

SWIMMERS TRY OUT COLD WATER

With Water at 48 Degrees Thirteen Try Conclusions in Willamette— Only Five Finished 1200 Foot Stretch.

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—With the temperature of the water at 48 degrees, 13 men undertook to swim 1200 feet in the Willamette river this morning and five succeeded, while eight fell by the wayside. There were no casualties, but the swimmers turned the color of boiled lobster.

Phil Patterson, a 17-year-old youth, who grabbed a record during the Portola in San Francisco, was the winner, making the stretch of water between Morrison street and Burnside bridges in 7 minutes and 12 seconds. Ira Clark was second in 8 minutes 55 seconds. H. P. Urdable came third in 9 minutes 30 seconds, and Ralph Withycombe was fourth in 9 minutes and 43 seconds. Arthur Cavill arrived fifth, his time not being taken.

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSED BEYOND THE GREAT DIVIDE.

Samuel Huston Cook was born in Blunt County, Tennessee, May 15, 1839 and moved to Missouri with his parents at the age of two years, where he resided until he was married to Mailla B. Gilmore, July 20, 1862. There was born to this union ten children, nine of whom are living. J. B. Cook, Canyonville, Ore.; J. T. Cook, Kubi, Ore.; Mrs. E. Smith, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Jasper Kubi, Kubi, Ore.; Mrs. A. Bowers, Albany, Ore.; Mrs. H. F. Whetstone, Medford, Ore.; Mrs. E. F. Hannum, Murphy, Ore.; Clinton Cook and Amos Cook, Applegate, Ore. Before coming to Oregon in the spring of 1870, he was united with the Baptist church and remained a member of that church ever afterwards. He came to Oregon 39 years ago and settled on a farm at Applegate where he lived till he passed away, December 19, 1909, at the age of 70 years, 7 months and 4 days. He was an honest, upright citizen; he had friends by the score among his neighbors. The funeral took place at Jacksonville Monday at 2 P. M., under the auspices of Jacksonville lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a member.

He leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife and family, two brothers and three sisters and numerous other relatives.

MEDFORD WOMAN FINDS BIG PEARL IN OYSTER

Medford housewives are scrutinizing the oysters closely nowadays since the fact that Mrs. Arthur Brown found a large pearl in one the other day.

It is very rarely, indeed, that a pearl is found in the oysters shipped to interior points, as the oyster openers are always on the lookout for the pearls.

However, Mrs. Brown found a very large one, the value of which has not been fully determined by the local jewelers, and as a consequence the rivalries are undergoing a close examination before being served.

CALIFORNIA GETS CASE OF GENUINE HOOKWORM

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 25.—The first genuine case of hook worm in California has been found in Oakland. The operation was successful. The operation was successful, being made on Mrs. Torres, recently from the Azores.

BELIEVED MISS BREWER AND CUDAHY ARE AT OUTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Miss Nora Brewer has returned from Chicago. Her engagement to Young Cudahy has been indefinitely postponed and is believed to have been broken.

CLUBMAN CELEBRATES AND IS IMPRISONED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Dr. J. Watson Shies, a prominent physician and Bohemian clubman, celebrated Christmas too strenuously and was jailed.

NOTICE.

Excursion to Frisco. Leave Ashland on Sunday, December 26, 1909, on the regular overland train at 11:15 a. m. Round trip fare, \$18, good for 15 days. People not living in Ashland can get their tickets from the management, at the Ashland depot or on board the train. Apply to Bolton & Peil, managers, Ashland, Oregon.

GREAT ACTIVITY CENTRAL OREGON

Competing Lines Filing Right of Way Plats and Rushing Construction Work.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 25.—The Oregon Trunk Railroad has filed its application for the right of way—as far as surveyed—in the Lakeview land office, the maps showing the proposed right of way in this district and the lower part of the Dalles district lying in Crook county.

