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Resolved, That while we bow in sorrowful submission to the Great Ruler of the universe, we can but mourn the loss of our esteemed neighbor, John Prichard, who has been called from our midst.
Resolved, That in the death of our neighbor, John Prichard, this camp mourns the loss of a respected neighbor.
Resolved, That this camp extend its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends in this their hour of affliction.
Resolved, That the charter of our camp be draped in mourning for 30 days and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this camp and a copy presented to the relatives of our deceased neighbor and a copy given to the local papers and the Oregon Woodman for publication. E. E. MARTIN, J. K. MORRIS, Jos. JONES, committee.

HOOD VIEW.

The recent protracted meetings have closed with very good results. Grandma Seely is at home again to her friends.
Miss Louisa Bookman is in Portland for a time.
Mrs. Robert DeMeniett is visiting with Mrs. Young.
Mrs. B. Crissell is recovering from illness.
J. W. Graham returned home Friday. H. Baker and family are to vacate at Warne soon.
Chas. Hanson made the metropolis a visit on Saturday.
H. Miley visited Oregon City and Portland this week.
Chas. Priston of Wild Horse is hauling hay from M. C. Young's.
The recent windstorm did considerable mischief among fences and dead timber.
Mr. and Mrs. John Buttson were among the many new converts at the Congregational church last week.
Mrs. Ed. Parish, formerly of this place, is dead. She leaves numerous relatives and friends in our midst.
The Wilsonville school will celebrate Arbor Day, the third Friday in April, by raising an 86 foot flag pole and allowing the national stars and strips to flutter in the breeze. There will be a good programme. Parents and neighbors especially invited.
March 29. ANNA.

CARUS.

Arch Cooper has gone to Heppner, Or., where he has secured a job.
The new school house in district No. 102 has been named Eldorado. School will commence there April 5th with Knox Cooper as teacher.
The South Carus Lyceum closed Saturday evening with a dance in Paine's hop house.
Will Miller is working for Wiley May. Cassidy & Baker have about completed their contract of clearing the road between the church and postoffice of standing timber.
We hear the M. E. Sunday school will be started again soon.
Humphrey Jones has made quite an addition to his cleared land this winter.
B. J. Helvey is building a new house on his ranch.
March 30. GRANGER.

CANEPAN.

There was a masquerade party at the house of Mr. Rakel last Saturday evening. There were quite a number of young folks present and all report a good time.
Samuel Faust has had the misfortune to lose one of his best horses a few days ago. He had just bought the team some time ago and the loss is what a person could call a piece of bad luck.
The wind did some damage about this place. Among other things it blew the whiskers off of one of our best citizens.
The Canemah literary society met last Friday evening and carried out the chief feature of the program, that being the mock trial. It was somewhat shorter than expected. The defendant received a verdict of not guilty. On Friday, April 2nd, there will be another trial.
March 30. PROGRESS.

MEADOWBROOK.

Hurrah for Harrison! Confidence is restored! The cornucopia of prosperity can be seen in the clouds that daily pour their blessings of snow, hail and sleet upon the just and unjust alike. Our barns are empty of hay, but filled to the roof with prosperity. Some of our citizens will not seed their ground this spring to grain because they cannot buy the seed. We suggest they plant their fields in "confidence."
Geo. and Charley Robeson, who have spent the winter in Tillamook county, are now at home for a brief sojourn.
F. M. Robeson has gone to Ostrander Wash., to work during the spring and summer.
Our roads were seriously blockaded by the gentle zephyr of Thursday blowing a number of trees across them.
A fine young populist has come to Oregon and will make his home with brother Sam Mulvaney for the next 21 years or so.
Miss Tennie Mayfield and sister, of Highland, were visiting Miss Jessie Robeson last week.
Dee Wright, deputy marshal of Liberal, was buying young cattle this week in West Canyon Creek.
Most of our commercial transportation is per horses and vehicles are to a great extent discarded pro tem.
There should be a good opening for a barber at Carus, to judge by some of the boys' hair, as we are not informed that that burg can boast of a foot ball team.
Mrs. Amy Robeson has returned home for a two months' sojourn in the county metropolis.
Miss Estella Wright and aunt were

the pleasantly entertained guests of Mrs. Josie Kutch last Sunday.
Prof. Vedder of Monitor will begin a three months' term of school at the West Canyon Creek Academy Monday, April 5th.
ANTI HANNA.
March 27.

WACKSBURG.

Everybody is out of feed.
So Gribble has lost 9 head of cattle.
Mr. Kraxbuger lost a horse last week.
Adam LaMour is in Oregon City again under treatment of Carll & Somers.
George Harms is on the sick list. He has been bedfast for a week.
Warren Baty of Barlow is stopping with his grandmother, Mrs. Smith.
Jack Sneezer's guess was true.
Our Katie Shees and John Swanbauer jumped the broom stick. We wish them a long and happy life.
The dance at Kister's last Saturday night was a grand fizzle. The boys all went but left their girls at home.
Little Georgie LaMour got scratched in the eye by a cat last Tuesday. Dr. Wm. Geesy was called on Sunday. He says he thinks the child will come out all right.
Our school district has a new black-board and pump, which is a great benefit to the pupils.
Will Hankins of Oregon City was in our burg some time ago visiting friends.
Sunday school every Sunday at 2 o'clock sharp. Everybody invited.
Gents get your partner for the grand ball that will come to pass on the 24th of April in J. Abbot's hall, just a little ways the road down from Scramblin's hall. Everybody bring your gall and have a high old time.
March 29th. FELIX SNEEZER.

WACKSBURG.

The weather in this part of the globe has been "ring, spotted and streaked" during the past week and the roads are beyond description.
There was a dance at Mrs. Kester's last Saturday evening. A large crowd was present and a jolly good time was reported.
C. Riggs' barn collapsed during the recent wind storm, also a portion of F. Palmer's picket fence.
Our Sunday school is progressing finely. A large crowd attends every Sunday.
Mr. Menier was seen in our burg one day this week.

The card game at G. W. Scramblin's is getting along finely. It only ran seven days last week on account of bad weather, but hopes to do better next week.
A grand ball will be given by Fritz Klebe in the unoccupied house on the Lorenze place April 24th. Everybody invited.
SNOOPS.

RURAL DELL.

The Canby potato and cattle buyer, W. W. H. Blair, was through our Dell. Everybody was glad to see him.
Dr. J. J. Leavett of Molalla passed by here on his way to Needy where he has a severe case of sore throat.
Grandpa Samson is still improving. Everyone is glad to hear of his recovery.
Charley Bigelow is trying a new discovery which he believes it will cure him of his long suffering of kidney trouble.
Ex-Sheriff W. W. H. Samson has left for Oregon City to see his wife and family, but will return in a few days.
William Tinsley is about to sell 80 acres of his land to Mr. Kilo of Portland for \$700.
Our road supervisor, Walt Noblitt, will start improving the roads just as soon as the weather settles. The roads are in a bad condition and needs fixing badly.
Prosperity hit this vicinity. It took fences, trees and everything a head of it. It surprised the people by coming so suddenly.
Ernest Lawler hasn't bought out the hop crop south yet.
They have a grand Christian endeavor at Symra church every Sunday evening at 6:30. Many of our young people attends it from here.
I. J. Bigelow made a trip to Hubbard on special business Saturday.
A good many of our young people are preparing themselves for the grand ball at Needy next Saturday night.
Those girls said they would be married as soon as McKinley got elected, are still single.
Ed. Blair and Gilbert Wyland visited our Sunday school Sunday.
March 31. O'YES.

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THE DIPHThERIA CASES.

Dr. Strickland Replies at Length to Dr. Carll's Letter in the Oregon City Press.

If such a thing as dispute should arise between physicians in a community, and such a thing should agitate the public mind and interest of the people, then it is only fair that such dispute be placed in proper light before the citizens. This I will endeavor to do in my letter, after which all indignities will be treated as personal matters instead of professionally, as the precedent is unmistakable.
In last week's issue of the "Press," was published a remarkable effusion of words concerning the Diphtheria case. I denounce the article as being as indefinite, as incomplete and as false as sin is base.
As regards the case of Ed Shea: I never saw him either living or dead; neither did I ever remark to any one that he died of Diphtheria; however, I did my own thinking. On the evening of March 9th, I was called to see his special friend (who had nursed and slept with him during his illness) S. J. Burford, and found him suffering with a very bad sore throat on which was forming a very suspicious membrane. I remarked that it looked like a developing case of Diphtheria, but would not say positively until morning; meanwhile kept people out of the room. Next morning I visited the patient and found one of the best defined and most typical cases of Diphtheria that I had ever seen. I at once diagnosed the case as such and ordered the quarantine flag to be put up and sent to Portland for Antitoxine.
The news of the diagnosis spread rapidly and in a short time the physicians who had treated Ed Shea heard of it and one went to a friend of Burford and solicited him to get me to allow him to see the patient with me in consultation. I thought of foul play and at first refused, giving my reasons that he would be of no benefit in the case; but, as this friend insisted I allowed it; the consultant then withdrew from the case. I remained with the patient as his attending physician, and the one of his choice. I then made another visit and on my way back to my office, looked down the alley and found that the forced consultant had without license or my knowledge of what was going on, gone away and brought two other Doctors to go with him in my absence to see my patient and bluff me off and take charge of the case if possible. Seeing this I walked into Harding's drug store and telegraphed to Dr. Byron E. Miller, of Portland, to come to Oregon City on next car, which he did. The three Doctors went in and looked him over—called his disease "tonsillitis," spoke of that man he had to treat him, &c., and one of the Doctors knowing so little of the contagiousness of the disease remarked to patient: "blow your breath in my face sir," which was done, but as it was early in the disease and no loose membrane in the throat the Doctor escaped the contagion.
Well, the tug of war began to see who could out-clever for the patient. One of the Doctors (the stiff one) informed the patient that he should be treated by a very competent doctor, and informed him that he was one of the examiners at the State Board of Oregon, and of course that was sufficient reference to suspend and render transparency to any mortal man.
The patient became very nervous, though firmly and positively informed the presuming Doctors that he was satisfied with the physicians in charge and would continue in his care. The Doctors left and in a few minutes I was visited by the chief of Police and Chairman of the health committee, informing me that the other doctors said it was not diphtheria and desired to take down the flag. I informed them of the steps that I was taking and assured them that I would prove the correctness of my diagnosis.
At 1 o'clock, P. M., Drs. B. E. Miller of Portland, and J. W. Norris of Oregon City, arrived and visited the patient with me. They at once pronounced the case Diphtheria, and remarked that it was a very bad case, and that I should be guarded in my prognosis as his recovery was doubtful. I assured them all that I would save him with the new Antitoxine treatment—that I had used it frequently before and had not lost a case and did not propose to. Dr. Miller took a fragment of sputum from patient's throat, wrapped it up in an antiseptic paper, which is a powerful germicide and took it to Portland.
The next day Portland was besieged by one of the opposing doctors, who visited those interested and tried with all his might to get them to reverse their opinion, after having given it so freely. As bacteriologists are very scarce in Portland it is easy enough to find them, and the wonder to me is that the one there who had the sputum was able to see a micrococci or even the indignant cock-eyed monster who confronted him with so much anxiety.
If one specimen proves unsatisfactory under the microscope, another should be tried, and even again and again. On the night after the visit from the Oregon City doctor, Dr. Miller again came to Oregon City and brought with him two culture tubes, and placed within them fragments of membrane from patient's throat and sent same east to a man who is competent and at the same time too far away to be visited.
The next day came and it was reported that Dr. Miller had reversed his diagnosis. I wrote and asked him if such could be possible, and asked him to write me his present impressions of the case. He wrote at once and remarked that to every one to whom he had spoken concerning the case, that it was, in his opinion one of the most pronounced and well defined cases of



