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OPENING THE ASYLUM QUESTION

The story from Salem telling of the opening of the asylum question by Governor West is of considerable importance. The legislature may not agree with the governor on this matter, but there is a strong belief that it will. Throughout the state there seems to be a relief that the Pendleton location was not chosen wholly upon merit; that the matter was not what one could term a "daylight" proposition entirely, and for this reason there would be satisfaction if it was reopened.

The suggestion of the governor to let reputable physicians examine the sites and locate the institution is one that all will agree with, provided it is left with the physicians in fact as well as in word.

All Union county wants is a fair contest in this asylum matter with merit as a basis. It is up to the legislature to say the word.

THE SHARPER ALWAYS AT WORK

The man who seemingly never sleeps is the sharper. He works ten times harder to make an illegitimate dollar than he would to make an honest dollar. And the supply of sharpers never lessens. Take for example the arrests just made in Arkansas of men who have been swindling Pacific coast banks for the last year. Most people believe that banks have worked down their system of business so near to perfection that it is next to impossible to swindle them, but just at such a time there comes along the smooth lad who sleeps at day and prowls by night.

He springs a scheme entirely new—a scheme that shows he has a fertile brain but a dangerous one, and sets the entire detective agency's machinery at work.

Since the time of the foot racers who worked through the middle states it is doubtful if there has been a plan of swindling that shows the skill the present plan just uncovered is to show.

In the past it is doubtful if punishment has been severe enough for those who have been caught. When Missouri was infested with train-robbers a few years ago that state made train robbing a capital crime, and it would not be a bad idea for the same class of crime to apply to bank swindlers. It would have a tendency to check it, although even with such a stringent punishment there would still remain on of the sharpers occasionally who would risk his life thinking he could work his scheme and get away.

There will be plenty of amusement in La Grande tomorrow night. At the L. D. S. tabernacle the second number of the lecture course will take place, at the moving picture theatres good bills are announced, at the Orpheum there will be a stock company and at the Steward theatre, "Enter Threads" will be presented. Surely, no one in La Grande can truthfully say, "this is a slow town."

W. T. Wright has gone to Salem presumably to look after the merits of a banking bill to be introduced in the legislature. But it is the general belief that Mr. Wright will not hesitate to shake hands with Governor West and congratulate the executive upon the effort to relocate the Eastern Oregon insane asylum.

When Willis Moss closed a deal yesterday with a neighbor selling him two 2-year-old colts from the Grande Ronde for \$500 he demonstrated once more the value of the Grande Ronde horse.

If you have not had a touch of la gripe you have been overlooked, so don't get cheery about the matter, for there is still a little time left.

Legal Notice.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County.
 Pearl Downs, plaintiff, vs. Fred Downs, Defendant.

To Fred Downs, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint to-wit, for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, for the care and custody of the minor children of the plaintiff and defendant, Eunice Downs and Harold Downs, and for her costs and disbursements, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem proper.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. W. Knowles, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, which order is dated the 14th day of Dec., 1910, and requires this said summons to be published in the La Grande Weekly Observer, once each week for six successive weeks.

The date of the first publication of this summons is the 16th day of Dec., 1910.

EUGENE ASHWILL,
 Attorney for Plaintiff,
 Dec. 16-23-30-Jan. 6-13-20

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ANOTHER BOILER EXPLODES

Eight Men Killed When Delaware Boiler Bursts.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Eight were killed and one seriously injured by the boiler of the battleship Delaware the explosion of the boiler of the battleship Delaware this evening. Following the boiler explosion aboard the men could not escape and were scalded. The dead are: Charles Hart, Columbus Porter, William White, Herbert Brewer, firemen; Lewis White, Clarence Dewitt, coal passers; Christian Jensen, Water tender; and an unidentified man. Captain Cove has wireleased a request to be met by tug off Hampton roads.

TACOMA HAS TROUBLES.

Commission Form of Government Leads to Trouble With the Mayor.

