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The old question about the rank of Commander Peary has been settled. It is Admiral Peary now.

Mr. Fairbanks has bumped up against prejudice twice, once in spiritual and once in spiritual affairs.

Senator Bowerman delivered an address before the Baker city republican club at their Lincoln banquet in Baker city.

Former President Roosevelt and Count Leo Tolstoy do not agree in their estimates of Shakespeare, or of each other.

At a meeting of the republican central committee for Morrow county, at Heppner, on the 18th, every precinct was represented.

Miss Drexel of Philadelphia has married two titles in marrying one nobleman. It is not stated whether the two went for one price.

A Missouri cow has produced 110.2 pounds of milk in one day. When Gov. Hadley advises a family to keep a cow he must mean also a dairy.

The American people already have over \$14,000,000,000 in bank. If a postal saving system increased the amount materially the French laurels in thrift would be in danger.

It is a safe proposition that there can not be too many workers on the farms, and prevailing prices indicate that farming, on the average, is the most profitable business.

If the Hermann jury was packed as per program; and Heney's deafness as it is said let one juror, faithful to his oath, slip in; there was deafness provisionally asserted for once.

The Frenchmen who have just reached South America from an Antarctic voyage refuse to talk, even to the Danes. One Cook was enough to spoil the broth for returning explorers.

Turkey will be asked by the powers to sell Crete to Greece, but the sultan is so used to impetuosity that he will prefer to deal with creditors on the old plan. But since the Cretans insist on giving their hearts to Greece it will hardly be worth while for Turkey to insist on holding their hands.

We are pleased to learn from an authority like Mr. Bayley of the Grant county bank, that there is nothing in that news item that cattle could be bought in the John Day valley for \$5 a head, this condition being due to the scarcity of feed. Mr. B. says there is little danger of loss of stock from the scarcity of feed. Those who are short of feed are isolated cases and it is by no means a general condition.

The Northwestern Chronicle, a Catholic newspaper, editorially declares that it was a blunder, the bluff given ex-Vice President Fairbanks at Rome, he being refused an audience at the Vatican by the Pope because Fairbanks addressed his Methodist brethren at Rome. The editorial closes: "American Catholics will not blame Mr. Fairbanks for making the choice he did make. He stood with his coreligionists. The episode should make him quite popular with the four or five million Methodists in the United States. They may now well forgive and forget the cocktail he once served to President Roosevelt."

## WILL FLEE AND TREMBLE YET

One of the monumental land grabbers of the Inland Empire "takes a whack at Pinchot and his conservation policies and advises the people to stand by Ballinger." The most natural thing in the world for a man to do when he has his eyes fixed upon 20,000,000 acres of government land and a pinch all ready to grab it, if the act becomes a law. Gifford Pinchot is growing in strength and power. The reason of it is that the people of this country have the most absolute confidence in him. He chose a life work because he loved it, and because he knew its importance at a time when other people would have thought it comparatively insignificant. The progress of events has brought his chosen work to a central position in one of the greatest, if not the very greatest, issues before the American people. Many a homily has been written about the man who chooses his work, performs it well, and rises thereby to meet the greater tasks that life thrust upon him. No more perfect illustration than that of Pinchot could be found. In becoming active president of the National conservation association Mr. Pinchot now passes from the task of doing the work of the day to the greater task of leading the cause of the future. We miss our guess if the increasing army behind him does not march forward with rhythm of a new Battle Hymn of the Republic; till the spoilers and wasters of the public domain tremble and flee forever.

In Columbia county last week 28,000 acres of timber land sold in a body for \$3,000,000. The Weyerhaeuser syndicate took it. What was it assessed at?

A rat dead of "hübonic plague," has been discovered in Seattle, the first since Sept. 26, 1908. The authorities have ordered extensive changes in the wooden buildings where the rat was found.

From Glavis' testimony it would appear that the Alaska coal seams stretch into the "pockets of pretty nearly every prominent citizen on the Pacific coast. Mr. Glavis lips but he kicked up the duce of a row.

That innocent little war on the packers has become nation-wide. An ancient law of New Jersey has been discovered which forbids storage to influence markets. In about two weeks more there'll be something doing.

Cap. Shaver, tired of the wireless talk about Portland draw bridges and steamboat smokestacks, has resolved to build and equip his future craft without a smokestack. The new craft will be operated by gasoline.

Astoria is moving rightily for the coming celebration of its centennial. Delaura Beach will probably be selected as the site of the fair, as Dr. Howard has offered to spend \$200,000 of the \$600,000 needed for local buildings.

Percy Rockefeller, nephew of John A., puts in an eight-hour day at the Standard Oil headquarters and has \$50,000,000 sewed up in his own name. Recently appendicitis came dangerously near executing a foreclosure on his life.

Oregon will be given another congressman, and possibly two, after the coming census is taken. The basis at present is one representative for every 192,182 of population. It is expected that the coming census will show a population for the state of close to 800,000.

Hon. R. R. Butler, judge of this judicial district, made "the" speech of the evening at the Lincoln banquet in Portland. He is reported as having held his audience spell bound for 20 minutes. Judge Butler has a wonderful gift of oratory, and is always attentively listened to wherever and whenever he speaks.

