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## Hyde Land Case Goes To Trial in Klamath County

Klamath Falls, Dec. 13,—Attorney General Brown of Oregon appeared for the state at the trial of F. A. Hyde, which opened here yesterday before Judge D. V. Kuykendall, of the circuit court. J. O. Bailey is assisting the prosecution and A. C. Shaw of Portland represents the defence. G. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, is present as a witness. Hyde and others associated with him are charged with having made fraudulent entries and thereby purchasing large tracts of state school lands. The purpose of the action is to recover for the state school fund the land involved. About 7000 acres of the land are located in Klamath county.

## Man and Wife Indicted For Murder in Klamath

Klamath Falls, Dec. 11.—The Klamath county grand jury returned four true bills and three not true bills, as a result of the recent sessions, and were dismissed for this term on Saturday night. True bills were returned against the following: Mr. and Mrs Henry Hobbs, charged with the murder of E. C. Way; Moses C. Gerrue, attacking his daughter! Frank Worthington, larceny of a saddle. There was also one John Doe indictment. The charges against Ralph Cole and Harry Ragsdale for larceny in a dwelling were dismissed, as were the charges against Bill Gaskin for larceny of bills, and Ralph Salisch for larcency as an agent. Judge Kuykendall excused all jurors on the regular panel until January 8 when the original calendar will be called.

## $468,000 Needed For Bar at Yaquina Bay

Washington, Dec. 13.—Congressman Hawley is advised that the report of the survey of Yaquina bay shows that 20 feet of water at low tide in the Yaquina bar can be obtained at a cost of $468,000, of which sum Lincoln county, Oregon, will provide one half, if the other half is provided by congress Mr. Hawley urged the board of engineers to recommend the project.

## Germany's War Losses Nearly Four Million

London, Dec, 13.—The total German casualities, ezcluding those in the naval and colonial services, reported in the German official lists for November, says a British official statement issued today, are 166,176 officers and men, making the total losses in killed, wounded and missing since the war broke out, 3,921,869.

## Would Enlarge Penitentiary

Washington, Dec. 12.—The commission created by congress to investigate federal prison industries today recommended enlargement of the McNeil Island penitentiary, Washington, before undertaking any industry there.

## Machinery For New Sawmill Arrives.

Two more cars of machinery for the sawmill of the Applegate Lumber Co. arrived Friday afternoon, and the brick to be used in the construction of the boilers is expected today. The work of installing the machinery will begin at once. The work of sawing some of the sills for the framework has begun. It is now planned to have the mil in operation by February 1st.

The committee in charge of the collections from contributors report good collections so far this week, over $1000 being collecte i Thursdav. It is urged that they be paid promptly to meet the freight and other bills that arise.-Medford Sun.

## Quarantine in Dallas

Dallas, Dec. 14.—The state board of health has ordered a strict quarantine of the cases of measles in this city for a period of 14 days and the physicians have been busy for the past few days posting notices on houses where members of the families are suffering from the malady. Few new cases have been reported in the past two days.

### Steer Bulldogging.

In perhaps the most daring sport of all—steer bulldogging—is revealed a feat you must see to believe. A man jumps from the back of his running horse as he overtakes a Texas longhorn. If his judgment is good he seizes the stiletto-like horns and drags the steer to a standstill. Then begins a struggle worthy of a gladiator as the man, using the horns as levers, bends and strains every muscle to throw the great beast by twisting its neck. If he succeeds in this the classics of the game require him to hold the steer's upper lip in his teeth, at the same time raising his hands for the count of four seconds; hence the term "steer bulldogging." This sport is absolutely harmless in every respect to the four legged animal, but his two legged competitor must use consummate skill, strength and nerve to protect himself and conquer his antagonist.—Charles W. Furlong in Harper's Magazine.

### Trust of a Bird.

A farmer in the neighborhood where I reside was crossing one of his fields one day when he was suddenly arrested by a skylark fluttering down upon him and adhering to his person in the most affectionate way. While he was wondering at its intentions a sparrow hawk, which had evidently been in close pursuit, swooped past. Instantly taking in the situation, he stood perfectly still for nearly five minutes, while the lark nestled contentedly between his feet. Then, seeming to recognize that all danger was over, it left him, rose into the air and began to sing in its loudest and most jubilant tones. A bird whose love of freedom and aloofness from human contact are proverbial, it seemed to have known with unerring instinct where to find a protector in its extremity.—London Standard.

### Heavy Holes.

Mrs. Newed—I would like a pound of your best cheese.

