

NEWS OF THE STATE.

For the past two months traps have cost Eugene \$100 per month—in meals and lodging.

John Morgan, aged 65 years, was found dead in his woodshed at Junction City on December 18.

A number of counterfeit dollars, made largely of antimony, have been in circulation in La Grande, and have been successfully passed in the saloons of that city.

The combined age of a couple recently married in Clackamas County is 154 years, the bride being 71, and the groom 83.

They are having a wet time in the old town of Portland, judging from this from the Oregonian: "With seven inches ahead of the average, the precipitation will well afford to 'let up' for a few days."

The projectors of the sugar beet factory at La Grande have decided to erect buildings large enough to accommodate machinery necessary for a 700-ton factory, which is just twice the capacity originally proposed.

A party is said to be in the Willamette valley buying horses for the Klondike trails—presumably to replace the dead ones now scattered from Skaguay to Dawson City.

A Lakeview paper says that a scow, to carry freight, has been put on Goose lake in Lake County. The scow will be fitted with sails and will be navigated as well as may be that way until gasoline engines can be put on board of her.

Stock Inspector Vandeventer, of Crook County, will soon have finished his semi-annual inspection of the sheep in Crook County. Only about 14 bands, out of about 330,000 head remain un-inspected.

In all this lot, he has only found three bands infected with scab, and heard of two others that he will inspect later.

At Baker City the most important suit of this term of the circuit court was that of W. W. Ellis against 40 householders, for the recovery of 100 loaves in the heart of the city.

The Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company has awarded Hemenway & Burkholder, of Cottage Grove, Lane County, a contract for furnishing 19,000 red fir crossarms.

Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic is a perfect malarial liver and blood purifier. Removes biliousness without purging.

Citizens of Ventura, Cal., declined the proposition for the reorganization of that town into a city of the fifth class.

A. W. Sisson, a well-known Californian living at San Francisco has been sued for \$25,000 by Irene Violet Taylor, for breach of promise.

John Lavaggi, an Italian miner, was killed by falling down the shaft of the South Eureka mine at Sutter creek, Cal.

The Sanger Lumber company's box factory at Fresno, Cal., was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night.

The city council of Los Angeles suspended School Director Webb pending the charges of extortion and blackmail against him being investigated.

Cures Talk

"Cures talk" in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, as for no other medicine. Its great cures recorded in truthful, convincing language of grateful men and women, constitute its most effective advertising.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate.

MRS. PEABODY'S SOLITAIRES.

By Antoinette Van Hoesen Wabeman.



"Yes, I have been out enjoying what is probably the last opportunity of the season," said Mrs. Peabody as she stood in her bicycle costume, one of a little group waiting in the hotel rotunda for the elevator.

"That's a woman in ten thousand," said the gentleman who had spoken to Mrs. Peabody.

"Yes," said his companion. "The worldly Mrs. Peabody," as her family and friends half in jest, half seriously, call her, is an exceptional woman.

"You're right. Didn't she look a picture, though, in that natty bicycle suit?"

In the meantime Mrs. Peabody had donned a modish house gown and seated herself in the circling window of her sitting-room.

"It's me two legs I'll be takin' to Heaven wid me, mum. I'll never be after carrying a stump around wid me."

"I think not this year, my dear. I never knew more trying times. I have even withdrawn my subscription from the Relief and Aid."

It was but three days until Christmas. The weather was cold, crisp and fine. Mrs. Peabody had all her gifts ready and everything seemed to promise an unusually pleasant holiday season.

"How very beautiful! Ah, how good you are, Erastus!" she exclaimed, her face glowing with pleasure.

"I have wanted them so long. You don't know how they suit me," she continued, as she adjusted the beautiful gems and viewed her reflected self with the utmost satisfaction.

"Erastus," she said, "don't think me rude, but will you tell me how much you are to pay for my solitaires?"

"Erastus, will you take them back and give me the price of one," and she explained that she proposed to have the

operation performed which would restore Nora. "and you take the price of the other and renew your subscription to the Relief and Aid."

ing there came a soft knock at the door followed by the announcement: "It is just Annie, Mrs. Peabody. It's about Nora I'm after comin'."

"Nora had at one time been Mrs. Peabody's favorite maid, and she did not hesitate about going to her at once, although she knew the snow, so beautiful as a part of her window picture, was making a most disagreeable slush on the streets."

