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It may seem strange that the ancestors of the English part of us should have had to borrow from the French the word for so simple a circus trick as making a somersault. But they borrowed it from the French, as the French had borrowed it from their elders in civilization—and circus stunts—the Italians. The English word is a corruption of the French *sombrassault*, and the French word in its turn is a literal translation of the Italian *"sommo salto"* ("sopra," above, and "salto," leap). The reason why both the French and the English, juniors in civilization, borrowed the Italian word is that the Italians were the originators of circus tricks as we know them. The first circus in Europe was undoubtedly the Coliseum at Rome, with its collection of "strange people" and stranger wild animals. Thus, the spiritual ancestor of the "Greatest Show on Earth" was the Coliseum at Rome.

When the first railroads were built people smirked when anyone suggested that steam coaches would displace stage coaches. When a passenger train jumped the tracks, folks nodded knowingly and said: "See? I told you so." Today the man who would ride in a stage coach on a long trip, when he could get to the same place by train, would be considered peculiar. Airplane travel seems risky now. Later it may be safer than train travel. Surely it will be more common.

SERVICE COMMISSION INSPECTS GRAIN SCALES

All Grain Weighing Scales in Portland Tested by Expert Men

It will, no doubt, be of interest to the grain growers of the state, writes H. H. Corey, public commissioner, to the Observer, to know that the public service commission has just completed a testing of all grain scales located in Portland and used by its grain inspection department.

This inspection was the most thorough undertaken. The commission scale experts, accompanied by the state sealer of weights and measures and the city sealer of Portland, during the month of July, inspected and caused to be placed in first class condition, 85 scales, 75 of which belonged to the grain dealers. These tests were made with a test load of 750 pounds of certified weights. These will have frequent inspection in the future.

The commission is also installing a master track scale and as soon as completed all large hopper scales will be tested with several car loads of grain in order to get a correct test on these large scales.

A meeting of all employees of the grain department has been called for an early date and they will be thoroughly instructed in the use and care of scales used in the weighing of grain and a careful supervision will be had over both the weighing and inspection of grain.

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The fine, old-fashioned father was an autocrat, and sometimes a very disagreeable one. The new-fashioned father has perhaps swung extra far in the other direction, and is too much the doting father—with sudden outbursts of natural exasperation. The happy medium of being able to make good and perfectly easy in coming to us with any sort of joy or sorrow, and yet of keeping them from regarding us ourselves in too free and easy a light, is a happy medium, difficult to find, says Vogue. They should be unafraid; they should not treat us with carelessness familiarity; as if we existed for no other reason than to provide for them and sympathize with them. Companionship between fathers and mothers and their sons and daughters is one of the most satisfactory states that can be arrived at. But a certain amount of deference from the young to the old is never to be dispensed with, and nothing is more surprising to people of other countries than to see the lack of outward ceremony with which American boys and girls conduct themselves toward their elders. It both looks, and is, extremely second-rate.

Seven hundred years ago, certain students seceded from the University of Bologna, to Padua, where a university was established, which is this year celebrating the event with much festivity. The university became, in the Middle Ages, one of the greatest seats of learning, absorbed into the Venetian state, and thus protected by her powerful patron from the attack of jealous neighbors. Here men came from all parts of the world to impart and to imbibe wisdom—Franciscans, poets and men of natural science; Galileo, the famous; Thomas Linacre and William Harvey, two of the most brilliant physicians of their day, from London. It is only fitting that Great Britain, which was so closely united to the university in the Middle Ages should be sending a distinguished delegation to the septenary celebrations, to commemorate that age when men were willing to sacrifice every comfort and face every danger in their quest for learning.

Germany has forgotten her dead. I do not mean that families have forgotten their individual losses, although the Germans were never inclined to dwell upon private grief to the same extent as many other nations, says a writer in *Le Correspondent*. I refer to organized public reverence and respect for those who fell in the war. I made an automobile tour of several hundred miles through northern Germany, in the course of which I saw but two monuments to fallen soldiers. How many would I have counted in France traveling the same distance! At a trade union meeting I was told that Germany had an excess of labor today. When I remarked in astonishment, "Your war losses" the reply was, "Oh, their places were filled long ago."

The French court has formally decided that Alexander Dumas was for all practical purposes the author of the works that bear his name and in the writing of which Auguste Maquet assisted as a paid collaborator. We wish some court could now make a similar ruling that would put an end to the Shakespeare-Bacon nuisance.

As much as we believe in education, we are bound to say that we have never yet heard a plowman speaking to a mule in Latin or Greek, says the *Houston Post*. Of course, it might have been out of consideration for the lowly mule's lack of school advantages in its youth.

It is reported that Pancho Villa has decided to go into politics in the American way and is preparing to ask the people of Durango to make him their governor. Probably much is going to depend on whether the old gang can shoot bullets as well as they used to shoot bullets.

A doctor says it was eight times as dangerous during the war to be a baby in a cradle than to be a soldier in the trenches. Wasn't it Mark Twain who said the bed was the most dangerous place because almost everybody died there?

A Paris doctor announces the discovery of a new sure cure for insomnia—something that is sadly needed in France, where they have no equivalent to our Congressional Record.

The Empress Zita says she will devote her life to making her boy a king but if the boy is well advised he will leave that to his mother and learn some good honest way to make a living.

A gorilla's photograph looks to an amateur rather more manlike than his skeleton indicates, which shows how dangerous it is to trust to outward appearance.

"It takes remarkably little intelligence to be good," says a psychologist. Yes, it was easy for Adam and Eve to be good before they became too intelligent.

Scientists are disagreed over whether the bones of a human skeleton are 45,000 years old or 8,000 years old, but, gentlemen, what would be the harm in compromising?

As we understand it that new hell-copter, if it works, will be like a certain famous brand of aneak flour—self-rising.

CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations

Rev. B. F. Harper, Sunday School Missionary for Pendleton Presbytery, and well known to Moro people, will preach at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, August 27th, at 11 a.m. and at the Union meeting in the evening at 8 p.m.

Rev. Henry G. Hanson, pastor, Elbert DeMoss, Homer DeMoss and Herschel Davis will be at the Methodist church Sunday night with their musical instruments. This will afford the public a rare opportunity to hear these talented young men.

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Local Church Announcements

First Presbyterian Church of Moro
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Union Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Union Mid-week Service Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
The union services alternate between the two churches.
Dorcas Society Wednesday, 2 p.m.
Henry G. Hanson, minister.

Methodist Church announcements
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. every Sunday.
First, third and fifth Sundays by the pastor; the second and fourth Sundays by Rev. W. L. Dillinger.
Union church service, 7:30 p.m.
Union midweek service Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
The union services alternate between the two churches.
Preaching at Spalding second and fourth Sundays at 12 noon.
The public is cordially invited.
U. C. Smothers, pastor

Christian Science Society:
Services in the church building, Main street, at 11 a.m. Subject: "Spirit."
Testimonial services each Wednesday-evening, 8 o'clock.
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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County
In the matter of the Estate of Archie McDermid, deceased.

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George B. Bourhill, Executor of the Estate of Archie McDermid, Deceased.
W.C. Bryant and William A. Carter, Attorneys for Executor.

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