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### HOW ABOUT IT?

Last Sunday afternoon something out of the ordinary took place on the corner of Main and First streets. A crowd made up of old as well as young men assembled to enjoy a little revelry. We don't know what brand of water they used, beer or near,—it made some feel pretty hilarious and use all the words in their cursing vocabulary however.

It is fortunate there was no great traffic during that time of the day but still few came into town, a few went through on the train, a few stayed in town that came in the day before. Among these were prospective settlers. Some were here out of curiosity. Still all these visitors said to themselves, "what sort of a town is this? It has two of the nicest churches for a town this size in the west still there are the ball teams on the diamond, there is a bunch of men carousing." All this could be seen from the depot and it did not act as the best advertisement for Nyssa.

Now, don't blame the marshal, the mayor, the president of the Commercial Club or even the council, who gets the mud generally. They ordered the places closed and they were a week ago but evidently one of the places forgot to lock the rear door. As we said don't blame the council or our public officers. They are the same as you and I. It was as much our duty as their obligation to see this thing stopped. Some time ago a league was formed but they were not aware of the carriages on or surely they would have stopped it. Neither did you or I know what was going on.

As long as the pool hall is closed and likewise the "cigar store" we should "close" the streets and alleys lest they become a resort.

Probably one of the most unique banquets ever held in the State is to be held soon by students of the University of Oregon. It is a "Know Oregon" banquet, at which none but Oregon products will be on the menu. Every commercial organization will be asked to furnish its reasons why its locality is the best in the state and these reasons will be set forth in characteristic booster speeches by prominent students from the various counties. Likewise, on the belief that the "proof of the pudding is in the eating", each commercial organization must back its reasons with the goods. Thus Hood River will vie with Medford for apples, Marion County with Lane for cherries. Astoria will show its salmon, Yamhill go against the world for walnuts and potatoes, and so on through the list. It is expected that the banquet will be a time of great merriment and at the same time serve to show the students the great resources of all parts of Oregon.

Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead condition into which you have fallen and take on newness of life. Intelligence with her great stretch of knowledge and her golden field of wisdom lies within reach of your pathway. You can enter in and enjoy to the fullest or you can drift with the outgoing tide, but you will never behold all the glory of the Creator unless you improve your opportunity.

### A FEMININE APOLOGY

"I'd like to be a suffragette,"  
She said with truth sublime.  
"I ought to claim my rights; and yet  
I cannot find the time

"I have no leisure to go out  
With speeches brave and strong  
Because of tots who climb about  
To hear the mother song,

"I'd like to be extolled and sought,  
With lofty thinkers ranked;  
But I have girls that must be taught  
And boys who must be spanked.

"And so admiringly I let  
My friends to glory climb;  
I'd like to be a suffragette,  
But can not find the time!"

—Washington Star.

### MARK TWAIN

Samuel L. Clemens, popularly known as Mark Twain passed into the Great Beyond to meet his God last Thursday after a long illness. Mark Twain was a man that had more than the usual rocky road to climb but he never faltered. He, like Scott, and a few other editors—became a bankrupt in the publishing business but proved his honesty and pulled through with his honor only. He had a great many disappointments in his life and it is marvelous that this man could make thousands of people laugh. He is one of the greatest humorists the world has ever known. He was a clown with a broken heart. The world is richer that this man lived and it mourns its loss. We will read his name with Washington, Franklin, Greely, Lincoln, Roosevelt and the rest.

### THE APPORTIONMENT.

The apportionment of the county school funds, in the county treasurer's hands April the 2nd, was given out last week. This was a tentative announcement for the information of the districts. In this week's issue, you will find an exhibit of the funds unapportioned in the county treasury April 23rd, 1910. This fund is now ready for distribution. Since districts are required (Sec. 28) to spend 85 per cent of this fund in payment of teachers wages, within and during the year for which the apportionment is made, it will be better for the districts' financial advantage not to call for their funds until after the annual school meeting; since the unexpended balance (over and above 85 per cent) reverts to the general school fund. To prevent such a catastrophe, the district should avail itself the privilege granted in Sec. 27, of the School Laws, and request a partial apportionment, sufficient for current expenses until after the annual school election in June, 1910. If the fund is collected, there should be in the neighborhood of \$23,000.00 of County School moneys for use of our schools this year. As \$17,025.65 will be given out through the spring apportionment, there be probably, only about \$5,000.00 of the fund to be distributed in October.

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The census begins April 15 and must be completed in two weeks in cities and in thirty days in all other areas.

The enumerators will wear a badge inscribed "United States Census, 1910."

The law requires every adult person to furnish the prescribed information, but also provides that it shall be treated confidentially, so that no injury can come to any person from answering the questions.

The President has issued a proclamation, calling on all citizens to cooperate with the Census and assuring them that it has nothing to do with taxation, army or jury service, compulsory school attendance, or enforcement of any law, and that no one can be injured by answering the inquiries.

It is of the utmost importance that the census of population and agriculture in this state be complete and correct.

Therefore every person should promptly, accurately, and completely answer the Census questions asked by the enumerators.

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O. W. BARGER, N. G.  
W. SEXTON, Sec.

### Oregon Short Line.

#### TIME TABLE

WEST	
No 25	9:05 A.M.
No 5	4:35 P.M.
No 27	7:05 P.M.
EAST	
No 28	9:05 A.M.
No 6	4:54 P.M.
No 26	6:00 P.M.

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