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Cut the lower house of congress down to one half its present proportions 433, then 216 will be too many.

An easy way to settle property line disputes would be to have the disputants pull the weeds on their own property; the line would be very closely defined.

A daily dispatch speaks of a young man who wanted to hug a girl but got cold feet; we fail to see why that fact should interfere materially with the hugging process.

A Pennsylvanian recently gained notoriety by playing the piano for 36 consecutive hours; a man who does a thing like that is bound to be talked about, especially by his neighbors.

All of the prosecutions brought against the big combines are the result of the Sherman anti-trust law, and nobody will attempt to deny that John Sherman was a republican.

A Russian in Illinois is said to be dying of homesickness. Even Russia, in spite of all its Tolstoy's and Gorkys have done to describe it as a hell on earth, has still the charm of home.

San Francisco appears to have decided, so far as the dispatches indicate, to divide the Panama Fair into several divisions; the idea is new, but not all new ideas become popular.

The Chinese government has instructed a crusade against the use of cigarettes in that country, convinced that they are more dangerous than opium, so abhorrent to Caucasian civilization.

Tons of sawdust will be needed to keep the prize fruit from freezing at the next annual apple show under auspices of the Oregon state horticultural society, at Portland on November 15-17.

Billy Sunday, while saving souls by the wholesale is also saving money for himself in a still more rapid ratio. His income for a period of the past ten months amounted to \$70,507.77; and he has engagements booked for two years ahead.

Poor Bryan, the erstwhile "Peerless" leader of democracy; to be denounced as a base falsifier in the halls of congress by the leader of the democratic majority, and to have such denunciations greeted by stormy cheers of approval, and other demonstrations from congressmen who had followed his presidential banner through three fierce and hopeless campaigns; is most assuredly a sorry spectacle; one that should cause conscientious people to halt, and think, before ally themselves with any set of politicians of the latter day brand.

## Value of the County Newspaper.

There is a very lively agitation going on in the state press over the question of the deluge of free matter that they are being constantly asked to print and much of which they are actually printing, says the Evening Telegram.

There is no business extant from which so much gratis work is expected as from the newspapers. Whilst this is true of all newspapers, it bears with greatest force upon the smaller newspapers, which lack the variety of resources the big communities afford.

They are expected to advocate everything that is for the public interest which is reasonable and within due bounds, but many things that are sugarcoated under the guise of public interests too often conceal private interests that solely are benefited by the dead-heading and are oftentimes really inimical to the public welfare.

There is no class which gives up so much to the community interests as the small newspapers, and there is no class whose work gets so little recognition and usually such little compensation.

Every enterprise in the community expects recognition, it expects to have constantly poured to it every aid, while on the other hand it rarely expects to reciprocate; and when it does, and that with very bad grace; it does so little that it might be called infinitesimal.

There is no investment that the small community can make which is equal to the well-conducted, self-respecting and self-sustaining newspaper. It is the mouthpiece of the community so far as the outside world is concerned, and by it the community is most often judged.

As a matter of fact, it is a good reflex of a community. For this reason it deserves to be sustained as a community investment.

The whole community should not be united as it now usually is in deadheading its way, and its schemes, public, private, good, bad and indifferent, into the newspaper. It should realize that the newspaper has some rights which should be respected, and it has some needs which must be supplied.

Every community should get the point of view of the newspaper so that it gets a fair deal with the rest of the enterprises.

When it does this it will find better newspapers, better service and all around improved conditions.

Five men were killed in the Kentucky mountains Wednesday as a result of an old feud. The battle took place on the edge of the blue grass country, which is, to the mountainous region, what the lowlands were to the highlands of Scotland in the days of Roderick Dhu.

The president of Panama is fortunately situated. Whenever he wears of his high office all he has to do is to petition the supreme court for permission to absent himself from the chair for a period of six months and let one of the vice presidents do the governing.

In Utah the other day two convicts who had promised the warden they would not try to escape if given a chance to work on the roadway, hiked for the tall timber at the first opportunity. Things are coming to a pretty pass when a man's word isn't sufficient to keep him in prison.

President Taft contends that most of the wars of the past could have been settled by arbitration. An exception may be noted in the case of the Spanish-American war, because the dons were acting for a good, sound thrashing and would not have been satisfied without it. Our own Civil War might have been averted if Zack Chandler, then U. S. Senator from Michigan, hadn't butted in with a dispatch to Gov. Austin Blair advising him not to sign for the governor's peace congress, adding that "the government wasn't worth a dam without a little blood-letting." Austin didn't sign, and the peace congress was a failure.

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## The Neglected Grave.

In tearing down the old Colfax residence in South Bend, Indiana, once the home of Hon. Schuyler Colfax, former vice president of the United States, brings forward the melancholy and discreditable fact that in the city to which he brought honor and fame, there is not a monument nor a memorial of that distinguished and beloved statesman and citizen.

