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The life of an Oklahoma official seems to be a very busy one. When he is not filing charges against somebody he is in court defending himself.

"Adam God," who killed a policeman in Kansas city, admits that he is insane. It seems a safe admission for a man in his dangerous situation to make.

Expert statisticians estimate that the new tariff bill will add $10,000,000 to the government revenues. This shows that the winter's talk has not all been in vain, but it may at the same time stimulate the delivery of more speeches.

Speaker Cannon ought not to presume to instruct Roosevelt as to the correct mode of living. Uncle Joe may fully understand the disposition and habits of the Danville squirrel, but what does he know about the two-humped African buffalo or the low geared, blood-sweating hippopotamus?

Under the shelter of the protective tariff the sugar trust exacts of you 2 cents a pound more than it gets from foreign consumers of American sugar. The best reason, the most conclusive reason, that could be offered against a protective tariff is that it is not used for protection, but as a means of extortion.

If the judgment of the leading captains of industry be correct a strong forward stride in trade is immediately ahead of us. E. H. Gary, James J. Hill, E. H. Harriman and others who have been looking over the ground, say that the financial clouds have nearly all rolled by. Most of them point to the tariff bill as the only barrier in the way of an early return of prosperity.

The halt in Standard Oil Company machinery, all over the country during the funeral ceremonies over H. H. Rogers was an impressive tribute to the man, who, more than any other one person, made that combine a power all over the business world. All the original magnates in that company lived to be old; the two Rockefellers are still alive; Archbold, however, who is now the most active of all its executive chiefs, is still comparatively young, being only a little more than 60 years of age.

Rear Admiral Ijichi, in command of the Japanese training ship squadron, will be entertained in Portland, together with his officers, on Monday next, with a reception and banquet. In the morning the admiral and his 13 fellow officers of the fleet will be taken in hand by their fellow countrymen, and in the afternoon the naval officers will be driven about the city by the leading business men. The sight-seeing trip will be followed by a reception and banquet at night at the Portland Hotel. Preparations to give the visitors a warm welcome are being made.

Have you ever used your homestead right? If not, now is the time to get into the game. Uncle Sam having decided to give everybody a chance at the 700,000 acres of land which are to be thrown open open for settlement in the Coeur d'Alene, Spokane and Flathead Indian reservations, registrations for which begins July 15th, to Aug. 5th, either at Kalispell, Missoula, Spokane or Coeur d'Alene. Application for registration must be delivered through the mails only to the superintendent of the opening at Coeur d'Alene, which will be the principal place in the drawing for all three reservations. The drawing will begin at 10 a. m. August 9th, and continue until completed.

## SHERMAN COUNTY CROPS.

The grain crops of Sherman county are undoubtedly in better condition at present, as to stand, moisture supply and growth, than they have been before for years. At this period of time a visit among the fields brings home the truth of this statement, which is rather a broad one. The total rainfall is slightly above the average for this county this year, and the moisture in the heavy snow of last winter certainly found its way into the soil. Fall sown wheat in many quarters is well along in the boot and commencing to head out. Spring sown is not at all backward in growth and stand, and has every chance of making an unusually full crop. The area in grain this year is practically the same as that of last, but the fact that there is 20 per cent or more of it fall sown, and the present general outlook so favorable in all directions, gives reason to predict that we will have a much better and larger crop than was obtained during the years of 1907 and 1908. Of course this is contingent upon weather conditions for the next six weeks. Hot east winds usually prevail spasmodically through the Columbia basin from June 1st to July 15th, but owing to the vast amount of snow yet remaining in the mountains east of here not much damage to crops is expected from this source. Farmers have at last come to realize the importance of thoroughly cultivating their farm lands and putting them into shape and condition for the sowing of winter crops, judging from appearances throughout the county. It is true that noxious weeds are somewhat troublesome this year, but all of the best farmers are busily engaged in doing all they can to extripate them, and before harvest will all be gone.

Nothing will boom Sherman county more than three good, full crops in succession, following the two poor ones of 1905 and 1906. Fall and winter sowings are certainly the only desirable way, and we hope our farmers may realize this.

After an exceedingly warm day Tuesday with a temperature of 88 degrees, an electric storm came over the county from the southwest and distributed from ¼ to ½ of an inch of rainfall. South of Nigger ridge the water fell in torrents for about an hour, soaking the ground several inches. On the north side of the ridge it rained for about the same length of time, but not quite as hard. Several fields where moisture was needed, only about the depth of 1½ inches was wet down. Under the influence of warmer weather, with the occasional showers, growing grain in every division of Sherman county has been remarkably benefitted, and farmers rejoice in expectation of larger and better yields than have been received in years.

