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THE PAVING QUESTION.

Mr. Hunter of the Dollarway paving is here and says he will cheapen the cost of paving in La Grande, which is good news to every property owner.

Let a fair test be given Dollarway. The people who pay the bills are entitled to this test. More claims for any paving count for little, just as giving bonds for the life of paving count for little.

FOR A WISP OF HAIR.

Greatness has its rewards even if they do generally come after the famous one is occupying his six feet of earth and has ceased taking any interest in events.

But just recently in Paris, a collector paid \$4,800 for a small lock of George Washington's hair. It was a mere wisp.

ed his hair at that price while he was alive, he would have been a millionaire, for George had a large shock of very red hair under his powdered wig.

There seems to be a lesson in this. Great men should save up their hair to be sold in wisps for the benefit of their descendants. Of course this advice will do Mr. Rockefeller very little good.

The sale of Washington's hair ought also help the hair restorer business some in this country, for the great men will doubtless take cognizance of the Washington hair incident and prepare for the future.

An umpire at St. Louis wants \$35,000 damages for a smashed nose. Lots of people would at times, be glad to pay that amount for one crack at an umpire.

The first Illinois female jury fined a woman for disturbing the peace. The woman must have had an imported hat as the jury was only ten minutes agreeing on its verdict.

The California legislature is considering a bill to regulate the size of bird cages, and it is not believed the Japanese government will have any real reason to take exceptions to that.

June bridegrooms are just beginning to learn that it does not pay to subscribe to any sort of periodical that contains new cake or salad recipes.

Babylon had a bankruptcy law 2,300 B. C. All of which civilization shows that the wives of that ancient city were swell dressers.

The most rigid economist that we know of is the man who lets his wife cut his hair.

Instances of bigamy are getting so common that they excite just about as much interest as a notice to cut weeds.

An eastern professor says women do not have mathematical minds. But the dressmakers are all good at figures.

If Mr. Wilson keeps the senate in session much longer the vice president will almost earn his salary this year.

A Paris couple wedded in an aeroplane. Ah, probably it was one of those high noon affairs.

Investigate Before Paying Academy Fire Loss.

Pendleton, Aug. 14.—Though the entire Pendleton academy property, consisting of two buildings and lots that have since been laid out as Wade's

addition, sold about a year ago for \$9,000, it now appears that insurance in that amount was carried upon the one building which was burned last week and reports have it that the insurance companies will make a searching investigation before paying the losses.

At the time of the fire, it was known that there was a \$6,000 policy carried by the owners, Lincoln and Beulah Meador of Walla Walla, with the Citizens' Insurance company of Missouri through Heard & Folsom, local agents, but not until the last day or so did it become known that another policy for \$3,000 was carried with the Pacific Mutual Insurance company.

G. W. Coultts, local agent of that company, declared this afternoon that such a policy had been taken out on the building by the Presbyterian board of trustees and had since been assigned to Henry T. Hill and by him to the Meadors without the knowledge of the company. Moreover, he asserts that his company had never been notified that another \$6,000 policy had been written on the property. He states that there is a question as to whether the policy is valid in view of these circumstances and intimates that his company will make a close investigation before paying.

Charles Heard of the firm of Heard & Folsom, stated this afternoon that he had not been notified of the policy with the Pacific Home because of the fact that the Hartman Abstract Co., which placed the insurance was not aware of its existence. The \$6,000 policy was written when the property was in possession of Thomas Hall who purchased it from Hill and sold it to the Meadors.

In order to be present at the adjutant which is scheduled to take place tomorrow, H. M. Crooks, president of Albany college and a member of the Presbyterian board of trustees is here today. The board had a mortgage of \$3,500 on the building and President Crooks is looking after the interest of the board.

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MOUNTAIN TRIP PICTURED

PROFESSOR TELLS OF BEAUTIES OF NATURE.

Describes in Detail Trip Taken by the Willamette Summer School.

(By Prof. O. C. Whitney, in Joseph Herald).

