# TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT, AUGUST 26, 1909.

# AN UNCERTAIN RIVER.

#### The Indus Has a Bad Habit of Changing Its Channel.

The river Indus in width during the tear may vary by miles. Traffic for long distances cannot be guaranteed because the ever shifting channel throws up mud flats and sand banks here and overwheims good land there in a manner which defeats the wisdom of the ancient boatmen.

With the Indus, too, it is not merely a question of land or water. There is always a gamble as to the kind of land which the river will recede from. In one place it will leave magnificent soll ready at once to take a splendid crop of wheat even if the winter rains, as is too often the case, amount to nothing. In another the greater mots ture will only allow leguminous plants of country peas and pulses. In the dampest coze of depressions a plant caller shamuke is produced, of little value save as fodder, but beautiful with its bright green color and excellent to the sportsman as an attraction to flocks of gray and bar headed geese. Other lands again will grow nothing but long reeds and low tamarisk scrub. These, if properly placed in the neighborhood of fields, have their value as preserves for black partridges and hare, but for utilitariup purposes can only provide materials for hunting or at best give employment to the makers of fan handles; but, alas, there is the possibility that in the place of soil-good, had or indif ferent-sand only may be thrown up. and the Indus has a had reputation for the amount of sand it carries. Native lore gives the river the title of "fille de joie."-Allahabad Pioneer.

# THE FIRST STEAMSHIPS.

### Screw Propellers Did Not Come Into Use Until 1850.

"We are prone to smile at the archaic prototypes of our modern many parts of the country the old steamships," writes Gustav H. Schwab in Harper's Weekly, "at their diminutive size, their clumsy build, their the heirs taking the whole property huge paddle boxes and their single and paying the remaining heirs for slender smoke pipe, but we do not stop to think of the few brave men of those days who, undaunted by the opposition and ridicule of most of their fellows, persisted in their efforts to supplant sail by steam and who finally acres of pasture land, eighty of vineby sheer pluck and perseverance succeeded in these efforts."

The Savannah, which crossed the Atlantic in 1819, was a full rigged packet ship to which had been added a small one cylinder steam engine turning two paddle wheels, which were set in motion in smooth water when the wind failed. For two-thirds of the way across the Savannah depended solely upon her salls. In 1833 the Royal William made the passage in twenty-five days, under steam the whole way. In 1837 the Great Western was constructed, but her unusual length of 230 feet gave rise to many apprehensions as to her safety. The first screw steamship was built in 1850, and eight years later the Bremen made the passage in fifteen days. In 1862 the Scotla cut down the time from Queenstown to less than nine days. From that time on the record has been gradually reduced.

# Pins.

Queen Catherine obtained pins from France, and in 1543 an act was passed "That no person shall put to sale any pinnes but only such as shall be double headed and have the heads soldered

#### A REAL ESTATE EXPERT. MAIDS OF HONOR.

#### His Right to the Title Not Shaken by Their Position In the Royal Household of England.

Cross Examination. The late Mr. N. J. Bradlee was sum moned to appear as an expert on real queen herself from among the daugh estate in Boston some years ago in a ters of peers, who if not themselves lawsuit over the value of certain prop- connected with the royal household erty. The lawyer on the other side, are personal friends of her majesty, not knowing Mr. Bradiee, undertook A letter is always sent to the parents to counteract his testimony. In the of the young lady requesting that as a cross examination the questions and personal favor to the queen she may answers were somewhat as follows:

"What did you say your business was, Mr. Bradlee?" began the lawyer. "Well, I have charge of a good many trusts, mostly real estate," said Mr. Bradlee. "How much real estate have you ever had charge of at one time?" "Well, I don't think I can say exactly." "But how much should you guess?" "I couldn't even guess." "Well, sir, would you say it was \$5,000 worth?" "I should put it as high as that, cer-tainly." "Would you put it as high as \$10,000?" "Yes." "Fifteen thousand?" "Yes." "Twenty-five thousand?" "Yes." "Fifty thousand?" "Yes." "A hun-dred thousand?" "Yes." "Five hundred thousand?" "Yes." "A million?" "Well, how many millions?" "Yes." roared the astonished lawyer, who only now began to discover that he caught a tartar. "Well." said had Mr. Bradlee very coolly, "I told you at the start I couldn't say, but since you insist on it I will roughly estimate it fetched to read, sing, play the plano or at say a hundred millions." "You take a hand at cards .- Cassel's Saturmay stand down." said the attorney, day Journal. who was soon nonsulted.-Argonaut.

