A Very Busy Man.

A school inspector went to investigate the case of a man who, although he could well afford to keep his children at school, had obtained labor certificates for them all and was taking frequent holidays while the poor little fellows worked to keep the home on.

To his wife's plea that the youngsters' wages were useful when "feyther" was out of work the inspector replied:

"A mere quibble, ma'am. Your husband has constant work, but is too lazy to do it. His employer told me so."

"Then it's a wicked story, and I'm not particular who hears me say it!" cried the woman indignantly. "My husban' is the busiest man in England, bar none. Why, he was up at daybreak this mornin' teachin' my youngest lad to swim, an' he's walked ten miles across plowed fields to fly a pigeon an' won a bounce ball contest an' a boxin' match since dinner, an' now, to wind things up," she added as a final proof of her husband's amazing industry, "he's down in the wood yonder trainin' his dog to catch an' kill rabbits without leavin' the marks of his teeth on 'em. If you want more work than that crowded into a day, you must be a regular nigger driver."—London Tit-Bits.

When Buttons Were Big.

Bachaumont writes in his "Secret Memoirs," Nov. 18, 1786: "The mania for buttons is today extremely ridiculous. They are not only of enormous size, some of them as big as six pound crowns, but miniatures and pictures are made upon them, and this ornamentation is extremely costly. Some of them represent the medals of the twelve Caesars, others antique statues and still others the Metamorphoses of Ovid."

Isabey, in his biographical notes, says that when he came to Paris he worked for a living [illegible] making copies of Vanloos and Bou[illegible] the lids of snuffboxes and tha[illegible]se medallions he was paid from 6 to 8 francs each. "As it was still the fashion," he said, "to wear buttons as big as a five franc piece, upon which Cupids, flowers and landscapes were cut in cameo, I went into that business. I got 12 sous for each."—Paris Figaro.

Why Some Countries Are Uninhabited

A mere glance at our maps impresses a few general facts upon us. We see that the largest areas of the unknown are now in lands that are too dry, as in the Sahara, the desert of Arabia, and the steppes of Mongolia; lands that are too wet and hot, stimulating almost impenetrable forest growths, as in parts of the Amazon and Kongo basins; lands that are too cold and bleak, as portions of the northern areas of America and Asia. Even the characteristics of the inhabitants influence the extent of the unexplored. In proportion to total area there is more unknown surface in Liberia than in any other political subdivision of the world, because the Liberians, content to live along the coast, have scarcely entered their vast forest maze, though they teem with rubber and other resources.—Cyrus C. Adams in Harper's.

What Red Coral Is.

The red coral that is used for necklaces is a horny axis which supports a number of soft bodied, coral-like animals, or polyps, the entire structure bearing a strong resemblance to a small shrub. The fishermen, after they have brought this shrublike colony to the surface, clean the soft animal matter away, preserving the red core, or axis, which is sold as jewelry. Although red coral contains some lime, it is largely composed of a substance akin to horn, and, like horn, it takes a fine polish. Horn, wool and other animal substances of this nature almost invariably change their color when brought into intense heat.—St. Nicholas.

Welsh Rabbit Fiasco.

"When I was starting my apartment," remembered the bachelor, "several of my lady friends wired me they would bring a small party of people up for Welsh rabbit. I went out and bought a chafing dish, the handsomest I could find; a dozen plates, silver knives and forks and spoons and napkins and a table to set the rabbit out on, so that the rabbit, which at a restaurant would have cost about $1 all told, cost me about $35. And then they didn't come."—New York Press.

His Opposite.

Jenkins—I am told that the happiest marriages are between people who are exactly opposite in every respect to each other, so I am looking for a young lady of that sort, don't you know. Miss Pert—Then you have come to the right place. Come to the other side of the room, and I'll introduce you to a bright, intelligent, well educated girl.

Deceived.

"I want to get a divorce from my wife."

"On what ground?"

"Well, I don't know the legal term for it, but she didn't tell me before I married her that she was an elocutionist."

It is claimed by grocerymen in Mexico that asparagus is being imported from France in large packages and canned in the City of Mexico under American labels, as though coming from California.

