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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Holiday season is here again with its attendant gayeties—the season when good will and peace are supposed to abound and it is good for us that such a season comes at least once a year; otherwise some of us might forget that there was anything in this life other or better than the daily grind or business and struggle to make ends meet.

It is good to lay aside the spirit of selfishness for at least a time, letting our thoughts revert to our fellowman and by some little act of kindness help another to forget the sordid things of earth for a brief space at least. In this connection we wish to say: that while financial affairs in our country have been rather unsatisfactory during the past year, Americans have many reasons for rejoicing; not that many foreign peoples are in the throes of bloody wars, but rather that we are enjoying the blessing of peace, and let us hope that one of the Christmas gifts this nation received Friday, is the assurance of peace during the coming year.

Let us hope that the time promised, when "Peace on earth, good will to all men," will prevail the whole year, may soon arrive.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Items of Interest to Jackson County
CIRCUIT COURT

Louis Gallatin vs Hjalmar R. Westberg. Order dismissing cause.

Hypatia Riggs vs W. P. Riggs. Order overruling demurrer.

W. A. Goodrich vs W. H. Harvey, et al. Decree entered. Cost bill filed.

B. L. Powell vs Hannah J. Gilbert, et al. Order of default. Decree.

L. F. Parsons vs F. C. Huntington, et al. Order overruling demurrer.

W. O. Dickerson vs Harry Simpson. Mechanic's lien filed.

Viola Stone vs R. A. Pfeffer. Default order and judgment.

Shorman Estell vs S. C. Carroll, et al. Default order. Decree entered.

John Smith vs Twohy Bros. Order permitting amendment to amended complaint. Second amended complaint filed.

Earl E. Robier vs Angeline Bobier. Disposition of Joseph O. Bobier filed.

J. P. Hansen vs A. R. Robbins. Objections to confirmation of sale of real property.

C. V. Coemmeris vs Mattie Cummings. Order for the payment of additional suit money.

NEW CASES

C. W. Palm vs M. G. Guv, et ux. Suit to foreclose a bond for deed.

State of Oregon vs Louis Martin. Criminal complaint. Transcript from Justice's court, Medford District filed.

Aaron Andrews vs Winnifred Sercomb, et al. Suit to foreclose a real estate contract. Complaint filed.

Helen A. Law vs L. W. Zimmer. Action to recover money. Complaint filed.

COUNTY COURT

In the matter of the estate of Alice L. Burke, deceased. Denial of admission of will. Order admitting will to probate and appointing executors. Bond of executors filed.

In the matter of the estate of Alexander J. Graham. Order on final account.

In the matter of the estate of Fenton M. Bagley, deceased. Report of sale of real property. Order confirming sale.

In the matter of the estate of Margaret A. Walker, deceased. Order confirming sale of real property.

In the matter of the estate of Leater L. Walker, deceased. Order confirming sale of real property.

In the matter of the estate of A. P. Tabot, deceased. Affidavit of publication of citation filed.

In the matter of the estate of William B. Webb, deceased. Notice of hearing on final account.

In the matter of the estate of Fannie M. Fort, deceased. Order approving final account and discharging administrator.

Tramp Chokes Women

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 23.—A tramp, giving the name of Williams, was frightened away from the C. D. Shoemaker residence last night when he had entered the room of a domestic and was choking her. The arrival of a friend of the young women frightened the man away. Running down the street, he met Deputy Sheriff Stewart and with a piece of a fencepost knocked the officer down, the latter being unconscious for four hours. The tramp was arrested between Wilbur and Sutherland early this morning and lodged in the County Jail.

At The Churches

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Services held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in I. O. O. F. Hall. Everybody welcome.

METHODIST
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock. W. G. Caudill Supt. Public worship at 11 a. m. each second and fourth Sunday of the month and at 7:30 every Sunday evening. Class meeting every first and third Sunday 11 a. m. H. C. Gallup leader. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. The public is invited to attend these services. A. Coslet Pastor.

