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MAN WAS BORN TO MISTLE.

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A KANSAS judge has decided that a man had the right to bury his wife alive, but a short time after ward fined the same man for feeding her. The man was a hypnotist, and pretended to be able to put his wife in a hypnotic trance and keep her that way six days without food.

THE football season so far has resulted in ten deaths from injuries received on the field, and the number of serious accidents number seventy, besides there have been a number of limbs broken, of which no reports have been made. There doesn't seem to be much real difference between a football game and an old-fashioned free-for-all row.

IN SPITE of the verdict of the people in two elections and the overwhelming public sentiment in favor of retaining the Philippines and the fact that we will hold them anyway, the "anti" are still lifting up their voices in the endeavor to raise the dead issue. Like Goldsmith's schoolmaster, "E'en though vanquished, they can argue still." Well, let them. It doesn't hurt anyone and may be some satisfaction to the "anti."

THE Crown Prince of Siam, who is making a tour of this country, took advantage of the royal prerogative to be discourteous, and refused to meet Mayor Williams, of Portland, when the latter called on him. Mayor Williams was naturally disgusted, but said he didn't care for that kind of royalty anyway. A man, who has been a United States



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STRANG'S DRUG STORE.

Senator and attorney-general of the United States, has no occasion to feel hurt by the impoliteness of a sprig of royalty from a little six-by-nine government.

It is quite a long way in the future yet, but along about the second week in November, 1904, W. R. Hearst and W. J. Bryan can get together and compare notes as to "how it happened."

THE advantages of sticktoitiveness were never better illustrated than by the fortune of the Republican and Democratic parties. For over forty years the former has been doing business at the old stand of "Prosperity and Progress," while the latter has been switching around from "ism to ism"—free trade, silver, anything to be opposed to the Republicans. Only twice in that forty years have the Republicans lost control of the national government, and both times the people had cause to regret the change.

THE Government is to commence work in Oregon next spring under the general irrigation law. This determination has been reached after the department had gone over the proceedings of the recent irrigation convention in Portland, and been convinced of the earnest desire of the people for Government aid in the reclamation of the semiarid portions of eastern Oregon. The character of the work and the localities where it will be undertaken will not be decided upon until the committee designated by the convention reports on the several feasible projects in the state, and designates those for which there is the greatest demand from the people. The preference of the majority is to be respected in this work as far as possible.

"The Irish Pawnbrokers."

"The Irish Pawnbrokers," the biggest musical comedy organization that visits the cities outside of the East, is booked for a performance at Wilson's Opera House, Friday, December 5th. The company, which is a large one, is headed by the famous farce comedy star triumvirate, Sullivan and Mack, and Mazie Trumbull, who are recognized as leaders in musical comedy. They are ably assisted by Delmore and Wilson, Joe Warde, Bobby Bryant, Joe J. Conlan, Eddie Brown, Lottie West Symonds and a beauty chorus. In all the organization numbers twenty-five people and carry every stock of scenery they use—three complete acts. The comedy has a good consistent story with many amusing complications and laugh provoking situations. It was written by Edgar Selden, author of "A Hot Old Time," which has broken all records as a money maker. Its younger brother, "The Irish Pawnbrokers," bids fair to eclipse that marvelous record.

Fruit Trees for Sale.

We have a splendid stock of fruit trees for sale at our nursery, one-half mile west from Talent. The apple varieties are Newtown Pippins, Spitzenburg and Jonathans—these for commercial orchards. We have other varieties for family orchards. We also have a variety of pear trees.

BEESON & HUGER.

Musical Recital.

Mrs. Gore gave one of her charming musical recitals at the Coss Piano House on Friday evening last. Mrs. Gore's recitals have become a feature in Medford musical circles, and the audience is always large and interested. The following program had been arranged for the occasion:

