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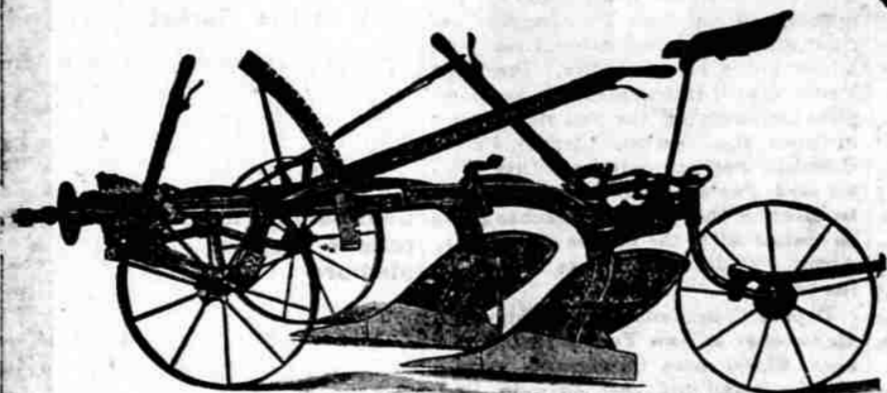
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Jacksonville News.

G. C. Cully, of Steamboat was in Jacksonville and Medford during the week.

Miss Dee Ankeny and Clarence Reames have returned to Eugene to resume their studies.

There were just sixty-two marriages in Jackson county from July 3d to December 30th 1895.

W. V. Jones, the Woodville merchant, was in Jacksonville Friday evening on legal business.

James Drum, the grocer, is paying his annual visit to San Francisco. John Devlin has charge of the store.

Hon. Wm. Colvig left for Portland Sunday on a business visit. He will institute a Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., in Portland.

E. J. Kaiser, of the Record, was in Jacksonville Friday night showing his brother, of Yreka, the sights of this part of the Rogue river valley.

R. J. Cameron, of Uniontown, who had a protracted spell of malaria, has fully recovered and was in Jacksonville during the week, the first time since the close of the Central Point fair.

We neglected to note in our last report that C. C. Beekman and wife have returned from their extended eastern visit. Their daughter, Miss Carrie, will spend the winter in Berlin, Germany and will visit Egypt before her return to the United States.

Sheriff Hiatt, of Josephine county, brought Chas. Fiester, the wife murderer, and another prisoner from Grants Pass, last week, for safe keeping until the Pauley cells are placed in the Grants Pass jail. Fiester is quite ill with consumption and it is thought he may yet cheat the gallows.

Another of Oregon's early pioneers has crossed the river of the great beyond. This time it is John Toeper, who died at his home in Jacksonville Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks, caused by paralysis. The deceased was aged 73 years 2 months and 28 days, and a native of Prussia. The funeral took place Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m., the services conducted by Rev. W. B. Moore.

Jackson county is \$7.50 better off this week owing to the change of heart of John A. Williams. In the year 1882 he presented some scalps to the county clerk and received a bounty on them, the clerk presuming they were coyote scalps. Of late Williams has joined the church and God has directed him to correct his error, and he appeared before Clerk N. A. Jacobs, confessed he had received a bounty on wild cat skins in lieu of coyote scalp and turned over the above amount.

The young ladies of Jacksonville met at the residence of Mrs. E. Orth Monday evening for the purpose of arranging for a leap year ball to be given Friday January 31, 1896. Mrs. Chris Ulrich was elected president, Miss Mollie Miller vice president, and Miss Joe Orth secretary—after which the following committees were appointed—Supper, music, decoration, invitation, reception, finance and soliciting. The meeting adjourned until Friday evening when further arrangements will be perfected. The occasion promises to be the event of the season. The party will be a fancy dress affair.

Saturday evening the semi-annual installation of officers of Jacksonville lodge No. 101. O. O. F. took place. W. F. Shawver, D. G. M., of Medford, installed the following officers: John Dyar, N. G.; H. Elliott, V. G.; L. L. Jacobs, R. S.; K. Kubli, Treas.; John Boyer, P. S.; G. N. Lewis, R. S. N. G.; W. C. Dennis, L. S. N. G.; F. Luy, W.; Miles Cantrall, conductor; A. N. Solis, R. S. V. G.; J. Cronemiller, L. S. V. G.; J. M. Horton, I. G. After the closing ceremonies a collation was spread, superintended by Mesdames Kubli, Ulrich, Miller and Wilson. The ladies have gained a wide reputation as adepts in the culinary art and always please the most fastidious.