Send The Observer to your absent friends. It is better than a letter, and gives all the home news. Four months for 50c.

President Taft is right in his prediction that there will be a new South. Florida has already set the pace by defeating a bill for disfranchising the negro voter.

The planet Mars may as well give up. Wright brothers are going after it in one of their high-speed airships, equipped with a camera, a powerful telescope and a pair of inquisitive professors.

In the course of the last 10 years hundreds of manufacturers who contemplated the building of plants in the Pacific Northwest have come into the Inland Empire and found the field inviting, but, when their investigation showed that freight rates were burdensome, went on to the coast and located there. This shows that discrimination in favor of coast cities throttles business in the interior, makes slow growth for the countrys' industries and prohibits the upbuilding of manufacturing. The Spokesman Review is prepared to show that in the last 20 years the people of the Inland Empire have paid out, at a conservative calculation, $15,000,000 in excessive rates on shipments from the east alone. Had the Inland Empire terminal rates it is claimed that its freight bill on merchandise shipped from the east, would be cut down $1,000,000 annually. Here is a nut for our Sherman County Development League to assist in cracking.

A safe cure for constipation which has relieved chronic cases, is the free use of cold water; drinking a glassful after each meal and one between meals. This simple practice renders the use of drugs unnecessary to persons who had depended on them.

## Sherman County Field Meet.

In Moro on the 28th all available space was taken up as parks for automobiles, buggies, hacks and surries of those who drove into the city instead of using the different excursion railway trains arranged for the occasion by the Field Meet Association. The excursion trains arrived on time and the field exercises began immediately after, resulting in 71 points for Wasco; 70 for Grass Valley; 17 for Moro, and 9 for Kent. As this was the 2d winning for Wasco, under the rules the cup given as a prize for the most points won by any school belongs now to Wasco school permanently. Nineteen events were on the program, and each were contested for in spirited and commendable effort.

Since the fire of February 1908, which destroyed a considerable portion of the business part of Moro, including a fine opera house, this city has been without a hall or place for public amusements. But with the annual meeting of the Sherman County Field Meet on the 28th, and the Oratorical and Declamatory contest that evening, Moro once more steps into its place as one of the best amusement centers of the eastern part of Oregon. The new opera hall was opened that night by the contestants of the various schools. The building is well fitted to take care of the public, and in the matter of illumination is amply equipped with electric lights; has dressing apartments for ladies and gentlemen, excellent stage appointments, scenery, etc., and a splendid hard wood floor for dancing parties.

All four of the high schools of Sherman county participated in the oratorical and declamatory contests. In this division Miss Eva Black, of Grass Valley school received the gold medal, and Miss Bernice Bright, of the Wasco school, received the silver medal. In the oratorical contest Miss Lela Wimberly, of the Kent school, received the gold medal and Miss Leah Cushman, of Moro school, received the silver medal. Judges were: Hon A E Lake, Wasco county judge, Rev H White of The Dalles, and J A Davis, of Wasco.

Following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the field meet and declamatory contest:

| | |
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| Receipts | |
| Balance May 28th | $ 29 37 |
| Grand stand | 31 15 |
| Field meet tickets | 482 50 |
| Sale of ball tickets, Moro | 78 00 |
| " " " " Wasco | 64 00 |
| " " " " Grass Valley | 63 50 |
| " " " " Kent | 23 50 |
| Balance Sam Baker's Adm. fee | 15 |
| Stand right, Tomlin | 10 00 |
| " " Buxton | 10 00 |
| Sale of score cards | 2 00 |
| | $794 17 |
| Disbursements | |
| Judges expense | $ 14 80 |
| L Grimes labor | 15 00 |
| Sherman County Observer prit. | 20 00 |
| Grass Valley Journal printing | 15 00 |
| S. J. Simms printing | 17 25 |
| Wasco Lumber Co. lumber | 7 70 |
| O. W. Axtell paint | 90 |
| Wind River Lumber Co. lime | 1 00 |
| W. D. Wallan | 3 00 |
| H. T. Hopkins, starter | 15 00 |
| Telephone | 7 75 |
| Moro Imp. Co. twine | 75 |
| Wm. Rudolf, hall rent and exp | 26 00 |
| Dalles band serv. and ptl. exp. | 81 00 |
| I. D. Pike, Auto. hire, band | 10 00 |
| Moro Hotel band exp | 15 50 |
| O. W. Johnson, team hire, band | 8 00 |
| B. M. Van, hotel exp. band | 10 50 |
| Geo. Murdock expense | 31 45 |
| L. W. Wimberly, expense | 57 90 |
| J N. Woods, expense | 60 10 |
| John Blough, expense | 2 50 |
| | $421 10 |
| Balance on hand | $373 07 |

