

HORSE STRUCK BY BIG LOG

PALMER JUNCTION ANIMAL MEETS DEATH.

"Sky Pilot" From Elgin Conducts Services at Camp Number Four.

Palmer Junction, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Benjamin Rafter visited with his family in La Grande from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Spencer and mother came up Friday, returning to La Grande Sunday night.

The George Palmer Lumber company lost a valuable horse last Saturday. It was struck by a log, while working near the chute.

Mr. and Mrs. Reavis, who came here from Missouri about two months ago, have moved to Camp No. 4.

James Sims had his foot badly mashed a day or two ago by having it caught under a rolling log. He was taken to the hospital.

Rev. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Elgin, held services at Camp No. 4 last evening. He has organized a class for bible study in this place which met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. D. Maxwell. The members are all taking a lively interest in it and it is sure to succeed.

There is still more than two feet of snow here in spite of recent heavy rains.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES.

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without known parentage the first time. To require a majority of appointing appointive which the charter has already cared for, is the purpose of the ordinance. It is entitled, "An ordinance to regulate the appointment of the various appointive offices and providing for a penalty for the lack of such appointments. Some of the sections are identical in tone with the charter, but the essence of the measure is contained in one clause which makes it cause for impeachment if the mayor fails to appoint men for office whom the council will confirm. It modifies slightly the term, requiring that the appointive officers shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed; provides that the mayor shall make no recess appointments with men whom the council has once refused to ratify. Mayor Hall passed up his prerogative to declare the ordinance in direct violation to the charter, claiming that it was evidently aimed at him and he intended to let it take its course.

The only way to amend the charter is by popular vote and the attempt to do so by ordinance has made laughing stock of the unknown author.

One Way to Catch a Fox.

If you are particularly anxious to do a little surreptitious fox catching try the following. It is the sage of Lupton who speaks in his "Thousand Notable Things." "Anoint the soles of your shoes with a piece of fat swine's flesh as broad as your hand, newly toasted or a little broiled at the fire, when you go out of the wood home ward. And in every of your steps cast a piece of the liver of a swine roasted and dipped in honey, and draw after your back the dead carcass of a cat." Your fox cannot resist all this, but "be sure to have a man nigh thee with bow and shafts to shoot at him, or by some other means to hit him." Good fun this for a country house party at loose ends.—London Spectator.

Greenwich Observatory.

In the year 1675 King Charles II. of England founded the royal observatory at Greenwich in order that astronomical observations might be made for the assistance of sailors. The history of the observatory has been the history of chronology and of this practical side of astronomy. Its work and its standards have become distinctly international. The meridian of Greenwich now determines the longitude of the world.

A Sign.

"Barbers are determined they shall not be mistaken as catering to any but the males."
"How so?"
"Didn't you ever notice that they are always postmarked?"—Baltimore American.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF LADY CONSTANCE STEWART-RICHARDSON



Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson, whose graceful classical dancing has won her world-wide recognition was a prominent figure in the various Christmas charities conducted by the nobility of Great Britain.

KING OF GAMBLERS

Francois Blanc, the Ex-Convict, Who Bought Monaco.

THEN STARTED MONTE CARLO.

A Bold and Reckless Soldier of Fortune. He Instituted the Gilded Gambling Palace That Now Wins Millions Yearly For its Wealthy Owners.

Francois Blanc, an ex-convict from Homburg, bought the principality of Monaco, boots and baggage. The genius of gambling had claimed many an individual, many a noble and his estate and not infrequently an entire city, but it had never before undertaken such a conquest as this.

Francois Blanc is one of the most remarkable of all soldiers of fortune. Of his early history little is known. He was seized by the authorities of Homburg for having made fraudulent use of the telegraph in relation to stock exchange news received from Paris. His method was one of the very oldest—namely, the corruption of the employees. It seems that at this time the German law did not precisely cover this species of swindling, and he and his twin brother escaped with a sentence of seven months.

Francois Blanc was not discouraged. He had accumulated 100,000 francs, and with that sum he established the Kursaal at Homburg. The Kursaal flourished, and Blanc might have gone on there to the realization of his ambitions but for the national sentiment he was shrewd enough to foresee. Blanc realized that the time was not far distant when the German people would put down the sort of gambling in which he was engaged, so he began to look about for some new country in which to set up his temple of fortune.