DIMINUTIVE FARMS.

#### Those In Portugal Have Been Cut Up Into Very Small Portions.

The Portuguese are an extremely conservative people. Every one follows rigidly the methods employed by his father and forefathers. In very wooden plows are still used.

When a man dies, instead of one of their parts, the whole property is divided into as many parts as there are heirs. More than this, each separate part of the property is thus divided. Thus, if a property consisted of ten yard and ten of grain land and there were ten heirs, each heir would receive one acre each of grain and pasture land and eight acres of vineyard. This process has been going on for a very long time, so that now in the most fer-

tile part of Portugal the land is divided into incredibly small portions. The immediate result of this, according to the United States consular reports, is that the product of the land is barely sufficient at best to sustain its owners. South of the river Tagus, on the other hand, there are enormous tracts of excellent land lying unused. but it has been found impossible to induce the farmers of the north to move into this region and take up large holdings.

# Inherited.

"I entertained some friends at dinner the other night at a well known hotel in Boston," said a New Yorker, just returned from the Hub. "and was served by an ebony giant on

whom lampblack would make a white mark. It is the custom at that particular hostelry for the walters to write their own orders. Upon receiv- would happen after death. After ing my bill I could scarcely check the many evasions and much recalcitrancy items. The spelling bore no similarity to any other under the sun "'Sam,' I said, 'this is the worst spelling I ever saw,' and added facetiously, 'where did you learn to spell?' "Without moving a muscle Sam replied courteously, 'I reckon, boss, I must have inherited it from my ancestors.' "The laugh being on me, Sam got an extra tip."-New York Times.

Malds of honor are chosen by the

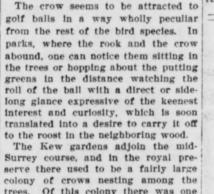
be permitted to attend at court. the position is undeniable and the salary is £300 a year, the request is inva riably accepted, and then the newly chosen maid receives from the lord chamberlain the command for her first "walt."

The first thing brought to the maid of honor is her badge, which is a min inture picture of the queen set in brilliants and suspended to a ribbon. Just before the dinner hour the maid of honor in waiting has to stand in the corridor outside the queen's private apartments. She carries a bouquet, which on entering the dining room she lays at the right hand of the queen's plate.

The maid of honor sits at dinner next to the gentleman on the queen's right. This rule is relaxed when royal guests are present. After dinner, un less otherwise commanded, the maid of honor retires to her own room. whence, however, she is frequently