L. W. Wimberly,
Secretary.

## Development League Awards.

The committee, W H Ragsdale, O J Goffin, J A Wilson, appointed by the Sherman County Development League for the purpose of grading the letters in the prize-letter writing contest instituted by the League, have awarded prizes as follows:

First division consists of 1st, 2d, and 3d, grades. 1st prize, Leeson Coffee, of Wasco; 2d prize, Myrtie Messinger, of Moro; 3d prize, Helen Cattron, of Wasco; 4th prize, Irvine Thompson, of Wasco; 5th prize, Edna Watkins, of Wasco.

Second division consists of 4th, 5th and 6th grades. 1st prize Floyd Wimberly, of Kent; second prize, Ben Tomlin, of Moro; 3d, prize, Bernice Bright, o Wasco; 4th prize, Nina Searcy, of Beardman School; 5th prize, Leonora Rayburn of Klondike.

Third division consists of 7th and 8th grades. 1st prize, Ara Barnett, of Wasco; 2d prize, Gladys Moore, Moro; 3d prize, Clayton Smith, of Wasco; 4th prize Grace Holt, of Kent; 5th prize Harvey C Thompson, of Erskinville

Fourth division, High School. 1st prize, Veva Dunlap, of Wasco; 2d prize, Florence Tate, of Wasco; 3d prize, Giles French, of Grass Valley; 4th prize, Hattie Houghton of Kent; 5th prize Mary Elliott, of Upper Hay Canyon.

## An Overworked "Law."

Morning Oregonian.

Thirty-five is the exact number of measures to be voted on at the city election in Portland next Monday, under the wonderful initiative and referendum system. Of these one is submitted through the referendum and the others are proposed or initiated by individuals or by the city council. Now, what is the use pretending that there are only a few such proposals, and that the task for the voter is easy—it is not easy. It is vastly perplexing and actually impossible. It is a gross abuse leading to incalculable mischief and endless and costly confusion. The voter must undertake a duty that never should have been laid upon his shoulders, and that he cannot discharge properly or prudently. It all comes through this new and amazing scheme of legislation. The entire 35 measures are proposed under one form or another of the initiative and referendum. Where is there an elector who will say that he can cheerfully assume this onerous labor, or who will profess to understand what he is called on to vote for or against? If he does not understand, why should he be permitted or required so to vote?

The public will soon weary of this whole business, probably, because it will be obvious that government by the crowd; legislation at the polls without discussion, consideration or information; is no government at all.

Strangle a cat quick that will kill a little chick.

When peas or string beans have lost some of their freshness, the half of a very small onion cooked with them will bring out the flavor and make them more savory. Some cream added to the other seasoning after the water is poured off, also improves them.

### Synopsis of the Annual

Statement of the Columbia Life & Trust Company of Portland in the state of Oregon on the 31st day of December, 1908, made to the insurance commissioners of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

| | |
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| Capital | |
| Amount of capital paid up | $100,000 00 |
| Income. | |
| Premiums received during the year | 38,191 64 |
| Interest, dividends and rent received during year | 9,064 27 |
| Income from other sources received during year | 25,924 00 |
| Total income | $73,179 91 |
| Disbursements | |
| Paid to policy holders during year | 3,844 79 |
| Dividends paid during year on capital stock | 0 |
| Commission and salaries paid during year | 18,749 62 |
| Taxes, licenses and fees paid during year | 2,050 04 |
| Amount of all other expenditures | 7,907 55 |
| Total expenditures | $32,282 00 |
| Assets | |
| Market value of real estate owned | 0 |
| Market value of stocks and bonds owned | 21,178 00 |
| Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc | 132,997 19 |
| Premium notes and policy loans | 685 99 |
| Cash in banks and on hand | 13,074 13 |
| Net uncollected and deferred premiums | 3,042 01 |
| Other assets (net) | 3,759 04 |
| Total admitted assets | $174,736 36 |
| Liabilities | |
| Net reserve | 31,839 69 |
| Total policy claims | 0 |
| All other liabilities | 382 56 |
| Surplus for security of policy holders | 142,514 11 |
| Total | $174,736 36 |
| Total insurance in force December 31, 1908 | $1,478,000 00 |
| Business in Oregon for the year | |
| Total risks written during the year | 364,900 00 |
| Gross premiums received during the year | 28,701 62 |
| Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1908 | 1,073,300 00 |

