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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

**Find May Be Ambergris.**

Marshfield.—Frank Blackerby, until recently a member of the Umpqua Life-Saving station crew at Gardiner, is the possessor of an 85-pound lump that is really worth its weight in gold, that is unless he and those who have examined it are badly deceived. It is said to be ambergris. He found it in the breakers, while patrolling the beach. Samples were sent to David Starr Jordan in California. The latter replied that it apparently was genuine ambergris, but it probably would be necessary to send samples to France to definitely determine it and so Blackerby will. Ambergris is worth $500 or $1000 a pound.

**Remorse Makes Fugitive Surrender.**

Albany.—A fugitive from justice since December 8, 1912, since when the county has offered a reward of $100 for his arrest, Paul Ackerman, who shot and seriously injured Jack Leib in a road near Shedd, while the latter was buggy riding with his sweetheart, gave himself up to the authorities. Although his victim has recovered from the injuries, Ackerman said that the incident continually preyed upon his mind and he assigned this as the reason for giving himself up. He has been tramping through California.

**Socialists Denounce Coos Sheriff**

Coquille.—The socialists of Coos county, in a convention called here for the purpose of denouncing the action of residents of this section in deporting Dr. B. K. Leach, adopted resolutions addressed to Governor West, asking that the sheriff of Coos county be removed from office because he "refused to enforce the law against mob rule."

## FIREMEN GUARD FORESTS

### Nation Joins State, Counties and Timber Owners to Protect Billions.

Salem.—To protect its billions of feet of timber from the ravages of fire, the state, with the aid of the federal government, is this year taking more elaborate precautions than ever before, and as a result of the work there has not been a disastrous fire this season. Timber owners will spend about $150,000 for fire protection, the federal government has appropriated for fire patrol work $150,000, and a law passed at the last session of the state legislature places at the command of the state board of forestry $75,000 for the next two years.

Oregon has one-fifth of the standing timber of the United States, or about 545,000,000,000 feet, worth on the stump $680,000,000, and if manufactured would sell for $6,822,500,000. The money expended and the precautions taken are in protection of the state's chief resource. The forests already distribute more wealth in the state than apples, fish, wool and wheat combined, and the marketing of the timber has scarcely begun.

**Quadrennial Trip of Toads Taken.**

Klamath Falls.—Millions of small toads are now making their way from the swamps surrounding Lake Ewauna to the Upper Klamath lake. Every few years, during the latter part of July, the reptiles leave the marshes along the lake and work their way through the streets of the city to Link river. They do not take the line of least resistance for their march, which is along the lake shore, but come the shortest route through the city. The hegira of toads occurs about every four years.

**Coal Vein in Nehalem Valley.**

Clatskanie.—J. M. Davey, of the department of the interior, government service, has been in this vicinity locating coal and mineral lands. He returned from a trip through the Nehalem valley and reported the finding of coal in marketable and workable quantities in the southern part of the county, principally in the Pebble creek district.

**Rabbit Squad is Named.**

Salem.—Governor West has appointed W. L. Finley, state game warden; Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, and T. D. Beckwith, professor of bacteriology in the Oregon Agricultural college, a commission to devise a plan for the extermination of rabbits, which have become a pest in the southern part of the state.

**Mines Bureau to Be Aided.**

Albany.—The Albany commercial club will cooperate with the Oregon bureau of mines and geology toward the development of the mining industries of this section of the state. At the request of the bureau the club has named a special committee on mining, which will work with the bureau toward that end.

## $400,000 LA GRANDE FIRE

### Two Shots Fired at Night Watchman; Blaze Believed Incendiary

La Grande, Or.—Fire, believed to have been due to incendiarism, caused a loss of about $400,000 near here when the yards, several sheds and a large amount of equipment of the Geo. Palmer lumber company was destroyed.

The fire started about the time that two unidentified men fired two shots at a nightwatchman and made their escape.

The fire started at the most western point of the yard and swept through the dry lumber northward like powder. The city fire department and the Palmer fire department were unable to cope with the situation.

**Apple Talks to Be Given**

Portland.—Representatives of the United States bureau of plant industry and fruit growers of the northwest will hold a series of meetings to discuss in a general way the subject of apple storage and refrigeration, and to report something of the progress of the government's investigations as to the behavior of fruit in cold storage.

