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TRYS CUDAHY'S PLAN

Kentucky man tries Jock Cudahy's idea of dealing with intruder.

Louisville, Ky., April 14.—Henry Derment is in the hospital near death today while the authorities are seeking for Thomas Langdon who, believing himself to be a wronged husband planned an attack similar to that of Jack Cudahy of Jere Lillis. Derment was slashed across the thighs and sides and stabbed under the heart by Langdon, who, returning to his home near New Albany unexpectedly last evening, found Derment in his house. When assistance arrived, Langdon ran out the back door and disappeared. Both men are prominent.

ACCUSORS ACCUSED.

Men who said Doctor Cook lied may themselves be liars.

Butte, April 14.—Edward Barrill, who accompanied Dr. Cook on the Mt. McKinley expedition and who signed an affidavit that Cook never reached the summit said today that in his opinion the Fairbanks party did not scale the mountain, as they claim. He said he believed it an impossibility to reach the top of the mountain on account of the snow and ice. The Fairbanks expedition claimed no trace of Cook's records were found.

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PENDLETON WINS OUT

JUDGES UNANIMOUSLY GIVE DEBATE TO VISITORS.

Locals have the better of question on all but one phase.

After having attained a higher position in forensic circles than it has ever been the lot of this city to enjoy, the La Grande high school team last evening met defeat in the hands of Pendleton on the L. D. S. rostrum. The audience resembled that of the average prayer meeting, but what few did attend were excellently entertained, for, as Chairman T. H. Crawford affirmed, it was a pleasure to listen to young men and women who are so well versed in the problems of the day. Using the negative side of the commission form of government, Pendleton proceeded to outline a system of government that was not exactly of the commission plan but included all the virtues of that form. The line of argument by the affirmative was clear, but apparently, the reason that the judges gave the decision to Pendleton was that the local debaters failed to round up the numerous points brought out.

La Grande covered an enormously wide scope in structural argument, while on the other hand Pendleton displayed a less wide knowledge of the subject but had in hand more concisely, the few points they did present. La Grande was manifestly the better fitted to handle dictation, English, rhetoric and oratory than the Pendleton people.

La Grande has won a decided string of victories this year. Teams falling under their influence include Elgin, Enterprise, Baker City, Ontario and Cove.

Joe Ingle led the local debaters and was assisted by Will Hamilton and Arlo Meyers. All three have enunciation and an oratorical style, and they are not to be downed by their defeat last evening. They show conscientious preparation and skill in handling their subject.

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HUMANE SOCIETY WILL GIVE THAT FOR ARREST.

Dog poisoner continues to kill valuable animals by poison route

A temporary humane society has been formed by necessity in this city and the chief object of the organization is to apprehend and have punished the miscreant who persists in poisoning dogs and cats. C. F. Ferrin, Mr. Martin J. K. Wright and others are among the last to lose valuable animals from this course.

A reward of \$50 has been posted and will be given to the person discovering the identity and having punished the person doing the work.

So incensed has the public become that stringent action has been deemed necessary and the Observer lets fall a gentle admonition to the person whoever he may be that discovery will cost something more than attorney's fees right now. If ever a community is justified in hustling out of its confines any individual, it certainly is in this connection, for a person that will wilfully and persistently throw innocent animals into pain and suffering by poison, is deserving of something severe.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Mullin, beloved wife of Michael Mullin of Salda, Colo, died April 11, 1910 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Sam McLain, at Nampa, Ida. after a long and serious illness. She was born in Wales in 1868 and came to America when a mere child. Mrs. Mullen was the oldest child of Mr. John Ormond, who resides with his son in this city and leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, a father, three brothers and two sisters and many friends. The funeral services were conducted here yesterday by Dr. Seemann of the Presbyterian church from the home of her brother, T. J. Ormond.

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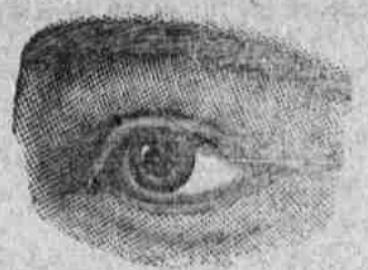
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