

Sunday Fishing.

Owing to a "clerkly error" which was paid for, the enrolling committee of the state of Washington legislature omitted the Sunday closing law from the fish bill passed in the legislature, and now you can fish in Washington on Sunday, but we have a close season in Oregon. All the Oregon fishermen will have to do when it comes Sunday is to go over to Washington side and fish. In Washington the legislature passes laws in the interests of fishermen. In Oregon laws are passed for the benefit of the conline.—Astoria Herald.

Road Poll Taxes.

On the first Monday in April, it will be the duty of the several county clerks under the provisions of a new law, to issue to road supervisors blank road poll tax receipts for collection of road poll taxes. This law is already in effect and will govern every road supervisor in the state in the collection of road poll taxes. The main purpose of the law is to secure the payment of this tax from a greater number of people and to guard against dishonesty on the part of road supervisors, who have heretofore had an opportunity to put into their own pockets part of the taxes collected.

Hypocrites.

The world isn't half so full of fools as it is of hypocrites. If the foolkiller would change his vocation and go after those people who profess one thing and do another he might be of some use in the world. The person who pretends to be a friend and then slanders you behind your back is worse than a fool because he knows better. Help a dog out of a ditch, and no matter what kind of a dog he is—town dog, country dog, educated or illiterate, aristocratic or plebeian—he will wag his tail to paralysis and exhaust every muscle trying to tell you that every drop of blood in his veins is at your command. Help a man out of a ditch and what follows depends very much upon his breed. The more we see of a great many men the more we like dogs, anyway.

Quite Correct.

The Junction City Times hits the nail on the head when it says: "Don't curse the blamed trusts and then the minute you get ten dollars ahead send an order to Montgomery Ward; Sears, Roebuck, etc., and help support one of the biggest trusts in the country. What if you do get your goods a little cheaper—that is what the trusts do. They crush competition. Every dollar sent to mail order houses is just that much toward building up trusts. Montgomery Ward is not a philanthropist in any sense of the word. He is a shrewd business man and by judicious advertising, has built up a trust that bids fair to wreck a majority of small towns. If you desire this, send them your cash and get credit of your home merchants and denounce the trusts. Let your action speak for you and preach what you practice."

The Torrens System.

The Kansas City (Mo.) Real Estate Exchange favors the Torrens system in regard to land transfers. The Torrens system was first adopted in Australia, and is now in vogue in that country, Manitoba, and in Massachusetts and some other states of the United States. Its advocates claim that it greatly simplifies real estate transfers and renders them less expensive, while at the same time making titles less dubious. This system was adopted at the late session of the Oregon legislature. Senator Kelly, of this county, was the author of the bill and labored hard to secure its passage. He introduced a similar bill at the session two years ago and after it passed the senate, it was killed in the house. The bill developed considerable opposition from a few abstract companies in the state, but this session it passed the senate unanimously and went through the house by a large majority. The governor filed the bill without his signature.—Albany Herald.

The Country Editor.

One of the highest tributes ever paid the "country editor," is that of Senator Hale, of Maine. In discussing the subject of postage on newspapers the Senator from Maine remarked of the country editor:

He is the packhorse of every community, the promoter of every laudable enterprise, the worst underpaid laborer in the vinery. Counting his space as capital he gives more to charity, his means considered, than any other member of society. He is a power in politics, a pillar of the church, and a leader in the crusade of better morals. He is pre-eminently the friend of humanity. Line upon line, paragraphs, day by day he is embalming in cold facts from which the Herodotus, Tacitus, Sismondi, McCaully of the future will write the history of our times. He fully chronicles our advent into the world, briefly notes our uprisings and down-sittings, and sorrowfully records our exit.

We are more or less—generally more—his handiwork, and the creature should not be ungrateful to his creator. With-out his generous and enthusiastic labors most of us would not have been here,

and, when he tires of us, most of us will retire to private life amid rural scenes propitious for secret meditation and silent prayer. Working night and day during the campaign, when the election is over and the time comes for the distribution of the loaves and fishes now vulgarly called "pie"—by some strange lapse of memory he is forgotten.

Sparks from the Anvil.

Peers of Great Britain have the right to be hanged with silken cords instead of hempen rope. Few avail themselves of the privilege.

There will always be some one to breed the scrub cow, somebody to milk her, somebody to lose money feeding her steer calf, but it should not be you.

Mrs. Nation's paper, the Smasher's Mail is edited with an ax and managed by a retired saloon keeper of shady skin. The combination ought to make a hit.

A New York man had his stomach taken out, mended, massaged, and put back. The doctors say the job was a notable success, inasmuch as the man survived.

The author of the songs, "When You Know the Girl You Love Loves You" and "Somebody Has My Heart," is doing time in a Brooklyn jail for caressing his wife with a hambone.

The latest town seal, devised by a Leavenworth man, represents a large hornet's nest with the sentiment inscribed round the outer edges: "Don't monkey with this community."