The past week has been one of feasting and pleasure to the members of two lodges. On Friday evening occurred the installation of the new officers of Madrona lodge A. O. U. W. by Grand Master Wm. Colvig, at which time he installed Mrs. J. F. White, P. C. of H.; Mrs. L. L. Jacobs, C. of

H.; Mrs. Chas. Prim, L. of H.; Mrs. Jas. Wilson, C. of C.; Mrs. W. J. Plymale, recorder; Mrs. P. P. Prim, financier; Mrs. T. J. Kenney, receiver; Mrs. Wm. Colvig, usher; Jas. Wilson, I. W.; J. C. Whipp, O. W. Mrs. S. R. Wilson was also initiated in the mysteries of the order. At the close a large crowd composed of the members and their families partook of an elegant lunch prepared by Mesdames P. Prim, Colvig and Wilson.

BOERS REPULSE ENGLISH INVASION.

Dr. Jameson's Filibusterers Meet With Disaster in the Transvaal.

The invading English army in the Transvaal, South Africa, has been disastrously defeated by the Boers. One hundred and thirty were killed, 37 wounded and Dr. Jameson was taken prisoner, and will be court-martialed at Johannesburg. The details of the battle have not yet arrived. Serious results will undoubtedly follow this affair. Emperor William of Germany cabled President Kruger, leader of the Boers, congratulating him on "defeating the invasion of his territory by armed forces." This telegram has enraged England and the German emperor may become involved before a settlement is reached.

There is no doubt that the Cuban insurrection is gaining strength daily and that the rebels are obtaining assistance from sources that hitherto have been thought to be loyal to the government. The success of Gomez and Maceo in passing the hitherto invulnerable trocha, the military line that in previous insurrections kept the rebels in the province of Santiago de Cuba, and their dash across the province of Santa Clara into Matanzas, has led many men and youths who were wavering in their allegiance to the crown, to throw aside their doubts and cast their lots with the insurgents. The whole island is now in a state of war. Havana is under martial law.

The mystery of the invasion in the Transvaal is now explained. It was a part of the plot for the overthrow of the Boer republic and the annexation of the Transvaal to the British dominions. The executive officers of the British South African company and certain mining capitalists in Johannesburg were the principal conspirators. Cecil Rhodes is charged with instigating the plot, and Dr. Jameson was his tool. Rhodes has resigned the premiership of Cape Colony.

The complete failure of the plot was due to the acute shrewdness of President Kruger. He determined not only to defeat the plot, but to punish the foreign members of the conspiracy. He knew that a revolt had been planned at Johannesburg, and that Dr. Jameson was ready to march from Mafeking. At the same moment he arranged with certain honest leaders of the Uitlanders to present to him a request for certain reforms which had long been a basis of discontent.

These included the removal of the tariff on food stuffs, granting equal subsidies to all schools, no matter what language was taught, and extending the franchise to the foreign residents.

Then he seized the telegraph office and prevented the news of the concessions or any other information going out. The revolution was timed for the following day. It did not come off. The city was placarded with Kruger's action, and there was no longer an excuse for revolt.

The leaders found themselves check-mated, but their messages to Dr. Jameson and others informing them of the change in the situation did not get beyond the telegraph office. Meantime President Kruger rallied his burghers from all sides and sent them to meet the invaders, with orders to kill. They obeyed literally. Their marvelous marksmanship was again shown by the fact that of 167 Englishmen who were struck by Boer bullets 130 were killed.

The Venezuelan Commission.

President Cleveland has announced the appointment of the Venezuelan boundary commission as follows:

David J. Brewer of Kansas, justice of the United States supreme court; Richard H. Alvey of Maryland, chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White of New York, ex-president of Cornell university; Frederick R. Coudert, the well-known lawyer of New York, and Daniel C. Gilman of Maryland, president of Johns Hopkins university.

All the appointees accepted and met at Washington for the purpose of organization. Justice Brewer was chosen president and the commission adjourned to meet next Saturday.

Cruel Tortures.