Last Saturday the Willamette University summer school, which is in session in Joseph, was the guest of Mr. Jay H. Dobbins, on a trip through the mountains to Aneroid lake. Early in the morning a heavy wind and a little sprinkling of rain caused some faint hearts to despair, they believing that the day would prove unpropitious, but the leader of the party, knowing more about local conditions, declared that a nicer day could not be had and that the trip would be made as planned.

In order that the ladies of the party might not feel the effects of the strenuous trip too severely, automobiles were provided to take them to the head of Lake Joseph, where the men of the party had the horses in waiting. By eight o'clock every one was in the saddle and on the trail ready for the eight-mile climb to the lake. To those who had never been in the mountains before, the trail seemed somewhat dangerous, and to those who were used to mountain climbing, it was regarded as at least a pretty stiff climb.

No more picturesque or fascinating scenes could be found in this section than those to be viewed along this trail. The beautiful Willows river with her constantly changing series of rapids and waterfalls, the mountain sides clad with virgin forests in places giving way now and then to great areas of bluebells, heather, Indian paint brush, forgetmenots, daisies and other mountain flowers, with springs bubbling up here and there forming rivulets down the steep inclines made pictures not soon to be forgotten.

The last of the party reached the lake at eleven o'clock. Mr. Dobbins had not only invited the members to become his guests along the trail, but had requested that they should not bring lunches as it was his purpose to serve a regular sheep camp dinner prepared by himself and his assistants in record time after reaching the camp. Upon arriving at the lake, everyone was told to roam the valley, the hills or seek the lake shore as their fancy chose, but to be sure to report for dinner at 12:30 sharp. It was a very novel sight, within a few minutes to see a large camp fire surrounded by Mr. Dobbins as chief cook with Messrs. F. D. McCully, Rev. J. W. Miller, and Frank Kernan as assistants. Better than their agreement, dinner was called at 12:15 and probably a

more appreciative company never sat down to a sumptuous banquet. Nothing that would add to a complete camp dinner was forgotten, and all declared that each cook was entitled to a vote of thanks and honorable mention. The afternoon was spent in exploring the mines, the canyon, climbing the mountains, snowballing and coasting, playing by the lakeside and resting under the trees.

By four o'clock the party was again ready "to hit the trail," first lining up for a picture on "the mounts."

This we believe is the largest party that has ever visited this beautiful spot. The party consisted of fifty persons and forty horses. It is a remarkable fact that with such a large company and such a long train that nothing should occur which would in any way mar the pleasure of the day. Such, however, was the case. Everyone seemed desirous, not only to have a good time himself, but to add to the pleasure of every other one.

Mr. Dobbins was assisted in his preparation by Mr. Faulkner, who was unable to take the trip with the party.

Everyone was told, his praises of these gentlemen and the others who assisted in making this such a pleasant outing for the summer school and

those of the towns people who went along.

Don't Shoot "Mad Dogs."

Albany, Aug. 9.—To substantiate his statement, that "mad dogs" are often poisoned dogs, an Albany man quotes from Glover, a well known authority on diseases of animals and the writer of a number of text books on the subject.

"In case of fits, the first symptoms may be absent, the animal on being attacked rushing away wildly, yelping as if in pain, running against objects as if partially blind and perhaps snapping viciously. Many dogs are destroyed when in this condition particularly if on a public thoroughfare, as the cry, "mad dog" is at once raised; whereas all the poor animal requires is a little medicine and attention to restore him to his normal condition."

"To those who have any knowledge of the diseases of dumb animals, their habits and the precautions necessary to preserve their health, it is a wonder that there are not more cases similar to the ones reported to the local papers by the city authorities. By the terms of the so-called dog ordinance, dogs are not permitted to obtain any exercise whatever and it would not be at all surprising under the circumstances if more of them suffered from attacks of fits."

"If there is anything that will produce fits in dumb animals, keeping them continually tied by a rope or chain will accomplish that purpose."

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