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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholder of the State Bank of Imbler, will be held at their banking rooms, at Imbler, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 13, between the hours of 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock P. M., for the election of a board of five directors to serve for one year and the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

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"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house, for I know it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.

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### TREASURER'S CALL FOR CITY WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given, that there are now funds on hand to pay all standing warrants on the General Fund of the City of La Grande up to and including No. 11664, endorsed April 1, 1912, and all warrants on the Water Fund up to and including No. 13451, endorsed August 4, 1913. All interest on these warrants ceases from the date of this call.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 20th day of December, 1913.

N. J. MANSAGER, City Treasurer.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mother's Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers.

### Sick Two Years With Indigestion

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## MASONS HOSTS TO "CHAPTER"

JOINT INSTALLATION AT WALL-OWA IS BIG AFFAIR.

Installation, Speeches and Banquet Help Make Merry.

Wallowa, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—One of the happiest evenings in the Masonic circles for members and visitors, occurred Thursday, December 18 at Wallowa. The occasion was the joint installation of officers of Standley Lodge No. 113 A. F. & A. M. and Jessica Chapter No. 68, O. E. S. The Masons having extended the invitation to the Eastern Star, were hosts for the evening. J. P. Morelock, W. M., of Standley Lodge, called the session to order and invited Mrs. Rose Searle, retiring matron, Mrs. Maude Marvin, worthy matron elect and Mrs. Dora B. Schilke of Hope Chapter, to seats in the east. It is needless to say the sisters appreciated the high honor. The gavel was tendered the sisters and they proceeded to install the following officers: Mrs. Maude Marvin, worthy matron; J. P. Morelock, worthy patron; Mrs. Jett McDaniel, associate matron; Edwin Marvin, secretary; E. A. Searle, treasurer; Mrs. Augusta Trill, conductress; Mrs. Mary Morelock; associate conductress; Mrs. Lilly McCrae, chaplain; Mrs. Lena McCrae, marshal; Miss Helen McIntire, Adah; Mrs. Carrie Walker, Ruth; Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell, Esther; Mrs. Hattie McDonald, Martha; Mrs. M. Dwyer, Electa; Mrs. Rae Searle, W. G.; Mr. John McDonald, sentinel; Mrs. Dora B. Schilke of Hope Chapter, No. 13, officiated as installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Hattie O'Brien as marshal. E. S. Logan of Hiram Lodge No. 67, Summerville, and L. E. George of Olympia Lodge No. 1, occupied seats of honor in the east.

With E. S. Logan as installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Hattie O'Brien as marshal, the officers of Standley follows: J. P. Morelock, W. M.; K. Lodge No. 67, were duly installed as J. W.; H. S. Spence, secretary; E. T. Campian, treasurer; Edwin Marvin, S. D.; James Britton, J. D.; James Hayes, J. S. S.; L. C. Peterson, J. S.; C. B. Walker, Tyler.

The speaker of the evening was L. E. George of Olympia, who gave a very instructive address on "Masonry and Good Fellowship."

A bounteous banquet was served and as a new day dawned all departed for their respective homes voting the brothers of Standley Lodge ideal hosts.

## A LIAR OR A LUNATIC

By F. A. Mitchell.

A party of young men were sitting around a table in the cafe of a New York club. The subject turned on the marvelous feats that are said to be performed by the fakirs of India. A number of these feats were described, each one more wonderful than the last, when Ned Garland told the following:

"You've hit on a subject that comes very near home to me," he said, "for one of my family was operated on by one of these Indians many years ago with a result that has recently made my hair curl."

"During the last war with England—in 1814 or thereabouts—my ancestors lived on the family estate or farm, for that's all it was, not half a mile from where we are now sitting. One day my great-grandfather, Timothy Garland, a young bridegroom, had a quarrel with his wife and told her he wished he might not see her again in a hundred years. Then he left the house with a bang of the door and, mounting a horse, rode down to Frances' tavern, where he proceeded to get gloriously drunk."

