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Twenty-eight Pittsburg men, candidates for heaven, one has lost his certificate and now there are 27.

The election of Busse as mayor of Chicago may mean that 1908 is going to be a good year for fat candidates.

The increased cost of telegraph messages will make the average woman more afraid than ever to open one of them.

Whisky is really good for something after all. Four quarts of the stuff cured a New York elephant of the stomach ache.

By cutting down his living expenses to 15 cents a day an Omaha man has accumulated enough money to be regarded as eccentric.

Murmurings reach us of a report possibly soon to be confirmed, that J. J. Hill, and not the Harriman system; has control of the Corvallis and Eastern, and that it is the intention to push the line into the Inland Empire.

It is estimated that 10,000 men will be required to destroy illegal fences on the public domain. There are thousands of miles of such fence in the grazing country, most of them strongly built of barbed wire with cedar posts. The work of destruction will continue until every vestige of a fence inclosing public land has been removed from the landscape.

Laws recently enacted by the Alabama legislature regulating and limiting railroad rates in that state have been held up by an injunction secured by the railroad interests from the United States circuit court which restrains enforcement of the laws until the question of a permanent injunction can be decided, bringing in the federal rate bill and other acts of the late congress.

Eastern walnut buyers are looking after the crop in Oregon this year. Which shows that Oregon grown walnuts are attracting attention. Oregon Franquettes and Mayettes are larger in size and finer in flavor than French nuts of the same name. Oregon grown walnuts are destined to become as popular as Oregon apples. There is little danger of an over plus within the next half century. In 1905 the United States imported over 20,000,000 pounds. The supply is wholly inadequate to the demand. Plant a walnut tree for shade, and reap a harvest.

When the flood in California lately Marysville, four feet below the bed of the river, was saved only by the most strenuous efforts of the people. Every able man in the city was required to be on duty day and night while the flood was at its height, to prevent the breakage of levees and subsequent flooding of the city. The tension throughout the period was intense. Bins of sand were placed at all points where there was menace of a breach, and it was in this work that citizens were engaged. On the "Yuba city" side the levee broke and vast damage was done.

SPALDING REINTEGRATION.

Spalding, the oldest white settlement in the Pacific Northwest, is to be platted and subdivided into lots and blocks. The town is practically owned by Mrs. Wm. Hennan, who lives in Spokane, and its population is a mixture of whites and Indians. Before she married her present husband Mrs. H. was Mrs. Mary Campbell. She is an Indian. A short time ago she got a deed to the land from the government which enables her to plat the ground.

Spalding is one of the most heroic towns in any section of the Pacific Northwest. It was settled in 1827 by Bishop Spalding, after whom it was named. In 1835 the missionary received from The States a printing press, from which he printed a translation of the Bible for the Indians. The publication of that work was the first printing done west of the Mississippi river. The press reached the Oregon Country via the Sandwich Islands.

Prior to Bishop Spalding settling there to teach the Indians he had been preceded by Lewis and Clark, who passed up the Clearwater, going through what is now Lewiston, Clarkston and Spalding, spending some time at Absatika, waiting for the snow to melt out of the mountains. Spalding has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. The first time some years ago, and the second time last fall. The last conflagration destroyed the old Indian school, which had been converted into a hotel. Between Spalding and Fort Lapwai, where the government agency and Indian school are, Bishop Spalding was laid to rest.

With the platting of the town it is expected and hoped that there will be a building boom, and that the town will again resemble its former self. Before the Caldesee extension of the N. P. Ry. was built Spalding had a population of more than 1000, and many people thought that it would be the principal city of the Lewiston-Clarkston valley. But the building of the extension killed the town.

It may interest the smoker who has to relight his stinkadora every 30 seconds to learn that the match trust cleared \$800,000 last year.

Some of the congressional visitors just returned from Panama, say the excavation will be finished in 1912, in time to become part of the 1913 San Francisco exhibit.

Look over the Inland Empire and note the vastness of the vacant places inviting the homeseeker. The United States is not crowded, nor in danger of becoming so within the present century.

The Better Way.

Salem Statesman.

The Mississippi railroad commission has successfully carried through harmonious negotiations with all railroads in that state except one, whereby 2-cent inter-changeable mileage books are placed on sale, and has effected other changes beneficial to the people, who want only what is reasonable and right. The railroads appear to understand that in that state at least the better way to bring about necessary regulation is through negotiation.

Cart-Wheel Shades.

May Dellineator.

A good substitute for shade trees is made by planting a stout post, 9 feet high where you want the shade setting it two feet deep in the earth then nail firmly to the top of it, at right angles, two 7-foot strips of 2x2 inch stock. Then get an iron wheel or cart wheel with the hub, and fasten firmly to the top of the post resting the rim on the cross pieces. Set a 3-year old grape vine against the post and coax it to a rapid growth and the thing is done. When the vine ends lap over the rim let them droop all around and you will have a beautiful and profitable shade.

Will Sechler's Fortunate Escape.

The Dalles Chronicle.

When the news of the fatal wreck on the O. R. & N. reached the Dalles Mr. and Mrs. Sechler were greatly concerned as to the safety of their son Will, who was express messenger on the train. But they were delighted the next morning to receive a telephone message from him as he passed through the city, and later a letter giving an account of the wreck and his narrow escape. He was in the car which was derailed, and was pinned into a corner by a large box, where he remained some time before he was extricated. He escaped with a few scratches on his hand.

The Eleventh Judicial District.

The Facts in this Matter.

With regard to the organization of the Eleventh Judicial District, about which some talk is being indulged with respect to invoking the referendum, we wish to explain to the voters of Sherman county some of the benefits of this act.

The district was created at the last session of the Oregon legislature and comprises the counties of Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler. The salaries of the officers of this district are paid by the state of Oregon and not by the counties. With the exception of the regular proportion of the annual state taxes, this will cost Sherman county approximately \$50 and no more than that year.

Now as to the referendum: This is a local measure, although a state law, and if the referendum should be invoked the people of Oregon will pass the bill by their votes and the only thing to be gained by the referendum would be the holding up of the measure until June, 1908. The people in this place, and in all places in the county, almost unanimously favor the new district, and any attempt to invoke referendum does not represent the sentiments of all of this part of the state.

Popular Legislation Expensive.

Referendum Costs \$23,000 A Time.

Salem Dispatch to The Telegram.

When the people of Oregon realize that it is going to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the satisfaction of exercising their right of suffrage upon just one question of general legislation, it is very doubtful if they will display such haste in petitioning for this privilege, under the initiative and referendum clause of the constitution.

There are many changes in the process of submitting questions of legislation to the people under the new law over the old, principal among which, from a financial standpoint, is that which requires the secretary of state to mail each legal voter of the state a copy of the bill upon which the initiative and referendum has been invoked, in book form, together with such printed arguments for and against the passage of such measures as may be advanced by the chief interests con-

Swindled the Farmers.

Washtucna Dispatch.

M. L. Burkhart, who bought up the notes which farmers gave the Railroad Company, and sold them to David Gross, contends that the farmers cannot escape payment although they got nothing of value for their promises to pay. While many of them had an understanding with the promoters of the project, that they should not be obliged to pay the notes unless the road was actually put into operation their confident hopes prevented them from demanding that the shares for which the notes were given should call for an interest in the roadbed and other physical property of the company, but took instead only a "transportation" interest in the road. The givers of the notes were entitled to \$100 worth of freight or passenger transportation for each share purchased, a condition to which the scheme never has advanced, and they cannot fall back upon any tangible property the company may have acquired.

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