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A new nerve has been discovered; it probably comes from too much politics.

After his recent review of the U.S. navy President Taft must regard it as a very formidable Dove of Peace.

In the opinion of Armenians there is "something new under the sun" when Turkey protests against cruelties in warfare.

A Washington minister has resigned on account of insomnia; and yet a wide awake pastor is just what some congregations like.

Some boys leave the farm with the expectation of studying law, and going to congress; others anticipate becoming phenomenal ball players.

A California town proposes to operate a municipal saloon and take all the profits; the idea of public ownership seems to be marching on.

Nothing is too good for the Celestials; the Emperor has decided to grant everything that may be demanded by Veritas, Old Subscriber, and Vox Populi.

Mrs L B Kerwood of Prineville, has her electric railway financed for enough to build it from Metolius to the Crook county seat, and have the cars running on or before the 4th of July next.

The people of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and vicinity, are getting out of bed at 5 a m to look at a "hazy star with a long faint tail," said to be Brooks' comet in the last stages of going out of sight.

The optimistic aviator correspondent declares Rogers flew from coast to coast in less than four days beating the record of the fastest express train: "True," says the pessimist, "but it took him more than a month to do it."

With jails and prisons in Oregon over run with criminals, from the murderer to petty thief, it seems that the 1909 yell of Portland for 500,000 voters for 1912 has just about been answered; but will they all vote? ask the governor.

The Open river Transportation company has issued a shippers' river guide which gives a list of all Columbia river points reached by steamers of that line, also a list of inland railroad stations in connection with steamers by way of river junctions.

President Kerr, of the O. A. C., and Director James Withycombe, of the Experiment Stations, speak in Columbus Ohio, this week, before the association of American agricultural colleges and experiment stations. Dr. Withycomb will lead the discussion on institutes. He is to spend about a month visiting eastern experiment stations and President Kerr is to go to N. Y. City and Washington, in the interests of the Sherman county, Umatilla and Union branch experiment stations, which are partly supported by federal funds.

Archbishop Ireland Left Out.

It has been a matter of surprise and remark that the United States with its vast Catholic population has had only one Cardinal in recent years, and now that news has been received of three Americans to wear the red hat, in addition to Cardinal Gibbons, making four in all, two points inevitably occasion comment: 1, That Archbishop Ireland is not included in the list; 2, That of the four cardinals none is stationed farther west than Baltimore.

It is intimated that other prelates are soon to be named as cardinals and it is believed that one of the number will be chosen from the western part of the United States, so it is possible that the Archbishop of St. Paul may yet wear the honors that so many of his friends have desired should come to him as the crowning distinction of his work for mankind.

While many have felt that the Roosevelt-Storer episode wrought an injury to the prospect for an early appointment of Archbishop Ireland to the sacred college, it seems hardly possible that the incident would be the means of debaring him permanently from the reception of that honor, which is next in rank to that of the Pope himself.

Alaska reindeer are a perfect God-send to the people of Alaska this winter, who find them indispensable for food, and useful for transportation. Dr Sheldon Jackson passed through many sleepless days and nights a few years ago, bringing a few small herds from Lapland, now multiplied by the thousands, and the most interesting things encountered there.

Farming is one of the most dignified professions in the world, and the farmer is the hope of this nation; is of more importance than the farm, the skillful hand and cultured mind are his greatest assets; boys and girls are the most valuable crop. We would kindly among our readers an ambition for the fullest development of the farm life.

Fresh Water Comes High at Astoria.

Astorian: Another instance of our peculiar unpreparedness to rightly accommodate ships that call here for stores and supplies, was when chief engineer of the ss. Chancellor had to decline purchasing 12,000 gallons of the superb drinking water of Astoria, with which he was anxious to fill the ships tanks, because of a charge of \$2 per 1000 gallons; a price three times greater than is charged in any other port on the coast with such supply and facilities as Astoria has. These matters must be looked into and brought to the standards of service and cost all about us.

A Cleaning Fluid.

An excellent home made cleaning fluid, useful generally for many emergencies, is made by dissolving four ounces of white castile soap in a quart of boiling rain water; when cool add two ounces each of alcohol, ether and glycerine; four ounces of ammonia, and, finally, one gallon of rain water, then bottle it for use; this will remove grease spots from clothing, table-covers, carpets, rugs, etc.

