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Congress quit on the 4th, and Mr. Taft has called the new one to get together April 4th.

Aviation is creating a good deal of excitement at Manila. The Filipinos are not only up to date, but are willing to do a little skirmishing with the future.

In some respects the New York legislature has a much harder task to perform than the election of a United States senator; that of appeasing the suffragettes.

A congressman argues that the profits on letter postage should bring about penny postage. But the leak of \$62,000,000 a year in magazine matter stands in the way of all such popular improvements.

Press dispatches say that Senator Larimer was given a rousing welcome on his return to Chicago, but that "J. Ogden Armour was absent." Too bad, the jay must have been kept at home on account of a sudden attack of the belly ache.

Uncle Sam's leviathan battle ship, the Delaware, has made the run from Hampton roads to Rio without a stop, at an average speed of thirteen and one-half knots an hour; it shows the American navy to be fit for another cruise around the world.

Beginning March 1st the O-W. R. & N. Co. run a mixed train which leaves DesChutes at 1 p. m., and arrives at Cave creek, 70 m. from DesChutes, at 6 p. m.; leaves Cave creek at 7 a. m., arriving at DesChutes at 11 a. m., connecting with O-W. R. & N. trains number 1 and 3.

B. B. Bakowski, the scenic photographer who spent a part of last summer in this vicinity taking views, is thought to have perished while on a recent visit to Crater lake. His camp was found in order, and he was traced to the rim of the lake where it is supposed he toppled over and was drowned in the waters below. The searching party states that the lake is not frozen, except where the water is very shallow; the mysterious water enveloped in snow is said to be one of the grandest views that can be imagined.

George Meader of Wasco was renewing acquaintances in Moro last week. Judge Meader is one of the pioneer settlers of this county who lost their farms by usurpation through Uncle Sam on account of the graft of The Dalles Military Wagon Road myth, and is greatly interested in the outcome of the now dead "measure before congress" supposing redress for losses suffered by reason of the proper ruling of Hoke Smith, then Secretary of the Interior, but afterwards improperly turned down by this great and impartial government of dear old Uncle Sam. But just keep on watching and praying. Bro. Meader, something is liable to happen in the next congress that will awaken the dead, at the instance and suggestion of Congressman A. W. Lafferty.

It is estimated that the emperor of Japan has given \$3,000,000 from his private purse for relief of the starving people in his country; there should be considerable satisfaction in philanthropy of that sort.

Wild geese were never known to be so plentiful on the banks of John Day river, east of Moro, as at present. The Goffin Stock Farm appears to be one of their greatest rendezvous. Mr. Hendricks says he could kill 40 a day, but that it would be wrong to thus slaughter them, and Joe is right. The sight of so many was a revelation to Mr. Wright, of Vancouver, one of the owners, on a visit to the farm last week.

Stop Ham, Bacon and Lard Imports.

If the Sherman county farmers would only undertake it they could stop importations of ham, bacon and lard within six months, three of the most important items of the family cuisine. We know what we are talking about when we assert that as between the home cured and the imported article every point in excellence belongs to the farmers product. The man or the woman who diet regularly upon the imported stuff do not know what a good slice of ham or bacon tastes like; and the farmer whose sales of hogs on foot to the trust is his only source of revenue in that line, cannot realize fully how his profit on hogs has been shaved to the minimum, when by curing his shipments at home, and supplying families direct, he has developed an industry equal to his most extensive farm operations. It is time that they began looking about to discover the difference, and cut out an abomination. We do not expect the farmer to compete with the trust, but for the sake of health and purity families should co-operate, and cut out the stuff. Begin right by asserting that you are entitled to the best, and take no other; our farmers deserve this recognition, and you should not longer with hold it at the expense of your health and the health of your family.

A A Jayne and Party Safe.

