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### BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Hotel Lerana at Independence was sold to W. F. Stein, a Portland man. The consideration is said to be \$30,000.

A pressure gasoline tank used in connection with the lighting plant of a North Plains hotel exploded, doing considerable damage.

Fifteen tons of delayed mail, which accumulated at Portland during the tieup of the Pacific Railway & Navigation line, have arrived at Tillamook.

In a party 20 strong, members of the legislature and state officials visited Pendleton for the purpose of inspecting the Eastern Oregon state hospital for the insane.

To determine whether or not salmon which have spawned will return to the sea and live, is the subject of a series of tests being made by the Coos Bay hatchery at Marshfield.

Grants Pass has been bonded for a road to the coast and if this is built Medford, instead of projecting a line to Crescent City, can connect with the Grants Pass road about 30 miles from there.

Equipped with part of the machinery of a hydroaeroplane, Gorst & King, of Marshfield, are making experiments with an automobile, which is expected to aid motor vehicles on muddy roads.

Lumbermen of Bend have received announcement from the railroad companies of the lowering of rates on mill products to the east. The town is given a rate which is only one cent above what Spokane has.

Petitions to the Ashland city council asking that a date be set for a special election in connection with the interurban and street railway project, have been perfected, and were presented to the council Tuesday.

The month of January was exceptionally wet in Astoria. According to records in Weather Observer Gilmore's office the precipitation during the month was 15.16 inches, or 5.03 inches in excess of the January average.

Breaking out of jail in Coquille, where he had been placed for drunkenness, going to town and getting a bottle of whisky and then returning to jail and demolishing another cell, was the way a logger there acted when arrested.

"Model city" is the title which North Bend is seeking, and to that end it has engaged a firm of engineers to straighten out the engineering problems involved in making a "city beautiful" and to lay it out along metropolitan lines.

With the transfer of the property of the North Bend Lumber company to the Swaine & Hoyt Lumber company, of San Francisco, there enters into the lumber industry of Coos county one of the largest firms on the Pacific coast. Arrangements are under way to equip the mill with new machinery so that its capacity will be brought up to 50,000 feet a day, and the plans of the new owners are said to contemplate doubling the capacity of the mill later.

#### Large Apple Crop Assured.

Hood River.—That Hood River valley will have a very large crop of apples next year seems evident from the results secured in the blooming of the standard varieties. The Davidson Fruit company has for many years followed the plan of forced blooming of the several varieties, which has given it a concrete basis upon which to base estimates of the annual yield of apples in the valley.

The indoor orchard composed of a large number of limbs taken from fruit trees and bloomed by steam incubation, is now prophetic of what the orchards will be later. The old Spitzenberg trees show an extraordinarily heavy crop. Jonathans are also very heavy with bloom. Newtowns, Winter Banana, Oregon Red, Black Twig, Red Checks and Orleys are also showing a full crop for next season.

The estimate for next season's crop is about 1,250,000 boxes.

#### Relief Boat Goes to Nehalem.

Portland.—As a sort of relief boat the gasoline schooner Mirene, Captain Mays, left on a special trip to Nehalem loaded to the guards with provisions. For the last two or three weeks Nehalem practically has been shut off from the outside world so far as transportation facilities are concerned. The washouts and landslides put the railroad out of commission temporarily. On the completion of the railway the steamer service from Portland to Nehalem was discontinued. Consequently the residents have been unable to get in any supplies recently. It is said the stores there have about been depleted of various kinds of necessities.

#### Camps to be Electrified.

Marshfield.—Electrically operated logging camps is the plan of the Smith Lumber company here. The company is planning to electrify all its plants in this county. In addition to the work that is now being performed by donkey engines, each camp will be supplied with a new electrically operated saw for cutting trees.

## A New Method of Torture

By ALBERT T. KENYON

Lieutenant Winward of the 4th United States infantry, stationed on the island of Luzon, Philippine Islands, was sent with a detachment of twelve men to regulate some unruly natives. He found a larger number than he had expected, and, instead of regulating them, they regulated him and his men. There were about fifty of them, and they had good arms and ammunition. They drove the soldiers into a sort of pocket, where they killed most of them and put the rest to the sword, except the lieutenant, whose leadership had resulted in the slaughter of nearly one-third their number. This and their hatred for Americans generally decided them to put him to death by as frightful a means as could be devised.

Being near the seashore, four of their number were deputed to take the officer to the beach and bury him to his chin in the sand, where an incoming tide would drown him. The four men were well armed, while Winward was defenseless. The Filipinos had possessed themselves of a demijohn of whisky and quinine which the soldiers had brought with them as a protection against malaria. This the executioners, after giving every man left behind a drink, took with them, but, being aware of its effect, prudently determined to abstain from it till they had accomplished their purpose.

When they reached the seashore there was a discussion among them which Winward, not understanding their language, could not interpret, but by their gestures he inferred that some were in favor of giving him a short time to live by placing him far from the incoming tide, while others proposed that he should be placed near it. He also believed that the latter wished to make quick work with him in order to get at the liquor. He hoped they would prevail, since the longer the contemplation of such a death pined in the sand the more agonizing it would be. A compromise was made by placing him at half tide, the waters receding. This would give him till the return of the flood tide to live.

A hole was dug in the sand deep enough to place him in the proposed position. When they attempted to put him in he made a desperate fight hoping to force them to shoot him. But, seeing his intention, they refrained, and, being powerful men while Winward was small and slight, notwithstanding that horror gave him strength, they had no great difficulty in burying him. His arms were placed against his sides and the sand packed close about him by the men tramping upon it. He was placed with his face to the ocean in order that he might suffer the greater mental torture by seeing it slowly crawl upon him.

No sooner had he been buried than some of the Filipinos began to show signs by their actions that they were in favor of taking a pull from the demijohn. Winward could not see how it could make any difference to him whether they were drunk or sober. Had the desires of those who wished to drink at once prevailed they would have had time to get drunk and sober again before the tide receded and returned to their victim, but there was one who seemed to be a leader among them who counseled delay. Why, the officer could not understand. At any rate he was enabled to keep them from the liquor till the tide had turned and passed half the distance between the ebb and the man it was to drown. Then one of the men seized the demijohn and took a drink. That started the rest, including the leader, and they all got drunk.

When the last one had succumbed the waters had advanced to within a few feet of the buried man. The silence permitted his mind to concentrate upon the approaching death. His despair led him to make an effort to free himself, which he knew would be futile. Slowly came the tide, now and again a wave advancing nearer his chin, till at last a ripple broke against his mouth.

Winward was enabled to put off the evil moment by holding his breath as the edge of the waves rolled past him. Presently he began to feel that the pressure of sand against the front of his neck had diminished. The water was washing it away from there and piling it up behind. Each wave increased this change. A wild hope sprang within him. Would enough sand in front of him be displaced to enable him to free himself? He could bend forward slightly. The water had softened the sand, and by doing so he found he could assist in the displacement. It was not long before his arms were free. Using his hands vigorously, he scooped away a part of the sand, while the waves continued to displace the rest. His body was loosened. By an effort he freed his legs and was saved.

His first act was to possess himself of the arms of the Filipinos, and, retaining those he could use, he threw the rest into deep water.

Winward has never told the rest of the story, for he was ashamed of it. The brutality under which he suffered temporarily made a brute of him. The ocean which was to have drowned him became the burial place of his would-be executioners. But whether it engulfed them alive or dead the officer will not say. All he admits is that he was like a wild animal and that he made the death of his torturers as terrible as possible.