As shown by the maps, the survey follows the Deschutes river up to a point some twelve or fifteen miles east of Crescent Lake, where it goes up the east fork of the river. It passes near Roseland, entering Klamath county near the northeast corner of section 2, in township 23 south, of range 9 east, being about five miles southwest of Rosland. It runs in a southerly direction, passing to the west of the Walker range of mountains, and ends at a point on the south line of section 28, township 27, south of range east. This point is practically sixty-six miles due north of Klamath Falls and eight miles from the north line of the Klamath Indian reservation. The survey practically parallels that of the Oregon Eastern, being but a quarter of a mile east of the latter at the end of the former's survey in section 27, township 8.

This makes it certain that the James J. Hill and Weyerhaeuser interests, which own the Klamath Lake railroad, extending from Thrall to Pogeama, and about 159,000 acres of the choicest part of the great Klamath forest, are working in unison and that Klamath Falls will be the terminus of the road until it is pushed on by way of Sacramento to San Francisco Bay.

Weyerhaeuser has men here all the time picking up timber claims, besides which Sherlin & Carpenter, the Deschutes Lumber Company, the Yockey Lumber Company of Minneapolis, the Hixon Lumber Company, S. O. Johnson and G. H. Gleichrist have secured holdings aggregating 200,000 acres.

Klamath-Natron Line.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 25.—Work is being rapidly pushed from Klamath Falls to Natron and the contractors expect to have the line completed and ready for operation by August of next year for twenty-five miles beyond this city.

The grade is completed to with a few miles of a rattle-snake Point. A spur has been built to the water front on the Upper Lake, and construction trains are running on it. Material for the camps is hauled on cars to this point, and thence taken on the company's boats, doing away with all freighting by teams.

The Klamath Queen is throwing up the grade on the five-mile cut across the Upper Lake Marsh, and next spring another dredger with double capacity, which is now being built at Stockton, will aid her. Beyond Modoc Point the line surveyed is perfectly level and the work will be easy.

Meanwhile the contractors on the Natron end are pushing south as fast as possible.

RAILROAD GIVES REDDING A PARK.

REDDING, Dec. 25.—The Southern Pacific Company yesterday presented the City of Redding with half its reservation east of the main line, the ground to be devoted solely to public park purposes. The gift was made through Division Superintendent W. E. Dyer and Chief Engineer Morrison to Mayor George H. Gronwaldt. The gift is not absolute, for the railroad company retains title to the ground and leases to the city at a nominal annual rental for an indefinite period. Mayor Gronwaldt accepted the generous offer, subject to a subsequent approval by the Board of City Trustees.

BURGLARS VISIT THE WEED HOTEL.

WEED, Dec. 25.—The lunch counter of the Hotel Florence was robbed some time yesterday morning. The robbery took place before the house was opened, and the burglars made entrance by breaking a window.

There was no cash left in the register. The visitors took all the food-stuffs in sight, and then demolished the furniture.

The officers believe the work was done by tramps and they think they have a clue.

INSURGENTS ONLY AWAIT AN ISSUE

Whenever Something Arises Which Will Give Them a Chance They Plan Great Reformation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—"Wanted—An issue. By thirty or more insurgent members of the house of representatives. Issue must be squarely upon the rules and guaranteed not to endanger members' standing at the White House. Some sure method of taking the gavel away from Speaker Cannon preferred. Any issue acceptable that will give the country at large an idea that the insurgents are fearlessly fighting the czar rules and a czar ruler."

An advertisement like the above may be inserted in the daily papers one of these days unless the insurgent leaders of the house find the issue they are looking for nearer the house of representatives than they have discovered up to date. If they can find the issue, they assert, they can very quickly get enough votes to overthrow the rules, speaker, and all.

"An issue is really all we are waiting for at present," said Victor Murock of Kansas, who is the recognized leader of the insurgent forces. "It must be squarely upon the rules or we cannot do business. Some suggestion has been made that we agree upon the postal savings bank as an inviting plank to stand upon, but there is too much opposition to that scheme for us to hope to do anything with it. So it looks as though there was nothing to do but wait until the rules themselves can be attacked, then to go ahead and overthrow the speaker."