When Mrs. Peabody and Annie reached the tenement where Nora lived, and were mounting the stairs, they heard a strong melodious voice singing to the strokes and clicks of a falliron as it was used and placed and replaced on a metal stand:

"Do not courtin' of woe by lookin' 'em up, Just work and be merry and drink of your cup. Net carlin' about what to-morrow may bring. It's to-day, my laddie, that's havin' its fling!"

"I wonder who that philosopher is?" said Mrs. Peabody.

"That's Biddie Sullivan. She's always a singin' to keep them cheered."

"No, just a friend from the old country as always lives with them."

Mrs. Peabody saw several physicians and found that nothing but a difficult operation which could not be undertaken for less than \$500 could save both the girl's life and limb and she determined if possible to have it performed.

"I've decided to take you into my confidence," said Mr. Peabody, "and I think I'll do so before I look over the evening paper. As the worldly Mrs. Peabody has perfect taste, I want to know what she thinks of these as a Christmas gift for my best girl? Will they suit her? I've only taken them on approval, and he handed her a dainty open case in which were a pair of brilliant and exquisite matched solitaires, from the very best house in the city.

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"But, my dear, you say you have wanted a pair of solitaires for a long time," said Mr. Peabody.

"Entirely sure."

"And this is the 'worldly Mrs. Peabody,'" said her husband, putting his arm about her.

"Yes, it is," she said, throwing back her head and smiling. "I am worldly. I love the world, and I was never happier in it than I am just now."

"It was for love of the world," said Mr. Peabody, softly, as he bent and kissed his wife, "that the Christ whose birth we celebrate came to teach, suffer and die among us."

The trunk line railroads of New York have succeeded in obtaining control of nearly all the entire water front of Greater New York.

A dangerous counterfeit \$10 silver certificate is in circulation. The note is of the series of 1891; check letter C, plate 7, treasury No E184125.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from group by using One Minute Cough Cure."

A train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad ran in to an extra train at Clinton, Ind. Three of the employees were killed and half a dozen seriously injured.

Two more German warships have been sent to Chinese waters. In parting Emperor William told Prince Henry, who has charge of the expedition, to protect German honor at all hazards.

Patrick Moore of Woodland, Cal., drank a quantity of wood alcohol on a recent night and the following morning he was totally blind.

Mrs. Lizzie Wombles, a procureuse, of Sacramento, Cal., was sentenced to four years' imprisonment at San Quentin. The woman was an employee of a factory, and induced young girls to go there and meet men.

The Roman mother who with her mantle defended the body of her child from the ravenous birds of prey is a perfect type of motherhood in all times and among all people.

Prospective mothers should know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a scientific medicine, which gives perfect health and strength to the special organs concerned in motherhood.

It is the only perfect and positive specific for all weaknesses and diseases of the female organism.

Mrs. F. E. Forgy, of Caras, Kentucky, writes: "I write to you again concerning my daughter, Mrs. D. Billings. She has taken two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' She thinks the medicine did her a world of good. She was confined the 15th of February. Was sick but a short time and has a sound daughter. Got along nicely afterward. Looks good, complexion looks clear, and she says she never felt so well."

HARPER'S BAZAR

Advertisement for Harper's Bazar magazine, featuring fashion illustrations and articles. Includes text: "A MIRROR OF FASHION", "LONG SERIALS AND SHORT STORIES", "WILD KELEN", "RAGGED LADY", "DEPARTMENTS AND SPECIAL ARTICLES".

Advertisement for Nervous Debility, Lost Manly Power, and Seminal Weakness. Includes text: "WHEN OTHERS FAIL CONSULT DOCTOR SWEANY".

Advertisement for Men and Women with Weak Backs. Includes text: "A Weak Back brings an untimely death. It is an unmistakable sign of diseased kidneys."

Advertisement for F. L. Sweany, M. D., 737 Market St. San Francisco, Cal. Includes text: "James Petray, who so mysteriously dropped out of sight in Sonoma county, Cal., some three years ago, when indicted for manslaughter by the grand jury, voluntarily surrendered himself to the sheriff of Sonoma county one day last week."

Advertisement for Mott's Pennyroyal Pills. Includes text: "Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Itching, Bleeding, and Itching Piles. It also cures the tumor, always the itching at once, and as a poultice, gives instant relief."

Advertisement for EAST AND SOUTH The - Shasta - Route OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY. Includes text: "EXPRESS TRAINS LEAVE PORTLAND DAILY."

Advertisement for BUTLER JEWELER. Includes text: "No Cure—No Pay. That is the way all druggists sell Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic for malaria, chills and fever."

Advertisement for PATENTS. Includes text: "50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. ANYONE sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable."