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Harmless Little "Stink Bug."

Have you noticed a peculiarly strong and sometimes fetid smell around your office or rooms these last few weeks?

Something occasionally resembling the odor of a dead rat lasting for about an hour or so and then going away for a time?

If this is so don't begin tearing up the floor in search of decaying rodents. It simply means that you have had a visit from a notorious little beetle that has been making himself and his objectionable custom prominent for some time past in the towns and cities of Oregon.

This fellow is usually known as the "stink beetle." His correct name is the bombardier beetle or, if you are inclined to be scientific, brachinus crepitans. But as neither of these names are of the kind to strike popular fancy "stink beetle" he will probably remain throughout his whole existence.

This beetle is common some eastern and central states but up to the present has been rare in Oregon confining his attention only to the mountains. However for some reason or other, he has lately acquired a taste for city life and has been the subject of anxious inquiry by people with whom he has taken up his abode. He is a rather slow fellow from one quarter to half an inch long. He is rather narrow for his length especially the head and throat. The hard outer wings peculiar to the beetle family are of a bluish black tint and the remainder of his body is reddish.

He spends his time in the natural state among the leaves of small plants in search of plant lice and other small insects. He is effectually protected from the larger beetles and vertebrates which would like to prey upon him, by his ever ready weapon, his smell. This is not apparent unless he is attacked. Then he discharges on or towards his opponent, a dark volatile fluid. This, if it comes in contact with the skin, will burn it and leave a stain like that made by an acid which will give the peculiar odor for several hours. This is an effectual safeguard from animals of almost any size with an ordinary developed sense of smell.—Statesman.

Progressive Stayton.

Stayton shows signs of being the most flourishing manufacturing place in the country. All the industries there are thriving. The woolen mill is running with 30 hands, and will have twice that many as soon as the knitting machinery is installed. Hill Bros. are erecting a large billiard hall and amusement parlor. Dr. Brewer is erecting a fine residence. There are about ten other dwellings under construction. A cannery would find a good field here, and there is great interest in the proposed electric line from Salem to Lyons. Such a line would build up Stayton from both directions.—Capital Journal.

T. Yoni, a Japanese employed as a wiper in the S. P. shops in Los Angeles, narrowly escaped serious injury at the hands of an enraged mob of American workmen July 14th. Yoni was wiping an engine on which had been placed two small American flags. While wiping the engine, Yoni turned and deliberately spat upon one of the flags. His action was seen by another workman, who immediately pulled Yoni from the engine to the ground, at the same time acquainting the other workmen in the building of Yoni's act. A crowd quickly surrounded the Japanese and he was being roughly handled, when he managed to elude his assailants and escaped.

A little Iowa town has just had an experience with what was designated as a "white elephant" party. Each lady was invited to bring something for which she had no earthly use and yet was too good to throw away. The club was broken up at the first meeting as eleven of the ladies brought their husbands.

Rich Copper Strike Made At Mill City.

Mill City, according to reports of those arriving from there Saturday, is all excitement over the discovery of copper deposits of great richness, in the very heart of the town. At last reports the town presented an aspect of a mining town rather than a lumbering center. People were said to be everywhere in the vicinity prospecting for copper.

Excitement was caused when workmen excavating in the cliff for the proposed new store building of the Curtiss Lumber company, came upon heavy deposits of native and carbonated copper. Investigation showed that the workmen had struck a rich ledge of the mineral. This ledge has been traced for considerable distance and runs across the river.

While it has been known that copper existed in and around Mill City, it was not believed to be in any paying quantities until the discovery yesterday. It is said that a number of wells in the town are so impregnated with copper solution, that it is impossible to drink the water. Several cases of people being poisoned by drinking water from some of the wells have been reported in times past, but the cause was not suspected until lately. None of the poisoning cases were ever serious enough to warrant much of an investigation.—Albany Herald.

Of Age At Eighteen Years.

In January last the Chronicle published a ruling of the local land office rejecting the timber application of Miss Emma M. Keep, of Portland, for the reason that she was under the age of 21 years. An appeal was taken in her behalf to the commissioner of the general land office, in which it was contended that as she was 19 years of age she was qualified to make timber entry, and that the provisions of the state law govern, in which women are declared of legal age at 18 years.

By decision of the commissioner of the general land office, received in The Dalles this week, the decision of the register and receiver was reversed, and it was decided that in the state of Oregon women may make applications at any time after reaching the age of 18 years. This decision may be regarded as tardy, since the best timber claims have all been taken, but the fact that a number of sections are being restored to entry may make the 18-year-old women of Oregon more interested in the decision. At any rate, the decision is an important one.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Sublimity Gleanings.

A number of farmers in the vicinity have commenced cutting grain.

Philip Meier is kept very busy the last few weeks setting up and placing Deering machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nolan left for Portland and Seattle last week after several weeks visit here.

County Judge Scott was in town Wednesday. He was greatly pleased with the work done on the roads, under the supervision of E. E. McKinney.

John A. Ditter has been appointed guardian of the property of Fred Geier who was committed to the asylum some time ago.

His Grace Rev. Archbishop Alexander Christie, of Oregon City, and the Right Rev. Abbot Thomas, of Mt. Angel spent Saturday with Rev. Father Lainek. From here they went to Jordan where impressive ceremonies were held.

A Plausible Inference.

"Miriam," said her mother, "have you ever given young Mr. Stapleford any reason to believe you cared for him enough to marry him?"

"He seems to think so," answered the daughter, "because I told him the other evening that he was sending me too many costly flowers and ought to begin to save his money."—Chicago Tribune.

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

Will begin July 5th

I have not sold out nor had a fire, but to close out odds and ends of Spring and Summer goods as has been my custom for the last 13 years, I now place on sale dependable goods—not seconds—at prices that you cannot pass by.

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1.65 values in women's white canvas Oxfords, sale price 1.35
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Odds and ends of women's fancy shirt waists at 50c—your choice—a great bargain—\$2.75, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, shirt waist at only 50c each.

Mens Summer Clothing

At Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

\$15.00 Mens Dark Grey clothing semi-fitting back,—the suit for summer 1907 sale price, \$11.00
16.50 Mens Small Dark Grey Check Worst suit the pattern that all neat dressers wear sale price, 12.15
25.00 values in mens suits—what is called invisible checks all wool—a beauty sale price, 17.00
14.00 Mens Gray suit—looks and wears like \$18 piece of goods sale price, 10.75
12.50 Mens suit—certainly great value at, 9.78
12.50 Mens suit now reduced to 9.65
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If a person would offer you a twenty dollar gold piece for \$15, \$13 or \$12 or one-half its face would you not take it if you had the money—sure you would. This is just what I am offering you in clothing now.

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10c Kerry Cord sale price 7c yard.
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