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LYTLE TO COME TUESDAY

UNION COUNTY ALARMED TO SAY SHEEPMEN. State Veterinarian Will Take Personal Charge This Week.

That the hydrophobia scare of Wallowa county is gradually working over the borders to the north end of Union county is attested to by the following from the Sunday Oregonian:

The Bureau of Animal Industry has now taken up the crusade against the coyotes in Wallowa county that have gone mad and bitten many dogs, sheep and cattle, and probably will have charge of the government rangers who will be detailed to assist in their extermination. A telegram was received from Washington, D. C., yesterday saying that seven rangers and expert hunters have been detailed and that others will follow.

Residents of Union county have become alarmed for fear the mad coyotes will invade that district and J. D. Dobbin of Wallowa county, who is attending the woolgrowers' convention, received a telegram yesterday, asking him to use his influence to have the commissioners of Wallowa county raise the bounty so that greater effort will be made to exterminate the coyotes.

Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, will go to Wallowa county Tuesday and probably take temporary charge of the forces that will wage war on the coyotes until they are assembled and representatives of the Bureau of Animal Industry organize them and enter upon an active campaign of extermination. Since the announcement that a campaign of extermination will be waged against the coyotes Dr. Lytle has received several applications from individuals who assert themselves to be expert hunters and trappers. Neither the state veterinarian

nor the state board of health has any funds to hire such help it was explained to Dr. Lytle.

Professor Pernot who has charge of the examination of the brains of the coyotes, dogs and sheep that have died of rabies in Wallowa county, expects soon to have serum from the backbone of a rabbit that was inoculated, for treatment of the disease, removing the necessity of shipping it from Washington, D. C.

PIANO HARDWARE.

Men Who Buy Parts and Repair Their Instruments at Home.

One's notion of piano hardware is likely to be that it is material of various sorts used in the manufacture and repair of pianos, an idea that would be in the main correct, but at the same time there is more or less of such material sold at retail to private owners of pianos who may be skilled in the use of tools and who undertake to do their own repairing to save expense, and such purchasers may include men who have no knowledge of music, though they may have the mechanical expertness required for the job.

Obviously no great skill is required in replacing a broken caster. A man can buy a single caster and put it on himself if he wants to, or he could in like manner replace a broken hinge or a screw, and he can buy any of these things. But the home repairer does more ambitious work still—as, for instance, he may replace a broken wire. He can buy piano wire of precisely the right gauge, and he may undertake this job and get away with it, or he may replace one or more broken keys or hammers. Not long since a man who had bought a pretty well worn secondhand piano for \$15 bought for it a complete new set of hammers, which he put on himself.

Only men of real skill can do such jobs as this, but in a town of this size there are enough men who do their own piano repairing to make it pay to keep piano hardware on sale at retail.—New York Sun.

Two Freaks of Nature.

Two contrasting freaks of nature are the Island of Fire and the Lake of Snow. The Island of Fire is called the Home of Hot Devils. It is situated in the midst of a large lake of boiling mud in the island of Java. The steam and gases which arise from the

sticky mud form themselves into bubbles attaining a diameter of five or six feet and sailing high up in the air like balloons, carried hither and thither by the wind and finally exploding with a loud crash.

The biggest snow lake is seen from the summit of Hispar pass, in the Karakoran range. It is more than 300 square miles in area. In Switzerland the sea of ice might better be called the sea of snow, as the surface is broken up by solar heat, which makes a minute fissuring in the ice, giving it the appearance of snow.

A Shrewd Answer.

Among the advertisements in an English paper there recently appeared the following: "The gentleman who found a purse with money in Burford street is requested to forward it to the address of the loser, as he was recognized."

A few days later this reply was inserted: "The recognized gentleman who picked up a purse in Burford street requests the loser to call at his house."

Her Blunder.

"What makes you think she's uncultured?" "She thinks Ibsen's plays are stupid." "Well, a lot of people think so." "Yes, but she says so."—Cleveland Leader.

Dickens and His Wife.

Commenting on the unhappy relations between Dickens and his wife, Goldwin Smith wrote in one of his last papers: "It was a common case. Dickens had married at a low level, and his wife had not risen with him; otherwise there was no fault on her side. The matrimonial history of writers of books of imagination has often been unhappy. Their imagination turns the woman into an angel, and then they find that she is a woman."

Two Is Company.

"Have you ever loved before?" asked the coy maid. "Yes," yawned the worldly young man, "but—never before a chaperon, two small brothers and a pet bulldog." And then she suggested a trip down the old road to see the stars.—Chicago News.

A Sugar Coated Pill.

"How did you persuade your daughter to learn kitchen work?" "By calling it domestic science."—Pittsburg Post.

A Real Pretty Excuse.

Bessie's Mother—Bessie, did you let that Mr. Snuggle have a kiss? Bessie—Yes, mamma. He said it would be a goodby kiss, and I was just dead anxious to have him go.—Puck.

The judicious reader of judicious advertisements always gets more than his money's worth.—Florida Times-Union.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 21st day of Dec., 1910, creating Improvement District No. 25, and designating "X" avenue as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 21st day of Dec., 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of "X" avenue in said improvement district as hereinafter described by laying thereon Board Sidewalk, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement order that said above described improvement be made; that boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of "X" avenue from the west curb line of Second Street, to the east curb line of First street. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$66.00. That the Council will on the 18th day of January, 1911, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., to consider said estimated cost and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 28, 1910. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON. By D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. Dec. 30-Jan. 10.

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