"The next day, when he was sober, he was beside himself with remorse and rode back home to beg his wife's pardon. He found her lying in a comatose condition, from which it was impossible to arouse her. She had left with the servants a paper for him on which was written:

"You have wished you might not see me again in a hundred years. You won't see me as I was till that time has passed."

"The upshot of it was that when he had gone down to the tavern one of these Indian heathens came along, offering to tell my great-grandmother's fortune and do many wonderful things. She was full of anger at the time and told him she would give him all the gold she had in a stocking if he would put her to sleep for a hundred years. The rascal took her at her word and performed the trick."

"Her husband kept watching for her to come to herself. He said nothing about her condition, not caring to have it known that it was through his harshness that she had come into it. But she remained as she was, and after awhile he locked her up in a room, and since he made no mention of her she was at last forgotten."

"When the farm was sold the family vault was retained and the ground underneath which it was excavated descended to me. When I came of age a few weeks ago and took possession of it with other property I concluded to inspect it. I found a grewsome place full of coffins, some of which had partly rotted away. One that had been made of marble interested me. From a crack in the lid protruded a paper. I pulled it out and found that it had been written in a language I knew nothing about."

"I took the thing to a professor of unknown tongues in Columbia college, and he told me it was written in one of the languages of India and I had to get an Indian of that province to interpret it. I hunted all over the east side among the slums for such a person and at last found one. It read in English:

"This lady is to be brought to life at the expiration of a hundred years, or in November, 1913."

"I was told by the translator that only an Indian fakir could do the job, but luckily one had just arrived from Bombay, and I was informed where he was to be found. He read the paper and said he would try to bring my great-grandmother to life if I would pay him \$100 in case he succeeded. I agreed to the terms, had the sarcophagus removed to the top floor of a building I owned, paid in advance, and the Indian went to work."

"He wouldn't permit me to be present during his manipulations, but called me in after six hours. On a lounge was a woman about twenty-three years of age. She seemed only half alive, but was sufficiently resuscitated to speak feebly."

"Jim," she said, "how could you?" "I'm not Jim," I said. "I'm Ned."

"Oh, dear! What's the matter with you, or is anything the matter with me? I feel so weak."

"She had evidently taken me for her husband, my great-grandfather, who was just my age in 1813."

"I looked about for the Indian, and he had gone. It struck me that I'd better have some one about, and I said to my great-grandmother:

"Please excuse me a moment. You are not well and need attention. I am going to summon assistance."

"Do you know that while I was looking at her, even during this short time, she seemed to have grown older. Without waiting for her consent I ran downstairs, but as I went it occurred to me that I had better not be in a hurry about the matter; there were many dangers connected with it. I paused, pondered and went back to the room. I suppose I had been gone twenty minutes. And yet while I had been absent the resuscitated bride of twenty-three had grown to be an old woman of 123. And as I looked she gave a gasp and within a minute had become a shriveled mummy."

There was a brief silence, which was broken by one of the party, who said: "Ned Garland, you are the biggest liar that ever entered this club or ever will enter it."

"That's why I didn't summon assistance. I knew I'd be put down either for a liar or a lunatic. Waiter, take the orders!"

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Mats For the Bathroom. The rag rugs of white with colored borders or pink and blues to go with whatever color scheme is used in the bathroom are very satisfactory. Then there are the cotton velours rugs in pink, green, olive, etc., with white borders, that are excellent. They are heavier than the rag ones and would have to be sent to the laundry. Very large and heavy bath mats are sometimes used in the children's bathroom.

Red Tomatoes Preserve. Peel large, ripe, smooth tomatoes without scalding and remove the seeds with a spoon. Measure and place in a preserving kettle with equal measure of sugar, two lemons sliced and one cupful of chopped rhubarb. Cook till the tomatoes are translucent, place in jars and pour over them the sirup.

Canned Grapes. Take well ripened grapes, pick from the stems, wash and drain in a colander; take granulated sugar, make a thick sirup as though going to make candy. Drop grapes in and let come to a boil; seal in glass jars while hot. They will retain their flavor almost like fresh grapes.

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