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How do we know that white-wash is not as liberally employed in packing house investigations as in packing houses.

A bucking airship would not be out of place in Oklahoma, but it is surprising to hear of one on the bank of the Potomac.

Rusty nails as the sole instrument for bringing on lockjaw must hide their heads in humiliation on seeing the unerring work of the toy pistol.

Unless he can obtain a reasonable concession on scientific grounds, the duty on hides will bear heavily upon former president Roosevelt.

One of the government departments at Washington is making artificial ice at the cost of only 65 cents a ton. This cooling morsel is offered to our brethren.

The burning of an airship the other day reveals a new and horrible danger in aerial navigation. Aerial fire departments may be a necessity in the future.

New dangers to be confronted are: The explosion of dirigible balloons and the wrecks of transcontinental airships falling from the trackless empyrean.

Mississippi claims \$11,000,000 from the Standard Oil Company for violating its trust laws. If the state ever gets any benefit from this fund it will be in the nature of old age pensions.

It will require a year or more, following the disappearance of Leung Ling, for the American people to recover their former liberality in the matter of foreign missions, and yet the need of missionary work was never so great.

The principal objection to the corporation income tax seems to be that it would reveal the secrets of corporation management. If the ladies had the suffrage now, wouldn't they demand the corporation income tax in thunder tones!

It turns out at the close of the government's fiscal year that the government is \$25,000,000 richer than it thought it was because it owes that much less than it was feared that it would. To a perfectly solvent government or individual subtraction from debt is addition in wealth.

Canada has asked Great Britain to allow her the privilege of garrisoning the British forts in the West Indies. It was Canada which rushed gratuitously and enthusiastically to the front against the beleaguered Boers. The red-hot loyalty of Canada seems to be the only thing its climate cannot freeze out.

Queen Helena of Italy has put herself at the head of a revolt against the monstrous hats which the Persian milliners are forcing upon a reluctant world this year, and the Italian ladies, following her example, are resorting to the graceful lace mantilla. Herein appears one advantage of monarchy—it can set fashions.

The same day that Rev. Mr. String of St. Louis denied that the devil needs close watching in this world, the Supreme court of Iowa decided that a man has a right to use profane language over a telephone wire.

Illinois has prospect of taking the lead among all the states in the ratification of the proposed amendment to the Constitution authorizing Congress to levy and collect a tax on incomes.

Omaha, Nebraska, is to try the curfew bell in saloon regulation. She will give it a fair and thorough trial. If it rings every night she will stick to it, as she ought to do.

Farmers of Laramie, Wyoming, and Lethbridge, Alberta, are engaged in an interesting contest this summer. A special hundred acres of oats are to be grown in each locality, and at the end of the season the crops are to be compared.

New Yorkers who sought to get railway accommodations from Chicago to the Pacific coast in June were told that they would have to give three or four weeks' notice before room could be found for them.

A report comes from the Yakon district of Alaska that potatoes grown in the vicinity of Dawson are working up a foreign as well as home market. Ten tons were exported to Fairbanks on one of the first steamers of the year, and another lot was shipped later.

Roosevelt has succeeded in bringing to the front several native African poets. The result is a literary style admirably adapted to the subject in hand; we publish one verse of the latest song. It would not be easy to do anything anywhere any better than this:

We like the swing of that verse. It smacks to our own native land, and it dodges, admirably, any specific statement as to whether it would be the bull or bear side of Wall street which would cry if Mr. Roosevelt should fall a prey to any beast which roam the African jungle.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Conditions of the District Schools of Sherman County.

The annual report of school superintendent W. C. Bryant for Sherman county was forwarded to J. H. Ackerman State Superintendent of Public Instruction this week. It shows the total number of pupils of school census age in the county to be 1066, 527 males and 539 females; of this number 40, 20 males and 20 females were students at places of learning outside Sherman county; also 263 children of above total, 127 males and 136 females did not attend any school last year.

The number of organized school districts in the county is 30, with 32 school houses, employing 45 teachers, 8 male and 37 female, all of whom subscribe and use some one or more educational and school magazines. There were 16 applicants at teachers' examinations during the year with two failures to secure certificates to teach, while 26 pupils graduated from the eighth grade, 8 males and 18 females.

School Superintendent Bryant visited all schools but one in the county during the school year, traveling approximately 1200 miles. He found a well selected list of reference books in each school, the districts owning in the aggregate a total of 3147 books, all bound in durable and attractive bindings.

Sherman county schools started last year with cash on hand of \$8,954.56; this year \$11,236.80; total receipts during the year were \$42,089.24. Divided partly as follows: Received from special school tax \$20,499.24; from county school fund \$7,885.09; from state school fund \$1,681.48; from sale of bonds and warrants \$1,457. The balance was from incidental sources. The valuation of school houses, grounds, furniture and apparatus is fixed at \$52,625.

The Local Churches

Moro Presbyterian Church. Services in Moro Presbyterian church next Sunday, Morning and evening.

Moro M. E. Church. Services at 11 a. m.; Sunday next. Subject of sermon, "a song of great productivity."

Spaulding Chapel. Sunday School every Sunday at 11 a. m., at Spaulding Chapel. Every one invited to be present and take part. A. M. Wright, Supt.

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Extensive preparations are in progress for the fourth dry farming congress which will be held at Billings, Montana, October 26-28, next. The program will be made up of interesting addresses on subjects pertaining to this system of agriculture which is doing so much for the semi arid portions of the United States.

Life 100,000 Years Ago. Scientists have found in a Swiss-land cave bones of men who lived 100,000 years ago, when life was in constant danger from wild beasts. Today the danger, as shown by A. W. Brown of Alexander, Mo., is largely from deadly disease. If it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, which cured me, I could not have lived, he writes, suffering as I did from a severe lung trouble and stubborn cough. To cure sore lungs, colds, obstinate coughs, and prevent pneumonia, use the best medicine on earth, 50c and \$1; guaranteed by Moro Pharmacy. Trial bottle free.

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Capt. Racket

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Cast of Characters.

- Capt. Robert Racket... Roy Axtell
Of the National Guard. Lawyer when he has nothing else to do except a liar all the time.
Oodiah Dawson... Geo. Mowry
His uncle, from Japan, "where they make tea."

Synopsis.

Act I. Place, Tim's country home on the Hudson near New York. Time, a breezy morning in September. The Captain's fancy takes flight and troubles begin.

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SEMI ANNUAL STATEMENT OF SHERIFF

Of the amount of money and warrants received for taxes and money paid to the county treasurer by the sheriff of Sherman county, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 31st day of April, A. D. 1909.

Table with columns: To amount received during month of, Total amount received, By amount paid during month of, To the county treasurer, Total amount paid treasurer.

SEMI ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER

Of Sherman county, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1909, of money received and paid out, from whom received and from what source, and on what account paid out.

Table with columns: General Fund, School Fund, General Fund, School Fund. Includes amounts for Oct 10 '08, Nov 15 '08, Jan 1 '09, etc.

SEMI ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK

Of Sherman county, state of Oregon, showing the amount and number of claims allowed by the county court of said county, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 10th day of October, 1908, to the 23rd day of April, 1909, both inclusive.

Table with columns: On account of salary, county judge, Salary, sheriff and deputy, Salary, clerk and deputy, etc.

SEMI ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the county of Sherman, in the state of Oregon, on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1909.

Table with columns: Warrants drawn on the county treasurer, Excess of resources over liabilities, Total, Funds in hands of county treasurer, Total.

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