"As far as I am personally concerned I am against Cannonism in particular and in general. I intend to keep on fighting the speaker until I get him. Some of the other folks, however, balk at the idea of making a personal attack on Cannon, so the best thing we can do is to wait until the house insurgents are confronted with us, can all get together."

The house insurgents are engaged by two dangers while they are engaged in their efforts to overthrow Uncle Joe. In the first place, if they are not successful they are very likely to lose whatever influence they have in the house, because of inability to secure recognition from the powers controlling that body; and, second, they may "lose out" with the president for opposing legislation that the administration wants enacted. There are a lot of postmasters to be appointed this session.

What makes the situation of a good many insurgents all the more ticklish is the fact that their constituents at home demand a fearless attitude of them and expect to see their representatives personally twist the tail of power everytime they read the home papers. Many of them were elected upon an anti-Cannon platform and when they come up for reelection next fall, they may have to do some strenuous explaining to hold their jobs.

EDEN PRECINCT ITEMS.

Mrs. Theo. Fish was a Phoenix visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Dr. Webster was in Phoenix Tuesday.

Many ladies came into Phoenix last Tuesday to attend the sale of needle work given by the Aid.

Mrs. J. D. Evens was doing trading in Phoenix last Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Gibbs, of North Talent, was a Medford visitor last Tuesday. James McDonald and mother were in Medford doing Christmas shopping last Wednesday.

The well drill is at work on the well at A. S. Furry's new residence in South Phoenix.

Everyone seems filled with the Christmas spirit in the little town. Talent is a busy place these days.

Mrs. A. B. Ferns, of Fern Valley, sold one hundred acres of fruit land last Wednesday for \$10,000. Did not learn the name of the purchaser.

A. H. Houston was up in North Talent visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Roberts.

Cupid has been busy in Phoenix of late and has ensnared Lloid Colver and Dr. Malmgren into his net. Both of whom, with their brides, will make their homes in Phoenix. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

S. S. Stephens, of North Talent, was in Medford on business last Thursday.

C. Carey has been having the electric wiring in his residence done over, the first work being unsatisfactory.

TAFT'S PROGRAM HITS A SNAG

President Has Trouble With His Plans for Legislation—Aldrich Not in Line.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Said to relate, it seems very likely that the Taft legislative program, with its radical recommendations for corporation control, is likely to meet a sharp and troublesome snag before it reaches the statute books of the nation.

The Taft program as outlined in the president's speeches is about as radical a proposition as the legislators of these United States have tackled in some time—particularly that proposition for amending the interstate commerce act to secure closer federal control of the railroads. The radical portions of the president's program will meet trouble where most radical propositions are lost, strayed, or stolen—in the senate.

It is whispered about Washington just now that the reason for the omission of so many of the Taft propositions from the annual message to congress was the inability of the executive to line up that august body in favor of the proposed measures. Murmurs are also heard that Mr. Taft is now doing his frantic best to whip the worthy legislators into line for his pet projects—and, be it understood, is not meeting with unqualified success. Regulars and insurgents alike are coming in for the executive admonitions and demerits are not entirely disregarded.

But there is one man who has been conspicuous by his absence from the White House in this connection. That is the quiet, hardworking, currency reforming, tariff revising Senator from Rhode Island, Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich.

While the president is endeavoring to organize a working majority in congress in support of his measures, Nelson W. is quite generally understood to be working among his colleagues in favor of a do-nothing session. And Nelson is some worker. He has been mentioned, perhaps by prejudiced persons, that the unqualified endorsement, in the Taft annual message, of Senator Aldrich's pet aversion, the postal savings bank measure, may account for that statesman's anti-administration activity.

Nelson W. is a superb organizer, and it is expected that he will be able to gather together real opposition to the Taft measures, if he so desires. That would cause no end of trouble to the administration, and might force the president into an agreement with the progressive republicans and the democrats who are almost unanimously in favor of the proposed corporation control measures.

