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All New, Just Received Last Week

X-RAYS

A man in the moon missed the concert last night, but from the glare of the crowd at the park he saw the only one.

Newspaper pictures are sadly in need of fixing. The modern idea is to be to make everyone look like a photo of Methuselah, after newspaper fiends got through with it, would be mistaken for a garten prize winner.

It is a much larger figure than the one in the moon. It is said of him that in California some time ago he picked up a volume of Bret Harte's poems, and after reading a time passed the volume to a friend, his index finger pointing to a line in a poem, as he remarked: "Banks should read this. The poem reads: 'Length, my friend, is the only virtue.'"

Seattle minister says he will not baptize the Jap who stole his wife. At first glance seems broad and kind, but then you know of us know the woman, and he

For Geer, of the Pendleton, deprecates the cartoonists' jokesmiths making fun of Fairbanks' saying a drowning maiden. If he had been there, our money says Fairfoot would have outfooted the Jap in the race to aid beauty and dress, and he can outwade him.

Our Brisbane says there is no need for brains. That is the case so much of Brisbane's "paid in defense of any old thing is not. Brisbane has the brains, but his brains for better uses putting any of them into penny-hog wash."

Albany Democrat thinks the question is one for consideration.

Thanks, Garfield, Pinchot, Wilcox. Who is the next to come and size of the political situation.

Ed wades into a pond after a soaked waitress, he will raise her enough to drown her.

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SALEM BOYS WILL GO TO ROSEBURG

Team From Company M Will Enter the Shooting Contest

The representatives who have been selected to represent Company M, of Salem, will leave tonight for Roseburg, where they will take part in the shoot which will be held on the rifle range at that place. The contest will begin Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, and will be participated in by 21 teams.

Company D, First Separate regiment, of Roseburg; Company M, Third Infantry, of Salem, and Company K, of Portland, are the three teams considered to be in the lead, and an interesting contest is anticipated. The Roseburg team is said to be very strong, and from the fact that the shoot will be on their own range will give them some advantage. Several other of the teams have been putting up good practice, and should the Roseburg boys win the trophy they will probably have to break their former records.

Company M is represented by Sergeant Ralph White (captain), Sergeant U. S. Rider, Corporal F. R. Frazier, Corporal C. W. Abrams and Private Roy Bailey.

MERCHANTS WIN OVER Y. M. C. A.

There was a large crowd present last evening on the Willamette field to witness the game of baseball between the Merchants and the Y. M. C. A.

Rag chewing over decisions and who should be allowed to play caused the spectators to lose interest in the contest, many leaving the grounds before the game had finished.

The fact that Jerman and Forbes both appeared in the Y. M. C. A. lineup was the cause of the first outburst of wrangling, and delayed the game, so that it was impossible to play the seven innings, which had been planned. Another delay was caused in the third inning when the Merchants left the field, owing to an alleged faulty decision of the umpire. These disagreements were very unfortunate, as this was a pay game, and the slowness of the contest made it unpleasant for the spectators. The contest resulted in a score of 7 to 3 in favor of the Merchants.

The Merchants and Woolen Mills teams will cross bats tomorrow evening.

GEORGE DORCAS SMILES.

Says Neis Can Kill Cubs, But Can't Be an Uncle.

George Dorcas went to Portland this morning, and his trip, for once, had nothing to do with the price of hops. The truth of the matter is that Dorcas has felt a trifle sore at his friend, Kola Neis, getting before the public as a bear hunter of the Roosevelt class and prospective recipient of a Carnegie medal for heroically saving a human life by packing it up a tree with him. He realized that it was necessary to do something to keep in the same class with Neis. He couldn't well go bear hunting, and had but little hope of catching a bear, or doing a stunt equalling that of Neis if he did. Fishing stories are pretty stale, and he didn't want to figure in a snake episode or an automobile accident, as both are dangerous. So, after much thought, Dorcas concluded to be an uncle, which he did this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorcas, of this city, receiving a visit from the Stork.

Money Subscribed for Condenser.

Sufficient stock has been subscribed to insure the construction of a condensed milk factory at this city. Over \$53,000 has been subscribed. The Linn Condensed Milk Co. has been capitalized at \$100,000, of which, under the Oregon laws, half must be paid up. It is probable that with the amount subscribed a \$40,000 plant will be bought, leaving the rest for the building and working capital. Various places are being talked of as a location for the factory but that is a matter that will be settled by the directors upon their election. There are opportunities to secure a site payable in stock of the company.—Albany Democrat.

