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Idaho has woman suffrage. Otherwise Idaho has no more trouble than the rest of us.

At last, it is said, Walla Walla republicans are united. Oregonians should apply for the recipe.

The development of both the Columbia and Willamet rivers has been the topic of important meetings during the past week, one at Pasco and the other at Albany. Both had splendid attendance.

There are 83 separate bills before congress touching upon the operation of railroads. With the country gradually returning to prosperity, business men feel that the railroads should not be hampered at this time by adverse legislation. Any man's business will be put in a bad way when 83 new laws 'regulating' it are passed annually.

The Yerkes, Williams bay observer, put numerous canards to sleep by dissipating the suspicion that the Halley eccentric joy rider had mislaid its appendage in its recent flirt behind Old Sol. The narrative is at least 2,000,000 miles in length, according to this authority, who adds that the comet's light at present comes largely from the sun.

Secretary Meyer says that eight more battle ships would have prevented the Spanish-American war, which cost over half a billion dollars in immediate outlay. It is now up to the member from the North Dakota uplands to say that eight fewer battle ships would also have done it. On the battle ship question the coast and the field corn states show a thorough agreement to disagree.

Condon is getting its gasoline for its city water works, according to figures of the two Condon papers, nearly two cents per gallon cheaper than Moro. We ship from Portland and take all chances of loss by leakage, while Condon gets it from the Electric Light Co., who bring it in by 10,000 gallon lots, and measure it out as the city needs it. A few spiteful people of Condon say there is a graft in the deal. Moro city officers figured on a storage tank for their gasoline a few years ago and decided that the smaller shipments were cheaper to the city than building a tank and getting the gasoline in larger quantity, even at a less price.

Condon had a city election last week. It was unusual that for mayor opposing candidates were the doctors of the town; and one, the defeated candidate, happened to be considered a better friend of Senator Bowerman than the other. The two, by their opposing professional practice, necessarily put up a fight that spread to other candidates for city offices. One man elected to office was a partner of Mr. Bowerman, but by the help of his "irresponsible" correspondent in one paper of Condon calls him the Portland Daily Journal published a picture of Senator Bowerman over the article dealing with the city election and said that "it surely" points to Bowerman's agent for governor. A mighty fine tribute that he is making a close race, and which would not be made at all, if he was a statement number one and an anti-assembly man, who would let Bourne and U'Ren think for him. Condon is doing what Moro has for years been sorry it did, by senseless fighting of its best citizens it may ultimately force them, and their capital, out of the community. Those who are helping in this are building up worse conditions for themselves whenever the object may be accomplished.

THE RIDDLE OF THE AGES.

What is psychic phenomena? The performance of something that baffles the human understanding; or something that material mind is trying to understand in the spiritual realm. For ages the longing to peer into the supernatural has caused much controversy, bitterness and endless theories. The Bible is full of theories, and any kind of argument can be backed up with excerpts from the greatest book on earth today.

Thousands of different religious sects are on the earth with new ones constantly springing up. That we live in the age of miracles no one can doubt. Each new wonder is unfolded in rapid succession. Its works revealed, and as a rule their simplicity excite but a passing comment and passes off as a matter of fact. The phonograph, wireless telegraphy, flying machine and a thousand and one other inconceivable wonders astounded the public mind for a day, then are accepted as a matter of fact to make room for the next, and so on ad infinitum. Yet with all of these the one question above all that baffles the human race is, what is this life after the change called death?

The pooh-poohing of a subject, or the drowning it in ridicule, does not solve it nor explain it. The mad race for wealth pursued to a finish with all the success imaginable simply ends in pursuing a phantom which closes with the change called death. Evolution in everything is constantly taking place in religion as well as material things. The human mind is a perplexity that no man can fathom, as it is in a constant state of evolution. Progressive thinkers step to the front with new ideas and are dubbed fakes, cranks, etc., yet the greatest philosopher that ever trod the earth was crucified for his advanced ideas.

It is right and proper to investigate on any line that suggests itself to the human mind, for the uplift of the human race and this will find its greatest help in toleration of religious ideas; especially of the races. This mysterious little journey called life is a mystery and may the time come when men of all creeds shall show great tolerance for each other, especially towards investigation that tends to solve "the riddle of the ages."

One of the peculiar features of an experiment which is now being carried on by Prof. Dryden at the O. A. C., is 1,200 fluffy little chicks one day old, enclosed in a circular space 12x12 and mothered by a single oil stove. The experiment is for the purpose of testing the feasibility of raising chickens in large flocks. It has been the belief up to this time that chickens could be raised only in small broods. If the new method proves successful it will be a great boon to the poultry industry. The chicks which are being used in this experiment were hatched in incubators; 12 machines were used, producing an average of 100 each, from a total of 1,350 eggs.

The County Tax Collections.

Sheriff J C Freeman took a receipt from the county treasurer for \$69,212.21 being the total net tax collections for the year up to April 11th. The total gross collection was \$70,699.78 from which was deducted \$1,645.05 for rebates on payments before the 15th of March, and to which was added \$157.46 for payment on the 1908 roll. Of this amount of taxes \$7,063.94 goes as special city tax to the three incorporated cities of the county; \$5,726.24 is a special road tax levied divided among 12 road districts; \$23,177.57 are special school district tax levies divided among 29 school districts;

\$34,116.85 is the amount of money that goes to the state, county and school fund, a little less than one third more than the amount he people of Sherman county have voted to spend above the amount allowed by law for schools. When talking about high axes remember how you voted at the district school and city elections. There is \$7,915.65 yet to be collected for this year's tax of which nearly all represents a half payment, the balance to be paid next October.