Flour from Sweated Wheat.

Farmers in and about Harrington, Eastern Washington, as well as residents of the town, have adopted flour from wheat cured by the sweat process, brought out by S E McDonald, county commissioner. Housewives pronounce it superior.

Mr. McDonald is a scientific wheat producer, and he cut his crop with a binder, stacked the sheaves and allowed the grain to sweat, thereby taking up the nutrient and dampness of the juicy straw, after which it was threshed with a separator.

This process, he believes, excels that in which the grain is cut and threshed in the same time by the use of combines; to test his theory thoroughly, 900 sacks of sweat-cured wheat were ground, the miller placing the flour in plain sacks.

"War is Hell."

Salem Statesman: Gen. Sherman's definition of war is fully justified by present conditions in Tripoli, according to dispatches, Arab tribesmen being ruthlessly slaughtered by the Italian troops; action which will lead to swift reprisals on the part of the Arabs, drenching that unhappy country with the blood of men, women and children until the close of the wretched conflict. And look at it in China; the street gutters running full of blood, fed by the looting side, as they win and lose. Sure "war is hell."

State Capital Gleanings

After passing on 75 cases, the parole board decided to allow 20 paroles under the indeterminate sentence law. Working in conjunction with the state tax commission, Governor West is collecting extensive data on the good roads work now being done by the different counties in Oregon since 1906.

According to the predictions of old pioneers of Salem who have had occasion to observe weather conditions in the Willamette Valley for the past 40 years, some bad storms are in store for this section within the next few months.

What Secretary of State Olcott has characterized as "gross carelessness" in the preparation of some of the vouchers received from state institutions, has resulted in a tip to some of the superintendents that in future vouchers must be made out according to law.

"Reclamation week" is the title with which Governor West has dubbed the seven days beginning November 18, when important reclamation work will be gone over and the life or death of certain irrigation companies under the Carey Act will be hung in the balance before the Desert Land Board.

A new system has been inaugurated in the state engineer's office to keep water-right records more nearly down to date. Instead of each claimant, as heretofore, applying for the entire stream flow, or all the water he thinks he can use, and having an indefinite time within which to put it to beneficial use, the new law provides for the limitation of each application as to the amount of water, and time for beginning and completing work, and putting the water to use.

The attitude of the State Board of Canal Commissioners toward the situation at Oregon City relative to the Willamette locks, was expressed in a formal statement issued from the office of Governor West. He declares that the government and the state board are of one mind relative to the construction of the locks and that as soon as negotiations for equitable valuation of property rights are settled to the satisfaction of the government and the state board and subsequent recommendations of the engineers have been approved by the department the work on the project will be begun.

REPORT OF SHERMAN Co. SCHOOLS Month Ending Nov. 3d, 1911.

Teachers: patrons, pupils, and all others interested in the general welfare of our schools, should note carefully how your school compares each month with the others of the county.

School	Teacher	Enrollment	Number days taught	Total number days absence	Total number time late	Total number absent nor late	Per cent of attendance	Visits by parents	Visit by school board
1 Bigelow	N. A. Cramer	14	28	50	1	88	8.00		
2 Brock	Barbara Steingruber	6	20	7	3	93	3.00		
3 Rufus	P. J. Mulkey, principal	29	20	4	13	16	92.00		
5 Locust Grove	Grace Porter	19	20	32	37	3	92.10		
6 China Hollow									
7 Wasco	J. M. Woods, principal	111	19	44	5	79	97.80		
9 Kent	G. B. Coleman, principal	57	19	39	12	31	95.70		
10 Webfoot	Louise Whiting	9	20	5	0	7	98.70		
11 Fredberg									
12 Sherr Bridge	Pearl M. Thomas	15	20	8	4	12	97.10		
13 DeMoss	M. A. Larkins	9	15	3	4	6	97.70		
16 Erakville	Lottie Covey	7	15	3	4	6	97.70		
17 Moro	F. E. Fagan, principal	75	20	18	42	98.40	0.00		
19 Monkland	Jennie Bowersox	11	18	5	2	89	7.00		
20 Upper Hay Canyon	Isabelle McGregor	11	18	7	5	2	96.10		
21 Fairview	Sadie M. Chesborough	5	18	1	2	3	98.00		
22 Boardman	Anna M. Denny	18	18	13	3	8	93.70		
23 Grass Valley	Chester Sheets, principal	13	20	6	20	3	97.00		
24 Rutledge	Anna Kelly	13	20	6	20	3	97.00		
25 German Settlement	H. E. Thompson	7	19	7	8	0	94.20		
26 Michigan	Lydia Giese	3	10	0	0	3	100.00		
27 John Day	Fay Fleming	3	10	0	0	3	100.00		
28 Blue School House									
29 Wilcox	Zeta M. Andrews	10	20	1	3	8	98.90		
30 Klondike	Lillie F. Currin	16	20	7	19	5	91.10		
31 Biggs	Hazel Sneve	5	10	6	0	2	96.30		
32 Rosebush	Ruth E. Crouch	18	20	5	5	0	93.40		
33 Buckley	Iva V. Lane	8	19	5	5	4	96.10		
35 Dobie Point	Irene Phalon	7	10	7	2	4	90.00		
44 Early	Lena B. Johnson	9	19	2	4	4	97.70		

