

ADAM WEAVER DEAD OF ATTEMPT TO SLAY SELF

Adam Weaver, an aged resident of Canyonville, who was taken to the state asylum about one month ago, died at that institution on Wednesday. Ten days previous to his commitment and while convalescent from a long illness, Weaver attempted suicide by slashing himself with a small pocket knife. He had the idea that certain persons were trying to take away from him his property, which is worth about \$20,000. He leaves a family.

NO SUCCESSOR NAMED TO SUPPLANT VAN DUSEN

SALEM, Or., Feb. 24.—At a meeting of the board of fish commissioners, when Master Fish Warden Van Dusen filed his annual report, the question of the election of his successor was brought up by the governor, but Treasurer Steel and Secretary of State Benson were not ready to elect a new warden and voted it down. It has long been known that Governor Chamberlain and Master Warden Van Dusen have not been on the most congenial terms, and reports of a possible successor to Mr. Van Dusen have frequently been published. There are two candidates for the job. Former Deputy Warden Webster of Oregon City, who was relieved of his commission at the request of Van Dusen, and J. T. Campbell, also of Oregon City, but neither of these is acceptable to Secretary Benson, and he and Treasurer Steel have been unable to agree upon a compromise candidate. Secretary Benson has not espoused either candidate or choice for the position, and Van Dusen may hold the job indefinitely.

ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPION BASKETBALL

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 24.—In a decidedly one-sided game of basketball in this city Roseburg high school defeated Albany high school in the wind-up of the schedule of the Western Oregon league. The score was 6 to 10. This victory gives the Roseburg boys the pennant with a percentage of 1000. They defeated Albany, and Eugene and Salem twice each. Roseburg is now arranging a game with Columbia university, champions of the Portland city league and victors over the pennant winners of the Northern league.

NASTY DIVORCE SUIT IN ANOTHER PHASE

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 24.—Augustus Hartje, the millionaire paper manufacturer, John L. Welshons, a prominent hardware dealer; Clifford Hase, the negro, who was formerly employed by Hartje as coachman and named as respondent in the divorce suit brought by Hartje against his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, were placed on trial today in the criminal court, charged with conspiracy to blacken the character of Mrs. Hartje.

NOTICE

Real estate agents and brokers are hereby notified that the licenses due the City of Medford under Ordinance No. 342 are now due and should be paid at once. Failure to pay renders offenders liable to a fine of from \$25 to \$100, or imprisonment. BENJ. M. COLLINS, Recorder.

Want First Floors Only.

From house to house a young couple passed, looking at flats. "It's funny they can't find anything in this whole block that suits them," said an interested observer of their progress. "What is the matter?" "There are plenty of vacant flats," said an agent, "but they wouldn't suit those people. They are not on the first floor. That couple is just from the country. Like all other people who never have lived in an apartment, they are afraid of fire and on that account can't be persuaded to go above the ground floor. A year from now they will cheerfully climb to the fourth or maybe the fifth story, but until they get broken in nothing but the first floor will do."—New York Press.

All Out.

George Golden and his friend Casey, a pair of well known humorists, once sailed for Europe.

Relating the events of the trip afterward Golden remarked:

"Talk about seasickness! Had I known that Casey was afflicted that way we never should have gone abroad. The very first day out Casey collapsed and refused to brace up again. I tried all sorts of remedies on him, but without avail. All he would mutter was 'Oh, masha, masha! I'm so ill!'"

"Finally I cried out, 'Can't you keep anything on your stomach, man?' "Only my hands, George," he groaned; "only my hands!"

Changing Pork to Fish.

How does a Buddhist fisherman justify his trade? By arguing, says Mr. Young, that he does not kill his fish but only draws it out of the water after which the fish dies a quite natural death. We know a better story than that of Mohammedan lascars on the eastern steamship lines. No good Mohammedan eats pork, but your Moslem lascar has acquired a belief in the transubstantiating virtues of sea water, so he hooks his chunk of pork to a line, tosses it overboard and, after a reverent pause, begins to haul in, hand over hand, to his nasal, slow chant, "Ja, snat! Ihar as muchet!" which being interpreted means: "Away pig! Condemned fish!" Experience has proved the efficacy of this rite.—London News.

Big Beds.

Our ancestors would have had small respect for the modern single bed. We all know their old four posters with their ample room to spread, but these were quite cramping in comparison to some of the really big beds of the world. The great carved oak bed of the Sarcophagi in Ware, England, now a curiosity of Ryebourne, at Hartfordshire, measures twelve feet square and can hold four people comfortably. But no one on record seems to have wanted so much tight room as Or. Man of Basium, whose iron bedstead had an area of 150 square feet and was eighteen and three-quarter feet long and eight feet wide.—London Saturday Review.

Brother Jonathan.

The United States has been known to England and other countries as "Brother Jonathan" for more than 100 years, and this originated with the famous George Washington. President Washington was not above consulting "Brother Jonathan" in his administration, and he had a very close friend named Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut, whom he was accustomed to consult before arriving at a decision. After a time the saying, "I must consult Brother Jonathan," with which he invariably made requests for favors, became almost a catchword locally, and subsequently his fame spread until foreign countries finally adopted it when speaking of the United States.

Why the Basque Cow Died.

A university professor was lecturing on the Basque people and their customs. On the subject of their superstitions he told the following: "I was walking down the street in a little Basque village one day when a man came excitedly toward me. After glancing furtively about he whispered: 'Hush! She is dead.' "Who? I asked, wondering whether the man had lost a lovely daughter or a dutiful wife. "My cow! She died this morning," was the answer. 'And,' he added, 'it but hard to explain. The very first thing I saw this morning when I glanced out of the window was a woman. Truly, fate is against me.'"

Lafcadio Hearn on Browning.

As for Browning and Meredith, I regard the bulk of the work of both as destined to vanish because of its obscurity. I revere Browning—even though obscure, I have been lecturing upon him. I revere Meredith still more, and I have lectured upon him as the greatest philosophic poet of the nineteenth century—for he is not the only one who has embodied a complete ethical conception of the evolutionary philosophy in poetry? But how much greater would both poets have been if they had written as clearly as Rossetti or Tennyson?

There was a party of French artists who made what they called coffee-pictures—a wonderful album. Every one of these artists captured the dregs of his coffee upon a sheet of soft paper after dinner and according to the suggestions of the shapes of the stains pictures were inspired. I think that the obscurities of Browning and of Meredith are like those coffee stains in the mystic mind. They suggest ideas which, if these are to be regarded as according to the imagination and artistic capacity of the reader, seem things English and Japanese. Lafcadio Hearn in Craftsman.

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