The meeting places and dates are scheduled as follows: Medford, Or., August 2; North Yakima, Wash., August 4; Prosser, Wash., August 5; Wenatchee, Wash., August 7; Freewater, Or., August 9; Payette, Idaho, August 11; Hood River, Or., August 12 or 13; Portland, August 14.

## MUCH OREGON LAND TO BE THROWN OPEN

Portland.—Thousands of acres of Oregon agricultural land heretofore included in the national forest reserves will be thrown open for settlement before the end of the year.

Most of this land is in the Siuslaw and in the Paulina national forests, but acreage in other districts also may be affected.

Within the last year the federal Forestry bureau has been developing a more liberal attitude toward prospective settlers. This new attitude is finding expression in the apparent policy of the forestry officials to return all agricultural land within the forest areas to the public domain.

The recent visit to Oregon of Henry S. Graves, chief forester of the United States, and the approaching visit of David Franklin Houston, secretary of agriculture, are for the purpose of interpreting to the people of this state the meaning of this newly developed policy.

**Spokane Recall Denied**

Spokane.—By a decision of Judge E. H. Sullivan in the superior court the 15 per cent recall petitions filed against Mayor Hindley and Commissioner Robert Fairley are held invalid.

The judge denied the writ of mandamus asked by the Central Labor Council to force the council to order the recall election.

**THE MARKETS.**

**Portland.**

Wheat, New Crop—Club, 79c; bluestem, 83c; red Russian, 77c.

Hay—Timothy, $22; alfalfa, $13.50.

Butter—Creamery, 22c.

Eggs—Candled, 27c; ranch, 22c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 19c.

**Seattle.**

Wheat, new crop—Bluestem, 82c; club, 79c; red Russian, 78c.

Eggs—28c.

Butter—Creamery, 31c.

Hay—Timothy, $18 per ton; alfalfa, $13 per ton.

**A Gentleman.**

A kindly heart, a quiet voice, polite words and manners, a hand open to help, attention to little things for the comfort of others, freedom from anger, boasting and patronizing; toward the strong, courage; toward the weak, chivalry; toward all men, fairness. Few men ever see one in a mirror.—Life.

**As the Tired Business Man Saw It.**

"I begin to perceive," said the tired business man, as the comedian executed a funny fall, "the difference between the classic drama and musical comedy."

"There are many differences."

"Yes. But the chief one is that, while the classic drama uses cymbals, musical comedy uses the bass drum."—Washington Star.

**Silenced.**

"Do you know, Clara, we ought not to subscribe to the opera any more. We bind ourselves, and afterward we have to hear the same things over and over again."

"As if that were any reason! I have also bound myself and have to hear the same things over and over again from you."—Meggendorfer Blatter.

**The Hottest Mines.**

It is said that the hottest mines in the world are those of the famous Comstock lode. On the lower levels the heat is so great that the men cannot work over ten or fifteen minutes at a time. Every known means of mitigating the heat has been tried in vain. Ice melts before it reaches the bottom of the shafts.

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Administration Supporters Believe They Can Force Currency Bill to a Vote.

Washington.—Confronted with apparently irreconcilable disagreement among the democrats of the house banking and currency committee on the pending currency bill, the administration again changed its plans for getting the measure through the committee and the house. The scheme of Chairman Glass to take the unfinished bill out of the hands of the committee democrats and send it to the democratic house caucus which failed, was abandoned, after Chairman Glass had conferred with President Wilson.

The bill will be kept in the conference of the committee democrats this week, according to the new plan, and they will be forced to vote on the essentials of the measure. The administration supporters believe they will be able to outvote the so-called insurgents by 10 to 4 or perhaps 11 to 3.

The administration forces apparently were encouraged and advanced the belief that the President, despite the unhappy outlook, would be able to get his bill through both ends of the capitol practically unchanged.

**Party Vote Kills All Amendments**

While republican senators continued to offer amendments to nearly every paragraph of the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill during its reading in the senate, the democrats in solid phalanx voted them down.

The first test vote came when Senator Smoot moved to retain the Payne rate of two cents a pound on oxalid acid, reduced by the administration measure to one and one-half cents. The motion was lost, 50 to 26, eight progressive republicans supporting the democrats. This is taken to indicate that the progressive republicans will aid the democrats in a number of tariff reductions.

