

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dr. Petrie was tried by a jury in the Recorder's court on Tuesday charged with intoxication. The evidence was insufficient to convict.

Attend the basketball game at the Armory tomorrow night.

E. W. Matthews, of the Churchill-Matthews company, congratulates The Sentinel on its classy appearance.

"Is the World Going to the Bow-Wows?" Methodist church, Sunday evening.

The Sentinel would like to see the ladies organize a Nesmith County Club. Cottage Grove women have a reputation for being "good boosters," let them organize in behalf of this movement. There is a deal of work they can accomplish.

Messrs. C. H. Burkholder, G. H. Tyson, B. Lurch, H. H. Veatch and Andrew Brund attended the Grocers' convention at Eugene this week.

The high school paper, The Superlative, will be issued next week.

The Cottage Grove Creamery is receiving an increased amount of cream.

There is a striking contrast between the numerous handsome gold signs that have recently made their appearance along Main street and that thoroughfare. Either the signs are not in keeping with their surrounding or visa versa.

Messrs. LaFayette Long, Henry Landess, E. A. Wilson and John Graber attended a meeting of the Elks at Eugene Wednesday night. Cottage Grove has fifty-two Elks and two more enroute.

Messrs. Westbrook, Beaulieu and Lawson are in Portland today.

The sawmill belonging to A. L. Woodard, located at Latham, has been leased to J. H. Chambers. Invoicing the entire plant and lumber in the yards was started, and as soon as completed Mr. Chambers will assume the management. He is a practical sawmill man with years of experience. The plant is one mile south of here, on the west bank of the Coast Fork River. The logs are cut and flumed down this stream about five miles. A spur runs to the docks, leading from the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Serve on the Jury, Methodist church, Sunday evening.

Councilman B. K. Lawson spent a portion of the week in Portland.

Rostein & Greenbaum, who purchased the W. A. Hemenway stock, closed their store on Wednesday, and are packing the remaining goods for shipment to Salem, where they are engaged in business. During their stay in Cottage Grove Mr. and Mrs. Rostein made many friends, all of whom regret their departure from the city.

Buy the famous Royal Table Queen bread at Des Larzes' Grocery.

Violin solo by Rowe Kennedy, Methodist church, Sunday evening.

Marshfield expects to expend \$100,000 this year in street paving.

Forest Grove will build a new city hall.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a sale at Cook's store on February 5.

The Ashland basketball team will meet the Nesmith team here next Wednesday. The Ashland team is making a trip into Washington. Prior to the game the town team will meet the highs.

Without doubt Wednesday night's conflagration which consumed half of one of the business blocks in the heart of the retail district, was the most destructive fire Baker City has ever known. Losses show a total of over \$300,000, with only a little over one-third insured.

NEWS FROM DIVIDE.

Carl Burkett returned from Falls City last week.

John Robinson, while going to work, stepped on a pole which was covered with sleet and frost and fell, sustaining a lacerated face and ear. A stick penetrated his ear.

Bert McDole sold one of his draught horses last Saturday; consideration \$180.00.

P. A. Lindstrom received a large shipment for his store this week.

F. M. Chapman has purchased a donkey of the Ledgerwood type. It will be here in about two weeks.

P. A. Lindstrom purchased a donkey and will begin operating his sawmill soon.

Mrs. N. Lewis made a three days' visit to Yoncalla this week.

Chas. Taylor will tend hook for B. H. Lee this summer.

Forest Tomkins is in this vicinity from Silk Creek.

Mrs. R. A. Sheridan of Eugene is transacting business here this week.

Mrs. Olin left for Newport last Wednesday.

Chapman has loaded three cars this week.

The officers and members of the Commercial club desire to extend to the members of the committee and to the ladies who assisted them in the reception on last Friday evening their thanks for the splendid manner in which it was handled and for the good time enjoyed by all present.

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EARTHQUAKES.

Great Shocks Almost Always Followed by After Shocks.

Although seismologists have not yet succeeded in finding out any means of definitely predicting the occurrence of an earthquake, they are very hopeful of finally arriving at this desired goal, and already they can discern danger by the pulsations which are always gently agitating the surface of the earth. A sudden cessation of these heart beats is a danger signal, extreme stillness invariably preceding an earthquake, whereas constant tremors are a good sign.