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Diphtheria he had ever seen. Again, on the night of the 12th, I sent for Dr. G. M. Wells, of Portland, and he came promptly, examined the case and gave a written testimonial that he had no hesitancy in diagnosing the case as Diphtheria. Also endorsed the treatment and regarded the prompt effect of Diphtheria Antitoxine on diphtheria as diagnostic as the germ thereon. The next day he was besieged by one of the presuming doctors and rubbed up one side and down the other; yet, he held onto his diagnosis and does to this day, so he informed me last night.
The reports finally came from Prof. C. E. Tennant, M. D., of Denver, who found a prolific culture of the germs of diphtheria which was conclusive.
The patient received two injections of Antitoxine, which is the serum of the blood of animals (the horse is used) subject to diphtheria, but having been rendered immune from the disease by inoculation. The serum is only used for diphtheria, and if used early and properly will stamp the disease out at the onset. So common is its use now that any physician who does not use it is considered a "back number," and is very much censured.
To sum it up—Two bosom friends living together, working together, boarding and rooming together—one was taken sick with a throat disease, removed to a hospital—treated for tonsillitis by both medical and surgical methods—he died—sleeps under the sod at his old home—his ashes to his native land, his gallant soul to God! We trust. A special friend of his sat up with his remains at his old home—his last night on earth. A few days later this special friend (Mr. Moore) came near losing his life with "tonsillitis." But his chum who nursed him so faithfully and tenderly and even slept with him and remained with him until death in a few days developed a very sore throat. Another doctor was called—case pronounced diphtheria. Antitoxin treatment was used—he remained at home and is to-day sound and well, and lives to thank his God for his existence. Just who could not appreciate the difference.
I claim that there has been a mild endemic of diphtheria in this vicinity for the past two months or more and has caused several deaths. Two were buried yesterday whose deaths were caused by "tonsillitis." I do not suppose it really makes any difference to the people if we call it Sore-throat, provided we, as far as possible prevent its spread and cure its victims. The public will bear me out that I have done my part of it, and if others fall into my care they will receive the same treatment and be cured of what I call diphtheria.
This sore throat is a disease of great antiquity, and no physician should be mistaken in it, as its symptoms are as different from other throat diseases as differ the features of the face.
Three thousand years ago it was called Egyptian sore throat; later Putrid sore throat; still later Diphtheria, and finally in the far west "Tonsillitis."
In conclusion will say that I have, from hearsay, submitted to more abuse and slander over this case than over all things else in my past life. Many threats have come to my ears, and I wish to say with all due reference to the seniority of him who said it, and to his premature gray locks, whether they be the result of early piety or the reverse, if any one desires to settle controversy with me, would be glad if that person or persons would be gallant enough to settle same face to face and man to man. I am here to stay and propose to practice medicine, and for the benefit of those interested in me further, will give the following references: Farmer's National Bank, Dillard & Persinger, druggists, J. L. Stearns, M. D. physician, H. Lee, attorney, Judge W. W. Moffett, W. R. Reynolds, D. D. S., Mrs. C. C. Tompkins, Mrs. M. A. Booles, Mrs. H. Lee, et al., all of Salem, Va.
With Respect,
M. C. STRICKLAND, M. D.

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