

Now, Ladies—Your Turn!

Among the exciting attractions at the fair grounds this year in Spokane will be the relay race for women. Already several women have intimated that they will enter this thrilling and at the same time dangerous competition. Manager R. H. Cosgrove is arranging this race in a way which promises to make it the big thing of the fair. The purse is \$500.

None but expert horsewomen will be permitted to run this race. The danger is too great for anyone who is not very skillful. In Montana at the last fairs it proved to be the great attraction of the races. The race in Spokane will be continued for five days, running four miles each day.

Each woman has at least four horses. Five are still better, giving a reserve horse in case one should be disabled. The Spokane toack is a half mile long. Each horsewoman changes horses at the end of each mile, or every second time around. The second day the same horses are used by the same woman, and so on each of the five days. The race is not completed until the end of the fifth day.

Changing horses is the exciting and difficult part of the race. When a woman becomes an expert she makes the change almost without a stop. She has no one to assist her to mount. A man holds her horse, but that is all.

The change is made in front of the grandstand, where the shouts of the spectators do not add to the steadiness of the horse. The rider and horse approach at full speed. She slackens the speed a little and springs to the ground. As her foot touches the ground she seizes the pommel of the saddle of the fresh horse. As her hand catches it her attendant gives the new horse a cut and it dashes off before she has mounted, and the fair rider is literally jerked into the saddle.

Women who enter the race probably will be compelled to ride astride. There would be too much danger of the rider being killed if she attempted to ride otherwise.

Each woman supplies her own horses, which she can practice with and train as much as she chooses. The woman who wins such a race is an expert, but she must divide honors with her horses.

The total amount of the premiums now placed for races is \$12,000. The fair management has recently added purses for five harness races. This will make a total of three running and two harness races a day, besides the women's relay race, which will fill the afternoon till dark.

"Joe" Portz the Victim.

Everybody (nearly) knows Joseph Portz, the Uniontown man, and this is how "Joe" received it in the neck, so to say, last Saturday night, according to a Review telegram:

Portz closed up his saloon and started home about 12 o'clock. Just after he turned the corner of the Commercial hotel three masked men attacked him. One struck him on the head with a sandbag or other blunt instrument, knocking him down, and then, pointing two guns at his head, told him to lie still. They went through his pockets, taking about \$250 in money, \$54 in checks, and a gold watch and chain. They then made him get up, and at the point of revolvers marched him down the middle of the street about four blocks to the Northern Pacific tracks, opened the door of an empty boxcar, and threw him in and locked the door. A. Mossman, proprietor of the Palace saloon, who lives a short distance from the scene of the holdup, heard the scuffle and aroused the city marshal. Together they began an investigation. As they neared the warehouses on the Northern Pacific sidetracks they heard Portz calling.

They unlocked the car door and released him. He was confined in the car about two hours. Early next morning the marshal and a posse of citizens went to the warehouses. They found three suspicious looking characters and arrested them. Upon search none of the missing articles were found upon them, but a pocket book containing the \$54 in checks, a note book and a bunch of keys belonging to Portz were found under one of the warehouses.

To Benefit Miners.

The committee on resolutions at the mining congress in Portland has favorably reported the Richards resolution urging Congress to create a government department of mines and mining with a cabinet officer at its head. The idea has been generally approved by mining men and, as it will probably be adopted by the full congress, it will unquestionably have influence with the law makers, who long ago had this important matter brought to their notice.

The mining industry is so widely scattered, and people of so many different sections of the country are identified with it, that it is quite as deserving of federal encouragement as many other forms of industrial activity to which the government has given its attention. It is not a function of the government to operate mines; neither is it the province of the government to go into farming. But the interests of the agriculturists have been deemed sufficiently important to occupy the attention of a special department, and why should mining not be deserving of equal recognition?

It would be no novel idea. Governments, under whose jurisdiction large mining operations have been developed, have seen fit to establish departments of mines that have worked immense benefits to the industry. By geological investigations, by distribution of scientific information, by promotion of exploration, by judicious control of mining corporations and adequate protection of the individual miner and prospector, governmental mining departments have done much to open new mineral sections and develop the industry; and if the creation of such departments has been productive of good results elsewhere, a similar innovation in this country ought to be advantageous.