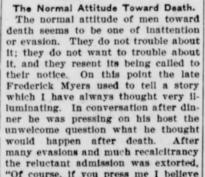


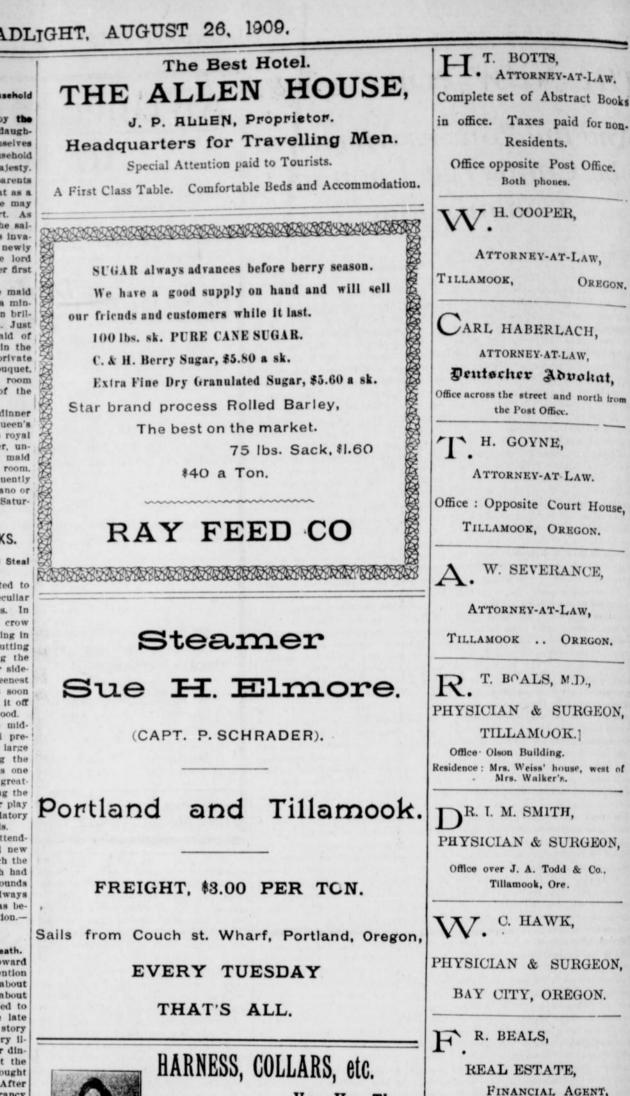
Only New Balls.



colony of crows nesting among the trees. Of this colony there was one particular crow that found his greatest amusement in mingling among the golfers and in disconcerting their play by indulging in repeated predatory

campaigns against their golf balls. His policy was to hover in attendance on those players who used new white balls only. Those on which the paint had been chipped or which had been used in play for several rounds by an economical player were always rejected by this particular bird as being beneath his fastidious attention .-London Field.





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smoothed, the shank well shapen, the points well round filed, cauted and sharpened." At this time most pins were made on

brass, but many were also made of iron, with a brass surface. France sent a large number of pins to England until about the year 1626. In this year one John Tilsby started plnmaking in Gloucestershire. So successful was his venture that he soon had 1,500 persons working. These pins made at Stroud were held in high repute. In 1636 pinmakers combined and founded a corporation. The industry was carried on at Bristel and Birmingham, the latter becoming the chief center .-- London Standard.

#### How Mandarina Rank.

Mandarius in China may be distinguished by the birds which decorate their uniforms as well as by their but-Mandarins of the first rank have a bird known as the fung embroidered on their clothes. Mandarins of the second rank have their robes adorned by the figure of a cock. Mandarins of the third rank have a peacock. Mandarins of the fourth rank are adorned with a pelican. Those of the fifth rank are castly distinguished by the silver pheasant, those of the sixth rank are favored by a stork, mandarins of the seventh rank have a partridge, mandarins of the eighth rank quall and mandarins of the ninth rank the humble sparrow.

#### Enforced the Rules.

Museum Attendant-You'll plaze lave your umbreller or cane at the door. Visitor-Very proper regulation. But it happens I have neither. Attendant-Then go and get wan. No one is allowed to enter unless he laves his umbreller or cane at the door. You may read the card for yourself, sor!-London Tit-Bits.

# Diplomacy.

"You persuaded your husband to join a glee club?"

"Yes," answered Mrs. Biggins; "when he starts to sing at home I can now advise him not to tire his voice, and when he sings in the club I can't hear him."-Washington Star.

The asp borrows polson from the viper.-Latin Proverb.

General Washington on Locting. Headquarters, Sept. 6, 1776.-The Gen'l is Resolved to put a stop to Plundering or converting Publick or Private Property to their own Use when taken off or found by any Soldier, he therefore calls upon all the Men to exert themselves against it, and if the Coll.

or other Officers of Reg'ts see or know of any Horses, furniture, Merchandize and such other Property in the hands of any Officer or Soldier and does not Immediately take hold of it, giving immediate notice of it to their Brigadeer Gen'l, such Officers will be deemed a Party, brought to Court Martial & broke with Infamy. For let it ever be Remembered that no Plundering Army was ever a Successful one. -From General Washington's Personal Order Book in Journal of American History.

