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We will cut the pumpkin January 1, 1904

On New Year's afternoon, and no guess or estimate will be received after twelve o'clock noon of that date. At that time the pumpkin will be turned over to a committee composed of the following well known agriculturists who will cut the pumpkin, count the seed, examine the estimates and award the piano to the person or persons who have made the correct or nearest correct estimate of the number of seed therein contained.

The names of the committee are—

Hon. William Ganong, of Canemah.

Hon. Thomas Turner, of Stafford,

Hon. William H. Vaughan, of Molalla.

The Seed of a Pumpkin

Only such seed in the pumpkin will be counted as are fully developed. By a seed we accept the definition of Webster. It is something which has life and will grow if planted. A shell which has no heart and an imperfect seed which will not grow is not a seed under this contest. The committee will determine this matter for themselves, and their judgment will be final and conclusive.

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A HOT TIP

There are many people who say they "don't know anything about the number of seed in a pumpkin," and these people are not what you would call "pumpkin heads" either. We will give you a tip: This pumpkin has in between two and five thousand seed. Any person who guesses less than two will miss it, and any subscriber who goes over five thousand will likely be too high.

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No. 1903

To the Oregon City Courier:

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SMELTER FOR OSWEGO.

Prosperous Times Ahead for That Thriving Village.

The village of Oswego, situated four miles from Oregon City on the high road to Portland, is considerably excited over reports that the Ladd Metal company will shortly establish a smelter at that town. From reports it seems that the smelter is almost a sure go. A small smelter was established at Oswego a few weeks ago which operated on a new plan and a trial was made of it last Saturday. The test proved that the new process was a success in every particular and even ahead of what the inventor claimed. The new smelter and refinery, if established, will be quite an elaborate affair and will employ men to the number of 200, with a payroll of several thousand dollars per week and it will mean for the town of Oswego a return to those prosperous times when the Iron factory at that place was in full blast a number of years ago. At that time all kinds of business flourished and Oswego was one of the very best little towns in the valley. At the present time the pipe factory at Oswego is running full time, employing about 75 men, and even now the business men are satisfied with the situation.

Since it has been announced that the new smelter is almost a certainty real estate at Oswego has been soaring skyward and all sorts of business property has increased in value.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Iron Works closed down in Oswego some years ago and have not been in operation since the town has not quit growing as might naturally have been expected but has been growing at a rapid rate. Three years ago the census showed a population of the town is more than a thousand. The town has never been incorporated but it is likely that it will be incorporated by the new smelter is cut in. The town is divided into three sections and scattered over a good deal of territory, but withal it is a pretty place to live and a very convenient one, being only four or five miles from Oregon City, seven miles from Portland and connected with the latter city by rail and steamer and with the former by steamer. The road from Oregon City to Oswego is one of the best in the county.

HARROWING STORY.

Told by Young McAdam, a Deserter From an English Ship.

Living in an epileptic fit on the Seventh street steps in Oregon City last Tuesday evening about eight o'clock, Douglas McAdam, claiming to be a deserting sailor from an English ship now in the Portland harbor, was picked up by sympathizing hands and carried to a place where he could secure medical attention.

When McAdam was first picked up it was believed that he was dead, but later he was found to be suffering from epilepsy. He soon recovered and was induced to talk. He told a harrowing story of hardships and brutality aboard the ship. He said that he shipped at Casco about five months ago on an English vessel. The whole crew was treated like so many animals. He was repeatedly flogged by the ship master and other indignities heaped upon him. In less than five months all of the crew of 38 men had deserted, and while in a South American harbor he fell from a mast and fractured his skull. This superinduced epilepsy from which he has since suffered. When he reached Portland on Wednesday he decided to desert. He managed to get ashore and walked all the way to Oregon City arriving here in the evening, where he was seized with the fit.

According to the young man's story his father is an American, and is the manager of a large tea plantation in Ceylon, the property of Sir Thomas Lipton, and he himself is an American citizen, and for that reason does not fear arrest for desertion.

An Amusing Incident.

While playing in a town in Central Tennessee recently the "Millionaire Tramp" Company had among its auditors an aged darkey named Mose. Mose was deeply interested in the play, but his whole soul was centered in the experience of the darkey character, "Abe." In the third act Abe starts out to celebrate Christmas eve and incidentally gets on board more gin than he can carry. While in this condition he is approached from behind by a supposed ghost in the person of a tramp. Abe stutters, stammers and eventually becomes unable to speak through fright; his knees and hands tremble, and he displays all the signs of his great fear. Old Mose watched all this with wide open eyes and astonishment. When finally the scene reached its climax, old Mose could stand it no longer and bellowed out in a deep bass voice "What you all skeered of niggab, dat ain't no ghost, dat's dat d---n tramp." Suffice to say that the nigger in front got a bigger laugh than the one on the stage.

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THEY HAVE ENOUGH.

Elijah Dowie's Follower Returning to Chicago.

A dispatch from New York of last Saturday's date says:

At least 150 members of Dowie's "army" left today on a special train of five coaches over the West Shore Railroad for Zion City, Ill. According to Deacon Newcomb, the Zionites were bound for Zion because others wished to come to New York.