A newly imported wood, used for high class cabinet and piano work, is the Tasmanian myrtle. It is of a rich pink color, moderately hard and very close grained, taking a good finish and working well and smoothly.

THE METROPOLIS.

New York city pays in salaries to its more than 50,000 servants $132 each minute in the day.

More land, in value, is owned by Hebrews in New York city than in any other city in the world.

There is one saloon in New York city for each 317 men, women and children residing within its borders.

New York city houses 175,000 craftsmen in the clothing business, who produce an annual output valued at $300,000,000.

There is no dearth of dramatic variety in New York city, when the books of the theaters show that there is an average of fifteen new plays produced each month in the year.

In the last six months there has been a large increase in the number and size of robberies in the New York hotels, and proprietors are using every possible means to prevent their publicity.—New York Herald.

THE REAL CHINESE GONG.

It Makes an Uproar as Awful as It Is Astonishing.

By the way, did you ever hear a real Chinese gong? I don't mean a hotel gong, but one of those great moon disks of yellow metal which have so terrible a power of utterance.

A gentleman in Bangor, north Wales, who had a private museum of south Pacific and Chinese curiosities, exhibited one to me. It was hanging amid Fiji spears beautifully barbed with sharks' teeth, which, together with grotesque New Zealand clubs of green stone and Sandwich Island paddles wrought with the baroque visages of the shark god, were depending from the walls; also there were Indian elephants in ivory, carrying balls in their carven bellies, each ball containing many other balls inside it.

The gong glimmered pale and huge and yellow, like the moon rising over a southern swamp. My friend tapped its ancient face with a muffled drumstick, and it commenced to sob like waves upon a low beach. He tapped it again, and it moaned like the wind in a mighty forest of pines. Again, and it commenced to roar, and with each tap the roar grew deeper and deeper till it seemed like thunder rolling over an abyss in the Cordilleras or the crashing of Thor's chariot wheels.

It was awful and astonishing as awful. I assure you I did not laugh at it at all. It impressed me as something terrible and mysterious. I vainly sought to understand how that thin disk of trembling metal could produce so frightful a vibration. He informed me that it was very expensive, being chiefly made of the most precious metals, silver and gold.—From "Life and Letters of Lafcadio Hearn."

A New Bank

We want bids for the construction of a new Bank Building. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Bank at St. Helens, or at the office of our Architect, D. D. Neer 122, First Street, Portland Oregon.

Columbia County Bank.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned as guardian of the estate of Alfred C. Wolf, an insane person, that he has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, his final account of his administration of said estate, together with his final report thereof; and that the Hon. R. S. Hattan Judge of said court has set the 20th day of June, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon thereof, as the time, and the courtroom of said court, in St. Helens, Oregon, as the place, for the hearing and settlement of said account and report; at which time and place any person interested may appear and file objections in writing to the same or any part thereof.

EDWARD E. HAZEN.

W. H. Powell, attorney for guardian.

Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Portland, Oregon March, 25th 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Alexander Aesk of Yankton, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 16099 made Sept. 28, 1906 for the SE¼ of SE¼ sec. 21, SW¼ of SW¼ sec. 22, NW¼ of NW¼ sec 27, and NE¼ of NE¼ of section 28, Township 5 north range 3 west, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on May 12th, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land viz:

Stephen Lampa, of Yankton, Oregon; Robert Reskey, of Yankton, Oregon; Joseph Dupont, of Yankton, Oregon; Leopold Dupont, of Yankton, Oregon.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register

THE BALL GAME SUNDAY

It is a sad, sad story that the St. Helens ball team has to tell on their return from Cathlamet last Sunday. As per schedule, they took the Steamer [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] more excursionists, from La Center, Woodland, Ridgefield, and Kalama. The Woodland and Kalama brass bands were on the boat and everyone had a fine time on the way down the river.

Arriving at Cathlamet the team immediately went out to the ball grounds and after a few minutes of warming up the game was commenced. And what a sad affair it was. St. Helens went to bat and were retired in one, two, three order. One Cathlamet man got the first base in their inning but the side was put out before he scored. St. Helens second inning [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] the third. [illegible] the fourth. In fact there was considerable [illegible] to the first inning in all the other innings. [illegible] [illegible] the second [illegible] three men. In fact, at the end of a seven inning game, the down river champions had won by a score of 10 to 0.

