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EDITORIALS

There was great Democratic jubilation over the discovery that in the month of June the number of idle freight cars decreased 25,000. This meant "prosperity," said Mr. Redfield's little warblers, forgetting that June is the annual season of the greatest movement of coal and that these cars were used for that purpose. Now there comes to light some comparative figures which are still further disconcerting. Despite a decrease of 25,000 idle cars in June, there were 275,111 idle cars in this country at the end of that month, which was nearly 50,000 more than a year ago, and nearly 200,000 more than when the present Democratic Administration came into power.

The recall election held here in Wheeler County last Monday was an expense to the taxpayers to no profit and for which some one is to blame. It seems to us that the whole scheme germinated in a brain poisoned by personal prejudice and spite, and who sought to avenge themselves by using the recall as a tool. If the recall petition had been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and the election ordered before the June term of the Circuit Court, it would have looked better to the voters. If, as some believe, it was held up to take advantage of the inefficiency of the District Attorney to defeat justice,—an inefficiency more the result of a combination than fact,—it is only an acknowledgment of guilt, altho defeated, justice stands out in bold relief and the people have expressed disapproval at the poles of the methods used. Trying to use the people and the people's money to carry out schemes of personal spite might create a feeling reactionary that would sink the aspirations of some of our friends into political oblivion.

By-Products — JOE — "Say Jim, are you going to the Legislature this year?" JIM — "No, I have so many orders ahead for testimonials for headache - dope, champagne, cigars, chewing-gum and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I can't find time for less important things."

A British surgeon is authority for the statement that cases of incipient baldness have been checked by service in the trenches, and he believes that the open air will cure baldness. This is one of the hair raising experiences at the front — Ex.

FOREST NOTES

Aug. 13, 1915. An announcement just made by the Forest Service, covering the grazing business on the National Forest for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915 shows a decrease of over 100,000 in the number of sheep grazed on the Forests of Oregon, and an increase of approximately 44,000 in the number grazed in the Forests of Washington.

For several years the grazing business on the Forests of Oregon has been in excess of that in Washington, but the influx of settlers in those parts of Oregon where good forage was to be found has made it difficult for big stock owners to find sufficient winter range for their sheep. This fact combined with the recent high prices of wool and mutton, has led many sheep men to sell out. In Washington there has not only been an increase in settlement, but also an increase in available National Forest range, which has induced many to go into the sheep business. Hence, the Oregon sheep men found the Washington ranchers ready to buy their sheep.

There has been an increase in the cattle business in both States,—over 10,000 increase in Oregon and nearly 3,000 head in Washington. Many of these cattle men were formerly sheep owners grazing stock on the National Forest.

TO THE WATER USERS OF OREGON.

The water users of the State of Oregon, especially those using water for irrigation, are confronting a serious condition. The water supply of most of the streams of eastern and southern Oregon is lower this season than at any time in the past 20 or 30 years. Many people are depending either directly or indirectly upon the flow of streams for a livelihood. Those having a prior right to the use of water may legally demand their full supply as long as it is available. This will deprive subsequent users of their accustomed supply.

In view of the unusual conditions which prevail, it is suggested that irrigators be as economical as possible in the use of water in order that some water may be left to mature the crops of subsequent appropriators below.

From letters received at the State Engineer's office it appears that many water users have the mistaken idea that to economize in the use of water so that some will flow down to their neighbor, will detrimentally affect their water right. If the prior appropriator demands his pound of flesh this season, it will cause the ruin of other crops.

The State Engineer desires to call attention to these unusual conditions and solicits the harmonious cooperation among water users to the end that injury to the crops through shortage of water supply be minimized.

H. Caesar Had a Phone. Julius Caesar missed a great deal in not knowing the telephone or at least in not using it if he knew it. One can see the telephone engineer attached to the Roman postoffice endeavoring, but without avail, to get an instrument installed at the capitol and at the palace. "I am intrusted by the emperor to say that he does not desire these barbarian novelties, and so Thomas Alva Edison need not call again with his magician's apparatus." A signal blunder! We can imagine what would have happened. "Hello, 1287 Tiber! Is it thou, Artemidorus? I understand thou rangst me up this morning. What! Details of a plot? Go not to the senate today? Beware of Brutus? Go not near Casca? Right, and I thank thee, Artemidorus. I will have an extra guard put on instantly and the conspirators arrested." And so, although Artemidorus was unable to give his warning in the street, he gave it over the telephone, and Caesar's valuable life and with it the fortune of Rome was saved.—From "If They Had Thought of It" in Strand Magazine.

Funeral Souvenir. Weird funeral souvenirs of Dutch origin were called "doed-koecks," or "dead cakes." With a small bottle of wine and a pair of gloves two of these were sent by invitation to relatives and friends whom one wanted to attend the funeral. The original recipe for these cakes, which is said to be authentic, called for fourteen pounds of flour, six pounds of sugar, five pounds of butter, one quart of water, two teaspoonfuls of pearl ash, two teaspoonfuls of salt and one ounce of caraway seed. These were baked in four inch squares, then frosted and marked with the initials of the "departed friend." Sometimes they were eaten at the funeral dinner, but usually they were taken away, like wedding cakes, as souvenirs. Many bakers made a specialty of "funeral cookies," one baker in Philadelphia advertising the specialty as recently as 1748.—New York Tribune.