Peerless Geneva.
The most growing tribute to Geneva is Frederic Harrison's "I hold Zurich, Basel and Geneva to be the model cities of our age—the fine type of what cities will one day be in a regenerated age—the true type of civic organization, having site of rare beauty and convenience, spacious streets and avenues, noble public walks and gardens, perhaps everything short of grand antique buildings." Geneva in particular is "the finest type of a rational city that Europe possesses . . . a true city where, as in Athens, Florence, Venice, Antwerp or Ghent, of old, men can live a wholesome civic life, not in huge, amorphous caravan series, such as London, Paris or Berlin—not in suffocating barracks, such as Manchester or Lyons or Glasgow—but in a beautiful, well ordered, free organic city."

His German on Woman.
An English preacher in the seveneenth century, speaking to the text, "To be or not to be," said that woman should be like and unlike three things. She should be like a small, always keep within her own house, but not like a small, to carry all she had on her back. She should be like an echo, to speak when she was spoken to, but not like an echo, always to have the last word. She should be like a town clock, always keep time and regularity, but not like a town clock, to speak so loud that all the town might hear her—*Minneapolis Journal*

Memory.
The brain is like a phonograph. It is full of records, and you need only to set the needle down upon the spring of memory to bring up the record. Of course, this memory is not perfect, and you are responsible as to the character of records with which you stock up. *Los Angeles Times*

THE TWO CLAIMANTS

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

Howard Prover and Ralph Cunningham, two young Englishmen, met in the gold country of Colorado and became fast friends.

These young men, having compared notes, learned that they came from eminent British families. Prover was a younger son of a nobleman, and Cunningham claimed to be a graduate of Oxford. Besides the fact of their being fellow countrymen, there was a strong resemblance between them. They were nearly the same height and build and both light complexioned. There was one difference between them, though it was scarcely noticeable. Prover's right eye was of a slightly different shade of blue from his left eye.

But there was a great difference in the character of the two men. Howard Prover was a kind hearted, noble man; Cunningham was a devil. They prospected together for a time, agreeing that if one struck paying dirt he would share it with the other. Finally Cunningham dug a hole in the ground for which he was offered a hundred thousand dollars. He had no intention of sharing it with Prover and was deliberating how he could beat him out of his portion when a letter came addressed to Howard Prover, earl of Brookfield.

Prover was away on a prospecting tour when the letter came. Both men had been away from England for ten years. If Prover were out of the way Cunningham might return, pass him self off for the new earl and thus appropriate the title and estates. While he was deliberating on this plan word was received that Prover had been attacked by claim jumpers and murdered.

Cunningham went to the place where the fight had occurred and tried to find his friend's body. He was told that a number of persons had been killed in the fight and they had all been buried side by side. He was shown the graves, but saw no reason why he should exhume his friend's body. Returning to his cabin, he opened the letter that had been received and learned that Prover's father and two older brothers had been taken ill and all had died within a period of a few weeks.

A month from that time Cunningham appeared in England and claimed to be Howard Prover, now Earl of Brookfield. There was no one of the family to receive him except a sister of the late earl, who did not doubt that he was her nephew.

No one disputed the identity of the claimant except Lady Gladys Pembroke, the daughter of a neighboring nobleman who would have been Howard Prover's wife except for his poverty. She had not married and when he returned expected a happy meeting. To play the part of her lover was more than Cunningham could accomplish, and she at once pronounced him an impostor.

But notwithstanding this assertion, which was not very largely accepted, Cunningham established himself as the Earl of Brookfield. He had played the part of a peer some four months, when he should appear but the real earl Prover had been left for dead by the one who had attacked him and those who had joined in his defense. Before they had returned to bury the dead he had crawled away. When he had recovered he looked for his claim, but did not find him. Later he had heard of his father's and brother's death and at once started for England.

When one day Howard Prover walked into his home and met his old friend face to face the latter turned pale. There was one of two courses which he might choose—step down and out or claim that the newcomer was an impostor. He chose the latter course. He ignored his visitor, saying that he had come to perorate the real Howard Prover, but that he would be unable to substantiate his claim.

