 (38), by Brilliant 1271 (758), by Brilliant 1899 (760), by Coco II (714), by Vieux Chaslin (718), by Coco (712), by Mignon (715), by Jean Le Blanc (739). 2d Dam, Babe 21146, by Pluton 10118 (18921), by Vaillant (404), by Proser (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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