Attorney A A Jayne, of Hood River, who has been reported missing in Mexico, has been found. For weeks his wife, who is at San Diego, has been urging the state department at Washington to do all in its power to find her husband, but in vain. February 26th she received a telegram from Mr. Jayne, saying that in company with G D Dodsworth, a Los Angeles capitalist, he had gone into the interior of Sonora, so far beyond the bounds of civilization that he had been unable to communicate with the outside world. The telegram was dated Hermosillo, to which point Mr. Jayne had been able to make his way.

Although brief, the message announced that both men had suffered much hardship and privation but set at rest the rumor that they were captured by roving bandits, or revolutionists. Mrs. Jayne has been completely prostrated with anxiety over the fate of her husband, and was almost completely overcome by the receipt of the telegram. She notified her friends in Oregon who have shared her anxiety, and the state department at Washington, which had promised to aid in the search for the missing men, of the return of her husband to civilization.

Benefit of the O. A. C. Lectures.

An actual saving of over \$1,000 in horse feed resulted from the information gained by a prominent business man and farmer of Salem, in the winter short course at the Oregon Agricultural College. Last year he went himself to the course, and this year, being unable to attend, he sent his ranch foreman. The knowledge gained in the course on feeding of horses alone netted him a saving of over \$1,000 in his feed bills, and his animals are in finer condition than ever before, he says.

Over \$5,000 would have been saved by S W Jamison, of Dell, he estimates, if he had taken the short course two years ago. Inexperience and lack of training when he came west two years ago, to develop his holdings of 4,000 acres of fruit lands, caused him the usual mistakes of beginners. Upon attending the course at the

college this winter he discovered his mistakes, and made a careful computation of his consequent losses, which amounted to over \$5,000.

These are but two of a large number of similar cases which have come to the attention of Dean Arthur B Cordley, of the college. It is a special aim of the college not only to equip young men to go out after graduation and develop the new lands to their utmost capacity, but to help the farmers, stockmen and orchardmen of the state who are already caring for lands of their own, or in charge of large estates, to get the greatest possible value out of the land, and to help them to solve the problems that arise, and to get rid of the pests which injure crops.

The Order of Hercules.

Many seasons have come and gone since the fun loving public of Moro have enjoyed themselves equal to two hours spent in Moro opera house the night of March 2d when the secret work of the ancient order of Hercules was fully given.

The curtain rose at 8.15 on a full house, and the stage presented a lodge ready for work. Truly for once the announcement of a complete expose of the secret work was to be kept to the very last secret sign, grip and word. The young man who was initiated showed unusual nerve, and only once during the ceremony weakened, when he was ordered to choose which leg should be sawed off; he finally selected his right.

Although blindfolded, the scene in which he was able to stand off, with his boxing gloves, all that could come at him, and at times send his assailants sprawling in all directions, was both exciting and ludicrous. Suffice to say the candidate passed through the ceremony with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity, and is now a full fledged member of the Order of Hercules. It was announced that evening that applications for membership would be received from any one of the requisite age, without regard to color, sex or previous condition of servitude.

The Highly Illustrious Grand Hiandakind wishes to add that the age limit is from four years up, and that in order to show his appreciation to the ladies of Moro for their attendance he has decided to reduce the advance fee for them from \$100 to \$99.48; he hopes this courtesy on his part will be appreciated and that he will have several applications on file in the near future.

Monkland Correspondence.

Louie Pape and A C Thompson started harrowing this week.

Several Monkland people attended the show in Moro given by the Masons Thursday night.

Monkland school started Monday with an enrollment of nine; more pupils are expected.

C J Thompson has a new tent which he has up, already preparing for his summer outing in the back yard.

Upper Hay canyon school gave a carpet rag ball social Friday evening; they had a very good program and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Charles Nish met with quite an accident last week cutting one of his feet with an ax; it is improving however, and he was able to go out driving Sunday.

Miss Jennie Bowersox arrived Saturday from Corvallis to teach our school. While in Portland she visited with Mr and Mrs J O Elliott; she says they and Todd McCoy have not forgotten Sherman county yet.

RAIL DEATHS NONE

Harriman Lines Carry 49,491,000 Persons in Safety.