PART I.
The Sleighride..... Walter Treve Lumsden, Vernon Vawter
Shepherd's Greeting..... Miss Mabel Coss
Waltz..... Miss Bessie Earhart
The Old Finger Post..... Molloy
Waltz..... Edward Day
Spring Flowers..... Dana Egghard
Etude Op. 46, No. 12..... Lloyd Elwood
L'Amazone Mazurka..... Heller
Song..... Miss Helen Coss
Elfin Dance..... Deanie Moroy
The Merry Merry Lark..... Helme
Just for Today..... Nevin
Mrs. Gore
PART II.
Schweizer Heimweh nach den Bergen..... Stumpf
Goodbye, Sweet Day..... Vannah
I'm Queen of a Fairy Dance..... Miss Mabel Coss
Minuet in Antiqua..... Paderewski
Violets..... Miss Flora Gray
Waltz, Op. 70, No. 1..... Ellen Wright
Over Hill and Dale (two pianos)..... Chopin
Miss Flora Gray, Miss Fannie Whitman
Miss Hazel Davis, Miss Venita Hamilton
The next recital will be given at the same place on Saturday evening of this week—instead of Friday, as announced.

Farm For Sale.

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City Council Proceedings.

The following proceedings were had at the meeting of the city council on Tuesday evening:

The petition of W. S. Barnum to substitute gravel for wooden sidewalk in front of his property on North D street was denied.

Bond of E. L. Gurnea, as superintendent of water and lights, in the sum of \$2000, with H. B. Nye and E. N. Warner as sureties, was approved.

The petition of property owners on the south side of 7th street, east of Bear creek bridge, for a sidewalk was referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The street commissioner was ordered to create no further bills against street and road fund for the next sixty days without orders from committee on streets and alleys or the mayor.

The chief of police was allowed an additional salary of \$15 per month for the remainder of his term, to take effect from December 1st.

The following judges and clerks of election for the municipal election, to take place on January 13, 1903, were appointed:

1st Ward—Judge, J. C. Ferguson; clerks, J. W. Lawton and F. M. Jordan; voting place, town hall.

2d Ward—Judge, Frank Wait; clerks, H. G. Wortman, W. L. Halley; voting place, upstairs in Hamlin block on D street.

3d Ward—Judge, A. Z. Sears; clerks, H. B. Nye, J. E. Day; voting place, Perry's warehouse.

The following bills were allowed:

LIGHT AND WATER FUND.
California Electric Works..... \$168.92
E. L. Gurnea, salary, etc..... 82.00
Eli Hogan, labor..... 8.50
E. F. Wolfer, setting meter..... 1.00
O. S. Snyder, salary..... 40.00
Geo. Epp, salary..... 35.00
Chas. Straug, ft & ex..... 35.25
" supplies..... 2.15

STREET AND ROAD FUND.
H. E. Boyden, supplies..... 6.25
J. Schultz, teaming..... 8.15
I. J. Phipps, gravel..... 4.10
Hubbard Bros., plow..... 22.00
J. Brandenburg, rock..... 4.10
Mitchell, Lewis & Stayer Co., scraper..... 8.00
M. Purdin, blacksmithing..... 1.30
S. G. Edwards, team..... 10.50
A. Z. Sears, team..... 24.00
A. B. Greenland, labor..... 3.10
J. A. Garon, teaming..... 9.10
C. C. Hull, labor..... 9.75
Eli Hogan, labor..... 8.25

GENERAL FUND.
Chas. Straug, supplies..... 45
J. E. Toft, salary..... 23.00
C. J. Howard, salary..... 45.05
C. E. Eads, special police..... 19.00
J. Brandenburg, salary..... 48.00
J. E. Demmer, fire hose..... 100.00
Chas. Straug..... 14.00
H. Mann, printing..... 75

CITY RECORDER'S REPORT—NOVEMBER 1902.
LIGHT AND WATER FUND—RECEIPTS.
Collected by Supt L. & W. for rent lights..... \$32.40
" " " water..... 119.08
" " " miscellaneous..... 118.23
Total..... 269.71

DISBURSEMENT.
To warrants issued on L & W Fund..... \$149.97
Amount of disbursement over receipts..... 925.6

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.
Rec'd for retail liquor license..... \$250.00
" " other licenses..... 41.00
" " fines in criminal action..... 90.00
Collected by chief of police on sale of stray stock..... 51.00
Rec'd from Co Treas on acct of tax..... 25.50
Total..... 457.50

DISBURSEMENT.
To warrants issued on Gen'l Fund..... \$152.97
Am't of receipts over disbursement..... 304.53