The Masonic apron that George Washington wore is in the possession of Kansas City lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. It is authentic and is carefully guarded, and held to be almost priceless.

Jesse Powell, of Emporia, Kan., says his wife figured it out recently that during the past thirty-five years she had baked 191,625 hot biscuits, more than half of which he had eaten. They have hot biscuits at one meal every day.

An editor lay dying, says the Arizona Kicker, and the doctor, leaning over him remarked: "Circulation's nearly gone." The dying man, summoning all his energy, shouted: "You're a liar! We've got the largest circulation in the country."

A friend wishes to know what he can do to make his hired man contented. It depends upon the man, but if he (our friend) will do all the milking and get a good looking hired girl the chances are the h. m. will be reasonably contented. If not, then he should be fired at once.

The following birth notice recently appeared in a Kansas paper: "Born—to the wife of James Jones, a boy. The boy favors his old dad in several ways, viz: He is bald, has a red nose, takes to a bottle like a bumblebee to a lump of sugar, and makes a lot of noise about nothing. Selah!"

While cutting up a poplar at his saw-mill in Lee county, Virginia, C. R. Kesterton found an auger hole plugged by a pin. On removing the pin he found in the hole five \$20 gold pieces bearing dates between 1850 and 1860. The coins are supposed to have been hid there for safekeeping during the civil war.

At an inquest at Columbus, O., where a baby has burned to death by an accident, its clothing having caught fire, one of the jurors offered this advice: If people would only rinse clothing, after washing, in a solution of alum and water, they would never take any; if they came in contact with a flame they would merely smolder.

It is recalled when the late William M. Everts was secretary of state in President Hayes' cabinet he said in an after-dinner speech at Omaha: "I like the west. I like her self-made men; and the more I travel west, the more I meet with her public men, the more I am satisfied of the truthfulness of the bible statement that the wise men came from the east."

Two million seven hundred thousand Frenchwomen are reported by the last census of that country as employed in out-door work on the farms and gardens of France. This condition would theoretically imply large families of children, but the same census discloses that the fact that the nation as a whole is barely holding its own in point of population.

George W. Patnam, of Westfield, O., in whose veins runs the blood of "Old Pat" of revolutionary fame, is said to be the oldest railway mail clerk in America. He was appointed just after the inauguration of Lincoln in 1861 and has been in continuous service ever since. He has a run between Ashtabula and Oil City on a branch of the Lake Shore road.

Jerry, the fighting black cat of the fish commission steamer Albatross, after sixteen years of service, recently met another black and died as a result of the encounter. The ship's crew buried the mascot, wrapped in the flag, with martial honors, and held a court-martial over her slayer. The latter was sentenced

to walk the plank, and after he had been weighted with iron the sentence was carried into execution.

The Methodist preacher who be- seaches Providence to send Chicago a political savior "bearing the white plume of stainless honor" asks a good deal, even of Omnipotence. Absolutely stainless honor is rare among politicians and it is not exactly abundant among the clergy. As we recollect it, the reverend gentleman himself was the central figure some fifteen years ago in an affair which required the free application of chloride of lime to disinfect it. Preachers should not indulge in brickbat practice when they themselves reside in dwellings of glass.

Successful Farmer.

Do the young men on the farm tend to leave an agricultural life to enter commercial and industrial pursuits? This question was discussed by Prof. Milton Whitney, chief of the division of soils of the Department of Agriculture, in his testimony before the industrial commission. There is still such a tendency, Prof. Whitney stated, but a change is taking place in that respect, brought about by attractive salaries to be obtained by agricultural experts. It is a common thing now, he said, for a tobacco expert to be paid such a startling salary as \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year. These experts are not college-bred men and frequently have deficient general education, but have become valuable in the practical work of tobacco growing and allied industries. Such salaries are now often paid men who are experts in the manipulation of soils of various kinds and in the management of large truck farms. A recent instance is the salary offered by Japan to Oscar Loew of \$7,000 a year. Dr. Loew was a tobacco expert of the Department of Agriculture. Still more recently that government offered \$5,000 a year for an expert of that kind to go to the island of Formosa. A large beet-growing concern had paid \$3,000 a year to a man who could successfully treat the alkali soil with which it had been troubled. The old methods of farming have largely gone by the board and the successful farmer of today must think as well as work.

Blasts from Ram's Horn.

Opportunities make obligations. A windbreak often hides the sun. The life of pain oft makes the heart at peace. The loose tongue usually betokens a rattlebrain. God's showers can bring no blessing to seedless soil. Some churches are fleecers of money instead of fishers of men. The wise man is like a tree, bending often but never changing base. Every church ought to have a corral for the kicker to air his heels. The world needs an inside religion evidenced in outside realities. A few who can live truth are better than many who talk of dying for it. When you seek to balance riches with right the one will rise as the other falls. After talking with a nagging woman it is a great relief to take a roll in a bed of stinging nettles.

