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Long says that he will not resign while under fire. Otto suggests that if the fire were put under him maybe he would resign. It ought to be tried.

It is hoped the superstitious Mexicans will not charge the recent earthquakes to the presence in that city of the Pan-American conference.—Stayton Mail,

A new law in Iceland authorizes any adult to administer a sound spanking to any boy or girl found smoking a cigarette, and to destroy any cigarettes found on them.

Indiana people are making some fuss about a hog with six feet, two more than the regulation pattern. Oregon has some with but two feet, and no one is proud of them either.—Eugene Guard.

Cast your bread on the waters and it sometimes gets back sooner than you expected. The gentleman who handed us in a good item, all written out, the other night will understand the allusion.

The world would be infinitely better off if the spurious excess of the Carnegie and Rockefeller possessions had dwelt with labor in higher pay and with consumers in lower prices. It is far better for the workingman to buy books and subscribe to libraries with money he has earned than to bring these things to him through the medium of ill-gotten gains dispensed as charity. Culture that is self-gained is ennobling. Culture that comes in the form of alms is apt to be degrading.—Oregonian.

A big wedding back east attracted about as much attention as a fight in South Africa. The Whitney kid married the Hay girl. The ceremony was a fly affair witnessed by the President, other big officials and the famous four hundred of New York. It was a swell wedding from the first stitch on the trousseau to the last fall of the rice on the fair head of

the daughter of the former member of the president's cabinet. This may be success, but unless they do something for humanity and the world their names will be forgotten. Money and big family names are as vapory as the mist that rises from Niagara.—Albany Democrat.



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OBITUARY

Mrs W. L. Thomas, who died last week in San Francisco, was a resident of Coos for many years, and the following sketch of her life has been kindly furnished by one of her old friends here. Her maiden name was Mary Powell and she was born in Wales. She was married in England to W. L. Thomas. They emigrated to Australia, but in 1871 came to this country and settled in Coos where Mr. Thomas found employment at the Newport mine. In 1884 they returned to Australia and stayed there about a year, when they came back to Coos. Mr. Thomas died 17 years ago, and Mrs. Thomas then went to live with her son William, until he was married, when she took up her residence with her daughter, Mrs. D. Hutcheson, in this city. She moved with them to San Francisco, and passed away at their home at 726 Shotwell street. During her residence in Coos, Mrs. Thomas made many warm friends. She was kind to every one, and always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. She was a member of the church, of what denomination is not known, and while here attended the Presbyterian church. She leaves two sons and one daughter, W. L. Thomas, of Crescent City, Cal.; Evor Thomas of Butte City, Mont. and Mrs. D. Hutcheson, of San Francisco.

COQUILLER'S KICK ABOUT
SHORT WEIGHT BUTTER

Special Program.

The Methodist church people are at work on a special program for Sunday Evening, the 23d. It will be of a Patriotic Nature Commemorative of Washington, Lincoln and McKinley.

Rudyard Kipling's Recessional will be sung, with other special pieces.

Will Institute.

W. A. Wooliever received the charter yesterday for the Scottsburg Camp of M. W. A. The new camp will be called Scottsburg Camp, No. 10,444. The organization of this lodge will be within ten days.

John G. Hedden, one of Scottsburg's prominent citizens has concluded to build a new hall for that town, to be used for lodges, public gatherings and dances and will be known as the Modern Woodman hall.

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No Such Article on the Marshfield Market—Evidently a Case of Ignorance

Some one signing himself W. A. F. writes to the Oregonian from Coquille City, propounding the following question: "Will you please inform me through your paper why Coos county creameries sell short-weight butter at long-weight prices? It is going on all the time."

To this the Oregonian replies: "You are 25 miles nearer the scene of the crime. Suppose you find out and tell."

If W. A. F. had followed this sensible advice before he got it, he probably would not have asked for it. While we cannot answer for the Coquille butter makers, investigation at the Marshfield grocery stores on Monday, Feb. 10th, proved that there wasn't a short-weight roll of butter on this market that day. The test on the scales showed that some brands exceeded the weight printed on the wrapper by over an ounce to the square.

Perhaps W. A. F.'s kick arises from the fact that he can not read and has been buying 24 ounce squares, with the weight printed on the wrappers, supposing them to be put up for 2 pound rolls.

Coos county butter is put up in 24 ounce instead of 2 pound squares because the San Francisco market, where nearly all the surplus is sold, demands that size, and there would be no object in making two different sizes.

The weight is printed on the wrapper, according to law, and no one has any excuse for being deceived or for calling it short weight.

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