The St. Helens boys [illegible] a [illegible] game with [illegible] exceptions there is no doubt about that. But in justice to them we want to say right here that they got the rankest deal on the umpire [illegible] [illegible] that was ever handed out to them.

There were three or four [illegible] decisions that [illegible] out all runs for the visitors. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] after it is all over, but it [illegible] [illegible] say St. Helens would have scored had the umpire been unbiased.

The excursion boat left Cathlamet at about four o'clock, arriving at St. Helens at about eight. Everybody had a good time and voted the trip a success despite the way the team got trimmed.

The line up of the two teams follows.

St. Helens		Cathlamet
Thurston—Austin	c	[illegible]
Hoover	p	Watkins
Lafferty	1b	Stelock
Austin—Thurston	2b	[illegible]
Sommers	3b	[illegible]
Laws	ss	Hackley
Inngley	lf	Kintery
Ballagh	cf	Ditson
[illegible]	rf	[illegible]

The St. Helens ball team will play a [illegible] [illegible] next Sunday with the Woodland team [illegible] with a team from [illegible] Island. Two good games are expected.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned as administrator of the estate of J. S. Millard, deceased, that he has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, his final account of his administration upon said estate together with his final report and petition for the distribution of the residue of said estate; and that Hon. R. S. Hattan, Judge of said court, has set the 20th day of June, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon thereof as the time, and the courtroom in St. Helens, Oregon, as the place for the hearing and settlement of said account, report and petition, at which time and place any person interested may appear and file objections in writing to the same or any part thereof.

E. E. QUICK.

W. H. Powell, attorney for administrator.

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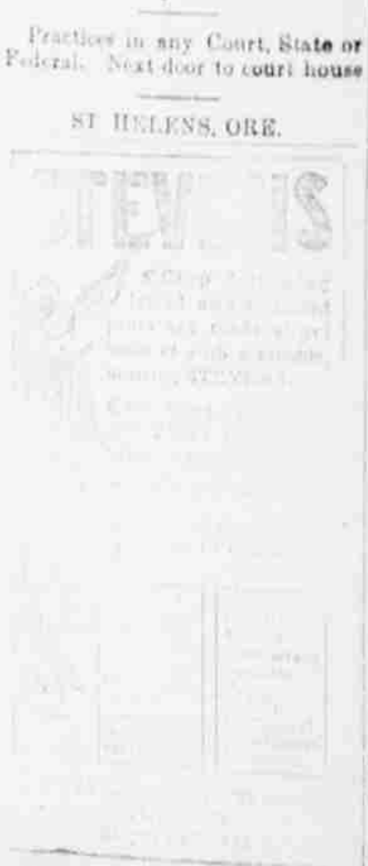

NOTICE—BIDS FOR [illegible]

Sealed bids will be received [illegible] county court on the 11th day [illegible] 1908, for the following road [illegible] made on the Bachelor Flat road [illegible] D'spain place, where the [illegible] stands. Commencing at a stake [illegible] 'A' and running to a stake marked [illegible] distance of about 150 feet. [illegible] sixteen feet wide on top, with sloping one half pitch. Ditch [illegible] from road on north side of fill [illegible] marked 'C'. Road-bed [illegible] twenty-four feet wide inside of [illegible] Road to be 24 inches higher [illegible] than bottom of ditches, ditches [illegible] sufficient depth to carry off [illegible] Grade in cut and fill to be [illegible] work to be done in a workman[like man]ner. A culvert to be put [illegible] county to furnish material [illegible] all work to be done by contract [illegible] under supervision of the road [illegible]

County C[illegible]
By R. [illegible]

Administratrix Sale

Notice is hereby given that [illegible] of an order of sale duly made [illegible] by the county court for [illegible] County, State of Oregon, on the [illegible] of March 1908 in the matter of the [illegible] of Rufus Waterford, deceased, [illegible] ing and directing the undersigned [ad]ministratrix of said estate to sell [illegible] estate hereinafter described [illegible] said estate for the purpose of [illegible] claims against said estate and [illegible] and expenses of administration [illegible] offer for sale and will sell to the [illegible] bidder for cash on the 24th day [illegible] 1908 at the front door of the court house of Columbia County, [illegible] St. Helens the following described property to wit: the south half [illegible] the south west quarter (¼) of [illegible] in township six (6) north of range (3) West of Willamette Meridian [illegible] ing eighty acres of land more [illegible] according to Government survey [illegible] property being in Columbia [illegible] egon.