The prospect for the coming week was that practically all of the republican leaders will make their last formal arguments on the bill.

The democrats are confident that the stubborn fight made thus far by Senators Bristow and Smoot on almost every item will be relaxed later on. They are so encouraged by the scarcity of long speeches from the opposition that they count on getting to the final vote by August 10 to 15, and to adoption of the conference report two weeks later.

**Wall Street Plot is M'Adoo's Charge**

Secretary McAdoo issued a statement flatly charging that the decline of government 2 per cent bonds to 95½—a new low record—was due "almost wholly to what happened to be a campaign with every indication of concerted action on the part of a lumber of influential New York City banks to cause apprehension and uneasiness about these bonds in order to help them in their efforts to defeat the currency bill."

In his statements Secretary McAdoo declared the 2 per cents were worth par, notwithstanding their decline in the New York market, and continued:

"The idea seems to be that the country banks, which hold about two-thirds of the 2 per cent bonds and use them as the basis for their circulating notes, may be induced to unite with the New York City banks in opposition to the bill if they can be made to believe that the proposed currency measure is going to injure those bonds and cause losses to the banks."

**National Capital Brevities**

Consideration of the Alaska railroad bill will be postponed until the next regular session of congress, which begins in December.

The house labor committee is considering legislation to prevent the employment of children under 14 years of age in mines and factories, and to limit the working hours of women to eight daily.

Formal reaffirmation of the Monroe doctrine by congress as a "warning to Japan and others" was proposed in the house by Representative Clarke of Florida.

Tentative plans for sending the Atlantic fleet through the Panama canal in April have been prepared by the navy department by direction of the secretary of the navy, who is now on the Pacific coast making an inspection with a view to the establishment of a naval base.

It has been discovered by Representative Britten of Illinois that only 700 torpedoes are available for Uncle Sam's torpedo boat flotilla, and as a member of the house naval affairs committee he will introduce a measure to double the capacity of the government torpedo plant at Newport, R. I.

Representative Lewis, one of the authors of the parcel post law, declared that sooner or later the government must take over transportation of parcels up to 100 pounds. He contended that under the law the postmaster general has complete authority to increase the limit on parcel post business.

## CANCER STUDY AT HARVARD.

### A Special Investigation of the Effect of Radium to Be Made.

Cambridge, Mass.—The effect of radium in the treatment of cancer is to be made the subject of a special investigation under the direction of Dr. William Duane at the Harvard medical school.

For the present the experiments will be conducted in the Collis P. Huntington building, but as soon as possible a special building is to be constructed adjoining the medical school and devoted entirely to the work of radium investigation.

Dr. Duane has studied in the laboratory of Mme. Curie, the discoverer of radium, and has been in touch also with the work of the Radium Institute in London. The investigation is to be made under the supervision of the cancer commission of Harvard. Dr. R. B. Tyzzer, director of the commission, says that a group of investigators is being assembled to attack the problem of cancer treatment from various points of view.

## WILL WED ONLY THE SOUND.

### Montclair Pastor Will Insist on a Certificate of Good Health.

Montclair, N. J.—The Rev. Henry B. Jackson, pastor of the Christian Union Congregational church here, has announced he will perform no more marriages without a certificate signed by the physician of the bride to be that the intended bridegroom is in perfect health.

At the coming annual meeting of Unity church the members will vote on the question as to whether the pastor, Rev. Edgar S. Weirs, shall perform the marriage ceremony without having first obtained from each of the contracting parties a medical certificate that they are physically sound.

The eugenics movement in Montclair is attracting considerable attention, interest in the subject having been aroused by recent addresses of Dr. Henry Smith Williams, Professor H. H. Jordan of the University of Virginia, Dean Sumner of Chicago and Clifford Roe, also of Chicago.

## SHE BEAT HER WAY ACROSS CONTINENT

### To Join Fiance Pretty Flood Survivor "Hoboes" It.

Venice, Cal.—Miss Ethel Johnston, a beautiful young woman from Dayton, arrived here in begrimed and torn boy's costume to join her fiance.

Miss Johnston and J. L. Perry had been sweethearts in Dayton. The youth moved west a short time ago, the better to prepare a home for his sweetheart, and was beginning to see the silver lined cloud when the flood swept down upon Dayton.

Miss Johnston was making her home with her aunt in that city and suffered the loss of her only relative as well as her home.