Grocer—Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Newed (examining it)—Why, this cheese is full of holes.

Grocer—Yes, ma'am; that's the way it comes.

Mrs. Newed—Well, I don't want any of it. I'm not going to pay for a pound of cheese that contains a half pound of holes!

### Quite Deliberate.

"I am glad to say," remarked Mr. Seekton, "that I never spoke a hasty word to you."

"No, Leonidas," answered his wife rather gently; "I'm willing to give you credit for not hurrying about anything."

### Our First Theater.

In 1752 the first theater in the United States was opened in the colony of Virginia at old Williamsburg. The originator was an English actor, William Hallam, Sr., who brought his own company from overseas and presented "The Merchant of Venice" as the initial performance. The idea spread rapidly, and soon New York, Philadelphia and the other leading communities of colonial America each had its theater. While the Virginia playhouse was the first in the United States, actors had played in the colonies before this date. The first is said to have been the English strolling player Anthony Aston, who was known as Mat Medley. The actor and his art of that day were generally despised by the Puritanical colonists. The Massachusetts legislature passed a law shortly after amateurs had given "The Orphans" at the Coffee House in Boston in 1749 which forbade such performances, prescribing a penalty for actors and spectators alike of $25 each. —Exchange.

### Curious Baths.

In her book, "My Siberian Year," Miss M. A. Czaplacka, speaking of the social habits of the Siberiaks, says:

"The celebrant of the fortnightly rite of the bath fills the banya with a dense cloud of steam by sluicing water into a kind of open mouthed oven in the wall of the stove and sits on a dais over against this, dabbing himself all over with water he has taken from the cistern and tempered to a just endurable heat in a tin basin with colder water from a barrel in the corner. Having put himself into a state bordering on suffocation and raised his own temperature several degrees above fever point, he pulls open the door, rushes naked into the open air, rolls over and over in the snow, covers himself with it and lies there till the heat of his body has made a pool of water under him. Then he runs back to the banya and flagellates himself with a bunch of twigs as he stands surrounded by a fresh cloud of steam from the oven."

### Fine Luck.

Mrs. Exe—So you've got a new gown after all. I thought you said you couldn't afford one this season? Mrs. Wye—So I did. But you see my husband had a streak of luck recently. He broke his leg the next day after taking out an accident policy that pays $50 a week.—Boston Transcript.

## THE INTERMINABLE DAVIS FAMILY

They All Defended the Family Honor

By M. QUAD

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"I think, suh," said Colonel Venables, "that the oddest experience a duelist ever had occurred to me a year after the wah I did not know Majah Davis until after peace came. Then he came to settle in the town where I lived.

"The majah had a good record as a soldier, and it happened that we soon became friends. The first time I saw him I noticed that the lobe of his right ear was partly gone, and I made up my mind that a bullet had inflicted the damage. Of co'se I didn't refer to it, and it was a couple of years befo' he made any explanation. One day as he sat in my office he made some allusion to his failing sight and added:

"'Colonel Venables, there was a time and it was not long ago that I had the sight of an eagle. I think I had the best pair of eyes in the United States.'

"I made some appropriate reply, and he went on:

"'Colonel, I'll tell you how good my eyes were and see if you won't be astonished. At the battle of Cedar Mountain I sat on my horse directing the operations of my regiment when I saw a Yankee soldier beside a tree half a mile away. While I watched him he drew up his gun and aimed at me. I saw that he aimed to put a bullet between my eyes. Mind you, colonel, I saw all this as plain as I see you. I could not flinch befo' my regiment, and I had to sit in my saddle and await my doom. After a few seconds his gun was discharged. I saw the bullet coming straight for me, and I watched it until it was within two feet of my head. Then I dodged to the left to avoid it, but I did not dodge quite far enough, and as a consequence the bullet struck the lobe of my ear.'

"'That was indeed wonderful,' I replied, thinking he had been drinking too much and was inclined to boast.

"'Yes, suh,' the majah went on, 'I saw the bullet every foot of the way, and that's how good my eyes were. I'm rather afraid that they are losing their sight, although I saw a bird the other day which was at least flying a mile high.'

"'Then surely, majah, your eyes must be all right. You are the only man I ever met who had seen a bullet in its flight.'

"'But maybe you don't believe my statement, colonel,' he retorted.

"'Why, as you say you saw the bullet I am bound to believe you, although it was a rare thing. I myself have seen cannon balls flying about.'

"'Yes, suh, I saw that bullet, and the man who says I didn't means to insult me.'