A great earthquake is almost always followed by weaker ones, and when it is violent and destructive the number of minor shocks following it may amount to hundreds or even thousands and continue for several months or years.

The occurrence of after shocks is quite natural and necessary for the settling down into stable equilibrium of the disturbed tract at the origin of disturbance, each of these shocks removing an unstable or weak point underneath.

Further, as a very great shock would remove a correspondingly great underground instability it is probable that such a shock would not for a long time be followed by another of a magnitude comparable to its own in the same or a neighboring district.

When, however, the initial shock is not very great it may be followed by another like it, but even in this case the position of the origin of the second shock would usually be quite distinct from that of the first.—Wide World Magazine.

A CAMEL STORY.

Foiled in Its Revenge, the Animal Committed Suicide.

Some years ago it chanced that a valuable camel working in an old mill in Africa was severely beaten by its driver, who, perceiving that the camel had treasured up the injury and was only waiting a favorable opportunity for revenge, kept a strict watch upon the animal. Time passed away. The camel, perceiving that it was watched, was quiet and obedient, and the driver began to think that the beating was forgotten.

One night after a lapse of several months the man, who slept on a raised platform in the mill, while, as is customary, the camel was stalled in a corner, happening to remain awake, observed by the bright moonlight that when all was quiet the animal looked cautiously around, rose softly and, stealing over toward a spot where a bundle of clothes and a burnoose, thrown carelessly on the ground, resembled a sleeping figure, cast itself with violence upon them, rolling with all its weight and tearing them most viciously with its teeth.

Satisfied that its revenge was complete, the camel was returning to its corner when the driver sat up and spoke. At the sound of his voice and perceiving the mistake it had made the animal was so mortified at the failure and discovery of its scheme that it dashed its head against the wall and died on the spot.—Sheffield Telegraph.

Lavender.

How many of those who delight in the odor of fresh sweet lavender ever think how the plant came by its soothing name? Back he must go in imagination to the clean old Romans and their cult of the bath. Lavender found high favor with them to perfume their baths, and it was they who called it lavandula, the root of the name being the Latin lavare—to wash. In olden days, too, lavender leaves were an important ingredient in the making of precious spikenard ointment. Although we regard lavender as so peculiarly English a plant, owing to its extensive cultivation in the home counties and its associations with our English homes and gardens, it was not, as a matter of fact, introduced to this country until the sixteenth century, when it came from France with the Huguenot settlers. The Romans did not apparently bring it to us when they gave us our fine roads.—Westminster Gazette.

"An Old Sheep."

A Bengali clerk who had been transferred at his own request from my office to another government office in Calcutta was anxious to return and wrote to me personally on the subject. Although not a Christian himself, he was evidently acquainted with the familiar lines of Bonar's hymn:

I was a wandering sheep,
I did not love the fold.

This is how he applied them to his own case, "It is true I have wandered from the fold—that is, the director general's office—but I trust that your honor will be merciful and receive back an old sheep."—"Stray Stories From India," by Sir Arthur Fanshawe, in Blackwood's Magazine.

A Frank Woman.

A woman gave another woman her photograph, and the recipient, instead of saying, "I will treasure it always," refused to accept it. "It means only one more thing to be dusted," she said. "If I have it out on the table it becomes a nuisance, and if I put it out of sight you will be offended. Moreover, every day that passes it will become a little more old fashioned and a little more of a caricature. I won't have it."—Acheson Globe.

Much Rather.

"She says she'd rather waltz than eat."
"Well, she'll find plenty of men who would rather sign a dance program than a dinner check."—Exchange.

Contentment gives a crown where fortune hath denied it.—Ford.

QUEER ANIMALS.

The Harpy Eagle, the Aye-aye and the Tasmania Devil.

The world has been so thoroughly explored that one might imagine it impossible that any noteworthy species of mammal or bird could still remain unknown. Yet every now and then something new turns up. For example, it was not so very long ago that a first acquaintance was made with the harpy eagle, a fowl native to the region of the Amazon, which feeds chiefly on monkeys. Another curiosity not long known is the aye-aye of Madagascar, a mammal which has one finger of each hand most curiously skeletonized and elongated for the purpose of dragging from their burrows the earthworms on which it feeds. As is well known, it is from Australia and New Zealand that come the flightless birds, some of which readily breed in captivity.