Prover, against such treatment, withdrew and entered suit against the man who had usurped his title and his property. His suit unfortunately adhered to the opinion that Cunningham was her nephew. This left Lady Gladys Pembroke the only witness in Prover's favor, and her evidence was not counted so valuable as that of a member of the claimant's family. Nevertheless, Lady Gladys warmly espoused Howard's cause, and the relations of lovers that had existed before he left for America were resumed.

One witness was found in an old woman who had nursed Howard when he was a baby. But she had never seen him since that time, and her evidence was not considered of much value, especially since in her old age she had lost her eyesight. However, at the trial she was called to the witness stand and testified as follows:

"I have not seen Howard Prover since he was a baby, when I used to give him his bath and when I was his nursemaid, but if I could see him now as then I would know him for I noticed on him a defect I have never seen in any one else. His eyes were of a different shade of blue."

The two claimants were at once examined carefully. Nearly all the examiners pronounced that the tone of Howard's right eye was slightly lighter than that of his left.

This settled the case definitely, and he was adjudged to be the Earl of Brookfield. He married Lady Gladys Cunningham was sent to prison for a term of years for making false pretensions.

Shaved Foreheads and Ear Sticks.

The Wakabayashi people of East Africa are known as the Kikuyu and Akikuyu and inhabit the Kikuyu hills, one of the most beautiful fertile and economically important parts of the British East Africa protectorate not far from Nairobi. These people have rich farms, a great variety of food to eat and are a very finely built race. The good looks of the women, however, are often spoiled by their curious custom of shaving their foreheads in order to make room for the headstraps to which they attach their loads. These people have many curious customs. They are very frightened of the spirits of the dead, for instance, and when any one of them falls ill and is at all likely to die the poor sufferer is at once put out and left to the mercy of the hyenas, entirely deserted by the rest of the tribe. The unmarried women wear sticks through their ears as a sort of badge, while the married ones sport bunches of bangles. *Wide World Magazine*

Dresden's Model Theater Stage.

Dresden seems to have theoretically solved the problem of long waits, for the Konigliches Schauspielhaus brings the technical side of the theater up to the highest point that has ever been reached. The three principal features are simplicity, rapidity of working and the liberal allowance for space, air and light. Instead of having the conventional stage where one scene must be taken down before the next can be set or of having a revolving stage the Schauspielhaus is provided with a stage which is lowered hydraulically for the purpose of shifting the scenery. While one scene is being used, the second is all set up below on the left hand side. The stage is then lowered, and the first scene is rolled off to the right by electric motors, the new scene at the same time being rolled on. Then the stage is again raised, and the play goes on with an interruption of but thirty seconds. *Exchange*

Height of the Panama Canal.

The middle section of the Panama canal, thirty-four miles long, has a water level of eighty-five feet higher than the two end sections, which are sea levels. Vessels entering the canal from the ocean on either side are lifted to the middle section, a height of eighty-five feet, by three sets of locks, each of which raises the vessel a fraction over twenty-eight feet, making a total of eighty-five feet. These locks are constructed side by side like a double track railway, so that one ship may be going up while the other is going down. Only one ship can be in a lock at the same time, but as the locks are constructed in pairs, side by side, two ships going in opposite directions, one going up the incline and the other going down, may pass each other with in halting distance. Vessels are towed through the locks by electric machinery. *Philadelphia Press*

Confusing

Tommy Figgins' Paw doesn't "reverse" mean to "back"? Paw Figgins—Well, yes, it does. Tommy Figgins then what did Uncle Tib mean when he said that he nested up in business because he had too many reverses and not enough backing? *Chicago Post*

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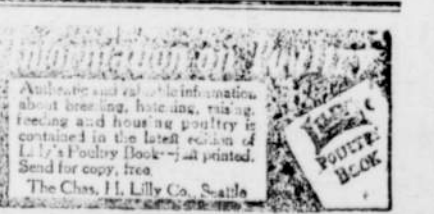
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