South Bend and St. Joe county should see to it that this grave neglect is not longer permitted to continue. In fact, we feel that there are others who should see to it. As author of the I. O. O. F. Degree of Rebecca, Mr Colfax has at least a million or two of ardent friends in that order who would very readily and willingly take a hand in the matter of placing a monument in Washington city that the Nation would be proud of as an enduring memorial to one of the purest statesmen that ever met with congress, and Moro degree is just the one to start the praiseworthy work while The Observer Editor is yet here, as former associate of Mr. Colfax, to aid and counsel the laudable purpose in every way possible of its accomplishment.

## The Farming Problem will Work Out.

Charley Powell has called our attention to a fact peculiar to this harvest: That all the best crops are on the poorest soil, and the best soil produces the poorest crop. Others with whom we have conversed on this topic, assign as a reason for it that the poorest land having been worked the least in past years is better able to retain the moisture of last winter. Take old worked land that was covered by the wind rows of weeds, and it buried in snow drifts that gradually seeped away into the soil, and there you find the perfect wheat; but we have observed that it matters not how much moisture may come and go during winter and spring, it is not sufficient for a crop without a good fall of rain in June. The rain-maker having disgusted Jupiter Pluvius, and all ordinary plans frustrated, it behooves us all to pay attention to other lessons in the line of farming through our agricultural department, its colleges and experiment stations. There is a way.

## California Ramie Factory.

What will be the first ramie factory in the United States will be established in Sacramento before many months. The promoters have already contracted for 15,000 acres of material to be grown during the ensuing year. There are 25 ramie factories in Europe. From ramie fiber can be produced all the textiles that are obtained from cotton, linen or silk, better and more durable and with valuable by-products. The market is nearly unlimited, as is shown by the contracting in advance for the entire output of the Sacramento factory. At a low estimate every person uses \$20 worth of textiles a year. There are 2,500,000 people in California alone, and more than \$50,000,000 worth of textiles is consumed in that state every year. Of this amount only about 2 percent is now made in the state. It has been remarked that the soil and climate of the Oregon Inland Empire is adapted to ramie production.

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South-bound passenger daily	Time Table June 18 1911	North-bound passenger daily
6.00 pm	Shaniko	7.45 am
5.15	Wilcox	8.15
4.55	Kent	8.30
4.35	Bourbon	8.45
4.15	Grass Valley	9.10
3.55	Erskine	9.35
3.35	Moro	9.45
3.20	DeMoss	10.00
3.05	McDonell	10.15
2.45	Sandon	10.35
2.40	Klondike	10.45
2.15	Wasco	11.00
1.50	Sink	11.10
1.45	Gibson	11.15
1.25 Lv	Biggs	11.45 Ar

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## Big Blow-up on The North Coast Ry.

Seventeen carloads of powder, partly dynamite, will be exploded in one gigantic blast by the O-W R and N Co. on the North Coast road now building along Snake river toward Spokane. This big blast will be touched off some time within a fortnight, and is intended to move hundreds of tons of earth.

The present O-W R and N Co. tracks are being torn up and the trains on the Snake river branch will be run through Walla Walla, as the blasts will dump tons of debris over the rails; rather than attempt to clean the roadbed afterwards, the company will re-grade it.

One of the mines to be exploded will be more than a quarter of a mile long, but if the engineers' calculation is correct, no rocks will be hurled into the air, and the spectacle will be as safe as a fireworks display.

## Water Surplus at Spokane.

Superintendent Lindsay, of the Spokane water department, complains bitterly that the people of that city do not use more water. Mr. Lindsay says: "We are using only one unit at the auxiliary station and the pumps we are working are running only three-quarter speed; we have three pumps, each with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons a day that are not used all."

## Gorman Neighborhood Items.

Wheat is a light crop in this vicinity.

Geo Coy and wife are again at home on their place on the John Day.

E W Knapp lost a 1400 pound mare, caused by inflammation of the bowels.

High winds have caused some header crews to lay off part of a day at different times since harvest began.

Mrs Burkhart has gone to hay canyon to cook for Mr Hanna's threshing outfit. Bert Stephens will sew sacks for the outfit.

Wm Reid's family have moved temporarily on the Fredenburgh place, to cook for the harvest crew while they are cutting Jim Hedrick's grain, on the L Pape place, and also on the Fredenburgh place.

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## A Cheap Disinfectant.

L M Parker says that during last season they were pestered with flies by the millions on their Morrow county ranch, and with the screening they could do they were unable to keep them out of the house. This season he says they keep a barrel of water at the barn which is strongly tintured with blue vitrol and with this water they sprinkle the manure pile every time the stables are cleaned, and as a result they have very few flies as compared with the number they had last season. It is a simple remedy and so inexpensive it ought to come into general use.

## Want The Country Editors' Work.

Capital Journal: The state good road association thinks now if they could get the cooperation of the country press, the problem would be solved. Why not have each editor of a country paper work two days with a pick and shovel. That would help some.

## Camp Outfit For Sale.

At very reasonable price: 1 camp wagon, fully equipped with cooking utensils, folding table, chairs; 300 ft. 1/2 in. wire cable; 1 team of horses and harness; 1 single harness; 1 saddle; 1 new roller-top desk and chair; 3 sleeping bags, and numerous other articles. Act. E. O. L. Co. GEO. W. BERRIAN, Moro, Or. [26tf.98]

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