* School not in session this month. † Report incorrect. ‡ Teacher failed to report

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Bids Asked for Dam on Siuslaw. Florence.—Miller Brothers, Joaquin, George M. and James, the latter two of this county, and the former the famous poet, have advertised for bids for construction of a concrete dam, 100 feet long, across the Siuslaw River at Swiss Home. The purpose is to divert water from the canal for the hydro-electric plant the Millers are installing to supply the towns of the lower Siuslaw.

Pay for Squaw Demanded. Klamath Falls.—While Blige Archie, Plute Indian, was acquitted recently at Lakeview on the charge of murdering his squaw, a Pitt River Indian, the woman's tribe is not satisfied with the outcome of the case and demands a private settlement from the brave. The tribesmen think a suitable amount should be paid for the loss of the woman.

Telephone Line Near Completion. Elgin.—The farmers of this community are setting poles for the new line of the Farmers' Co-operative Telephone Company. It is their intention to cover all of this county, as well as Wallawa, and they are sparing neither effort nor expense in their plan to give the people the best of service when the line is complete.

No Suffragettes in Plymouth. Governor Bradford of Massachusetts specified that "besides waterfowl, there was a great store of wild turkeys" for their first Thanksgiving feast, 1621, by which it is plain that our ancestors inaugurated the custom of the turkey on Thanksgiving day.

But chiefs were not numerous in Plymouth. The first feast, at which there were fifty-five white men and ninety Indians, was prepared by "four women, one servant and a few maidens." Poor women! How they must have sighed for their day of emancipation!

The Latin Language. Latin was one of the original languages of Europe, and from it sprang the Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese languages. Many words of our own language are of Latin origin. It ceased to be spoken in Italy about 651 and was first taught in England by one Adelinus in the seventh century. The use of Latin in law books in England gave way to the common tongue in the year 1000.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The United States Bureau of Fisheries has delivered to the Oregon State Fish Commission during the past week 4,419,000 Chinook salmon eggs.

Clofelter & Perkins, owners of a near-beer place at Springfield, plead guilty to the charge of violating the local option law and were fined \$300 each.

The Reclamation Service announces that \$50,000 a month is now being expended on the Klamath irrigation project, the principal work being on Lost River.

The Oregon City authorities will investigate the mysterious death of Henry Henning, the Warm Springs Indian, whose body was found in the Willamette River near Concord.

Substantial prizes and instructive addresses by dairy experts will be the features of the 30th annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Association in Portland, December 7 and 8.

Pines aggregating \$1600 were collected in the justice court at Roseburg as a result of the recent crusade of Sheriff Quine against persons suspected of violating the local option law in Douglas County.

An apple-packing box that may revolutionize northwest apple shipping packages is being experimented with by the Davidson Fruit Company of Hood River. The material is heavy pasteboard instead of wood.

The beautiful \$60,000 Elks' temple in The Dalles was dedicated by members of the local lodge, No. 303, and their visiting brothers of the antlered order, nearly 1000 strong, who came from Portland, Vancouver and other cities of the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. W. A. Merrill, assistant director of the New York botanical gardens, is visiting the Oregon Agricultural College in search of material for "The North American Flora," a work on systematic botany which aims to describe all species of plants in North America.

