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## "WANDEMERE" WENT WANDERING

FACULTY CLUB'S SIGN BOARD TOOK A VACATION

## UNCLE SAM RETURNED IT

Reward Was Offered for the Lost, Strayed or Stolen Name-Plate by Its Anxious Owners Who Prized It Beyond Price.

### REWARD

\$15 will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who feloniously and maliciously, without our consent or approval, and against our wills, did surreptitiously remove, between night and morning of the 19th instant, one silver-lettered sign from the front porch of the "Faculty Club" building on Fifth street.

W. H. KERR, Mgr.  
F. ROBINSON BOONE,  
Brother of Daniel.

This placard posted about the city is the sequel to what was evidently intended as a joke, but which proved to be an action that is about to end up seriously for some one. A short time ago W. H. Kerr and W. R. Boone leased the Harold Woodcock property on Fifth street, installed a Chink there as culinary artist and opened the place as a "Faculty Club." These gentlemen, in keeping with the dignity that marks their every movement in life, had painted a beautiful name-plate to hang on the front porch for use as a means of identification in case members of the club should happen to come home after nightfall. After searching through the back of the diction-

ary, all the Laura Jean Libby literature, hotel guide books and making inquiry of the men who name the Pullman coaches, Messrs. Kerr and Boone had selected the word "Wandemere" as the most euphonious and at the time the most appropriate for a faculty club pseudonym, nom-de-plume, or alibi, as the case may be, and this they had painted in real Portland style and hung it just above the entrance to the porch.

### WANDEMERE

in three inch letters spread in silver over three feet of board looked good, sounded good and was inviting. It was admired by all, and by Kerr and Boone more than that; in fact that visiting card on the front porch was their pet.

Messrs. Kerr and Boone went to Seattle and Alaska via the south pole and returned a week or so ago. Before going they did not take their pet in nor arrange for anyone to give it milk while they were gone, but when they returned "Wandemere" was still there, in good health and to them seemed more charming than ever. Had the faculty club not decided to wander more, down to the bay and to Yachats and Waldport and other places, things would probably be all right today. But they went away, and during their absence some pusson or pussons, without artistic sense sacrilegiously removed "Wandemere" from its exalted position. To add insult to injury this pusson or some other hung in Wandemere's place an exact duplicate of the board, bearing the words:

### WEINERWURST INN

Imagine the horror of the faculty club at finally discovering this exchange! People in that neighborhood say that the members were so angry that one of them bit the Chinese cook and both came near dying before the chop suey antidote could be fished out of the woodbox. The other got so hot that he took a bath and wrote home for money. He had to get even with somebody, couldn't hope to do it with his tailor, so gave the "old man" a solar plexus. When tranquility was somewhat restored it was decided to eat the weinurwurst and have another Wandemere name-plate painted. This they did and just as this was being hung up at the old stand, the postman brought Messrs. Kerr and Boone the original sign bearing \$1.82 worth of stamps. Kerr had a fit and Boone fell in it. Hence the "Reward" at the head of this column. The faculty club will be glad to have the perpetrators of this crime, dead or alive, scalped or otherwise.

## A VERY SLICK CUSTOMER

Now comes the story that Ralston, the insurance man who departed hurriedly a few days ago after doing a few awkward tricks, hoodooed a waitress of one of the restaurants, induced her to quit her job so that she could have more time to talk to him, and then succeeded in getting away with a diamond ring valued at from \$50 to \$150. The lady's name is not at hand, hence these statements are not verified, but it is not difficult to believe such things of a man who forges notes, and forgets to pay his bills.

## GRAZE FOR LAND SEIZES PEOPLE

ENLARGED HOMESTEAD ACT NOW ATTRACTING ATTENTION

## OREGON HAS LARGE AREA

Government Makes Rigid Provisions in Act Which Entitles Settlers to Make Entry upon Land that is now Considered Worthless.

W. C. Allen, an old resident of Corvallis, and now connected with the United States Land Office at Roseburg, is here on a visit to relatives and friends and since his arrival he has had numerous inquiries about the federal requirements governing the taking up of land under the enlarged homestead act.

In an interview with him the Gazette-Times is enabled to tell those who want to know that any person who is a qualified entryman under the homestead laws of the United States, may enter by legal subdivisions three hundred and twenty acres, of nonmineral, nonirrigable, unreserved and unappropriated surveyed public lands which do not contain merchantable timber, located in a reasonably compact body, and not over one and one-half miles in extreme length, provided that no lands shall be subject to entry under the provisions of this act until such lands shall have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as not being, in his opinion, susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply.

### Must Cultivate Crops.

Another provision requires that at the time of making final proofs as provided in section twenty-one hundred and ninety-one of the Revised Statutes the entrymen under this act shall, in addition to the proofs and affidavits required under the said section, prove by two credible witnesses that at least one-eighth of the area embraced in his entry was continuously cultivated to agricultural crops other than native grasses beginning with the second year of the entry, and that at least one-fourth of the area embraced in the entry was so continuously cultivated beginning with the third year of the entry.

### Cannot Commute Entry.

The government still further provides that nothing contained in the act shall be held to affect the right of a qualified entryman to make homestead entry in the States named in section one of this act under the provisions of section twenty-two hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes, but no person who has made under this act shall be entitled to make homestead entry under the provisions of said section, and no entry made under this act shall be commuted.