IT LOOKS GOOD.

The Proposed Extension of the Corvallis & Eastern.

Following Roadmaster Stevens' arrival yesterday noon, first reported in the Democrat, Superintendent Geo. Nevins and E. D. Cusick arrived last night from their inspection trip. The old grading is somewhat washed away in places, and there is an immaterial growth in some places, but altogether the route is very feasible, and not a hard one to manage. The party went to Independence prairie, not completing the trip to the summit section, said to be railed. This was Mr. Nevins' first Cascade experience, and he greatly enjoyed roughing it for a few days. He will not go to Crook county now, as anticipated. Instead the head officials are there themselves, Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance; General Manager O'Brien, Attorney Cotton and George W. Boscke, chief engineer. This party took automobiles from Shaniko, and will visit all the prominent points, Prineville, Madras, Bend, Laidlaw and confer with the people there in reference to the project.

It at least looks good.—Albany Democrat.

Retirement of Government Clerks.

The whole country is interested in the welfare of the thousands of clerks in the departments at Washington, since the detailed operations of the government are all in their hands, and on their efficiency depends the integrity of those operations.

For several years there has been a persistent discussion of the status of the elder clerks of the government service, to the end of discovering, if possible, an equitable and practicable plan for providing for the retirement on part pay of those who have reached the age of impaired usefulness. It has been a common saying that "something should be done for these clerks," and at the same time there has been a feeling that something should be done for the sake of the government, which suffers to some extent through being compelled, for humanitarian and patriotic motives, to retain hundreds of elderly clerks in service after they have passed the point of normal efficiency.

Many experts believe that it is possible to meet both ends and to provide for the retirement of the civil employes without injustice to them, and without injuring the government service or weakening the merit system. The greatest question involved is whether the clerks should themselves support the retirement fund by their own contributions, or should be the beneficiaries, in whole or in part, of the government's bounty.

The 'Keep Commission's' plan, lately published, is based upon the proposition of an ultimately self-supporting pension fund, derived from the contributions of the clerks themselves. Aside from the providing of government money to put the scheme into operation at the start, it is none other than a compulsory insurance device, carefully worked out on arithmetical lines, and devised to relieve the clerks of an excessive burden of maintenance.

It may prove, after thorough consideration, that the composite plan advanced by the commission is best suited to the needs of the service and the clerks. It meets at least one serious objection to the plan of exclusively taxing the clerks themselves, in that it provides for the immediate operation of the pension system through the use of public funds.

After a few years the system would be self-supporting. Being compulsory it would affect all classes and grades of employes, those who have entered the government service merely for temporary ends, as well as those who have adopted it as a career. To avoid the injustice assessing the former for the benefit of the latter, provision is made for the refunding of the accumulated savings to any employee who leaves the service before reaching the age of formal retirement. Thus the young man who enters the service for the purpose of maintaining himself for a few years while studying to enter a profession or trade would do so, under this system, with the full knowledge that he must save 3.57 per cent of his salary annually, in monthly installments, as a condition of his employment, with the assurance that upon leaving he will receive the full amount thus saved with interest at 4 per cent, compounded.

There are many interesting and important features of this matter to be considered. The formal proposal of the plan by the commission would appear to indicate that the administration is preparing to bring the matter squarely to the attention of congress at the next session, in order to solve the superannuation problem, and also to settle a question which has been hanging in the air for many years. From the discussion of the question, both in and out of con-

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gress, should come some practicable scheme which will do justice to the clerks, and at the same time permit the administration of the public business on a more systematic basis than in the past.—The Sentry Box.

Paid in Full.

Two young ladies, evidently stenographers, were having an animated discussion while on their way to work the other morning in a Market street car. The discussion revolved around the question as to the best method to impress their respective employers as to the value of their services.

"Do you know," said the smaller of the two, "my former employer was the worst old granny. He could not spell the simplest words correctly, and he couldn't pronounce them. One day I thought I would impress him with the value of my services. He gave me a letter to typewrite, and I just went along and copied it as he handed it to me. Then I made a second copy with all the misspelled words corrected. With beaming countenance I handed him both copies."

"What did he do?" breathlessly asked her friend, forcing the conductor to hold his car so that she might alight at her corner and at the same time hear the answer.

"He fired me," was the reply.—Philadelphia Record.

BORN ON A COW-CATCHER.

Mule Travels in Fast Society From Birth.