She cut her hair short, donned boy's clothing and struck out with but a few dollars for the coast. She traveled almost the entire distance on freight trains, in empty box cars, on flat cars, brake beams and bumpers, only occasionally being able to obtain the comfort of the speedy blind baggage car. Once, when she was discovered riding a brake beam, she was taken into the engine and made to stoke to earn her passage.

She reached Venice almost famished, but happy. She did not stop to change her toilet, but as soon as she learned the Perry residence ran all the way there and threw herself into her fiance's arms.

Perry and his mother have provided the girl with feminine attire, and the couple will go to San Francisco to be married.

## CLARENCE DARROW "BROKE."

### Labor Unions Asked to Raise Fund For McNamaras' Lawyer.

Chicago.—Clarence S. Darrow surprised the Chicago Federation of Labor at a meeting here by walking in and taking a seat. He was given a rousing reception and addressed the federation on the child labor question. Later it developed that Darrow's fortune of $150,000 had been swallowed up in his two trials.

A letter was read from President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners calling on all union labor organizations to subscribe to a fund to assist Darrow in his third trial. This move was indorsed by the federation, and collections will be made. The trial is set for June 16.

**Tobacco Penalties.**

The shah of Persia, in the seventeenth century, proclaimed that every soldier in whose possession tobacco was found should have his lips cut, while in the same century Massachusetts ordered that "no person shall take tobacco publicly, and any one shall pay 1 penny for every time he is convicted of taking tobacco in any place."

**The Tendon Achilles.**

Anatomists fancifully call the big tendon of the heel "tendon Achilles," after the Greek hero. The mythological story goes that his mother, Thetis, holding him by the heel, dipped him in the river Styx to make him invulnerable. But Paris inflicted a wound that proved fatal on the heel that had not been immersed.

## MEXICANS SHOOT AMERICAN OFFICIAL

### United States Immigration Inspector Seriously Injured by Federal Soldiers.

El Paso, Tex.—Charles B. Dixon, of San Diego, United States immigration inspector, was shot in the back by Mexican federal soldiers at Juares.

Dixon was in Juares on official business, investigating a white slave case, when he was arrested by a band of federal soldiers, who started to march him away from the city in the direction of the foothills, where many executions have taken place. Dixon started to run, and after getting a block away, was fired on.

Dixon made a statement to American officials that he was satisfied the Mexicans were marching him out to shoot him when he ran. He said the Mexican soldiers were drunk.

"I told the soldiers when they arrested me that I would go to the commandant's office," said Dixon. "But instead of taking me there they started to the foothills south of the city. I was attired in the immigration uniform of kahki and I thought perhaps they had taken me for an American spy and intended executing me. I thought the only chance I had was to run for the border, so I broke loose from the two drunken troopers who held me."

Washington. — Strong representations, the most drastic in phraseology that have been made since the present American administration came into power, were made to the Huerta government in Mexico.

The United States government demanded not only the prompt arrest, courtmartial and punishment of the Mexican federal soldiers who shot Charles B. Dixon, Jr., an American immigration official at Juares, Mex., but the immediate release of Charles Bissell and Bernard McDonald, mining managers, imprisoned by federal soldiers at Chihuahua City and said to be threatened with execution.

## SOCIALISTS DAMAGES $3047

### Mayor of Seattle Declares City Responsible for Loss in Riots.

Seattle.—Mayor Cotterill has submitted to the city council claims for damages amounting to $3047 because of losses suffered by socialists and others during the rioting by United States soldiers and sailors on the night of July 18.

The mayor in his communication to the city council, says that the city of Seattle is responsible for the destruction of the property for the reason that it was the duty of the police department to protect such property from destruction, no matter who the destroying agents might be.

Nothing in his letter refers to loss sustained by the Industrial Workers.

## AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT DISAGREE

Washington. — Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, summoned from Mexico City to inform the Washington administration of conditions in the rebellion-torn republic, conferred with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, submitting chiefly a recommendation that the United States use its influence to establish the Huerta regime.

It became known that the president's ideas and those of Ambassador Wilson as to the course to be pursued are so radically different that the administration officials interpreted the developments as forecasting the acceptance of Ambassador Wilson's resignation.