Bachelor Reflections.

By their dads ye shall (not) know them. At a certain age a man is so much the better for being bad. Lot's wife probably turned around to gurgle at the sinful baby that lived next door. If a lizard were a secret, by the time three women had passed it along it would be an alligator. A man judges a woman's heart by her face; a woman judges a man's face by his heart. A woman who loves too much sometimes loses, but a woman who loves too little never gains anything worth losing. The women have got up a new story now about a girl who was so sensitive that it made her seriously ill to be kissed. Every girl has an idea that when she is telling a man she loves him he will see her whole soul looking at him in her eyes. Whenever a woman sees a picture in a book of a woman kneeling at a man's feet she feels that she ought to read it herself before she lets her daughter. Some men's way of getting the devil behind them is by chasing him around the stump and going slow.

Advices from the Philippines are so encouraging for peace that the War Department is considering the advisability of reducing the garrisons in the archipelago. The reorganized Army will be recruited to the full strength of 100,000 men, but it is believed that future requirements will not compel the Administration to maintain this maximum. About 30,000 regulars will be entitled to their discharges in the current year. It is proposed to let these soldiers return to their homes, and not to fill their places. Thus the Army can be reduced to 70,000 men in a perfectly natural way without interfering with its discipline or effectiveness.

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Sheep Killed by Leech.

SALEM, Or., March 22.—The sheep industry of the Willamette Valley is experiencing severe reverses this spring from the leech. It is conservatively estimated by sheepmen that fully one-third of the number of sheep in the Willamette Valley have died from this cause during the past four months. Some estimate the loss on this account at fully 50 per cent of the herds, but this is thought to be excessive.

This is the first appearance of the leech in the Valley for a number of years. The leech is found in large numbers in the grasses and in watering places on bottom lands where sheep graze during the spring months. They are taken internally and attack the liver, the ducts of which soon become congested, and the sheep lives but a short time. No remedy has been discovered by which the sheep can be successfully treated when once attacked by the leech.

There is scarcely a farmer but has suffered the loss of a part of his herd but the percentage of deaths is greater in some localities than in others. The heaviest loser, thus far reported, is S. Phillip, of Linn County, who has large herds near Scio. During the past winter he has lost 1000 head, representing one-half of his herds. G. W. Hunsaker, a prominent sheep-raiser of Turner, reports a loss of over 250 head. J. W. McKinney, also of Turner, has lost many head, while the leech has made heavy inroads upon the herds of Dinmore Bros., of this city. Losses from numerous smaller sheepmen are reported daily.

Is After Aguineldo.

MANILA, March 23.—General Funston is now engaged in a daring project which promises to be the greatest and most romantic achievement of his eventful career. In January, from his hiding place in the province of Isabella, Aguineldo wrote letters anathematizing the sub-chiefs who had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. Later Aguineldo ordered insurgent forces in Southern Luzon to join him at a rendezvous in Isabella province. The rebel officer instructed with these orders secretly negotiated with the Americans. On securing necessary information, General Funston planned Aguineldo's capture, and with General MacArthur's authorization, General Funston proceeded two weeks ago to make the attempt.

General Funston, with Surgeon-Major Harris, Captain Newton, of the Thirty-fourth Infantry; Lieutenant Adaire, of the Twenty-second Infantry; Lieutenant Mitchell, of the Fortieth Infantry, six veteran scouts and a company of native scouts, all picked men, embarked on the gunboat Vicksburg and were landed on a remote beach above Baler. It was arranged that Aguineldo's emissary, with the native scouts, should pass themselves off as insurgent troops, who, having captured General Funston and others, were taking them as prisoners to Aguineldo. At the right time, when brought before Aguineldo, General Funston was to give a signal, when the tables were to be turned and Aguineldo was to be seized.

Six days' march into the interior were contemplated. Treachery was considered possible, but every precaution was taken. The troops in New Viscaya and New Ecija and the gunboats Vicksburg and Albany were to co-operate with General Funston's forces. The Vicksburg is expected here to-morrow.

A woman never gets to be so sure of her husband's love that she doesn't look hard at all the pretty women he bows to. A woman generally doesn't find out that her husband has come home out of temper for ten minutes after the cat has hid under the stove.

A woman's idea of being nice to another woman is to kiss her and say, "Oh how lovely that new hat is," when she knows she has had it a year.

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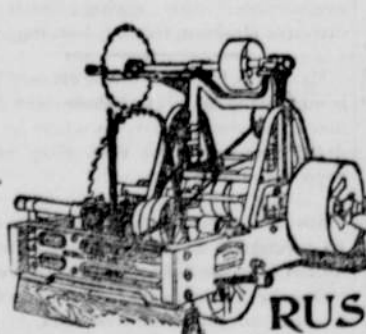
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