Real Joy of Farm Owning. I am not a gentleman farmer, with a great estate over which I ride once in a while and leave all the real work to my underlings. I cannot think there would be great fun in this. No; I like to take hold with my Portuguese man and plant and spray and trim and prune. To be sure, he does more than his share of the rough work, and much of the year I must be cultivating other kinds of fields than those that grow cabbages and turnips, but the fun of farming comes from being a real farmer while you are one, getting close to the soil, becoming intimate with every living thing, whether it be a plant or animal; loving your tomato vines and raspberry bushes, taking a real pride in your eggplants and your brussels sprouts, whether you get a prize for them at the county fair or not.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark in Country Side Magazine and Suburban Life.

A Recipe For Ghosts. It is generally understood that "seeing ghosts" is the result of indigestion. The following notes may be useful to amateurs anxious to investigate psychological phenomena: Lobster salad eaten after midnight, one ordinary ghost with chains. Two Welsh rabbits and a mince pie, one mysterious gray lady emitting groans. Cold roast pork, mixed pickles and strong tea taken immediately before retiring, a genuine family specter carrying his head under his arm. A portion of cake, result of daughter's first lesson at cookery school, a troop of fearsome blood stained hobgoblins with blue lights shining out of empty eye sockets.—New York Journal.

Cleaning a Watch Chain. Gold or silver watch chains can be cleaned with a very excellent result, no matter whether they be matt or polished, by laying them for a few seconds in pure aqua ammonia. They should then be rinsed in alcohol and finally shaken in clean sawdust, free from sand. Imitation gold and plated chains should be cleaned in benzine, then rinsed in alcohol and afterward shaken in dry sawdust.—St. Louis Republic.

No Late Hours There. Guest—What possessed you to move away off here to the extreme edge of the city? Host—The trolley cars stop running at 10 p. m. "What of that?" "Wait till you see my pretty daughter."—New York Weekly.

Their Division. "I see where a criminal lawyer has taken his daughter into partnership with him. How do they divide the cases?" "He takes the fellow-nies, and she, the mis-demeanors."—Baltimore American.

Satirical. Willie Willis—What's a "satirical touch," pa? Papa Willis—It's the fellow who borrows money of you and then kide you about it whenever you meet.—Puck.

An Exception. Six—No man ever succeeded in business who kept watching the clock. Dix—Oh, I don't know. There's the train dispatcher.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Skeptical. Not one man in a thousand who rolls down to the bottom of the hill can make the world believe he did it for exercise.—Atlanta Constitution.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office The Dalles, Ore. May 27, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that William I. Wilson whose post-office address is Spray, Oregon, did on the 11th day of February, 1915, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 014481 to purchase the sw 1/4 nw 1/4 Section 12, township 10 south, range 24 east, willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and tax, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised \$120, the timber estimated 140,000 board feet at 50 cents per M., and the land \$50; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 20th day of August, 1915, before David E. Baxter, U. S. Commissioner, at Spray, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry. H. Frank Woodcock, Register. 6 17 8 19

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, July 23, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that John Ather of Basin, Oregon, who on January the 20th, 1912, made Homestead Entry No. 09837, for SE 1/4 Sec. 35, T. 10 S. R. 25 East, Lots 1-2 and SW 1/4 Sec. 2, T. 11 South, Range 25 E., Willamette Mer. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before J. E. Snow, U. S. Commissioner, Dayville, Oregon, on the 13th day of Sept. 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: W. B. Bales, Charles V. Bales, J. P. Morrison and E. B. Morris all of Basin, Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register. 8-12-9-16

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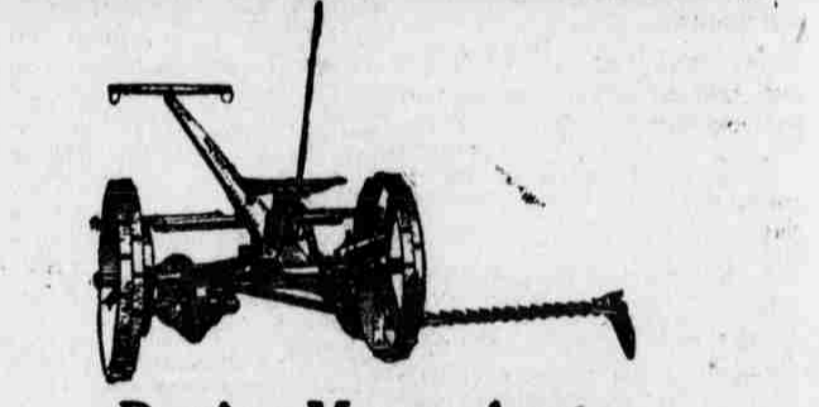
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