"As many as leave will be replaced by new recruits," said the deacon. Many of the party were suffering from colds brought on by the exposure of the work of house-to-house visitation and the changes from the heated atmosphere of the garden to the piercing air. While his lieutenants were looking after the excursionists at Weehawken, Dowie was left almost alone to conduct the early morning services at the garden.

During his address he said that he had received many letters during his stay here which threatened him with murder or kidnaping. Some of them were signed "Committee." He said he was not afraid. He announced that he expected 200 more of his followers to arrive here on Monday with a fresh supply of provisions.

In talking of the visitation work done here by the "host," he said that 4,335,000 persons had received the "divine message" since his arrival. It was said that departing members of the "host" had returned to Zion City because so many of the heads of departments had left their places there vacant.

Many members of the host received severe shock today when they were informed by the railway companies that their tickets would have to be used during the early part of next week. It had been understood, it is said, that all the tickets were good for two weeks, but now it is said most of them will have to return several days sooner or lose their transportation.

At the general meeting, which was attended by about 3000 persons, Dowie talked on "What a Christian Should Do When Sick." He said that when a Christian became ill he should go to the elders of the church for relief, and not to a physician. He criticized a decision of the New York Court of Appeals, holding a Zionite indirectly responsible for a child's death, because there was no physician in attendance. Dowie said he would carry the case, if necessary, to the Supreme Court of the United States.

OREGON CITY GIRL WEDDED.

Among the Orange Groves of California Love Builds a Temple.

The following is an account of the marriage of a young lady who formerly lived in Oregon City and at one time was a very successful teacher in our public schools. When she lived here she was much respected by our people and at this time has many friends in Oregon City who will be gratified to learn of her good fortune. The following is cut from the Whittier, Cal., Register:

TAYLOR--PATTON.

The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Storey on South Painter Avenue, was the scene of a quiet home wedding on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Edna Myrtle Taylor, formerly of Oregon City, Oregon, and Mr. Benjamin J. C. Patton, of Marshalltown, Ia., were united in marriage.

The contracting parties stood under a pretty wedding bell in the center of the parlor, where Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, pastor of the Baptist church, in the presence of relatives and intimate friends, conducted the impressive ceremony that joined two lives in happy union.

The bride wore a gown of French silk lawn, daintily trimmed with silk chiffon, while the groom was attired in conventional tuxedo.

The reception hall and parlors were decorated in white and gold, intertwined with smilax, while the dining room, where dainty refreshments were served, was decorated with smilax and pink carnations.

Many handsome gifts were received, signifying the esteem in which the bride and groom are held.

The bride is an accomplished lady, and for several years was one of Oregon City's most successful teachers. The groom is one of Marshalltown's prosperous young men. He is active in Christian work, and is prominently identified with the Friends training school for Christian workers in the city named.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton leave in a few days for the bride's former home at Victoria, B. C., and after Dec. 1st, will be at home at 308 South 10th Street, Marshalltown, Iowa.

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GRAFT.

The work "graft" has been so frequently employed of late that it has come to have a technical meaning. It is used to describe the illegitimate profit which a corrupt public servant makes out of his office. The most common form of graft is in the form of a rebate on contracts made by the official for the public. The postoffice investigation shows that several employees were interested in contracts made in their departments. Of course, it is plain, bare-faced stealing, for the official acts for the people as a whole and to pay a high price for supplies with the understanding that a part of the price will be returned to him personally is only an indirect method of converting government money to his own use. All purchasing agents are tempted to misuse their positions and public opinion ought to be such as to restrain and strengthen those who hold such position of trust. Even school boards sometimes become venal and sell their decisions to the book company that offers the largest cash bonus to the board. What a sad commentary on public morals to say that men especially selected to supervise the instruction of the young should become purchasable. In the cities another form of graft is to be found in selling of immunity. Saloon-keepers, gamblers and keepers of houses of ill-fame, are sometimes allowed to violate the law, provided a stipulated sum is paid to officers whose duty it is to enforce the law. This form of crime should be made so odious that every party organization would, for its own protection, unrelentingly punish its own members when found guilty of trafficking in police authority, but back of all this misuse of official power stands the commercialism—the sordid, greedy commercialism which is stimulating the love of money and condoning the offenses against law and good morals. The only permanent remedy is to be found in purifying public thought and raising the ideals of the people.

"Uncle Josh" Coming.

The most beautiful story of American life told on the stage will be presented at Shively's opera house, Monday evening November 2nd, 1903. The famous play of "Uncle Josh Sprucey" is a story of New England farm life full of fun that keeps the audience in a merry mood through the four acts, and with a vein of pathos that will cause a tear or two to tickle down the cheek. The scene is laid in Vermont and some of the characters are taken from the life and daily habits of the people the author met there. The company presenting the play this season is an efficient one, and in addition to considerable special scenery, a first-class orchestra fills an important part.

His Life in Peril.

"I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bee, of Welfare, Tex., "billions and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them, Only 50c at Chase man & Co.



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