Tacoma, Jan. 17.—Formal charges are on file today for the retrial of Mayor Fawcett. It is charged by M. B. Strambaugh, a former councilman, that the mayor is incompetent and unfit to discharge his duties, is extravagant and unbusiness-like. Tacoma is governed by a commission form of government and the recall petitions are now circulating. The mayor says he would run for re-election.

Ben Hicks' Mirth

By F. A. MITCHEL

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"Howdy, Jim?"
 "Howdy, Ben?"
 "Whar y' been?"
 "Down to the Corners far to buy some goods for the store."
 "Been away some time, haven't ye?"
 "A matter o' four days."
 "Who did y' leave in charge o' yer store?"
 "Wilkins' boy."
 "Y' find it kind o' lonesome cavortin' around here without any o' yer family, don't y'?"
 "You bet. I been tryin' to make enough to bring my wife 'n boy out, but had debts beat me."
 "Hard lines."
 "I'm goin' to start out on a new principle. I'm not goin' to trust any one."

The other cast a melancholy look at Jim Murphy, but didn't say anything. Ben Hicks was a short, thickset man or, rather, boy. No one was quite sure whether he was man or boy. He wore a vest and a pair of trousers much too large for him and no coat. No one had ever seen him smile.

"Yer too late, Jim," he said at last.
 "What d'ye mean?" asked Jim eagerly.

"Yer store's been entered."
 "Entered?"
 "Yes, the day after you left there was two o' 'em come down on Wilkins' boy, turned him out 'n tuk possession." Jim was heartbroken. He cursed the day he had come west to a country where there was neither law nor order; he lamented having separated from his wife and child, for fate seemed to decree that he should remain separated from them. Now, since robbers had come down on his stock of goods he could not get back to them nor bring them to him.

"Have they carted the stuff away?" he asked.
 "Dunno; reckon not."
 "Suppose they jist gutted it, carryin' off what they wanted and ruined the rest. That's the way these jayhawkers do."

Ben Hicks made no reply to this. He looked as if he was going to cry. Indeed, he seemed so melancholy that Jim didn't like to show any more dependency at the loss of his stock. It seemed to have so lugubrious an effect on his sympathetic friend.

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 "You kin manage t'other, I reckon."
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"Reckon they war fightin'?"
 "Don't y' know?"
 "Well, I'd got quite a ways from 'em when I heered a yell. I looked back and the little man was a kickin' and a hollerin' 'n t'other one was a hittin' of him."
 "What then?"
 "I come away then."
 Jim Speers carried on this dialogue with his friend while he walked along homeward, the other walking beside him. When they came in sight of the house Jim's eye lighted a little.
 "At any rate," he remarked, "they've not burned it. Whar y' goin'?"
 "Reckon you kin tackle 'em alone."
 "Fraid?"
 But Ben made no reply to this imputation on his courage. Jim went on. A three-year-old boy playing on the premises was all that appeared. A woman came out of the house and was about to take the boy in when she espied Jim. Shading her eyes with her hand, she gazed on him for a moment, then ran to meet him.
 "Why, Moll, how did you git here?"
 "Made the money sewin'."
 "And the kid?"
 "There he is."
 She pointed to the boy before the house. Jim sprang away from her and, running to the boy, took him up in his arms and covered him with kisses. When the wife came up Jim turned to her, took both her and the boy in one embrace and said:
 "By thunder, I never had such a change from trouble to happiness in my life. It was all that Ben Hicks' doin's. He told me the store had been entered, the boy I left in charge fired and let me believe robbers had done it."
 Later when the Speers family were celebrating their reunion with a good supper a neighbor came along.
 "What's the matter with Ben Hicks, Jim?" he asked. "I seen him goin' along chucklin' about sumpin. No one ever saw him do that before. He's solemn as an owl. I asked him what he was chucklin' about, and he told me I could find out from you."
 Jim explained the source of Ben's mirth.

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