President Wilson and the ambassador looked on the future Mexican situation, it was learned, from opposite viewpoints. The president is concerned over the morality of any policy adopted by the United States and the effect on other Latin-American countries and is disinclined to strengthen a government that came into power through the questionable events incident to Madero's assassination.

**Two Killed in Train Wreck**

White Fish, Mont.—Great Northern fast mail No. 2, westbound, was wrecked just east of Rock Hill shortly before noon Monday. Engineer Peck L. Forcum and Fireman Carl Smith, both of White Fish, were killed and Express Messenger Lamb was injured, but will recover.

**Legislator Found Guilty**

Webster Springs, W. Va.—S. U. G. Holmes, member of the lower branch of the West Virginia legislature, accused of accepting a bribe in connection with the recent election for the United States senatorship, was found guilty.

**Mediators Avert Trainmen's Strike**

New York.—The threatened strike of 80,000 conductors and trainmen of 45 eastern railroads for higher wages and improved working conditions will not be called.

**Bamboos as Water Pitchers.**

In the Hawaiian islands the natives carry their supply of water about with them in long bamboo tubes, the joints of which have been knocked out. Girls may be seen making their way to nearby springs with the family "water jug." They patiently fill the long hollow in the bamboo with water, blocking up the end with a wooden plug. This is then carried to the hut and lasts the family for several days, keeping cool and sweet in this novel receptacle. The larger bamboo trunks are used in the same way as receptacles for storing various household commodities.—World Wide Magazine.

**Changed With Time.**

The word "affectionate" is an instance of how meanings change, for an affectionate person was originally the reverse of agreeable, the word meaning passionate or willful. John Knox in 1554 writes of "the government of an affectionate woman" being "a rage without reason," and a century later another writer deplores the evils of affectionate soldiers. And now, as any nursemaid knows, affectionate soldiers have no evils.—London Standard.

## Brief News of the Week

That a large number of vacancies exist in the nominations for West Point cadetships is shown in a list published by the war department. The entrance examinations will take place next March.

The couriers representing the New York division of the woman suffrage movement are assembling there preparatory to their journey to Washington to present petitions to congress July 31.

The first payment of $250,000 in annual rental for the Panama canal zone has been made to Panama. This rental is in addition to the $10,000,000 in cash paid nine years ago to Panama.

Surgeons of Los Angeles grafted a section of her left shin bone on the tubercular spine of Margaret Esberger, a 7-year-old patient, and the progress of the case is being watched with interest.

Hoping to defeat the intent of the California anti-alien land law by forming incorporations and later transferring stock, Japanese land companies are being incorporated at the rate of 20 per day.

Seven of the southern Chinese provinces have come to an agreement for joint action against the provisional president and the Pekin government, according to a dispatch from Canton.

In a clash at Calumet, Mich., with striking copper miners, more than a dozen deputies were injured, several of them seriously, and Governor Ferris was asked to rush state troops to Calumet. The trouble followed an attempt by the miners to force machine shop employes to quit work, and some 100 shots were exchanged.

To "unscramble the eggs" that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company has gathered into one nest, suit in equity was brought in the United States district court for Oregon under the Sherman anti-trust law by the filing of a bill of complaint against that company and 39 other defendants. The defendants comprise companies in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

## People in the News

Thomas T. Hayden of San Francisco has handed in his resignation to the attorney general as special prosecutor in the Diggs-Caminetti white slave cases.

A huge mass meeting of women was held at Chicago to protest against the resignation of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of the Chicago schools.

George Carroll Todd, a New York lawyer, was nominated by the president to be assistant to the attorney general, and will be in direct charge of anti-trust prosecutions.

A women's municipal party has been formed at London. The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, is understood to have accepted the presidency of the organization.

The estate of the late Lucky Baldwin of California grew in value from $11,000,000 to $20,000,000 in the four years since his death, according to the order of the distribution made at Los Angeles.

In a speech at Los Angeles, Secretary Daniels of the navy department declared that every state in the union should pass a law making the exercise of the franchise compulsory on the part of every qualified voter.

An explosive called Totol has been perfected by Lieutenant Harold Chase Woodward, an officer of the national guard of New York, after three years of work. It is said to be the safest explosive the world has ever known, and yet to be equal in power to the strongest dynamite made.