The city of Jacksonville, the business men of Jacksonville and the citizens of Jacksonville have had their experience with a cheaper form of light than electric light several years ago. Before considering a cheaper form of light get their experience.

EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS CHANCES

For sale—Span of horses, harness and wagon. Now is the time to buy before spring work begins. Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg. Anyone having money to loan on chattels, I would like to see him at room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg. Will trade an automobile for lots. Room 208.

Wanted a boy to work and learn a business which is a fine layout to the right boy. Room 208.

If you have a hotel or rooming house to sell call at room 208.

To trade—A good lot for a span of horses and harness. Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg.

For sale—A pony 7 years old, \$35. Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg. Anyone having cows to trade for horses call at room 20.

For sale—Four lots 50x210 on easy terms.

For rent—Seven room house and barn at \$12.00 per month. Call at room 208.

Wanted—A woman to do washing, to begin Monday morning. Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg.

E. F. A. BITTNER, Prop. ROOM 208, PHIPPS BLDG. PHONE MAIN 4141.

KEEPING TAB ON NUMBER ARRESTS

Census Bureau Compiles Report on Cases of Law Breaking in the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Important data on the subject of arrests of lawbreakers and the sizes of police forces is contained in U. S. Census Bulletin 105, which Census Director Durand is about to submit to Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It is an abstract of cities having an estimated population of over 30,000 in 1907, and it was prepared by E. H. Maling, division chief, under the supervision of Dr. Le Grand Powers, chief statistician in charge of official statistics of cities.

There were 158 of these cities, and in the tables of the bulletin they are presented in four groups. Group I contains cities of over 300,000 population; Group II, 100,000 to 300,000; Group III, 50,000 to 100,000; and Group IV, cities of 30,000 to 50,000.

Those in Group I, ranked according to estimated population, are New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Buffalo, San Francisco, Detroit, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, New Orleans, and Washington, D. C.

Under the head of arrests, classified by offenses, it is shown that the number of arrests in the 158 cities for the fiscal year 1907 was 1,369,361, or 582.4 arrests to every 10,000 inhabitants. The number of arrests per 10,000 inhabitants in cities of Group I was 552.6; in cities of Group II, 589.5; of Group III, 580.0; and of Group IV, 710.9.

A NEW ELECTRIC ORDINANCE.

May it be ordained by the city council of the city of Medford.

Any able-bodied, married man who shall neglect or refuse to provide his wife with electric lights and electric iron, thereby compelling her to spend these pleasant days and evenings in the kitchen over the hot cook stove, when he can now buy electricity at bargain prices, shall be punished by imprisonment in his own kitchen, with cook stove, in full blast, and shall be compelled to start all fires at 4 a. m. so that he may be ready for 8 o'clock breakfast, until he shall provide said wife with said electric lights and electric iron, to save fatigue, exhaustion and trouble as aforesaid.

(Signed) DOMESTIC FELICITY, Chairman.

Attest: THE CLERK.

Ill Health Is More Expensive Than Any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be relied upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

If you don't already know it my gas lights and mantle lamps you have been reading so much about lately. There is so much talk about them they must be good. Investigate. J. W. Whitney, 211 West Main. Next door to Rogue River Electric Co. office. 235*

WE DON'T BELIEVE YOU CAN BEAT THIS:

Thirty-two acres in this tract, fine fruit land, about two miles from a shipping point. The buildings consist of a five-room box house, good-sized barn, etc. There are 12 acres of 5 and 6-year-old apples, mostly Newtowns, with commercial peaches planted between as fillers. Also three acres of young pear trees and some family orchard. Four acres in alfalfa. Six or eight acres of timber, mostly oak and laurel. There is a pumping plant on the place which supplies water for the garden and alfalfa, equipped with gasoline engine. About 40 rods from a good school. Has rural mail delivery and telephone. Price \$10,500. Terms.