As President Richards said in his address, the demand is not that the government assume a paternal or patronizing attitude toward the mining industry, or that it make mining men a present; but rather that it cooperate with those now in the industry to make it larger, better and more successful.

Columbia River Conference.

The Columbia River Conference of the M. E. church meets this year at The Dalles, Oregon, beginning August 31st. The conference territory is eastern Oregon, that part of Washington east of the Cascades and the panhandle of Idaho. The conference is divided into four districts, superintended in the absence of the bishops by the presiding elders, who are appointed by the bishop and represent him during the interum of conferences. The districts and presiding elders are: Spokane, Rev. Dr. H. Brown; Republic, Rev. Dr. O. W. Mintzer; Walla Walla, Rev. Dr. C. E. Gibson; The Dalles, Rev. Dr. G. M. Booth.

The examining board, under the presidency of Rev. Robert Warner, meets two days before the conference for the examination of candidates for the ministry and the undergraduates.

The conference this year will be presided over by Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, D. D., of Baltimore, Md. This is his first tour as a

bishop, and Columbia River will be his first large conference. He is an eloquent divine, and, unlike most of the bishops who came to their office by way of the great church boards, Bishop Spellmeyer comes direct from the pastorate and will be in close touch with the rank and file of the ministry.

A large number of special visitors are expected, among whom are Rev. Dr. Forbes of the Church Extension society, Dr. Williams of Puget Sound university, and Dr. Coleman, president of Williamette University, at Salem, Oregon.

Public Land Goes Fast.

The general land office at Washington, D. C., has just issued a statement of the number of entries, selections and filings made, the area disposed of, and total cash receipts arising from the sale of public lands, fees and commissions collected off lands disposed of otherwise than for cash during the fiscal year brought to an end June 30.

The total amount received was \$8,790,893; the total area disposed of, 16,258,892 acres, representing 172,857 entries in all.

Idaho is credited with 9065 entries, representing 855,754 acres, valued at \$538,650.

Washington entries include 9989, with acreage of 953,069; value of \$762,893.

Montana entries number 9965; in acres, 1,052,994; valued at \$522,542.

On account of the Owyhee river irrigation project in Oregon, 207,360 acres of land have been withdrawn from settlement by the government.

Oregon again leads all the states in the amount of money realized from public lands, having turned in to the treasury \$1,442,576 in the last fiscal year. This is over \$700,000 over the nearest competitor. There were 12,874 entries made in Oregon last year, embracing 1,700,665 acres of public land.

School Funds.

The school funds for the last quarter for east-side counties have been apportioned by the state superintendent as below:

Adams.....	\$ 5,103.20
Asotin.....	3,281.29
Chelan.....	4,364.78
Columbia.....	4,632.34
Douglas.....	5,345.87
Ferry.....	1,232.30
Franklin.....	1,146.08
Garfield.....	2,468.23
Kittitas.....	6,460.74
Lincoln.....	9,998.60
Okanogan.....	2,497.70
Spokane.....	37,136.14
Stevens.....	7,613.95
Walla Walla.....	11,645.47
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Yakima.....	11,983.32



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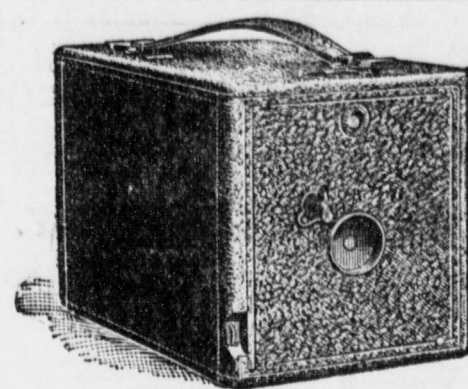
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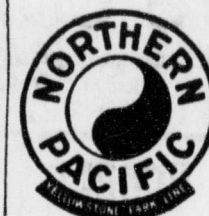
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It is just a common cold, people say, there's no danger in that. Admitting their statement, then there are uncommon colds, colds which are dangerous; for many a fatal sickness begins with a cold. If we could tell the common cold from the uncommon we could feel quite safe. But we can't. The uncommon variety is rarely recognized until it has fastened its hold on the lungs, and there are symptoms of consumption.

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