Rufus Correspondence.

Herbert Hill is on the sick list this week.

O. H. Rich spent a few hours in town one day last week.

Hugh Christian went to Portland Saturday, returning Monday.

Mr. Simeon Striker is suffering with blood poison caused from a tick bite.

The show Monday night given by the Worth family, colored, was well attended.

Mrs. Sula Curran of St. Johns, spent a few days visiting her sister who lives at Hermiston.

Mr. Vanderlinde and family, brother of Mrs. I F Hill, are visiting for a few days at Mr. Hill's.

Dr. Surratt and family, Mrs. Clothier and daughter, Guy Pound and Ross the jeweler were all Rufus visitors Sunday.

At the shoot Sunday, Nelson Altermat was high man, breaking 14 out of a possible 15-clay pigeons; several in the 11, 12 and 13 column.

Monkland Correspondence.

Friday night April 15th, a party was given in honor of Miss Edna Evans' 16th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ritchey.

The young people spent the evening playing games, and at 11 o'clock a bountiful luncheon of cake, sandwiches and coffee was served.

Every one present seemed to enjoy themselves. Miss Evans received a number of presents.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Milo Elliott; Mr. and Mrs. Ora Elliott; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Pape; Charley Nish; Lilah Nish; Monnie Kessinger; Arnold Kessinger; Roy Kessinger; Dewey Thompson; Edna Thompson; Homer Belshie; Luetta Elliott; Maggie Hunter; Oliva Hunter; Gertrude Thompson; Chester Axtell; Mrs. Mel Evans; Worth Evans; Herichel Evans; Percy Thompson.

Demos Correspondence.

School closes here this (Friday) afternoon, after an eight month's term.

Mrs. W. A. Morgan and Mrs. W. C. Rees, called on Mrs. Alex. Hunter one day last week.

Several young people from this place attended Miss Evans birth day party and report having had a fine time.

Raisin Day, April 30, 1910.

The above date has been set apart as an annual event by the people of California, in which all are asked to join by eating raisins, in the form of raisin bread, or in any form that may be desired. The object of this special day is to create a wide spread raisin sentiment that will result in greater demand for that fruit, and to direct the attention of all good housewives to the excellence of the raisin as an article of food. The good people of the New West are invited by their neighbors to participate in the pleasant custom, and break raisin bread on April 30th.

A Lovely Hour in an Automobile.

All the money needed for the new, first class and up to date district school house at Erskenville, has been cheerfully voted by the liberal tax payers, and is now as good as in the bank. The district is but sparsely settled, but a ride of 14 miles through it last Sunday, as a guest of County Clerk H. S. McDaniel, in his auto, convinced us that it is the Garden Spot of Oregon, and we doubt if any area of equal proportions anywhere, presents a greater attraction. To own a few miles square of it would put the possessor on Easy street and he could live at any part of the world he might select. Just now the fields are at the height of perfection, and the prairie chickens are as fat as butter, and so tame that a passing auto wouldn't put them to flight. E. A. Cushman and F. L. Derby were with us, and Gene would spot a bird but Fred wouldn't shoot, though he had his gun at rest, insisting that it would be worse than cruel to kill such pretty wild birds in such a beautiful region of country. We agree. After passing the highly cultivated farms of Robert Urquhart, Fred Messinger, J. J. Schaeffer, H. S. McDaniel, W. A. Norcross, Geo. A. Meloy, L. L. Peetz, Mrs. Powell, W. S. Powell, F. A. Sayres, E. A. Cushman and O. C. Mortensen, we landed at home, having had a leisurely drive of about 18 miles in exactly 60 minutes, filled with sentiment and song that "No man can say, as he wanders away, such a lovely day as this, that he'd rather not stay in Moro on account of the climate," unless he was crazy.

Sale of Blooded Stock.

The annual spring breeders auction sale of pure bred Shorthorns from prize winning herds will take place at the Union Stock Yards, Portland, April 26th; also 50 registered Holsteins and 150 fine horses will be sold at Portland Country Club race track April 27-29. For catalogue, apply to the Portland Horse Sale Co., 373 Yamhill st., Portland. [22.212]

Spring is Sprung.

The grass is springing in the meads The squirrels spring from bough to bough.

The flowers are springing from the seeds, We spring from bed more early now.

In lovers hearts a new joy springs, The trout springs in the waters clear, Wife spring demands for hats and things—

Who, then, dare say that spring's not here?

The Local Churches

Moro M. E. Church.

The regular preaching service Sunday morning April 17th with sermon by the pastor at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Ladies' Aid Society Thursday afternoon in the lecture room.

F. E. Smith, Pastor

Spaulding Chapel.

Services as usual Sunday next. A cordial invitation is extended to all. C. L. Lowther, Pastor. Sunday School at 12 o'clock. H. B. Belshie, Supt.

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Preaching service at 3 o'clock p. m. Welcome extended to all who can come. C. L. Lowther, Pastor. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Mrs. W. L. Dillinger, Supt.

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Services and sermon at 7.30 p. m. Would be pleased to have you come. C. L. Lowther, Pastor

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