"I tried to turn the conversation into other channels, but the majah was obstinate and perverse and would not have it. After a minute or two he said:

"'Colonel Venables, I want a direct answer from you. Do you believe the statement I made or do you not?'

"'You might have possibly been mistaken, majah,' I replied.

"'That is enough, colonel,' he stiffly said as he rose up. 'I will send a friend to you, suh!'

"There it was plain and straight, and within two hours the details of a duel had been arranged. We met and fought the next morning. The majah was a novice with the rapier, and I could have run him through within a minute. I did not wish him any hurt, however. I let him off with a scratch, and we went our ways. We would probably have been friends again, but within two weeks he caught the typhus fever and within a few days was dead. After about three months a stranger entered my office one day and said that he had come to challenge me with a duel.

"'Why, man, I never even saw your face befo'!' I replied.

"'But I am a brother of Majah Davis, whom you fought a few months ago. You must give me satisfaction.'

"According to the code of honah, if you fought a duel with a man his relatives could take it up as long as they lasted. If the majah's brother thought that any stain had rested upon his record he had a right to challenge me. I selected pistols, and when we met in the grove I sent a ball through his shoulder, and his bullet grazed my hip.

"In about fou' weeks another stranger entered my office. His name was Davis, and he was a brother to the last one, and he had come upon the same errand. There was no hard feelings. We spoke very pleasantly, and I agreed to accept the challenge from him. I selected rapiers this time, and we wounded each other. He went away home, and I carried my arm in a sling fo' three or fou' weeks. Then, suh, came the fourth Davis. He was a brother to the others and a fine spoken man. I could not refuse his request, as he had made a journey of fifty miles to make it. I returned to pistols this time, and I wounded him in the side, and he wounded me above the right knee.

"It was perhaps three months when the fifth Davis brother made his call. When he had introduced himself I was so surprised that I called out:

"'Heavens, man, have you come about that old duel?'

"With a smile he replied that he had and that he hoped I would give him early satisfaction.

"'Is there no end to the Davis brothers?' I politely asked.

"He told me that there were three more to come, and, would you believe it, suh, I was obliged to fight them all!"


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### Honesty Extraordinary.

A traveler writing in an Italian magazine says that the Swiss canton of Ticino is inhabited by the most honest folk it is possible to imagine. In most of the Ticinese villages, the writer says, the oldest inhabitants do not remember any case of thieving, however petty, within a lifetime. Lost objects when found must never be taken away. They must be left where they were dropped or placed in a conspicuous position, so that the rightful owner can find his property more easily. The case is cited of an American woman tourist who lost her purse on an excursion in the Val Capriasca. The purse contained gold coin and a jeweled watch. Upon returning from her trip she found the purse with its contents intact on a little heap of leaves, so placed that it could not fail to attract her attention.

### Salaries With Silver Linings.

The highest salaried man in Japan does not receive enough money in that form to pay for the gasoline used by his automobile, for salaries of the managers of business corporations are insignificantly small, says the Japan Times. Salaries, however, are not the total income of business men. Under the Japanese custom there is a liberal bonus system, and the bonus amounts to 300 or 400 times the monthly salary in some cases.

The Mitsui company is regarded as the biggest corporation in Japan, and its directors are noted for their large incomes. Each director is said to receive in the form of a bonus about $100,000 a year, although his salary may be only $250 a month.

### His View of It.

Wife—That girl in the opposite flat is quite a promising singer. Hub—Well, get her to promise that she won't sing any more.—Boston Transcript.

### Very Unruly.

Miss Paul—Grace doesn't obey anybody. Miss Pry—No; she doesn't even mind her own business. Town Topics.

Consult duty, not events. — Walter Savage Landor.


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## Sheriff's Wife Gets Divorce

Salem, Or., Dec. 14.—A divorce was granted Mrs. Muretta Esch, wife of Sheriff William Esch, yesterday by Circuit Judge Galloway, on the alleged ground of desertion.

## England To Increase Army By Million Men

London, Dec. 14.—A supplementary order issued today provides for an additional 1,000,000 men of all ranks for the army service during the present fiscal year. The original estimate was for 4,000,000 men.

## Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt; Jacksonville, for month of Nov. Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

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Temperature—mean max. 48.93; mean mir. 30.60; mean 39.76. Max 66. on 3, Minimum, 20, on 12. Greatest daily range, 32. Total precipitation 3.52 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, 1.06 in., on 25. Number of days with 01. inch or more precipitation, 7. clear, 14; partly cloudy, 6; cloudy, 19.

Precipitation for season,
Precipitation for last season 3.73

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