W. T. YORK & CO.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

Any kind of open flame consumes as much oxygen from the air as four adult pairs of lungs.

Would you consider and light "cheap" that affected the health of your wife, your children, or yourself, by depriving the lungs of oxygen?

Electric light is the only kind of light that consumes no oxygen, and does not vitiate the atmosphere.

It burns in an air tight bulb. Its good light.

When you think it over—isn't it the cheapest light?

Human life is a progression—always towards some better thing—some higher state of civilization.

It is this constant yearning for better things which characterizes, and sets apart, the human race from the brute creation.

What would we think of a human being today who, in the midst of civilization, persisted in living in a cave, clothed with ruds skins, shunning society, and conducting himself as a savage.

You are ready and willing to adopt any new things in your house which can be proved a source of additional comfort, and cheer and health.

We want you to think about a few facts regarding electricity, which, we believe, entitles it to your earnest consideration.

We know that if you once realize what electricity will do to make your home more homelike, more cheerful, more charming, you will need no persuasion—you will insist on electricity.

We know that if we can show you where electricity will lighten your burdens and make your life more livable, you will need no urging to adopt it.

In the first place, let me talk to you on light.

Electric Lighting in the Home.

A well lighted home dispels the gloom and invites hobby, and the grown-up boys and girls to stay in evenings.

Nothing conduces so much to cheerfulness and social congeniality as a brilliantly and pleasantly lighted fireside.

And nothing quite realizes that happy condition so consummately as electric illumination.

You may talk about other means of artificial light, but after all, the

kerosine lamp, gas, acetylene and the various other forms of light, can be considered but stepping stones, leading up to the ideal illuminant—electricity.

We have reached the culmination point of illumination in electricity and today, nothing is known to making that so nearly approximate sunlight as this wonderful force.

No matter how richly the home may be furnished, if it is poorly lighted, it throws a depressing loom over everything, and destroys the cheerful comfort that every home should radiate.

The family circle gathers together, around the hearthstone evenings, and that is the time, above all others, that the home should be brightly illuminated.

Electric lighting, with its soft glowing brilliancy, makes the home more attractive, inviting, and congenial and not only augments the beauty of material appointments, but welds the entire family together, evening, into a happy, satisfied home circle.

If you want to drive your boys and girls out on the streets evenings give them a dimly, gloomily lighted home.

If you want to keep them in evenings give them a pleasantly lighted home.

Electricity plays its part, with no uncertain hand, in the welfare of our boys and girls.

But that isn't the whole story by any manner or means. Electric lighting in your home is neat, handsome, and clean. It diffuses a steady, even light, unaffected by draughts, and offering the easiest light, known, on the eye for reading. No shadows.

Unlike all other lights, it casts no shadows, whatever, but sheds its brilliancy in all directions, unimpeded by fixtures or brackets. No heat.

And in the summer time, you who have felt the withering heat in the home, have not thought kindly of your gasoline or lamp light, which has seemed to join forces with the hot temperature in an effort to make life well nigh unbearable.

Electric lighting instead of heating the house, gives you a cool, refreshing luminosity that can be seen, not felt, that can be appreciated—not condemned.



LIGHT AND BEAUTY.
Light and beauty give zest to life. Light is beauty—if its Electric Light. Good illumination adds joy to every social function. The dance, the dinner, the card party, all are more enjoyable when proper illumination is used. Perfect light—Electric Light—lends itself to any desired effect. Send for our representative and let him prove it.
R. R. Electric Co.

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MEDFORD PHARMACY
Near Post Office All Night Service Free Delivery

A CHOICE BUILDING SITE
Lot 60x175, east front on Oakdale, South, water and sewer connections to property line, cement walks and pavement. Fine oak shade trees. This is in the best residence section of the city. Price \$1500, \$500 cash, balance easy terms at 6 per cent interest. Compare this with lots 50x100 in similar locations.
J. W. DRESSLER AGENCY