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FIGURE WITH  
**C. T. Darley**

**PLAGUE BLAMED TO ANIMAL.**

Tiny Little Animal Resembling Woodchuck Carries Chinese Plague.

Washington, March 8.—Responsibility for the plague which has already caused the death of thousands in China and Manchuria, has been placed upon a little animal closely resembling the American woodchuck, by experts who have been studying the sources of the scourge.

This Chinese woodchuck has long been known as subject to the plague, the infection being transmitted by the fleas always present on the bodies of the animals. From them, it was communicated to trappers in eastern Mongolia, and thence spread throughout all Manchuria.

Had it not been for the mercenary in the make-up of the Chinese over-coming religious scruples, the plague would not now be ravaging the populous coast regions. In the past, the Chinese would not kill the animal, which they call "han te ah," for superstitious and religious reasons. The animals live in burrows, in colonies of about 50 each, and their habits resemble those of the American prairie dog. The Chinese say that when the animal is about to leave its burrow, and suspects an enemy nearby it emits a sound like "pu p'ah, pu p'ah," meaning "no fear, no fear," and then returns into its hole. The Chinese also say that when a trapper is about to kill the live woodchucks in his trap, the animal emits the same sound, and it was this apparently uncanny phenomenon which inspired the Chinese with fear of the animal.

In the last two years, however, their superstitions have been overcome by the high price of marmot skins. The number of trappers has increased from practically none at all to ten thousand this year.

This year the trappers brought the skins to Harbin, and undoubtedly brought the plague infections, transmitted from the fleas infesting the animals with them. From Harbin, after selling their catch, many took trips to the south, and thus the plague was spread from Harbin to the seacoast.

**LUMBER INSPECTOR HERE.**

Goes to Baker, But Will Return Here for Complete Inspection.

C. A. Thomas, inspector and grader for the Western Pine Manufacturing association with headquarters in Spokane, was in the city and registered at the Foley. Mr. Thomas went to Baker last night and will return to this city in a few days when he will carefully look over the lumber situation in this section of the country.

**Students Attend Banquet.**

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., March 9.—(Special)—The annual banquet of the Philolothian and Phrenokosmian Literary societies was held on Saturday night, 1 sitting down to table. The program anticipated March 17th, St. Patrick's day, by being entirely Irish. The shamrock was in evidence on the menu cards and all toasts were of a hibernian character.

**ADDS BARGAIN BASEMENT**

PEOPLE'S STORE INAUGURATES A NEW DEPARTMENT IN TRADE.

Just Completed It Carries a Mammoth Stock of Merchandise

"We are adding what we believe is the greatest bargain department ever installed in a department store of Eastern Oregon," remarked John Collier, manager of the People's store, last evening to a reporter for the Evening Observer, and with that he led the way to the newly equipped basement where new lumber and fresh paint told the story of remodeling. Turning on the electric lights a long line of counters was to be seen carrying its load of merchandise. Investigation showed that several thousand dollars worth of goods has been consigned to the basement bargain department of the People's store.

The buyer for this establishment was able to pick up several remarkable wholesale bargains and when the goods arrived it forced the installation of the basement for there was no room on the first floor to take care of the surplus stock.

When asked if this department was to be a permanent feature of the People's store both Mr. Collier and Mr. Clemens were positive in their statements that it would be. Almost every month in the year there is something to be found in the merchandizing world provided a store has room to take care of these particular purchases. In view of this fact the People's store will make their basement the bargain bazaar, where ladies can go and ransack the remnant counter, and delve deep into the pile of embroideries, pick out a shoe that suits from a broken line of sizes and in fact, take their time in hunting the good things that are always to be found among the basement merchandise.

The opening of the basement to the public will occur within a few days.

**FINAL ACCOUNT.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Fannie Brown, the undersigned Administratrix of the estate of Benjamin Brown, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court of Union county, state of Oregon, her Final Account, as such Administratrix, and the Judge of the above-entitled court has fixed the 12th day of April, A. D. 1911, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at his office in the court-house, in the city of La Grande, said county and state, as the time and place for hearing any and all objections that may be filed or made on or before said day, to said Final Account, or to any item thereof. And if no objections are made on or before said date to said Final Account, or to any item thereof, the said court will, at said time and place settle said Final Account with the undersigned Administratrix of said estate.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 4th day of March, 1911.

FANNIE BROWN, Administratrix of the Estate of Benjamin Brown, deceased.

F. S. IVANHOE, Attorney for Administratrix.

City March 6-13-20-27-Apr. 3.

**Sheriff's Sale.**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, bearing date the 4th day of February, 1911, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment duly rendered in said court on the 31st day of May, 1910, in an action wherein O. W. Smith doing business under the firm name and style of Union Coal and Feed Co. was plaintiff and Jesse L. Smith, was defendant, said judgment being in favor of plaintiff as against said defendant, for the sum of \$144.33 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, from May 31, 1910, and the further sum of \$10.50 for costs and disbursements, I will on Monday, the 20th day of March, 1911 at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house in the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs, and disbursements and accruing costs, all the

right, title and interest that said defendant had in and to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in Block 22 of the town of Imbler, Union County, Oregon.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1911 at La Grande, Oregon.  
F. P. CHILDERS, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.  
Sat. Feb. 18-25 Mch 4-11-18

**CARELESS ABOUT APPENDICITIS IN LA GRANDE**

Many La Grande people have chronic appendicitis which is carelessly treated as if it were ordinary bowel or stomach trouble. If you have wind or gas in the stomach or bowels, sour stomach or constipation, try simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-I-ka, the new German appendicitis remedy. A. T. Hill, druggist, states that A SINGLE DOSE of this simple remedy will relieve any bowel or stomach trouble.

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**FOR RENT**—Furnished and light housekeeping rooms. Mrs. E. C. Moor: 417—Fourth street.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire at King's Cigar factory.

**WANTED**—A good woman to do general housework in family of two at Telocaset. Good wages. For particulars write to Alice Dupes, Pleasant Valley, Ore.—Henry Henson.

**WANTED**—Girl for general housework. Inquire at U. S. National bank.

**FOR SALE**—Two good homestead relinquishments in Wallowa county. Inquire of D. Birchoux.

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE**—We furnish all kinds of reliable help on short notice. We have them listed in our office. If you are reliable phone us your wants. Wilson & Reed, employment office in postoffice block.

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OUR OPTICIAN IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE STATE, NOT FALLING HEIR TO HIS CERTIFICATE BUT GAINING IT BY PASSING THE STATE BOARD, NOT ONLY IN THIS STATE BUT IN OTHERS.

DR. MENDELSON ON LEAVING THE CITY ADVISED HIS CUSTOMERS TO COME HERE AS HE KNEW WE WERE COMPETENT.

WE ARE REFITTING OUR TEST ROOM, MAKING IT ABSOLUTELY UP-TO-DATE AND IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH YOUR EYES YOU WILL DO WELL TO CONSULT US AS WE ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON THIS BRANCH OF THE BUSINESS FOR A LIVING AND CONSEQUENTLY OUR PRICES ARE REASONABLE.

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