Dated this 2nd day of March [illegible]

ELIZABETH WA[illegible]

Administratrix of the estate of [illegible] Waterford, deceased.

Date of first publication M[illegible] 1908. Date of last publication [illegible] 1908.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of [illegible] Columbia County.

Mary Culbertson, Plaintiff

vs

Richard Culbertson, defendant

To Richard Culbertson above named [illegible] ant.

In the name of the State of Oregon [illegible] are hereby required to appear and [illegible] complaint filed against you in the [illegible] titled court and cause on or before April, 24 1908, which is 6 weeks after the date ordered for the first publication [illegible] notice, and if you fail to so appear and [illegible] the plaintiff will apply for the relief [illegible] in her complaint, to wit: for a [illegible] ing the bonds of matrimony now [illegible] tween above named plaintiff and [illegible] and for such other and further relief [illegible] court seems meet and just.

This summons is published by order [illegible] Honorable R. S. Hattan, judge of the [illegible] court made and entered on the 9th [illegible] 1908.

GREY & RICHARDS[illegible]
Attorneys for [illegible]

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Notice for Publication

(Timber Land Act June 3 1878) United States Land Office, Portland [illegible] Jan. 27, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in com[pliance] with the provisions of the act of Congress June 3, 1878 entitled "An act for the [sale of] timberlands in the state of California [illegible] Nevada and Washington Territory," [illegible] ed to all Public Land States by act of [illegible] 4 1892, Louis D. Murphy of Portland [illegible] Multnomah state of Oregon has this [day] in this office her sworn statement for [illegible] the purchase of the north half of [illegible] east quarter of section No. [illegible] Township No. 4 North Range No. 1 W[est] will offer proof to show that the land [illegible] is more valuable for its timber or [illegible] for agricultural purposes, and to establish claim to said land before Register and [Receiver] at Portland, Oregon on Thursday, the [illegible] of April, 1908. She names as witnesses Carney J. Halmer W. H. Busy, W. J. [illegible] Portland, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely [the] above-described lands are requested [to file] their claims in this office on or before [said] day of April, 1907

ALGERNON S DRESSE[R], Register

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undesigned was by an order [illegible] made and entered in the county [court] of Columbia county, state of Oregon [on] the 25th day of March, A. D. 19[08 ap]pointed administratrix of the estate [of] Frank Payne, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate [are] hereby notified to present the same [prop]erly verified, to me at my residence [at] Scappoose in said county and State, [with]in six months from the first publication hereof.

ANNIE PAYNE

Administratrix of the estate of Frank Payne, deceased.

First publication March 27th 1908.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Henry J. [illegible] deceased, that she has filed in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, her final account and her final report of her administration upon said estate and that the Hon. R. S. Hattan, Judge of said court, has set Saturday, the 13th day of June 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time, and the court room of said court in St. Helens, Oregon as the place for the hearing and settlement of said account and report; at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file objections in writing to the same or any part thereof.

CARRIE WATTERS

W. H. Powell Attorney for Administratrix.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Sarah E. [illegible] deceased, that he has filed in the county court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, his final account of his administration [of] said estate, together with his final report and petition for distribution of the residue [of said estate] and that the Hon. R. S. Hattan, Judge of said court, has set the 13th day of June, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon thereof, as the time and the court room of said court in St. Helens, Oregon, as the place for the hearing and settlement of said account, report and petition, at which time and place any person interested may appear and file objections in writing [to the] same or any part thereof.

C. L. AYERS

W. H. Powell, Attorney for Administrator