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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, NOV. 28, 1901.

The Commercial Cable Company of New York, has let the contract for the San Francisco-Philippine cable, as far as Honolulu, to an English firm for the sum of \$3,000,000.

According to official figures the number of British killed, died, wounded, and sent home sick reached a total of 8,754 for the single month of July. Yet, there are men who say the Boer war is over.

Governor T. T. Geer has appointed William O. Minor of Heppner, Frank Brown of North Yamhill, and C. M. Cartwright of Hay Creek, delegates-at-large to the National Live Stock Association, which meets in Chicago on December 3 for a four day's session.

Nevada is owned practically by big stock companies. Did you ever examine the census of Nevada for 1900. If they are allowed to lease the land Eastern Oregon would lose at least half its population and would be left a "desert" indeed.—Burns Times-Herald.

A suicide club has been organized at Atlantic City, and thirty-four men have already joined. At each annual meeting from a box of beans one unfortunate will get a black bean and will shuffle off this mortal coil before the next annual meeting. A stipulated sum is paid in each week for a death fund. This is to insure the suicide a decent burial.

A Missouri editor apologizes to his readers for the lack of news as follows, which shows the trails to which the country editor is subjected: "We expected to have a marriage and death notice this week, but a violent storm prevented the wedding and the doctor being sick himself the patient recovered, and we are accordingly cheated out of both items."

A Kansas editor who has contracted the habit of occasionally attending church, has this to say: "Ladies should take off their hats in church. No preacher can inspire a man who is looking into a lopsided aggregation of dead birds, stuffed weasles, chameleon skins, ribbons, beads, jets, sticks, straw, paper, flowers, corn tassels and thistle down. It make a sinner feel lost in the wilderness."

The following statement was composed by Daniel Webster, in full consciousness of approaching death, with the request that it be inscribed upon his monument: "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief! Philosophical argument, especially that drawn from the Universe, in comparison with the apparent insignificance of the globe, has sometimes shaken my reason for the faith which is in me; but my heart has always assured and reassured me that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be a Divine Reality. The Sermon on the Mount cannot be merely human production. This belief enters into the very depths of my conscience. The whole history of man proves it."

Another terrible mine catastrophe has occurred, this time in Colorado, where a large number of miners, perhaps 100, were suffocated by smoke from burning building and materials and coal just outside the entrance to a tunnel. Suction drew the thick, black smoke into the tunnel, and drafts carried it through the mine, horribly killing the surprised and helpless miners by suffocation. While this was an unusual if not an unprecedented kind of a mine accident, the possibility of its occurrence should have been foreseen and provided against. Mineowners and managers who do not take every possible precaution against one of these frequently recurring horrors ought to suffer heavy penalties, pecuniarily if not otherwise.

"One Moment, Please."

The Rev. Dr. Sixteenthly was just concluding an eloquent sermon on "Getting Square With the World!" The large congregation was wrought up to a high state of enthusiasm.

"Beloved get square with the world—owe no man a dollar. I wonder how many of you are free from debt. I believe I will try to ascertain. All who are square with the world financially will rise to their—"

"One moment, please, Brother Sixteenthly," said a gentleman whose fingers bore the stains of printer's ink, and whose clothes fit loosely around the waist. "One moment, please, I have no desire to take undue advantage of the people. Before asking them to rise, please allow them thirty minutes to secure receipts for the Weekly Banner."

TEN TERMS WILL EXPIRE

Vacancies Will Occur in All of the Oregon Land Offices During the Coming Year 1901.

A Washington dispatch of the 22nd, to the Oregonian says:

During the coming year the terms of 10 of the land officers of Oregon will expire by limitation, and successors to these officials will have to be named by the present delegation. This item in itself is quite an important one, and will call for the best efforts of the Oregon Senators and Representatives, in order that they may agree upon men in every way suited for these important positions. It is the policy of the Roosevelt administration to select the very best men available for Registers and Receivers of land offices, as well as for other places.

The term of Eldon M. Bratton, Register of the Lakeview office, expires December 14, 1902, while that of his colleague, Harry Bailey, will expire February 8, next.

Judging by the compensations of the land officers of the several Oregon offices, for the year 1900, Oregon City, Roseburg, La Grande and The Dalles are on a par, the Register and Receiver at each of these points earning \$3,000 apiece. This included \$500 salary. At the Lakeview office, the land officials each earned \$1121 for the year, but the fact that the office was burned May 23, 1900, had a tendency to keep down the earnings for that year. The salaries at Burns for 1900 were \$1813.

In the natural course of events, the recommendations of Representative Tongue, should they meet with the approval of the two Senators, would govern in appointments at Oregon City, Roseburg and Lakeview, while the wishes of Representative Moody at The Dalles, La Grande and Burns would be respected under similar conditions. However, viewed in the light of past experience, there is little hope that all will be harmony when it comes to filling this aggregation of offices. Nevertheless much interest will be manifested in the prolonged fight, which will continue from early in January to late in December, to see what member, or combination of members, of the delegation will be strongest with the Administration. There has already been an intimation as to what the result will be, but the workings of the Oregon delegation are strange indeed, and no one can foretell the outcome. At all events, there are 10 plums hanging high, and there will be an abundance of anxious applications for each of the 10 places.

Noises as a Factor in Deafness.
Among the causes of deafness hereditary predisposition plays an important part. It is well known that deafness is hereditary in many families, so that part or all of them are ultimately afflicted with it. It may not always apply to the immediate descendants; indeed, it is likely more often to occur in a later generation. One swallow does not make a summer, so one, two or three cases occurring in a family does not positively indicate hereditary predisposition as the cause; but when several members of the same family, whose ancestors have been afflicted by ear affections, have developed diseases of the ear and deafness without other demonstrable causes, it seems fair to attribute it to hereditary tendencies. This inherited tendency to deafness no doubt accounts for many cases of bad results following injuries, and predisposes to injury from noises of any sort; even slight detonation may cause serious injury to the ears of such persons. A healthy ear under the same circumstances would escape injury.—D. A. MacLachlan, in American Medical Monthly.

Miroton of Beef.

Cut 1½ pounds of cold boiled beef into thin, firm slices. Remove all the fat and any hard pieces and lay them in a baking dish. Cut four large onions in fine shreds; if red onions, throw them into boiling water for five minutes to remove their over-strong flavor. Fry the shreds of onion in about two tablespoonfuls of butter till they are slightly browned, then stir in a tablespoonful of flour. Season the onions with salt and pepper and pour over them a pint of broth, soup stock, or hot water; add a teaspoonful of mustard. Pour the whole over the beef and bake 20 minutes or more. Serve hot. The mustard may be left out. People who do not usually like the taste of mustard like this.—Housekeeper.

Eggs with Red Dressing.

Beat four eggs; add a pinch of cayenne and a teaspoonful of minced parsley, and a green onion minced fine. Bone a red herring; broil and mince it very fine; add to the eggs; put into a saucepan with a small piece of butter or tablespoonful of salad oil and cook until the eggs are set. Serve on toast with slices of lemon.—Washington Star.

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