BLOCK SYSTEM TELLING

Reports for 1910 Received by Local Agents Show No Fatalities. 17,960 Miles Covered. Anti-Accident Crusade Effective.

Installation of safety devices and the block signal system are cited for the record of the Harriman roads in carrying 49,491,000 passengers in 1910 without sacrificing a single life.

The report was compiled in the

office of Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation, Chicago. It covers the business of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and affiliated roads, a total of 17,960 miles. The total number of passengers carried on a mile basis is 3,000,000,000.

The Harriman system carried 10 per cent of the estimated 1910 passenger traffic. The figures for most of the other railroads have not yet been compiled by the government, but in 1909 the number of passengers carried was 29,000,000,000. The figures for 1910, it is said, will not exceed a billion more.

Many other railroads have gone through a year without a fatality to any of its passengers, but it is said that no system has made this record for such a large total of passengers.

Results on the Harriman lines are ascribed to a campaign waged by the management for years to reduce accidents. The Harriman system now has more miles of automatic block signal protection than any other system in the world. Mr Kruttschnitt has directed special attention to the accident problem, and began several years ago to bring about a reduction by giving complete publicity to all forms of accidents and their investigation, which, it is believed, spurred officers and employees to greater efforts to safeguard lives.

In 1903-1904 the number of accidents on the Union Pacific was 20 for 1,000,000 locomotive miles. On the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific the number of accidents per 1,000,000 locomotive miles was reduced from 29.5 to 10.5 in the same time.

Additional Locals.

Read the adv of N E Moffitt, Business Opportunity, Milwaukee, Oregon.

"All aboard for Central Oregon" is now heard in the corridors of the Portland hotels.

Harvey Strong is again holding the ribbons over a plow team on the H W Strong model farm near this city.

Inks, Red, Blue-black, Jet-black; Violet, Green, and the best quality fountain pen ink at The Observer Book Store.

W S Hall has purchased a Buick auto and expects to keep the roads hot this spring. He was in the city Wednesday with A J Holt and H M Shull.

The Mexican government is now granting special permits to foreigners to buy land in what is called the prohibited zone, which embraces all lands within twenty leagues of the Rio Grande.

The false hair dressing so in vogue in this country is equally so in Europe. At Barcelona there has been an enormous demand for human hair for false curls. It is now selling at about \$5 to \$15 a pound.

The governments of Australia and New Zealand have decided to establish a system of wireless telegraphy which will be under their control and which will embrace various groups of British islands.

Medical inspection of 1,000 five-year-old children in Surrey, England, revealed the fact that those who had several decayed teeth weighed on an average of 2.69 pounds less than those who had sound teeth.

Rear Admiral Bacon of the British navy believes that the race between the gun and the armor of a battleship, which has been going on for over half a century, has been decided for the moment in favor of the gun.

There are 30,064 acres under strawberry cultivation in Great Britain, 25,937 being in England, 745 in Wales and 3,382 in Scotland. Kent produces more than a quarter of the total strawberry yield of Great Britain and devotes to it 8,502 acres.

It is said that Miguel Romona, a Mexican, lives farther south than any other man on the mainland of the United States. His home is simply a shack built on the point of land piled up by the Rio Grande river where it empties into the gulf of Mexico.

A tall pine tree at Bridgton, Me., was struck by lightning last spring and now has the appearance of a barber's pole. The bolt struck near the top of the tree, and its course to the ground may be traced by a continuous wide stripe which winds round and round the tree. This stripe is visible for a long distance.

Old, poor and alone, George M. Shelby, by his own account down to his last cent, sat in the rear of the little store in Kansas City, Mo., and patched his trousers, while near him, a monument to one man's trust in his "friends" stood a filing cabinet containing \$1,000,000 in outworn notes for money he had loaned or goods he had sold.

There was a riot in Melbourne, Australia, among a number of Lascars belonging to a steamer lately arrived from Bombay. A swarthy, heavily tattooed man, who was apparently the leader of the disturbance, was interrogated by the presiding magistrate. "Where are you from?" "Oreland, your worship." "What part?" "Permay, County Cork."

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