M. M. Johnson,
Secretary.

## FAIR EXCHANGE

### A New Back for an Old One, How it is Done in Moro.

The back aches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the bad back for a new and stronger one. Follow the example of this Moro citizen:

Carl Peetz, retired farmer, Moro, Or., says, "Kidney complaint and rheumatism troubled me for years and finally I became so bad I could hardly walk. The kidney secretions caused me additional annoyance, being too frequent. I went to the hot springs and consulted physicians but was unsuccessful in finding relief, until Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention. I procured a box at the Moro Pharmacy. I noticed an improvement from the first the pains in my back diminished and the kidney secretions were regulated."

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## Changes in the School Laws.

Prof W C Bryant, county superintendent of schools, is in receipt of the new compilation of school laws for this county. Perhaps the most important of the changes provided for by the new statutes is the one requiring each district in the state to hold school for at least six months of each year. Four months was formerly the minimum provided. The law also specifies that in case the apportionment of $100 for each district, and $7 per pupil, does not give at least $300, the district shall call a tax election and levy an assessment upon the property of the district to make up the difference. If for any reason the district should fail to levy this tax then the duty devolves upon the county court.

Another important change is one which says that each district shall be given $100 from the school fund in October, before there is a prorata apportionment. Formerly $50 was the sum allotted to each district. Some of the county schools have closed, and teachers and pupils are now enjoying their mid-year rest.

### Women Who are Envied.

Those attractive women who are lovely in face, form and temper, are the envy of many who might be like them. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable; constipation or kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. For all such, Electric Bitters work wonders; they regulate stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion Many charming women owe health and beauty to them. 50c. at Moro Pharmacy

### What Janitors Have to Know.

"An east side janitor in New York has to know a few things," said the east side flat dweller. "He must not only be a first rate carpenter, a plumber, a filer of keys, a putter up of curtains—blinds, I mean—a mender of tin roofs, an electrician—this for the lights and the bells—and a first rate stoker, but he must speak at least four languages, and speak them pretty well."—New York Press.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

The best on the Market. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and find it to be the best on the market," says E W Tardy, editor of the Galusboro, Tenn, Sentinel. "Our baby had several colds the past winter and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always gave it relief at once and cured it in a short time; I always recommend it when opportunity presents itself." For sale by Moro Pharmacy

### Stone Slingers.

The cattle herders near the frontier at Gibraltar have an uncommon method of keeping their charges from straying. They carry slings, and if a beast strays away, like David, they pull a pebble out of a pouch and sling it with an unerring aim at the straggler. A dull "plomp," followed by the bullock's immediate return to the herd, is the result.—Wide World Magazine.

### Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be affected Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. Sold by Moro Pharmacy.

### A Bird That Bestows a Curse.

The stonechat is one of the few "soft billed" birds that remain with us all the year. It is so called from the similarity of its alarm note and the striking together of two pebbles. In some parts of Scotland it is supposed to contain a drop of the devil's blood, and its nest is never taken because of the curse it is always promising.—Country Life.

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### The Same Thing.

"I'm sorry we haven't much of a dinner," said Spatts to Bloobumper, whom he had urged to stay for that meal. "You ought to have dropped in last evening. We had a stunning dinner then."

"Why, papa," chirped Sammy Spatts, "that's just what you told Mr. Taddells at dinner yesterday!"—Detroit Free Press.

### Trouble Makers Ousted.

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### Johnnie's Position.

"Yes," began Mr. Peters, Sr., "John Peters, Jr., has quit school and has accepted a position in Davis' general store."

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## The Local Churches

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Ladies' Aid Society, every Thursday, at 2 o'clock p m. Mrs J P Strahl, President.

### Kent M. E Church.

Service Sunday June6, at 11 a m and 8 pm. Everyone invited.

G F Pinkham, Pastor.

### Spaulding Chapel.

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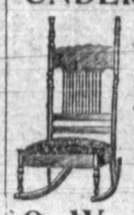

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