The fur seal rebels in captivity. The seals which one sees captive and which do such intelligent tricks are hair seals, belonging to quite a different species. So opposed is the fur seal to the very notion of deprivation of liberty that it will invariably starve itself to death rather than submit to such a condition. Likewise it is with the Tasmanian devil, a queer little marsupial about two feet long, somewhat resembling in appearance a baby bear, which is found only in Tasmania, a large island formerly known as Van Diemen's Land, to the south of Australia. It is almost incredibly ferocious, preying upon the sheep and poultry of the farmers, and never yet, though captured in earliest infancy, has it responded to kindness by manifesting an amiable disposition.—Philadelphia Ledger.

TALL AFRICAN GRASS.

Beautiful Scenes at Night on the Veldt When Fire Spreads.

Unlike a good deal of South Africa, Rhodesia is largely wooded. In some places the forests are of value, but a large proportion is not valued for its timber. The grass in this part of Africa grows to a phenomenal height in the valleys, and especially in the valleys of the Sabi and Zambesi rivers it reaches its greatest height. To say that the grass is often twelve feet high is no exaggeration. Naturally it is very easy to lose one's way in this grass if one is unfortunate enough to stray from the beaten track. It is the custom there to burn this grass off each year when it gets dry. This is usually in August and September or even in October. Fires burn for miles, and as the country is largely a wilderness little damage is done by this method of destroying the grass. It is a beautiful sight at night in the fire season to see the hills for miles around encircled with flames.

After the grass has been burned the rainy season usually begins, and it is then that the country is at its prettiest. The grass is then green, and the foliage on the trees is beautiful. The old leaves drop off gradually, and the new ones take their place before the trees are bare. The new leaves are of all shades of the rainbow, and it is much like the fall scenery in this country when the dead leaves are falling from the trees. Waterfalls are numerous in the mountains, and there are many of great height, although the rivers are usually small in volume.—Springfield Republican.

The Winze.

The superintendent of a western mine in driving a tunnel struck a body of ore. The vein was vertical and had a sharp dip. To develop it and get ready to mine the ore it was necessary to put down a winze—that is to say, to sink a shaft, in this instance an incline.

Elated over the discovery, he telegraphed the board in the east that he had struck rich shipping ore and received the laconic reply to begin shipping at once.

He wired that he could not ship any ore until he had a winze on the vein.

"How much will a winze cost?" was the telegraphic query.

"One thousand dollars," he replied promptly.

The next query floored him. It read, "Can't you buy a secondhand winze cheaper?"—New York Post.

A Joke of Mark Twain's.

Probably few people are aware that the theatrical godfather of that famous actor Mr. William Gillette was Mark Twain, who was a fellow townsman and a friend of his father. Mark Twain in referring to the matter said that when he used his influence to get young Gillette on the stage he thought he was playing a great joke on the management, for he did not think Gillette had the slightest aptitude for acting. But it turned out to be no joke after all. "I don't know," said Mark Twain, "which I like better—having Gillette make a tremendous success or seeing one of my jokes go wrong."

Careful Sandy.

Meenister—And why didn't ye come to the kirk last Sawbath? Sandy—I had nowt but a shillin' in my claes. That's ower muckle siller to pit in th' contribution box all at ain time.—London Tit-Bits.

Mistaken.

"He says he's your friend for life; says you lent him \$50."

"So I did. But he's not my friend for life. I propose to ask him for it next pay day."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

His Role.

"That man made an immense fortune out of a simple little invention."
"Indeed! What did he invent?"
"Invent? Nothing, you dub! He was the promoter!"—Cleveland Leader.

FROM BOHEMIA.

Mr. E. E. Lilly came down from the Bohemia district on Tuesday, and reports that the Kelso Mining company has the batter-blocks set for its new mill, and is now putting the mill together. The mill building has been enclosed. There is a large amount of ore on the dump. It is expected that the mill will be in operation by February 15.

The stamp mill of the West Coast company he says, will start again within a few days. The shoots and bins are full of ore.

J. A. Fastabend of Astoria has completed his assessment work for the year, and has a good showing. His claims are located near those of the Kelso company.

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