In an interview at Albany, N. Y., Governor Sulzer said that he believes a plot has been hatched by his political enemies in Tammany Hall to get him out of the way, and that he regards it as serious enough to justify a grand jury investigation. He says that threatening letters have been received by Mrs. Sulzer and himself, and that he has been molested in the streets by men whom he regards as hired tools of his political opponents.

## A FLIGHT FOR LIFE

### The Story of a Rescue Trip in the Mountains of Alaska.

### BRAVE MEN AND SPEEDY DOGS

**An Act of Heroism That Saved a Woman and Her Sick Husband From Death When Stranded on a Winter Night Amid the Snow Clad Peaks.**

The hardships to which people are exposed in the far north give frequent occasion for the display of heroism. In the pages of "Trailing and Camping in Alaska" Mr. Addison M. Powell tells of the rescue of a woman and her husband who were stranded on the mountains in an Alaskan winter.

A dog team galloped up and stopped in front of the only pretense of a hotel in Valdez. The night was dark, as the northern winter nights always are when the moon is not shining. The dogs immediately lay down, almost exhausted from their long trip, and the two men were soon surrounded by inquiring friends. One of the two said:

"What do you think, fellows? We passed a woman just this side of Sawmill Camp. She was pulling a sled, on which was her sick husband. We remonstrated against her crossing the glacier, but she replied that they might as well die up there as anywhere else, as it meant certain death to stop. Our dogs could pull only our outfit, and there wasn't grub enough for all, so we were compelled to leave them. They will be at the last timber tonight, and if somebody doesn't go to their rescue they will be dead by this time tomorrow."

A man stepped out from the crowd and said:

"I'll go for one. Now, who else has a good dog team to splice in with mine?"

"I'm your man!" answered another.

It was 3 o'clock in the morning before they had made their selection of dogs and were ready to start on that hazardous trip.

"We'll be on the first bench by daylight and have them here before midnight," said one as he straightened out the team for the sixty mile run.

"Yea, boys! Stand in there, Leader! Mush, mush on, mush!" And with a yelp the dogs galloped away as if aware of the urgency of their mission.

"Haw, Leader!" we heard as they turned the corner, and then they were gone. "There goes the best dog team in Alaska and driven by two of the best men on earth!" exclaimed a man as he re-entered the house.

The trail was easily followed, and soon the nine miles of level bench were passed. The speed slackened only when they were ascending the ridge, which they crossed by 11 that morning, and there it was seen that the sharp peaks were curling fine snow high in the air.

"They are beginning to smoke!" exclaimed one of the men.

"Yes; we must get back before night or it's all off," replied the other.

Down, down, the steep descent they plunged, and by 1 o'clock they were off the glacier and skipping over level ground. In a short time they discovered the unfortunate couple whom they had started out to rescue, and when they came up to them it was a pitiable scene that presented itself.

The poor woman had become completely exhausted and had thrown herself down beside her helpless husband. She had evidently abandoned all hope and was weeping bitterly when she suddenly heard the yell of a driver and the barking of dogs. In a moment she passed from despair to hope. As the team galloped in a circle and stopped beside her with the dogs' heads pointed back toward the glacier she clapped her hands with joy.

The dogs lay down and with their lolling tongues lapped the snow, while the drivers ate some crackers and jokingly encouraged the sick man and the tired woman. They bade her seat herself comfortably while they fastened the two sleds together. Soon they were bounding away again at the dogs' first speed.

When they recrossed the summit the whole range was "smoking," and the wind was sending the fine snow along the crust. It whipped their faces with a warning of what was coming, but the driver said:

"Twenty miles to town, and it can never catch us!"

In Valdez every one was anxiously watching the trail. Many exclaimed, "They can't possibly be here before midnight!" but they were. As they rushed up to the crowd with a yell and a chorus of barks from the noble dogs they were met by eager, helping hands. The dogs acted as if they had understood why they were being petted, and again the woman wept for joy.

**The Contingent Fee.**

The following pointed note was written by Daniel Webster in answer to a request that he take a certain case for a contingent fee: "I do not desire employment in professional matters, although I do sometimes engage in them. But I never engage on contingencies merely, for that would make me a mere party to a lawsuit."

**Resourceful.**

Gibbs—Your wife seems to be a resourceful woman. Dibbs—Resourceful! Why, the other day she put in a pane of glass with chewing gum.—Boston Transcript.

Real coolness and self possession are the indispensable accompaniments of a great mind.—Dickens.