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New To-Day.

THE FLYING ROCKS HAVE BEEN STRUCK. Eggs \$1 per setting. C. O. Ross, Canemah, Oregon.

WILLIAM MILLER REBUILT AND NOW FOR RENT. A share of your patronage solicited. J. S. Yoder, Prop.

WANTED FOR SALE.—I have a list of desirable real estate for sale. Expect to engage largely in business and have special facilities for handling purchases. Twenty-five years experience in selling lands in Clatsop county. H. E. Cross, attorney at law.

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SALE.—\$1000.—QUARTER BLOCK. Good seven room house with pantry, and patent water closet connected with sewer; one block south of Blively's corner Sixth and Madison streets. Price of owner, Mrs. D. L. CLOUSE, 21 Harrison St., Portland, Ore.

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MONEY BACK

Tontine Investors Lose Several Hundred Dollars.

FEW CAME OUT AHEAD ON DEAL.

Many Oregon City Financiers Are Very Sorry That They Did Not Buy Government Bonds.

The failure of the Tontine Savings Association has caused widespread comment in this city. Many were caught in the net and are now mourning the loss of their hard earned dollars.

The Tontine Savings Association has been doing business under several plans of operation since 1894. Its latest "diamond contract" is regarded as the most alluring ever attempted by the five men who compose the company.

The plan was to sell a contract for \$5, which carried with it the weekly obligation on the part of the purchaser, of the payment of \$1.25 for sixty consecutive weeks for a two-karat diamond. In case of non-payment for one week a nominal fine was attached and upon failure the second week to pay the weekly assessment, the contract lapsed. But the maturity of the contract practically laid with the officers of the company.

The contracts were optional with the purchasers as to value. There were those that were finished in fifteen weeks, calling for a one-half karat diamond, and others up to the largest, of sixty weeks, for a two-karat diamond. These series of contracts ran from 1 to 100 and they matured and were paid according to the priority and age of the contract. In other words they ran in cycles.

When these contracts matured the party could elect whether to take a diamond valued at \$200 or withdraw \$180 in cash in lieu thereof. But as only \$80 had been paid in, the company depended upon lapses to make good upon the contracts, but owing to the "endless chain" features of the plan the company's liabilities grew with alarming rapidity each year.

The Minneapolis Tribune says that the court shows that at the average rate of increase of the business of the company, in eighteen years there would be 90,000,000 contracts in force, and relative to this the court says:

"The amount necessary to redeem the contracts that will be in force at the expiration of the twenty-second year of the operation of the diamond contract would be \$18,000,000,000, and continue to the expiration of the fiftieth year the contracts number would many times exceed the population of the globe, and the amount of money necessary to redeem these would exceed all the money that there has been in the world since the creation of Adam, and the deficit that would exist would require an experienced mathematician to express the numbers."

Several of the women employed in the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, are sufferers by the failure of the Tontine Association. Mrs. Johnson had a contract about paid up and was saving every cent she could. Henry C. Salisbury had a paid up contract and had planned with his wife how the money he was going to receive should be spent. E. L. Johnson, the barber, was one of the losers. Others are said to be Max Bollack, secretary of the woolen mills, W. E. Pratt, agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, E. E. Charman, the druggist, W. H. Howell, engineer of the water commission, A. W. Cheney, proprietor of the Courier-Herald, L. O. Eaton, C. O. Rose, H. E. Straight, Tom F. Cowing, Jr., local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Eli Williams, county assessor, and several others. C. G. Huntley, Chambers Howell, and Tom P. Randall had some money invested in the concern, but some of their contracts had matured and they were fortunate enough to come out ahead on the deal. Tony Farr and Channey Ramsby had won once and quit. Charles Albright is ahead of the deal.

J. Wallace Cole, Jake Miller, Philip Ross and J. W. McNulty are among the men who are despondent. The losers are compelled to stand a great deal of joshing from their friends and some of them do not take it kindly. It is said that the Portland branch of the association has reorganized an independent Tontine association, but it is safe to say that its customers in Oregon City will be very few for quite a long while.

