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MARY KERN, A PIONEER, DEAD

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Many Years a Resident of Walla Walla—Then Alice.

Emma Mary Kerns died May 14, 1912, at Alice, Ore. She was born in Iowa Nov. 20, 1861; crossed the plains in 1862 with her parents, Lewis and Mary Randall—by ox team—and settled on the foot hills in Walla Walla valley. In 1880 she was married to A. S. Turner of Richmond, Va., at Walla Walla, where they made their home until the spring of 1886 when they moved to Spokane, Mr. Turner being drowned in the Spokane river July 15, 1886. In October, 1888, she was married to Melvin Kerns in Walla Walla, afterwards moving to the Grande Ronde valley, July 10, 1892, where she has made her home since. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Keeney, Mrs. Wiley Shelton and Mrs. J. N. Boyd of Walla Walla, and four brothers, John, William, Edward and George Randall. And she was the mother of nine children, six of whom are living; Ross Turner and Melvin Kerns of Pine Valley, Lloyd Kerns of Medford, Ore., Ethel, Mabel and Helen Kerns who are with their father, Melvin Kerns at their home, Alice, Ore. Lewis Turner, Maude and Baby Kerns who are laid to rest.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That under and by virtue of an order of sale issued out and under seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Union county, on the 9th day of May, 1912, in the case wherein the state of Oregon is plaintiff and P. A. McDonald, administrator of the estate of John Morrison, deceased, T. M. Rankin, Earl Rankin, George Rankin, R. M. Rankin, Minnie Goodman Cora Joel, William Morrison, Lawrence Morrison, Euphemia Krohn and J. B. Friswald and state land board of the state of Oregon, were defendants, to me directed and delivered, wherein I am commanded to make sale of the real property hereinafter described, I will on Tuesday the 11th day of June, 1912, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the front door of the court house in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described lands, to-wit:

The southwest quarter of section 11 township 2 south range 39 E. W. M., excepting twelve and two-fifths (12 2-5) acres on the east side thereof, described as follows: Commencing at a point in the center of the Grande Ronde river 48 rods south of the center of section eleven (11) township 2 South Range 39 E. W. M., running thence up said river to a point in the middle of the channel thereof 121 rods south of the center of said section 11; thence north 73 rods to place of beginning.

A piece of land described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section ten (10) township two (2) south range 39 E. W. M., thence running north on the section line twenty (20) chains; thence west at right angles two (2) rods; thence south and parallel with the said section line 20 chains; thence south 32 degrees, 30 minutes west 17.18 chains; thence north 66 degrees 15 minutes west; 7.6 chains to the center of the channel of the Grande Ronde river; thence up and along the center line of said channel to a point therein on the section line between sections ten (10) and fifteen (15) township two (2) south range 39 E. W. M., 15.67 chains east of the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of said section ten (10); thence east along said section line to the southeast corner of said section ten (10); thence north along the section line to place of beginning.

The southwest quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of section nine (9) township two (2) south range 38 E. W. M.

All of said lands lying and being in Union county, Oregon, and heretofore escheated to the state of Oregon by judgment of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Union county; for the purpose of complying with the commands of said order of sale. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this

the 11th day of May, 1912.

F. P. CHILDRERS,
Sheriff of Union county, Oregon.
May 13 20 27 June 3 10

COOLED THEIR WRATH.

Bailey's Way When He Caught a Tattler on the Telephone.

When the telephone bell rang the senior partner said to the junior partner:

"If that is that man Bailey just you tell him what you think of him, even if you lay yourself liable to a fine for violent language."

The junior partner relieved himself of a few abusive epithets, but presently after a brief pause he expressed the same sentiments couched in much milder terms. Said the junior partner: "There you go crowding again. Why can't you stick to what you said in the first place?"

The junior partner dropped the receiver.

"Supposing you come and say it yourself," he said.

The senior partner did so, but after a little he, too, repeated his harangue with all the backbone left out.

"It's no use," he said. "You can't curse a man twice over the phone who answers your first outburst with 'I beg your pardon. I didn't quite catch that. Say it again, please.' That is Bailey's way. You try to say it again, but the second time it sounds pretty rank even in your own ears, and your temper of rage moderates into a tranquil breeze."—New York Times.

