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Our Daily Food.

No one can deny but that this is the age of sensationalism, pure and simple. The air we breathe is impregnated with it, the people we meet are saturated in it, each circumstance or condition confronting us in the routine of our living is steeped in it. We have grown to dislike the prosy, that which is commonplace, and now, to make "life worth living," each must bring to us some unusual occurrence, either an incident startling in its revelation, or a general uprising or combustion of the elements. These interesting (?) incidents mark the epoch of time, and each succeeding horrifying or gruesome happening stamps an era. We have become so thoroughly imbued with this craving for the sensational that unless the daily papers are presented with fierce and glaring headlines, they seemingly contain little of interest. But the intensity and delight for the sensational part is a daily gratification. Knowing with what a feeling of appreciation and eager expectation the public is waiting for its daily doses, those who have the management of these ponderous machines for turning out sensations, keep the appetite well appeased. Every day a purely fresh and exceedingly digestible amount is furnished. The digestive organ which is to assimilate all of this highly seasoned, sensationally prepared diet, need not be of unusual amplitude, either in physical size or mental development. Any small, nonconvoluted brain can readily comprehend these morsels, for when words fail to give the description flavor, some piquant pictorial seasoning is supplied. In case of any mental discomfort or congestion from an overdose of this highly flavored, sensational mess, an antidote or relief is furnished the next day by an emphatic contradiction of all these inflated details. Placidity now reigns—only temporarily, for another lot is handed out before one can relax. This sensationalism is really the daily diet furnished by the big dailies; yet the masses enjoy it, and would be weary, woe-begone creatures if one month's solid, good reading were given instead of this glare. It is much the same with the recent published books. New authors are being manufactured daily. Their capabilities are compiled with their policies, and to please the reading public, an event, possibly of some importance, is taken, a romance woven, something of light and airy texture, to be easily understood. After the book is read there isn't sufficient real interest gleaned to impress the reader with anything; the only way to recall having read such a book is by the title. Scarcely one incident is worth remembering. There is nothing to symbolize it; individuality in the characters is lacking—a wordy nothingness, inexpressive of any significance, supplies for descriptions. Moralizing is entirely excluded. The book has its day, being extensively read by those lured on by popularity—not of writer, but of title. This is the entirety, the complete, the all in all of the prevailing reading matter given to the public at the present time, possibly with some exceptions.

If the Forestry Bureau would devote some of its spare energy, that it has applied to the creation of new forest reserves of late, to keeping down the fires in its old reserves and protecting what timber it has, more benefit would derive.

The Conservative Life Ins. Co.

Last week The Examiner republished an article from the Alturas Republican, which originated in the Farmer and Miner of Ft. Jones, Cal. The article had to deal with the method used by a Mr. Scott, who is representing the Conservative Life Insurance Co. of Los Angeles. The article had gone the rounds of a number of newspapers, unchallenged, so the editor of The Examiner felt it his duty to readers of this paper to warn them of the nearness of this man who was said to be swindling the people. Saturday evening we received a letter from Mr. Scott, who is at Alturas, also copies of the Alturas papers containing retractions of their comment on the article. Mr. Scott's letter was gentlemanly and fair. He stated that the Farmer and Miner article was the result of competition. If the Shasta paper has injured these people by publishing the article it should be brought to account. So far we have seen no retraction from the Farmer and Miner, and we believe this the proper way to clear up the scandal. We cannot assail that paper and say that its article is untrue no more than we could say that Mr. Scott's statement is untrue; we had rather keep out of the mess and publish the news, that of Mr. Scott's vindication along with the rest.

Judge W. W. Cotton who was appointed U. S. District Attorney for Oregon, has declined the appointment. There is a large list of applicants for Senator Fulton to work upon now, among them still is Judge L. R. Webster, R. S. Bean, C. E. Wolverton, T. A. McBride, E. B. Watson, J. L. Rand of Baker, S. A. Lowell of Pendleton, H. E. McGinn, of Portland, and a number of others. It is believed that District Attorney Heney's recommendation will have a bearing on the appointment of a District Judge.

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Notice is hereby given, that for the purpose of examining applicants who may wish to teach in the public schools of Lake county, Oregon, a public examination will be held at the Court House in Lakeview, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, Aug., 9th, 1905, and continuing until 4 o'clock p. m. of Friday, Aug. 11th, 1905.

Applicants for State Certificates and Diplomas will present themselves at the same time and place, but may have until Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m. Aug. 12th, to complete the examination.

J. Q. WILLIAMS,
Co. Supt. of Schools.
Dated July, 27th 1905, Lakeview Oregon.