On the coast of the Mediterranean, between the kingdoms of France and Italy, there was a little independent principality. It was not more than two miles and a quarter long and hardly three-quarters of a mile wide, but it was an independent kingdom, with an old and royal house.

Charles III. was the reigning prince, but he was a tattered monarch, and his court was a beggarly make believe. In his desperate situation it is said he applied to a shrewd Parisian for counsel, who advised him to set up gaming tables and thereby "ruin other people's subjects since you have already ruined your own." Charles III. followed that pregnant

advice. He sold a gambling concession in the principality to two adventurers, Duval and Lefevre. These men built the casino, but their venture was not particularly successful. They asserted that Charles' avarice could not be satisfied, and when Francois Blanc arrived on the Mediterranean, around 1830, he bought the concession and moved his gambling establishment from the Kursaal at Homburg to Monaco.

Francois Blanc was a bold and daring adventurer. The little principality was divided practically into three towns—Monaco, Condamine and Monte Carlo. It was the last that Francois Blanc occupied. He employed the best architect to be had, built a great casino, laid out beautiful gardens and terraces and expended over \$3,000,000 upon the mere prospect of making Monte Carlo the gambling headquarters of Europe.

Francois Blanc, the ex-convict from Homburg, was no ordinary man. Lord Brougham said that Blanc was the greatest financier of his time. At any rate, his great financial adventure justified itself. Blanc came to live in splendor. He married his daughters to princes, he accumulated a fortune of 250,000,000 francs, and he left behind him an establishment that nets at least \$5,000,000 a year in profits.

More than this, Francois Blanc bought and paid for the principality of Monaco. He paid Charles III. 500,000 francs a year and all his expenses, with a percentage of the profits; he kept up all the roads and gardens for the principality; he paid the police and magistrates and all fixed charges of the kingdom. Moreover, when the merchants of Nice endeavored to persuade the French senate to resist gambling at Monte Carlo and when the subjects of the principality threatened to revolt, Blanc, daring and full of resources, had Charles issue an edict abolishing all taxes in the principality, and out of his concession, in addition to what he had already paid, Blanc paid all the taxes of Monaco.

When Albert Honore Charles, the present Prince of Monaco, came to the throne he remained under the thumb of the family Blanc, and in 1898 the concession they had obtained was renewed for fifty years upon the payment of 10,000,000 francs down, 15,000,000 to be paid in 1914 and other vast sums, together with practically all fixed charges of the principality. All this is done by a company called La Societe des Bains de Mer de Monte Carlo.

At 50 the gates of gambling ate a king and his court, a monarch of one of the oldest reigning houses in Europe—a palace, an army, a principality with its subjects, and a bishop and cathedral to boot!—Melville Davison Post, in the Saturday Evening Post.

CURIOUS BURIAL CUSTOM.

The Pigeonhole Tombs in Use in the Cemeteries of Spain.

A rather curious and to our ideas somewhat unpleasant custom obtains in Spanish cemeteries. All around the burying ground a building is erected whose design can only be compared to that of a nest of pigeonholes, often seen in postoffices and similar institutions. Each pigeonhole is a tomb.

When a person dies his relatives hire a pigeonhole for five years, and the remains are placed inside. The end is then sealed up with mortar and a memorial tablet affixed on the outside. The lease of the pigeonhole may be renewed at the end of the five years, but if it is allowed to expire the tomb is unsealed and the bones removed to make way for another tenant.

Needless to say, the plan has some good points. The space taken up by the "pigeonhole cemetery" is comparatively small, as is also the cost of burial. Picturesqueness is, however, conspicuously absent, nor is sentimental grief catered for, as it would be impossible to go and mourn at the grave of a person buried in a pigeonhole so high up that a ladder was needed to reach it.

To such as prefer the old fashioned graves the central space of ground is offered, but the pigeonholes are the most popular.—Wide World Magazine.

A LOOK OF TERROR.

How Artist Hodler Posed His Model to Secure It.

Ferdinand Hodler's picture "Das Mutige Weib" (the courageous woman) has been much discussed in art circles, especially in Switzerland, the home of the artist.