Word has been received that Andrew Carnegie will not increase his original offer of \$20,000 for a Carnegie library at Pacific University. Mr. Carnegie offered \$20,000 on the terms that the institution raise an additional \$20,000. Friends of the university secured \$50,000 and had hoped to get an additional \$10,000 from Mr. Carnegie.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headache will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

When the Hen is Safe. "This," remarked Mrs. Hen, "as she flew up on to Mr. Turkey's back, 'is my happy day. It's Thanksgiving, you know. What have I to give thanks for? Oh, several things, thank you. On almost any other day in the year I am liable to get the ax, and when I do get it I won't worry whether my



head's on straight. But my worry comes from not knowing just when the ax may fall. There are 865 days in the year. Thanksgiving is the only day when I am immune. My large and lovely rival, Mr. Turkey, who scorns me in the barnyard, is underneath my feet today, as you can see with the naked eyes. Ta-ta, Mr. Turkey; I see the farmer coming with his ax."

Fresh Water Flying Fish. A specimen of the African fresh water flying fish is now to be seen in the reptile house at the London zoological gardens. In the day it is usually poled motionless close to the surface of the water. At night it darts about catching insects. A species found in British Guiana swims along the surface of the water with the deep keel of the abdomen immersed.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Roast Turkey. Cook turkeys are usually better eating than hen turkeys unless a hen turkey is young, small and plump. Use enough stuffing to fill the skin that the bird may look plump when served.

Place turkey on its side in dripping pan. Rub entire surface with salt, brush with soft butter and dredge with flour. Place in hot oven and when well browned reduce the heat. Baste with fat in pan and add two cupsful of boiling water. Continue basting every fifteen minutes until turkey is cooked, which will require about four hours for a ten pound turkey. Basting cooking turn turkey frequently that it may brown evenly. For gravy pour or liquid in pan in which turkey is roasted. From the liquid skim one-quarter cupful of fat, return the fat to pan and brown with five tablespoonfuls of flour. Add slowly three cupfuls of stock in which giblets were cooked or two cupfuls of boiling water. Cook five minutes, season with salt and pepper and strain. Add the giblets, chopped very fine, or the chopped giblets may be mixed with the stuffing.

English Stuffing.—Chop fat salt pork. There should be one-quarter cupful. Add one finely chopped onion and cook ten minutes. Strain and add two cupfuls of hot rice, potatoes, one and one-quarter cupfuls of soft stale bread-crumbs, one-third cupful of butter, one-half cupful English walnut meats broken in small pieces and one egg slightly beaten. Season with salt, pepper and sage.

Cranberry Pudding. One cupful sugar, one cupful sweet milk, two cupfuls flour, one teaspoonful cream of tartar, three-quarters teaspoonful soda or three teaspoonfuls baking powder sifted in flour, yolks of two eggs, one large cupful cranberries, cut in halves. Bake from one-half to three-quarters of an hour in a square biscuit tin.

Sauce For Pudding.—Whites of the two eggs beaten stiff, one-half cupful boiling water in double boiler. Wet one cupful sugar, one teaspoonful flour or one and one-half tablespoonfuls cornstarch. Mix with a little cold water and add to the boiling water. Cook till it thickens, then pour over beaten whites and fold in. This is delicious.

Pumpkin Pie. One cupful strained pumpkin, one cupful cream or milk, one cupful sugar, three eggs slightly beaten, one-fourth cupful cognac, one-half teaspoonful nutmeg, one teaspoonful ginger, one teaspoonful cinnamon and salt. Line a deep pie pan with rich paste. Wet the edges and lay a rim of pastry around one inch wide. Flute with the fingers and build rim up well. Wash over with the slightly beaten white of eggs. Mix sugar and spices, add to pumpkin, add eggs and cream slowly while beating briskly. Fill crust and bake thirty-five minutes in a modern oven.

Oyster Stuffing For Turkey. A light, delicate stuffing may be made as follows: Pour boiling water over common soda crackers and pour off immediately before they break. Season the oysters with salt and pepper; also dust the inside of the turkey with salt and pepper and spread with softened butter. Now put in the crackers and oysters. Avoid breaking the crackers up too much, as they should be in large flakes.

Sweetbreads and Bacon. Parboil the sweetbreads, drain them and remove the gristle and fat. Dip into beaten egg which is seasoned with salt and pepper, roll in cracker crumbs and fry in the pan in which the bacon has been fried. Drain and serve with the slices of bacon.

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