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University of Oregon Bulletin.

The December number of the University of Oregon Bulletin, a copy of which has just been received, gives a full description of the correspondence courses that are now being offered by the university. The courses are arranged especially for teachers, students preparing for college or university, women's clubs, teachers' groups, grangers, home-makers. The university intends to add additional courses in economics, political science, history, English literature, mechanical drawing, civil engineering, education, and others, as its resources permit. The correspondence work has met with a hearty reception in all parts of the state. More than two hundred students enrolled for the various courses during the past month.

Labor Troubles.

The following edifying ruminations were beaten out on an appreciative typewriter by a worried editorial writer who was trying to get up a screed on the overcrowding of the tenements while a bore sat by and insisted on talking in a loud tone of voice:

"New York tenement-house problem! Tough proposition, old Miss Double-Keyboard. Especially so when some runner for a hot-air factory sits 'round and keeps talking about things that are of no interest to anyone but himself. I can't very well get up and throw him out so the next best thing I can do is to hammer this out and make him believe I'm working like the devil . . . I've been working on this for 15 minutes with him talking a blue streak to me and endeavoring to get me to answer. If I only had a dynamite bomb I'd be tempted to put it under his chair and see if it wouldn't make him go away. The success of some people in making dam nuisances of themselves is so pronounced that it's a wonder to me they escape violent death as long as they do . . . At this moment he is making a move as though he intends to go. If he fails me now I shall certainly be driven to desperate measures. . . . He has his hand on the doorknob—he goes. . . . Oh h-h! He's back with another question. I must commit murder. I won't submit to this torture. . . . He sits down again! ! ! . . . Oregonian.

To Raise the Moral Standard.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—The saloon interests of Salem have formed a voluntary organization to raise the moral standard of the liquor business, and one of the first results accomplished is the refusal of Mayor Rodgers to sign the approved application of John Doyens for the renewal of a liquor license on State street. This application was approved by the license committee of the City Council and a license ordered at the last regular meeting, but at the instance of the saloonmen, who represented that Doyens did not conduct a respectable and orderly establishment, Mayor Rodgers investigated, with the above result. The place was closed by Chief Gibson yesterday.

The next movement in contemplation by the liquor dealers is a signed agreement, bearing the signatures of all the saloon men in the city with one exception, not to allow minors within their places of business, and to rigidly enforce the rule not to sell intoxicating liquor to common or habitual drunkards. An attempt was made to pass a "common drunk" ordinance at a recent meeting of the City Council, which failed, and then the saloon men took the matter up themselves. A form of agreement was circulated and every retail and wholesale dealer in the city signed it, with the exception of W. R. Anderson. The original of this document will be presented to the City Council, probably at the next meeting.

An Up-to-Date Show.

The Pavilla Dramatic and Musical Comedy Co. will open their two nights engagement at the Akers Opera house on Tuesday, January 14th, in a brilliant bill of comedies and specialties. Their productions are based upon the fundamental elements of human nature and appeal to interests and emotions that are universal, and they never fail to please.

Her Query

Some little while ago a popular writer visited a jail in order to take notes for a magazine article on prison life. On returning home he described the horrors he had seen, and his description made a deep impression on the mind of his little daughter, Mary. The writer and his offspring, a week later, were in a train together, which stopped at a station near a gloomy building. A man asked: "What place is that?" "The county jail," another answered promptly.

Whereupon Mary embarrassed her father and aroused the suspicions of the other occupants of the carriage by asking, in a loud, shrill voice: "Is that the jail you were in, father?" —Judge's Library.

Cynical

A remarkable special feature incidental to the Pavilla Co.'s show on Tuesday, January 14th, is Cynthia, the world famous lady equilibrist and acrobat. The remarkable ease, grace, daring and dexterity with which she performs seemingly impossible feats is the wonder of all who witness this glittering spectacle.

An automatic paper seller has been placed on the street in Manchester, N. H., by an surprising local paper, much to the chagrin of the newsboys, who do not take kindly to the new vender, which, they claim, interferes with their sales. One of the youngsters plugged the slot with candy the first night, putting it out of commission for awhile. One enterprising youngster, however, stood by the machine and sold nine more papers than on any other night.

An accident to the passenger engine on Thursday made it necessary to send down an extra to bring the train up from Fig. and as a result the train was several hours late.



THE SUMMER ARGUMENT.

A problem of wedlock. That never is settled. That makes father mad. And that gets mother nettled; It comes up each year. At the summer resort; Who'll clean the fish. That father has caught? Mother says that she won't. Father says that she should; It is clearly her task. And is so understood. "If I catch the fish. And I head 'em and tail 'em. It's really your duty. To dig in and scale 'em." To this mother says. In a positive way: "When I clean your fish It will be a cold day. You have all the fun. When you angle and hook 'em. I'm doing enough. If I'm willing to cook 'em." "You're wrong," declares father. "You swore to obey. It was one of your vows. On our grand wedding day." "True," replies mother. "I'll bow to your wish. When the minister says That I swore to clean fish." Oh, endless the worry. And ceaseless the row! The summer is here. They are arguing now. They want to decide— And the problem is great— Should ma clean the fish. If pa digs the bait? —Detroit Free Press.

Sure to Miss Him. A man who runs a truck farm in Virginia tells of the sad predicament in which a colored man named Sam Moore, who is in his employ, recently found himself. Sam had had considerable difficulty in evading the onslaughts of a dog from a neighboring farm. Finally the dog got him, as Sam kicked at him. Sam's wife, hearing a tremendous yell, rushed to the rescue of her husband. When she came up the dog had fastened his teeth in the calf of Sam's leg and was holding on for dear life. Seizing a stone in the road, Sam's wife was about to hurl it when Sam, with wonderful presence of mind, shouted: "Mandy! Mandy! Don't throw that stone at de dawg! Frow it at me, Mandy!" —Youth's Companion.

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