A great many knowing ones are skeptical about the rich strikes reported in the vicinity of old Elk City camp, Idaho; just why there appears to be no sufficient reasons produced. Might just as well be skeptical about the matter of the Grangeville farmers, who are now digging potatoes and shipping to profitable markets where they could not give them away last fall. Idaho soil is unquestionably rich in both, just cultivate the prospect.

## The Local Churches

**Moro M. E. Church.**  
The regular preaching service next Sunday, February 27th, at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Disappointments, are there any in Moro." Come, an effort will be made to do you good.

F. E. Smith, Pastor  
Sunday school at 10 o'clock.  
Ladies' Aid Society Thursday afternoon in the lecture room.

**Christian Science Society.**  
Regular service Sunday 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 p. m. Reading room open Saturday from 2 to 4 p. m.

**Rufus Correspondence.**

Two of the Sister's teachers are visiting here.

Ed Phillips has sold his fine driving team.

Arnold Buhman received a car load of hay here one day last week.

We are having real winter weather—about 8 inches of snow fell on the 17th.

John A. Foister and family, of Roosevelt, attended the masquerade here on the 14th.

Several good dogs have been poisoned here lately, and many no good ones escaped.

Walter Morris, who has been visiting with his parents at Camas, returned to Rufus Saturday.

A E Blackburne was high man at the shoot Sunday, scoring 12 out of a possible 15 clay pigeons.

Miss Nellie Morris and sister, Mrs Langford, are down at Camas visiting their parents, J T and Mrs Morris.

Jim Fox of Weiser, is here with his father, who is quite sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs S L Coates.

J W Smith arrived from Florida on the 15th. He is very favorably impressed with the country down there.

Our store changed hands here on the 17th. Mr Smith going out and Ira F Hill coming in. Miss Marguerite Lindeman, who has been with Mr Smith for the last two years, is to remain with Mr Hill.

Owing to the storm there was not as many at the basket social on the 21st as there would have been had the weather been more favorable. Baskets sold from 50c to \$7.50 each. About \$35.00 was taken in, which goes to fix up the school rooms.

S T Smith will soon leave here for Florida. J W will remain until he gets his accounts straightened up, then he will bid good-bye to Sherman county good by. [We hate to have him go; from our earliest connection with The Observer, the year of the flood that swept away his store with Grant, Mr Smith has been one of our staunchest friends and patrons. With the entire North End of the county we join in wishing him good health and prosperity in his new home in Florida.—Editor.]

There was quite a crowd gathered at Richard Dingles Saturday evening, in honor of the 18th anniversary of their daughter's birth. A good time was enjoyed by all.

(Signed) Old Sleepy

### Edison's Don'ts.

Mr. Edison is still busy with his new storage battery, which, he claims, will solve the traction question. This, too, has been scoffed at from the beginning; it a long time since Mr. Edison began investigation in this direction, but when a successful portable method of storing electricity is developed another industrial revolution will be accomplished.

This leads up to the point to which special attention is directed, says the Bookkeeper. In his experiments with these batteries Mr. Edison has had men at work for years with a patience unparalleled. More than a half ton of reports on experiments with batteries have been made. Two of his best men had to give up the work because of its unending monotony to save themselves from nervous breakdowns. The work was continued night and day for more than three years, and more than 9,000 experiments were made without obtaining the results which Mr. Edison wanted. A visitor to whom this was told exclaimed: "Then all those experiments were practically wasted."

"Not at all," said Mr. Edison. "I now know 9,000 things not to do"—all of which indicates that it is as important to know what not to do as what to do.

**The Lesser Evil.**  
A duck hunter who frequently visits the Maine shores tells a story typical of the hardy men who live there. On one of the islands near where he was lived a man who acted as postman for the few scattering houses on the island and who would row to the mainland every day and bring back the mail for which he received 50 cents.  
One morning during a terrific storm the hunter saw the postman pull over several times during the trip the boat was nearly swamped and the man in danger of his life.  
"Why in the world did you make that trip?" asked the hunter. "Surely not for the 50 cents."  
"Well, you see," replied the postman, "if I miss a trip I have to write a confounded long letter to Washington explaining why, and so I thought I had rather pull the boat."—Boston Record.

### President Helps Orphans

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**Kept Him to the Rules.**  
Sir Frederick Thesiger, while engaged in the conduct of a case, objected to the irregularity of the counsel on the opposite side, who, in examining his witnesses, put leading questions. "I have a right," answered the counsel, "to deal with my witnesses as I please."

"To that I offer no objection," retorted Sir Frederick; "you may deal as you like, but you shan't lead."

### The Attraction

Most men in marrying are not attracted by rosy cheeks, but by green backs.—Buffalo Express.

### Saved from Awful Peril

"I never felt so near my grave," writes L. Chamblin, of Manchester, Ohio, R R No 3, as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 115 lbs in spite of many remedies and the best doctors; and that I am alive today is solely due to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 160 lbs and can work hard. It also cured my four children of croup." Infallible for coughs and colds, it is the most certain remedy for influenza, asthma, desperate lung trouble, and bronchial affections, 50c and \$1.00 a trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Moro Pharmacy.

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