### Residence Required

Five years residence upon the land sought to be entered as a homestead under this enlarged act is absolutely required the same as in all government land except in the State of Utah.

The following from the Independence Enterprise is very pertinent just now, when the land

crave seems to be spreading so rapidly:

There are all kinds of contagious diseases floating around these days. Some times it is small-pox, others it is the itch and again it is something else. The latest epidemic that has hit Independence is the craze for government land. Ever since the government has gone into the lottery business by forcing settlers to gamble for a piece of land by law, the craze has sent thousands of people for every 160 acres that was thrown open settlement.

Now that excitement has ended in a bubble, somebody, probably some agent of the railroad company and the stage lines that run into that country, have been circulating reports about the great opportunities that are to be grabbed by taking up desert land in Harney county, where there have been about 50,000 acres of government land thrown open for settlement under the desert act on July 4th, of this year. This tract of land was filed upon several years ago by what is known as the Harney Valley irrigation Company, the stock holders of which were the owners of large tracts of land in that country who were interested in the stock raising business. They laid the proposition before Portland and Salt Lake capital with the result that they became interested in the scheme to control the land, for which they agreed to place water on the land so that it can be put on the market at \$6 per acre.

After spending large sums of money in making surveys, etc., it was discovered that water could not be put on the land for the estimated amount and the company were unable to procure the capital to float the scheme. As a consequence the land reverted back to the government, and was thrown open for settlement under the desert act.

### The Law

The provisions of the desert act briefly stated, are: Each settler is entitled to take up 320 acres, for which he pays 25 cents per acre at the time of filing, and before he can prove up on the land he has to show that he has expended \$3.00 per acre in improvements, have forty acres in grain, forty broke, water on forty acres, and the balance in grass, and upon the payment of \$1 per acre the government will give him a patent for the land.

As a result of this stamped quite a number of Independence people jumped out in a hurry to get in on the ground floor and this week they have commenced to return, and as everyone is interested in the prospects for securing and we will give you the opinion of

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## FINE MAPS FOR CORVALLIS BOOK

ONE OF WORLDS GREAT MAP ARTISTS HERE TO GET IDEAS.

## AGREES TO PRODUCE WONDER

R. Caughey, Southern Pacific's Artist Spends a Day or Two in Corvallis to Get Idea For Maps and Bird's-eye Views.

R. Caughey, the Southern Pacific's map artist, was in Corvallis yesterday looking over the ground preparatory to developing an idea for the fine booklet Corvallis is to get within the next two or three months. These booklets are guaranteed to be finer than any yet put out under the Sunset plan, hence the coming of this superior artist to prepare the maps. Mr. Caughey prepared the bird's-eye view of the A.-Y.-P.-E, which has attracted so much attention and favorable comment, and it was he who prepared a like map of the Lewis and Clark fair.

After consultation with the Commercial Club committee last night, Mr. Caughey will submit drafts of a colored relief map of Western Oregon, in which the Willamette Valley will be played up conspicuously; draft of a county map of Oregon showing relative position of sections and cities; and a detail bird's-eye view of Benton county looking west from the east side of the Willamette river. Mr. Caughey says he wants to produce his real masterpiece at this time and pro-

poses to produce something that is as beautiful as a dream, yet thoroughly comprehensive and serving its purpose to the fullest extent.

The Southern Pacific has given Mr. Caughey free rein in this matter and urged him to do the best possible for Corvallis. The books to be issued will be nothing less than the finest that typographical art can produce, and the cover page will a unique design done so perfectly as to attract and hold every casual investigator. It is expected that these will be in perfect readiness for the spring Colonist campaign. Other good literature of a different nature will probably be ready for the October campaign.

## HAY BALER IS BURNED

While Croft's hay bailer outfit was at work yesterday afternoon out on Fisher's farm some chaff drifted into the muffler and without warning the machine was quickly all ablaze.

A crew of men from the brickyard hastened to the fire and by the hardest kind of work succeeded in dragging the baler away from the blaze so that it was but slightly damaged.

Three or four tons of baled oat straw were burned but the quick work of the crew saved the greatest portion of that which had been put up.

It was hot work while it lasted and but for the prompt action of the men the loss would have been quite serious.

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## Palace Theater

Wednesday and Thursday

## The Two Hoyts

The Texas Cowboy or Magician will present an entire change of new and novel features appearing in the character of Kit Carson, while Espanita, by special request, will continue her remarkable globe dance act tonight only.

### New Motion Pictures

"The Birth and Adventure Of a Fountain Pen"

An interesting industrial film depicting the various stages in manufacturing fountain pens; from the crude rubber biscuits to the finished article ready for use. The pen draws sketches which change themselves. Napoleon evolves into Emperor William, then into King Edward and last to Washington. A pedestal lamp changes into a young lady. A loving couple turn into a pair of ducks. From a flower pot a lily sprouts up and blooms. A plain circle turns into Bridget and after a series of changes becomes a society queen.

"Evil Spirit in a Girl's Boarding School"

At this select school for young ladies everything is running along smoothly and the pretty students give their teacher very little trouble for their department is perfect and the discipline of the school is above reproach. The tranquil aspect of the place is soon changed, however, by the introduction of a vivacious Miss who is bubbling over with deviltry, and by her many escapades soon earns the title from her more docile companions, as the evil spirit. This is a colored film, showing in perfect and life-like detail every feature of the story.

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