UNKNOWN COUNTRIES.

Mongolia and Tibet Mostly a Riddle to the Outside World.

Neither the Chinese themselves nor the rest of the world knows much of Mongolia or Tibet. The most of those two countries belong to the desert, and, although they have been inhabited since the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, the outside world is to them a sealed book, and they to the world an unguessed riddle.

The great desert of Gobi, that is partly in China, partly in Manchuria, partly in Mongolia and partly in Siberia, is traversed by the oldest transportation lines in existence. It has a caravan route over which tea and silk laden camels have traveled toward Europe for these 3,000 years, and yet from the time when Kublai Khan macadamized the road until the time when the Russian railroad paralyzed it by the competition of steam no one of the merchants who traveled over it turned either to the right or to the left to tell Europe and the accident of the wonders or the terrors of that unknown land.—Argonaut.

A Lost Language.

A monument to a lost language is to be found in the village of St. Paul, near Penzance, in Cornwall, and it is believed to be the only monument in existence which marks the death of a vanished tongue. It commemorates the death of the last woman who spoke in the Cornish language and was erected by a Frenchman. It is a granite obelisk about seven feet high and is built into the churchyard wall, the front facing the highway, where it is plainly discernible by all who pass that way. The upper part is in the form of a Maltese cross. The inscription reads as follows: "Here lieth interred Dorothy Pentreath, who died in 1777, said to have been the last person who conversed in the ancient Cornish, the peculiar language of this county from the earliest records till it expired in the eighteenth century in this parish of St. Paul."

The Memory.

Unquestionably the memory of the race is deteriorating. Plato knew perfectly well what he was about when he declared that the invention of letters was the deathblow of memory. In the old time men depended upon their memories for all the affairs of life. The songs of the bards, the laws, all business transactions, everything that took place was lost unless men remembered it. And they remembered it. They had to remember it. The difference between the memories that carried the total content of human knowledge and the memories of today is tremendous. There is no particular reason for remembering things today. They are all on record, and the memory of the race is accordingly dying out.—New York American.

Fed From the Sword.

The true shamrock is one of the tinnest of the clover family and has small yellow bloom—that "sprig of shamrock, wearing of the green."

When an Irish mother brings forth a male child she puts his first food on the sword of her husband and lightly introduces into his little mouth with the point of the sword.—Solinus, 1,700 Years Ago.

No wonder the Irish are natural born soldiers.—New York Press.

"Kid" Gleason is given a great share of the credit for the fine work of the hite Sox. The ancient Quaker has been a big success as coach and foreman of the ginger works.

Good Piano Playing.

In an article on piano playing in the Woman's Home Companion the author reports as follows the views of Leschetzky, the teacher:

"When I was studying with the great master he pointed out to me the importance of musical expression in the following way: He called my attention to the fact that one person, for instance, may tell you a tale in such a way that you find little in it that is interesting, whereas another person may tell you the same story in such a manner that you follow every word with the keenest attention. The secret of interest lies not only in the story, but very especially in the voice, the tone, the expression—in the manner of telling. All this is interpretation. A careless or dull piano student may play even some exquisite melody in such a way that it does not attract you at all, whereas an artist's playing of it may bring tears to your eyes."

Not All.

"Thomas," said the mother severely, "some one has taken a big piece of gingerbread out of the pantry."

Tommy blushed guiltily.

"Oh, Thomas," she exclaimed, "I didn't think it was in you."

"It ain't all," replied Tommy. "Part of it's in Elsie."—National Monthly.

Class Distinction.

"Did ye see as Jim got ten years' penal for stealing that 'oss?"

"Serve 'im right too. Why didn't 'e buy the 'oss and not pay for 'im like any other gentleman."—London Sketch.

The Best Way.

Choose always the way that seems the best, however rough it may be. Custom will soon render it easy and agreeable.—Pythagoras.

The Mental Railroad.

Patient—I cannot concentrate, doctor. My train of thought keeps jumping the track. Doctor—Ah, a nervous wreck!—Puck.

The absent are like children—helpless to defend themselves.—Rende.

Almida, the Cuban player released by the Reds to the Birmingham Southern League team, says he would rather be a regular with the minors than warm the bench in the big show.

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