On a ranch near Troutdale there is a mule colt that was actually born on a rapidly moving freight engine. Though born under such peculiar circumstances the young mule is thriving as few young mules do, and has every prospect of leading a long and useful life.

Dr. W. C. Bolt, of Troutdale vouches for the story of the mule's birth. He and other residents of Troutdale were eye-witnesses.

Near that town the firm of Campbell & Swiger, formerly connected with the City & Suburban railway of Portland, own a large stock farm. On the farm are a number of valuable mares and imported jacks. The O. R. & N. railroad runs through the farm.

Recently one of the mares, in foal, was struck by a rapidly moving engine and lifted high upon the front end of the locomotive. The animal was carried for a distance of half a mile or so. When the train was stopped a mule colt was found beside the dead mare on the engine. It was alive and uninjured, and is said to be in as fine condition as any colt born under the most favorable circumstances.

In the Wreck of the Columbia.

Albany people have been wondering since they first read the account of the wreck of the Columbia if there was any one from around Albany in the awful wreck, one in which women stood no show of rescue.

Among those undoubtedly drowned was Mrs. W. H. Soules nee Miss Minnie VanHorn, a prominent and lovely young lady for several years, residing in the Johnny Irvine residence, at Calapooia and the canal. Mr. Soules is marine editor of the Oregonian. For years he was on the Telegram. Albany friends of Mrs. Soules will learn with extreme regret of the fatality.

J. F. Cavanaugh, of Berkeley, was the last to see Mrs. Soules. He rushed into her room with a life preserver, and placed it around her, but it is doubtful if she gained the deck and reached a boat or raft.—Albany Democrat.

Now hopgrowers are spraying, as a preventive of lice.

SHE CAUGHT A BURGLAR.

And Very Nearly Hugged Him to Death.

Tacoma, Wash., July 25.—Mrs. Olland, 1111 South J street, chased and captured a burglar yesterday, and held him until the neighbors could bring a policeman.

Mrs. Olland went upstairs to her bedroom about noon, and, opening the door, saw a man rummaging about inside. In her first fright she screamed and stepped back from the door. The fellow ran down the stairs. Mrs. Olland quickly recovered herself and took after him.

There was a long chase. The man had a start of a rod or two. He got out of the yard, ran down J street to Eleventh and down that street to I street, the woman chasing him, yelling for the police. He turned the corner on I street and was overtaken by the woman near it. She grabbed him about the neck and hung on. Meanwhile neighbors on Eleventh street saw the woman chasing the man and got Policeman Whitlock. When he arrived he found Mrs. Olland still hanging onto her burglar and choking the wind out of him. The man gave his name as Charles Kaiser, a gardener.

The Shoes Fitted Him.

Most Journal readers, and that means most Salem people, will no doubt remember seeing a pair of shoes in the Salem Shoe Store window that looked like they might be the daddy of all the shoes in the world. They occupied the central part of the window, and under them was displayed the legend "post no bills." Well, those shoes are gone—and they were sold to a customer who was real glad to get them. He was a stranger, and a big fellow, too, and when his eyes struck that pair of shoes, they brightened up like a young fellow's at a husking bee, when his best girl arrives. He didn't haggle about the price, but went in and bought them, though they were a trifle tight, and when they were stretched over night on a canoe, he wore them away, happy as a clam.

Where to spend the summer vacation is a problem not easily solved. The seashore and mountain resorts, special conventions and excursions, all furnish means for an outing. Many persons in this section of the state are planning to attend the Oregon state fair (September 16-21) at Salem, where the greatest pleasure and profit can be obtained at the lowest cost. Camping sites are free and pleasure seekers say that the outdoor life in the oak grove with all modern utilities accessible, and the fair as a special attraction, excels any other form of outing to be found anywhere.

Canadians Object to Stars and Stripes

Ottawa, July 25.—Two American flags yesterday were used with the Union Jack and other decorations in connection with a carnival. A committee of citizens ordered the Stars and Stripes removed. The reception committee thought it best to do this, rather than have any trouble over the matter.

A Fighting State.

Whenever you scratch Kansas history you find a fight. No territory of equal size has had so much war over so many different causes. Her story in Indian fighting, gambler fighting, outlaw fighting, town site fighting and political fighting is not approached by any other portion of the west.—Outing Magazine.

A man who is opening up a 20-acre tract near Forest Grove has enough wood on the place to pay for it besides saving enough for home use for years to come.