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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Land Office at Oregon City, Or., April 15, 1892.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Columbia county, at St. Helens, Oregon, on May 31, 1892, viz:
JOHN G. TOMPKINS,
Homestead entry No. 8044, for the sw ¼ of section 6, t 3 n, r 2 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, under section 2291, R. S.: B. P. Quivy, Henry Sierks, Stephen Haines, Julius Zesmann; all of Scappoose, Columbia county, Oregon.
Benjamin Barnes, who made pre-emption D. S. No. 6534, is hereby specially notified to appear and show cause why the entry of John G. Tompkins should not be allowed.
a22m27 J. T. APPERSON, Register.

**Treasurer's Notice.**

County Treasurer's Office,
St. Helens, Or., May 19, 1892.
State of Oregon, Columbia County:
Notice is hereby given that all unpaid county warrants which have been presented and endorsed "not paid for want of funds" from May 4, 1891 up to July 14, 1891, both dates inclusive, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest on said warrants will not be allowed after the date of this notice.
G. W. COLE,
County Treasurer.

**Sealed Bids.**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the county court of Columbia county, Oregon, up to 10 o'clock A. M., on the 8th day of July, 1892, for the construction of a bridge across Milton creek at Milton station, on the Northern Pacific Railroad, the bidder to furnish plans, specifications, strain, diagram and all material for the construction of said bridge. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid 5 per cent. of the amount of such bid, which shall be forfeited to the county in case the award is made to him and he fails, neglects or refuses for the period of two days after such award is made, to enter into a contract and file his bond in the manner required by and to the satisfaction of the said board of county commissioners, provided always that said board may, in its discretion, reject any and all bids. By order of the board of county commissioners.
D. J. SWITZER,
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Will make the season of 1892 as follows:
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CHAS. MUCKLE, Owner.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Land Office at Oregon City, Or., April 18, 1892.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia county, at St. Helens, Oregon, on May 31, 1892, viz:
EDWIN D. McKAY,
Pre emption D. S. No. 7,95, for the se ¼ of section 35, t 4 n, r 2 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: H. West, D. Freeman, George Ramsey and H. White; all of Scappoose P. O., Columbia county, Oregon.
a22m27 J. T. APPERSON, Register.

**A SLUMBER SONG.**

I'll dream you stand outside the window,
My old whispering trees;
I'll dream you hum outside the window,
My old honey bees,
Till my peaceful spirit drowses
With your pleasant hum,
In and out your little houses,
As you go and come.
Gather me the honey of sleep,
Through the old, sweet, sunny light,
Where your hum is soft and deep—
Softer than this barren night.
Little, humming, golden bees,
Humming bees,
Hum me to slumber,
To slumber.

And from the sweet old summer garden,
Flashing to and fro,
And from the bright old summer garden,
Where the lilies blow,
From the hollyhocks' high chamber
Humming loud and low,
Where the morning glories clamber
As you come and go;
From the old days fly to me,
Hum a dream around my brain,
Hum old sweetness drowsily,
And my old, soft sleep again:
Little, humming, golden bees,
Humming bees,
Hum me to slumber,
To slumber.
—Irene Putnam in Good Housekeeping.

**Lacemaking in France.**

It was estimated in 1876 that there were 500,000 laceworkers in Europe, of which 150,000 were women, and that in Belgium alone there were over 900 lace schools, many of which were in the convents. No wonder is it, then, that the most remarkable pieces of point lace are found as heirlooms all through Belgium, one of which is described as a three cornered shawl as delicate as if woven by a spider and so fine it can be drawn through a ring. Until 1665 French laces were so coarse that the people would not wear them, in spite of several ordinances of the French government.

This led Colbert to start the manufacture of new designs at his own country seat, near Alencon, from patterns brought from Flanders, Venice and Genoa, under the superintendence of Mme. Gilbert, a native of Alencon, with thirty skilled lacemakers. The results of this scheme soon became the rage, so that no more money went out of the country, to the delight of the shrewd Colbert.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**A New Jersey Sweet Apple.**

Nature must have been in a humorous mood when she made the Sweet Greening. She has turned out an apple which is peculiar to itself. This variety is large and firm. Its coat is a very pale, yellowish green, sometimes almost white. It is rather sticky, but the skin is thin and tender. The best way to eat it is to rinse it in lukewarm water and bite it off without peeling it. If peeled and quartered it will not taste half so good.

This variety is grown almost altogether in Monmouth county, N. J. Nearly all of the crops are shipped to the New York market. The greater part of each crop is consumed in this city.—New York Evening Sun.