Too Public.

The young lady, with her flance, was awaiting a street car. After several cars had passed and they could not get aboard the young man became impatient. When the next car stopped at

the corner he leaped upon the platform and said in pleading terms, "Come on, Mary; we can manage to squeeze in here, can't we?" The young woman colored slightly, but bravely replied, "I suppose we can, dear, but don't you think we had better wait until we get home?"-Buffalo Commercial.

A Protest.

Dolly-We had to practice Chopin for three hours today, mamma.

Mrs. Parvenoo-Really, my dear, shoppin' is all very well, but your papa sent you to the ladies' bacademy to learn music an' that sort o' thing." London Mail.

The very act of life, so far as I have

been able to observe, consists in fortitude and perseverance. - Sir Walter Scott.

that we shall all enter into eternal bliss, but I wish you wouldn't talk about such disagreeable subjects." This I believe is typical of the normal mood of most men. They don't want to be worried, and though probably, if the question were pressed, they would object to the idea of extinction, they can hardly be said to desire immortality. Even at the point of death, it would seem, this attitude is often maintained.-G. Lowes Dickinson in Atlantic.

## Old Thoughts on April.

Old Nikolas Breton, in those delight ful "fantastics" (1626) of his, grew more lyrical over April than over any other month. One reads such a passage as this with delight: "The Larke and the Lambe look up at the Sun, and the labourer is abroad by the dawning of the day: Sheepes eyes in Lambs heads tell kind hearts strange tales, while faith and troth make the true Lovers knot; the aged haires find a fresh life, and the youthful cheeks are as red as a cherry. It were a world to set down the worth of this moneth; but in summe, I thus conclude, I hold it the Heavens blessing, and the Earths com fort."-London Chronicle.

# To Live Long.

Virchow, the German scientist, said the way to live long is to "be born with a good constitution, take care of it when you are young, always have something to do and be resigned if wish." It is easier to live long with a poor constitution than to violate the other conditions and reach old age.

A Bad Spell. "Poor Jacy! He never could spell, and it ruined him." "How?"

"He wrote a verse to an heiress he was in love with, and he wrote 'boney' for 'bonny.' "-New York Journal.

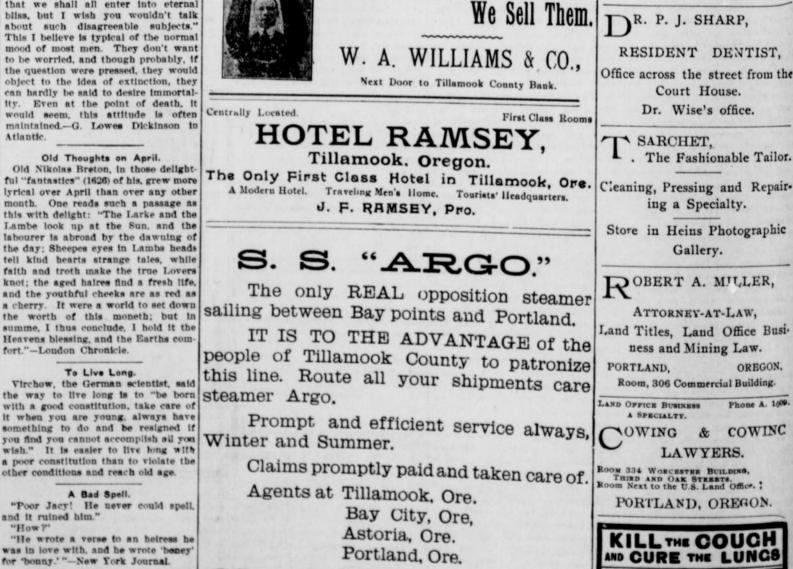
His Funny Look. "Say, Daisy, did yer see when I took

hold of yer hand the funny look yer ma gave me?" "Go on, Tim, ma didn't give it to

yer; you've always had it."--Life.

Let no man think he is loved by any man when he loves no man .- Epicte-

tus.



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