In ancient times prisoners were subjected to the most cruel tortures and terrible forms of death. The monuments and records of Nebuchadnezzar tell with great unobscured how many thousands of his enemies he beheaded, impaled and flayed alive.

Two Pairs of Eyes.

He (delighted with a new play)—Isn't it grand?
She (looking at the heroine's dress)—Perfectly lovely! It must have been made by Worth.—Spare Moments.

HAIR UNDER THE MICROSCOPE.

One of the Many Important Factors in Murder Cases.

In centuries past the human hair played an important part in all judicial proceedings. Those that were permitted to wear beard and hair had rights that could not be claimed by the shorn and shaved. When men made oaths, they touched their beard and hair, and women placed the finger tips of the right hand on their tresses.

Servants were obliged to have their hair cut, and if a freedman went into slavery he had to divest himself of his hirsute adornments. An adult adopted by foster parents was obliged to have his beard shaved and the shaving of beard and hair was a punishment inflicted on criminals. The jurisprudence of our ancestors dealt with punishment "by skin and hair" for small offenses and "by neck and hand" for greater crimes.

There has always been more or less superstition about hair. Great strength was implied by it, and wizards and witches knew of concoctions of hair by which they poisoned enemies. Cats' hair was especially named in the category of poisonous hairs, and even at the beginning of the seventeenth century Paulus Zacchias, a famous physician, writes of the virulent poison of the hair of cats.

Among civilized people such superstitious beliefs have gone out of existence, and only Malays give their enemies tiger hairs in broth to kill them.

Hair today, however, is one of the important factors in deciding murder cases, and the microscopic examination of hair, where it is found in criminal cases under suspicious circumstances, is invariable.

The first thing the coroner is called upon to determine is whether the hair is from man or beast. The microscope determines this beyond peradventure. Animal hair differs in construction from that grown on a human head. In human hair the upper skin is smooth and thin. The circular section is comparatively broad, forming the main part of the hair shaft. It is striped in appearance and carries the color matter. The tubular part is thin, extending to about one-fifth and certainly not more than to one-quarter of the entire width of the hair.

Animal hair also consists of three parts, but these are differently constructed, the tube often filling the entire hair. The ends of the hair must be closely watched, and especially woman's hair will be found ragged and torn at the ends.

The hair from beards is usually the thickest, its diameter being as much as 0.15 millimeters, while hair from female heads can be as fine as a diameter of 0.06 millimeters would make it.—St. Louis Republic.

Wood Bending.

In an account of the wood bending industry a writer in The Woodworker remarks that comparatively few persons outside the carriage and boat building interests are aware of its extent, and but few realize that the carriages they ride in are very largely made of such wood—the felines of all their wheels are bent and made in two parts—the framework of coaches and heavy carriages is nearly all made of bent stock, and not only better made, but more cheaply, and the frames of pleasure boats are bent, as also many of the frames of the finest sailing yachts. Furniture, too, of many kinds, has bent frames, all the celebrated Thonet chairs, for example, being made entirely of wood thus treated. The object of bending is twofold—namely, saving of time and stock and stability and strength of the work when put together—this independent of beauty of form, and bent carriage shafts are almost, if not entirely, used now, instead of the old style, clumsy, sawed ones. Skill in manipulating the material is very essential. Simply the forms to bend on and the steam box in which to soften the wood do not alone insure success in the operation—it is necessary to know perfectly the stock to bend, it being so variable that no two pieces bend alike.

Two Literary Coincidences.

In a recent after dinner speech Rider Haggard mentioned two old literary coincidences that had occurred in connection with his works.

One of these concerned his invention of an incident on the Tana river, where a mission station was attacked by the Masai and the mission people were killed. Strange to say, after his imaginary account had appeared, some missionaries did found a station on that river, were attacked by the Masai and some of them were killed.

In his book, "The People of the Mist," he had fixed upon an unknown part of Africa and had described a region from his inner consciousness, and only a week before the speech was made a company, in which the author is a director, had sent out orders to take possession of the very tract he had in view, and so far as the reports of the native agents who had inspected it went he believed his descriptions were fairly correct.

The Republicans have organized the senate with the assistance of the Populists, who hold the balance of power. F. D. Armour, the Chicago capitalist, is said to be buying and storing corn in Nebraska and Iowa to await a better price as a speculation.