**America as Taught in Foreign Schools.**

It is said that American girls who have been educated abroad never grow to look with respect upon the land of their birth and its institutions. Brought up in the midst of the pageantry of monarchical conditions they grow to love the splendor and deem the simplicity of American customs barren. American history is insufficiently taught. American customs ridiculed by tales in which they are shown distorted by the fancy of the narrator. Even the geography of this country is neglected.—Philadelphia Press.

**One of the Queen's Admirers.**

William Wilberforce, writing to Hannah More in 1820, says: "In consequence of a very civil message from the Duchess of Kent I waited on her this morning. She received me with her little girl on the floor by her side, with her playthings, of which I soon became one."

The little princess is now a great-grandmother, and is known to the world as Queen Victoria.—Youth's Companion.

**Does Humanity Degenerate if Left Alone?**

We find no instance yet of the wolf evolving itself into life human, but we have instances of the human easily losing its most essential characteristics and taking on the type of the wolf. Does the human life left to itself find degradation more natural than development?—Rev. J. H. Seeley in Congregationalist.

**Tiresome Jokes.**

Low Comedian—These newspaper jokes about theatrical companies busting up and the actors walking home are getting rather tiresome.

Heavy Man (reflectively)—Yes, but not half so tiresome as the—the walking.—New York Weekly.

**Whistling During a Rehearsal.**

To whistle in the theater during a rehearsal is a sign that some one will die, or that you are "piping" a member of the company out of an engagement. There is nothing to counteract the evil of this.—Chicago Herald.

**Brave Men.**

Men can be found who are willing to go to Africa as missionaries who are not willing to take care of a cross baby for the tired wife for an hour.—Ram's Horn.

**Wood Poles Losing Favor.**

Telegraph poles made of iron are being largely employed in Europe. They are both light and strong.—New York Journal.

**HIS OWN EXECUTIONER.**

**A Chief Who Himself Inflicted the Death Penalties He Imposed.**

If you go down to French Guiana and ascend the big Maroni river a little distance you will find a great many negroes who talk very bad French. Some of them, however, have visited France and have a little education. The more intelligent of these negroes will tell you that the greatest man who ever lived, except the first Napoleon was Boni. One of these negro tribes is called the Boni, from the name of the man who released the people from slavery.

Boni was the intelligent and audacious negro who, in 1772, revolted against his master on the coast of Dutch Guiana, destroyed his property, escaped with hundreds of other slaves and founded a new home for the people, whom he piloted to the borders of French Guiana. For many decades all slaves who escaped from their masters were able to find their freedom among the Bonis. A curious story is told about Boni by the explorer Henry Coudreau, who has done so much to make the interior of French Guiana known.

A long distance up the Maroni river is the island Adlafo, which means "cutting off the head." This is the island where for a long time Boni carried out the execution of criminals whom he had condemned to death. The curious feature of his system of capital punishment was that he required no assistance whatever in carrying his judgments into effect. He alone escorted the condemned persons to the island of Adlafo, and unaided he cut off their heads. The Spartacus of the "Negroes of the Woods" seemed to be particularly fond of this sort of exercise. Physically he was the most powerful man in his country. No one wished to cope with him in combat.

When he had a prisoner whom he had condemned he would place his flintlock and his saber in a canoe, seat the condemned man in the bow of the boat and then paddle up stream several miles to the island. He would not have even a boatman with him on these little expeditions.

"Now," Boni was wont to say to the unhappy wretch before him, as he paddled along, "do not attempt to escape, for if you do I shall surely stop you by a bullet in the legs. I shall not shoot to kill you, for I shall wish to torture you after I get you."

"No, chief," the trembling victim would often reply, "I shall not try to escape." And such was the terror Boni inspired that the unfortunate prisoner would reach the place of punishment probably without entertaining the slightest thought of escaping.

When they reached the island, Boni would tell his prisoner to get out of the canoe and would then march him to the place of execution. This was a large flat rock, washed by the waters of the rapid river and shaded by a tamarind tree. The rock is still shown to every one who visits the spot. When they reached the place, Boni, fierce and inexorable, would sternly command:

"Now you die. To your knees. Your hands behind your back. Hold down your head."

The unfortunate wretch, more dead than alive, would mechanically obey the order. Boni would raise his saber, and with one sure stroke would sever the head from the body. The head would roll upon the flat stone, and the blood would be washed away by the rush of water from the rapids, which now and then overspread the rock. Boni would then reembark, and upon his return his people would more than ever regard him as an object of terror to evil doers.—Chicago Herald.