The look of terror on the woman's face is lifelike. The story of how the artist got the facial effects, depicting fright and determination, is as follows:

Four models came to his studio to sit for the picture. He asked them in turn to wear an expression such as they would have on jumping into a lifeboat from a sinking ship in a storm. Not satisfied with the results, he took them up to the flat leaded roof of his house, which is five stories high, and placed a chair on the extreme edge. The poor models were dreadfully frightened, and each in turn sat wide eyed on the forward edge of the chair, too nervous to look in any direction but straight forward.

The artist chose one of the women and took up his easel and rapidly sketched in the face and upper part of the figure, though not at all too rapidly for the sitter.—Munich Cor. New York Sun.

Sleep and Play.

If we want to sleep every night we should work and play every day. But the play must be play in its essence—that is, we must enjoy it. This is the gist of Dr. C. W. Saleeby's hints on exercise for business men. Nature is not so diabolically contrived, he says, that anything we enjoy is bad for us. "We daily need work to discipline us, maintain our physical, mental and moral fiber; we daily need play to lighten us (it may be cricket, music, chess, geology or even golf; we are all as different as our faces and have different needs accordingly), and we nightly need sleep to restore us." Dr. Saleeby himself takes no annual holiday, believing that the best plan is "a holiday every day."—New York Telegram.

The Marching Song.

No one knows the inspiration of a tramping song better than the soldier, and most regiments have their favorite airs, which they love to yell when on march. The men of the Manchester regiment have a fine reputation for singing on the march, and two of their favorite songs are "Killaloe" and "Brian Boru," both of which give opportunity for some hearty shouts at intervals. Similarly the Yorkshires, when route marching, enliven the way with "Dan Tucker," a song in which the words are of no account and the tune a series of diabolical yells.—London Chronicle.

Seen in a Menagerie.

"I have heard of haughty strides and graceful glides, but the heroine of this melodrama has a sort of zoological walk."
"What kind of walk is that?"
"Why, the author speaks of her pursuing her catlike tread with a dogged determination!"

Interested.

"The earliest mention of coal is said to have been made by Theophrastus," said the professor at breakfast.
"And what did he say it was a ton professor?" inquired the economist, lazily, pouring the coffee.—Yonkers Statesman.

Up to the Proposing Point.

Many a fellow who has been trying to get his courage up to the proposing point for two years is surprised when the girl accepts him in two seconds.—Philadelphia Record.

There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance.—Gorence.

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CITY BALANCE SHEET.

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ishings and furnishings of the fire department were recommended by the chief, Benham, and referred to the proper committee.

The blueprints of the actual survey of the Beaver Creek pipe line right of way, prepared by former City Engineer Curtiss, were presented and will be forwarded to Washington in lieu of those previously lost in transit.

An ordinance dealing in detail with the new manner in selling bonds and caring for and assessing improvement districts, was put on its third reading and final passage.

Completing the plan started a week ago for the city to invest in general warrants without paying interest, buying at 95 per cent, a resolution was passed requiring that the warrants so purchased be placed in the custody of the treasurer, instead of the recorder.

A resolution introduced by J. F. Campbell was read and referred, it dealing with the present sewer inspection, which is said to be incomplete. The method proposed makes a new office of plumbing inspector who must be a journeyman plumber, but self sustaining by charging fees for the installation of fixtures hereafter. It will be studied by the judiciary committee. It is admitted that the question involved is a problem to be solved.

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ed shortly and it remains to be seen if Mr. Campbell has hit the right method to pursue. The resolution occasioned some discussion at its introduction.

Property owners on Sixth street who pooled their interests in fighting the proposed and eventually realized paving, have liens of \$12.50 attached to their property in view of judgments sustained. This was brought up by the city attorney, but as \$10 of this is for statutory attorney fees, it is believed the main item will be dropped and the \$2.50 required. As Councilman Halsten was one of those who had judgment attached, he explained that in his opinion, the city itself had lost in one issue of the litigation and had a like judgment attached to it. It will be reported in full at the next meeting.

The committee studying the submission of a proposed commission form of government asked for another week to prepare its report, as the undertaking was a voluminous task.

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