STREET AND ROAD FUND—RECEIPTS.
To poll tax collected by St Com..... \$30.00
Rec'd from Co Treas on acct of road tax..... 2.55
Total..... 32.55

DISBURSEMENT.
To warrants issued on St & Rd Fund..... \$61.83
Am't of disbursements over receipts..... 32.28

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Musical Recital

On Saturday evening, November 29, Miss Kendall and a number of her pupils gave a musical recital at the residence of Mrs. Hockenjos, in West Medford. A goodly number of friends were present and a very pleasant evening was spent listening to the music. Following is the program:
"El Trovatore" (4 hands)..... Verdi
Elvira Hibbard, Miss Kendall.
"March"..... Gies
Violet Stewart.
"Mignonne"..... Liehner
Bertha Daley.
"Hunting Song"..... Spindler
Frieda Hockenjos.
"Sonata"..... Diabelli
Mrs. Crowell, Miss Kendall.
"Waltz"..... Jewell
Jennie Ferguson.
"Am. Berceuse"..... Bohm
Elvira Hibbard.
"Solfegretta"..... Bach
Bertha Brandenburg.
"Waltz"..... Schubert
Elle Phipps.
"Tarentelle"..... Heller
Elvira Hibbard.
"The Village Chapel"..... Hoffman
Hattie Patchnell.
"Fad Fare"..... Bohm
Frieda Hockenjos, Miss Kendall.
Recitation..... Selected
Minnie Hockenjos.

Destructive Fire at Lakeview.

The town of Lakeview had a narrow escape from a large fire November 24th, and as it happened property to the value of \$10,000 was destroyed. At 7 o'clock a fire broke out in the Oregon Hotel and spread to the restaurant of George Jammerthal and the residence of John Avirgenet, which were also burned. Fortunately there was no wind stirring at the time, so the flames burned themselves out. The hotel property belonged to W. K. Barrey, and was occupied by L. F. Winkleman. The loss on the building and furniture is figured at \$9,500 with \$4,000 insurance. The loss to Jammerthal and Avirgenet is stated at \$700.

Among the Churches.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Sunday, December 7th, second Sunday in Advent. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, December 10th, evening prayer and lecture at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

L. M. IDLEMAN,
Minister-in-charge.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
The first of a series of four evening sermons will be given at 7:30 p. m.; subject, "A History of Creation," to be followed by "A History of Light," "A History of Life," and "A History of Redemption." The other services of the church as usual. It is expected that Rev. A. M. Petty, state evangelist, and wife will begin special meetings with this church January 4, 1903.

Settle up Notice.

All persons owing the undersigned are requested to call at the store of Brown & Owen, and settle same at once. All accounts must be settled without delay.

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—The MAIL has the news.

Public School Notes.

Who found Fay Anderson?
Thanksgiving vacation, Thursday and Friday.
Retta Reynolds is unable to attend school.
Glady and Georg's Heard are with us again.
Amy Kent has completed her school and is with us again.
Lawrence Piekens is at work in the commercial department.
Josie Saltmarsh enjoyed Thanksgiving at her home on Little Applegate.
The school board will add another teacher the first of the new year.
Leila Prim, of the business department, spent Thanksgiving at home.
Miss Julia Fielder has been selected to take Miss Garrett's place in the second grade.
Many of our departments are full and running over and new pupils coming almost every day.
The school has added twenty-five volumes to its library, "Heroes of History," one of the latest publications in the historical line.

The debate, "Resolved, That the United States Should Break up the Trusts," was won by the affirmative—Guy Mickey, leader.

No pupils will be admitted to the primary department after next week. Send the little tots along, if you wish them to enter school this year.

Miss Helen Walt, class of 1902, is teaching the Dewey school. Her patrons are so well pleased with her work that she has been hired for a month more than her term and engaged for the spring term.

There must be a hearty co-operation between parents and teachers, if the best results in school work are attained. If your children have trouble, investigate before saying or doing anything harsh. Possibly, there are two sides, and the teacher may not be all to blame.

Miss Grace Garrett, teacher of our second grade, has resigned and will take up work in the Ashland schools the first of the new year. Miss Garrett is a faithful and efficient teacher, and we regret very much to lose her. Her salary in Ashland will be \$50 per month, with one-half of the work to do there is in our school.

—Carload of Portland cement—J. F. White.

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