**Bad Place for a House.**

A farmer digging a well near his house at Darlington has discovered that his dwelling was built over the remains of a huge mastodon. He has discovered about ten feet of the tusk, but has stopped excavating in the sandstone for fear of endangering his house. Scientists who have visited Darlington to investigate the discovery estimate that the tusk must be about 16 feet long and the whole skeleton 30 feet long and 18 to 20 feet high. A small chip from the tusk was sent to a New York scientist, who pronounced it the purest ivory. A rich mineral spring has burst from the rock just above the tusk.—Indiana Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Envelopes in the Eighteenth Century.**

Envelopes are supposed to be quite modern, but in the Birch manuscripts in the British museum, No. 4,433—103, there is a letter from Martin Triewald to Sir Hans Sloane, dated Stockholm, April 24, 1753, inclosed in an ordinary envelope, which is opened out and mounted at the end of the letter.—Notes and Queries.

**Pets on Shipboard.**

Monkeys are common on board ships serving in tropical and semi-tropical waters. The Yorktown, the Yantic and some other ships carry mastiffs. Many carry cats, and Cape pigeons are pets with the vessels on the Pacific station.—New York News.

**Not the Coffee.**

Customer—This coffee tastes like an old tobacco pipe.

Waiter—I'll bring you a basin of water so you can wash yr mustache.—Good News.

**Benefits of Reading Circles.**

Reading circles seem to be all the rage now among young people of every class. Their multiplication, unlike many other successful institutions, is not due altogether to the fact that the idea is a fashionable one, for fashion and study hardly go hand in hand. They are horses of different breed, different color and different proportions, and it is seldom that they can, from a comparative standpoint, be made to labor together. The necessity of education which is daily impressing itself more and more upon the youth of our times is the cause responsible for their existence. The benefit that the studious one derives from them is obviously great. A man reads a book and carries out of it a certain number of ideas. His knowledge of that book is not as great as if he received the ideas of thirty readers of it, each of whom views it differently to some degree.

This is the argument the young people make in favor of this prosperous institution, and a little reflection will show that it is not a bad one. I dropped in during the exercises of one of these circles during the week. Young men and women, the maximum age of whom was twenty-three, were laboring industriously over the French rebellion, and the way that they arranged the facts, throwing in detail while keeping clear and uppermost the main ideas, was something marvelous. They had been colaboring for just one year and had in that time reviewed and studied American history and a dozen works of different standard authors.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**Was Wellington Surprised?**

The generally received notion that the Duke of Wellington was surprised receives full confirmation in many pages of "Waterloo Letters," and perhaps most markedly in a letter from Sir William Napier, the historian. Napier gives the following account from the duke's own mouth:

He found the Prince of Orange at the Duchess of Richmond's ball on the evening of the 15th. He was surprised to see him because he had placed him at Binche, an important outpost, for the purpose of observing and giving notice of the movements of the enemy. He went up to him and asked if there was any news. "No, nothing but that the French have crossed the Sambre and had a brush with the Prussians. Have you heard of it?" This was news. So he told him quietly that he had better go back to his post, and then by degrees he got the principal officers away from the ball and sent them to their troops. This was done, I think he said, about 11 o'clock. He then went to his quarters and found Muffling there, coming from Blucher with the news; he ought to have arrived long before, but said the duke to me, "I cannot tell the world that Blucher picked the fattest man in his army to ride with an express to me, and that he took thirty hours to go thirty miles."—London Academy.

**Preserving Baby's Voice.**

The phonograph has in its cylinder great possibilities of comfort, as more and more persons are beginning to discover. A New England father, whose business makes compulsory long periods of absence from home, has a dear little daughter of four years. The child is, alas! motherless, and the father writes thus to a friend: "When I next return east I shall take Baby to the phonograph makers and have an instrument made for her which will preserve her quaint utterances and her sweet voice. I shall take it with me always, and when I am weary and longing for home I shall set it in operation and listen to the music of her loving prattle."—Her Point of View in New York Times.

**A Remarkable Record.**

The statistician of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company railroad points with pride to the remarkable fact that on the Pennsylvania branch of this railroad not a single passenger has been killed since the road went into operation, twenty years ago. "It is also a matter of congratulation," he says, "that during that time four children have been born on the trains of that division—two of them twins." All four are alive, and one of them is an employee of the company.—Yankee Blade.

**The Only Thing They Ever Did.**

It is not generally known that John Bright's powers of sarcasm were almost unrivaled. Some of his sharpest utterances have been against members of the nobility. When boasts had been made of the antiquity of a prominent family, that their ancestors came over with the Conqueror, his reply was prompt, "I never heard that they did anything else."—San Francisco Argonaut.

**Cause for Complacency.**

Wee Daughter (admiringly)—You're such a darling, sweet mamma! So pretty and stylish. I'm so glad that—

Mamma—Well, dear, go on.

Wee Daughter (patronisingly)—Well, I'm ever so glad you married into our family.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

**The Trouble.**

"What is the hardest part of joke writing, Wittix?"

"Punctuation. That's the reason so many jokes lack points."—New York Epoch.