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Some one remarks that the silk top hat has passed virtually out of fashion, being used now only for funerals and weddings. Why ignore the fact that it remains the correct headgear in reviewing stands? Why fail to see that movie idols would rather die than hand a butter something he cannot brush with his sleeve? What of the top hat in the comics? Fashions may come and go, wax and wane, but it is likely to be a very distant generation whose funny papers will not picture the "plug" as the common and familiar top-piece of millionaires, social lions and citizens out for a Sunday walk, says the Toledo Blade. The reason is that in the most popular comics something must be smashed, and there is nothing which can look more smashed, when subjected to harsh treatment, than a top hat.

A magazine writer wants to turn off Niagara falls, in order to turn them on again. That is, he wants to utilize for industrial purposes the vast power now going to waste there, and thinks that, far from losing attractiveness, the falls would gain in spectacular effect if they were not functioning all the time, but were only turned on in full volume on holidays and other special occasions. "If fireworks were shot off at eight o'clock every night," he says, "we would not care to look at them." Very likely, yet people can stand a good deal more repetition from nature than they can from art, says the Jacksonville Journal. Sunrise and sunset and rain and snow and rushing water have a good deal of repetition and continuity, but most of us don't get bored to death with them at all. Isn't it the very everlastingness of that tremendous downpour at Niagara that gives the falls their overpowering effect on the minds of imaginative onlookers?

Combination Needed. Farming is a business; agriculture is a science. The tiller of the soil who blends these two is the man to whom the future offers success.—McCormick.

BRIEF NEWS

Paragraphs on State, County and Community's Events

A verdict of not guilty was returned at Klamath Falls in the second trial of J. W. Siemens, J. W. Siemens Jr. and Marshall Hooper. The Siemens were indicted on sine charges in connection with the failure last year of the First State & Savings bank.

Orders to "demilitarize" the old battleship Oregon have been received at the Puget sound navy yard at Bremerton, Wash. Guns of the famous old ship will be spiked and the Oregon towed to Portland to be turned over to the state of Oregon for preservation as a relic.

Authority has been granted the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to purchase the Willamette Telephone company, it was announced by the interstate commerce commission. The Willamette company owns and operates exchanges at Independence, Monmouth, Dallas and Falls City.

Civil service examinations have been announced for May 12 to select postmasters for the following Oregon cities and towns: Athena, Aurora, Banks, Beaverton, Brownsville, Canyon City, Fossil, Gervais, John Day, Madras, Mount Angel, Newport, Stanfield, Toledo, Warrenton and Yamhill.

Protest against the removal of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kuser as superintendent and matron of the boys' training school at Salem was voiced by a delegation from Portland, representing the Rotary club, Parent-Teacher association, the Social Workers association and other organizations, which appeared before the state board of control.

The Oregon public service commission has filed an answer with the interstate commerce commission to the application of the Central Pacific for authority to build the Natron cutoff, in which it called attention to its previous demands that common-user privileges be allowed other roads and that the cutoff be completed and in readiness for traffic by January 1, 1926.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending April 12, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were D. Guiseppe, construction foreman, Estacada; Alfred Rasmus, logger, Lakeside; Fred Featherstone, right-of-way man and Joseph Jones, right-of-way man, Independence. A total of 524 accidents were reported during the week.

CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations

To Methodist Sunday School social held in the high school auditorium last Friday evening was well attended. Members of the Blue team were the hosts of the evening. They were good losers in the recent contest trip to Palestine and delightful entertainers. The program, games, and refreshments kept every one amused, busy, and highly entertained during the entire evening.

The topic next Sunday morning, April 22nd, at the Christian Science church will be "Doctrine of Atonement." The golden text is from Romans 5:10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. The responsive reading is taken from Hebrews 9:1, 6-10, 13 and 14.

Several members of the Methodist Sunday School are planning to attend a Sunday School rally at The Dalles on April 25th, Wednesday afternoon and evening. Experienced workers, from Chicago, are scheduled for places on the program.

Rev. Henry G. Hanson will be back in Moro and occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, April 22nd. At the conclusion of the morning service, Rev. Hanson will conduct the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

A. M. Wright will be the speaker at the Methodist church service next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend and listen to their neighbor, business associate and friend.

Rev. U. C. Smothers will preach at Spaulding Chapel next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Sunday School and preaching service will be held an hour earlier than usual.

Rev. U. C. Smothers will preach at the union church service in Moro next Sunday evening at eight o'clock.

There can be but one end to the struggle between the automobile and the horse, now that the war department of France, looking around for opportunities to cut down expenses and save money, found one in the charges that hitherto had been provided—with the grooms pertaining to the same—for all field marshals and generals. Says the New York Times: So hereafter the field marshals and generals, if they want horses to ride, will pay for them out of their salaries as private luxuries, and the French taxpayers will be spared one fraction of their burdens. That the taxpayers will feel the difference in their pockets is more than doubtful, legislators in every country having both skill and custom in the spending of money saved, with a little something added, usually. But a general, and especially a French general, without a horse! He is almost inconceivable, or would have been 20 or even 10 years ago. In an automobile the once impressive hero will lose more than half his dignity. He will have no chance to display his noble mastery of a prancing steed; he only will be able to pose solemnly on the back seat and trust to his chauffeur for everything else. That was well enough for kings, but it is a poor role for the sons of Mars.

Prediction is made by the French minister of public works, M. Yves le Trouer, that within a period of about 15 years all the steam roads in the republic will be electrified. The work is to be begun in the region of the Pyrenees, where the mountains furnish waterfalls, and next in the Alpine district. Then the work will be carried to central France, where enough power can be derived from the Auvergne, and later the north and east, together with Brittany and Normandy, will be attended to. The change will save the consumption of 8,000,000 tons of coal yearly, will promote cleanliness, lessen repair work on locomotives and rolling stock and reduce accidents.

Grandpa can remember when only a few rooms of the home were kept heated in winter. Kitchen and dining-room were shut off after mealtime, and the family gathered around the base burner in the only warm room. Bedrooms were so cold the water in the pitchers froze during the night. Present generation is soft, not satisfied unless every room in the house is warm enough to fry an egg. It might do the health good to go back to old-fashioned heating methods for a few months. Even a coal shortage can have its good side. It may teach us not to be too extravagant with fuel.

A Pennsylvania lover, arrested by State Trooper Larson, is fined \$50 for the feat of driving his auto 50 miles an hour and kissing his girl every time a telephone pole flashed past. Old-timers who recall moonlight buggy rides, slow rides and slow kisses thus see another evidence of changing times—the introduction of "efficiency" in "sparkin'."

A leading agricultural editor who has just returned from Europe warns the farmers that the Russians will be back in two years. Maybe so but the American farmer faced Russian competition for many years and he can again.

Airly About It. "I am quite taken up with this thing," said the man who was enjoying his first ride in an airplane.

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Will Day gathers up a museum exhibition showing the historical development of the movie. The start? Chinese shadow-shows, at least 4,000 years ago. The Chinese stretched a bullock's hide parchment, thin and almost transparent, before a brightly burning lamp. On this parchment the audience saw shadows of wax figures, moving like puppets in front of the flame. It took thousands of years to develop that lamp into the modern moving-picture projecting machine and to evolve the moving shadows on the parchment into the figures that enchant us on the silver screen. Time amounts to very little, in the long history of progress.

Playing a phonograph in the doorway of a store, to attract trade, annoys a retailer in Suffolk, Mass. He has a retail shoe store across the street from the talking machine, and goes to court when the canned music sets his nerves on edge. The judge agrees that continual music is a nuisance, and makes the phonograph owner put on the soft pedal. Injunctions against unnecessary noise will be common a few years from now in cities. Noise, more than hurry, is what makes city dwellers nervous.

Ohio produces 48 per cent of the nation's entire output of rubber goods, says the Department of Commerce. There is no logical reason why Ohio should lead in this line, except that Ohio men decided to create the opportunity. Personality is the greatest force in business. And opportunity is where we make it, not far off over the hills.

In Japan, they are proposing to encourage Japanese widows to marry, in the face of the tradition which holds them single in loyal devotion to the memory of their departed mates. Widows in the land of the free and the home of the brave need no encouragement like that.

Some one has gone to the trouble of ascertaining that a woman takes 960 steps in preparing dinner. Nine hundred of these are taken to the front door to look down the street the way he comes.

Discovered Wireless Waves. Wireless waves were proved to exist long before they were ever experimented with. In 1877 a man named Clerk Maxwell worked them out theoretically, and predicted that before long they would be demonstrated practically.

Use for Cold Potatoes. If there is no paste on hand for the label you want to put on the trunk or bag rub a cold potato over the back of the paper label and it will stick as firmly as if glued.

Some years ago I put an advertisement in a newspaper reading: "Wanted, strong boy for hard work." The job was an easy one, with good pay, but I thought I would try to find a boy who really wanted work, says a writer in the New York Herald. I did not get one reply. Recently I answered five "situations wanted" advertisements and on purpose said nothing of what the job was, and gave no indication of what the business was. Again I did not receive one response. What's the matter with young men today? They seem to expect business houses to "show me first." Once I went to see the principal of a large business college and explained to him that I was seeking the services of a young lady, and when I asked him about department he said he knew nothing about department, and he looked queerly at me when I remarked that department was as important as ability. Are we reaping the result of false teachings these many years past?

An insane woman escapes from the asylum at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. When captured, she had walked 40 miles in one day. Such spurts of energy are common among the insane. It often requires half a dozen strong men to overpower a maniac and get him into a padded cell. Take a sane man, a weakling, who cannot lift 100 pounds. Five minutes later, if he suddenly goes crazy, he can easily lift 500. Strength of muscle and power to accomplish are largely matters of confidence. Weakness is lack of confidence, fear—all in the imagination. You are what you think you are, no more, only occasionally less.

The car of broccoli on which the United States department of agriculture has been making shipping tests, was opened at Roseburg and shown to growers who were able to see exactly the condition of their crop upon its arrival at the market point. A detailed report of the findings will be worked out for the benefit of the growers. The test showed that this year's crop is standing up especially well, with little yellowing or wilting and in good condition.

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