For the Complexion.

The complexion always suffers from biliousness or constipation. Unless the bowels are kept open the impurities from the body appear in the form of unsightly eruptions. DeWitt's Little Early Biscuits keep the liver and bowels in healthy condition and remove the cause of such troubles. C. E. Hooper, Albany, Ga., says: I took DeWitt's Little Early Biscuits for biliousness. They were just what I needed. I am feeling better now than in years. Never gripe or distress. Safe, thorough and gentle. The very best pills. Geo. Harding.

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W. P. & P. Co. CENSURED BY JURY.

Verdict Says That Place Where Accident Occurred Was Dangerous.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest over the body of J. Earl Faulkner, who was killed at the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company's mills last week, was made public Friday last. The jury went over to the mills and inspected the machinery and shafting, on which Faulkner was whirled to his death. They were very unfavorably impressed by the absence of proper safeguards and found that the shafting was not boxed and that there were no guard rails. The testimony at the inquest Friday morning added the fact that Dr. W. E. Carl, the company's physician, was not in the city when the accident happened, though he arrived very soon after, and it was apparent to the jury from the testimony of Dr. E. A. Sommer, who was called by the company and who released the case to Dr. Carl upon the arrival of the latter, that there was room for criticism. The verdict was signed by the jury: George T. Howard, C. C. Babcock, F. A. Miles, Weldon M. Shank, George A. Harding and C. O. T. Williams, and follows:

"We, the jury, find after due investigation, that deceased's name was J. E. Faulkner, formerly of Bluefield, West Virginia, aged about 22 years; that he came to his death on the 20th day of March, A. D. 1902 in Clackamas County, Oregon at about 11:15 A. M., death resulting from injuries received from being caught on a shaft in motion owned by the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company while said deceased was in the employ of said company and in the performance of his duty.

"We further find the place where the accident occurred to be exceedingly dangerous and recommend that said company make said place more safe by boxing said shaft or building guard rails about it or both.

"We further recommend that in cases of this serious nature medical assistance should be secured as quickly as possible, irrespective of the company physician."

Faulkner came here last May and has been employed in the paper mills ever since, but had been an officer only three days. Six weeks ago he joined the Woodmen of the World, and his \$1000 insurance will go to his sister, who resides near Bluefield, West Virginia. The body was embalmed and shipped to his relatives in the east last Saturday night. Funeral services were held over the body in the Methodist Episcopal Church Saturday evening and the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. W. S. Grim.

Could Not Breathe.

Coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, other throat and lung troubles are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. One Minute Cough Cure is not a mere expectorant, which gives only temporary relief. It softens and liquefies the mucous, draws out the inflammation and removes the cause of the disease. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. "One Minute Cough Cure will do all that is claimed for it," says Justice of the Peace J. Q. Hood, Crosby, Miss. "My wife could not get her breath, and was relieved by the first dose. It has been a benefit to all my family." Geo. A. Harding.

The Initiative and Referendum amendment to the constitution on which the people vote next June is really very simple. It gives the legislature the power to refer any law to the people, to take effect only if it is approved by a majority vote. It also leaves with the legislature power to declare that a law for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety shall take effect the day it is passed. This would include the general appropriation bill, salaries of public officers, and similar fixed charges of government. Any other law, including practically all special appropriations, must be referred to the people when it is demanded by five per cent of the legal voters (which would be about 4500 signers at this time), if the petition is filed within ninety days after the last day of the legislature. A petition for the Referendum cannot be for more than one law. A separate petition is necessary for each law on which a vote of the people is demanded.

Any proposed law must be submitted to the people, independent of the legislature and the governor, if it is petitioned for by eight per cent of the voters, which would require about seven thousand signers in Oregon. This petition must be filed with the Secretary of State not less than four months before the general election at which it is to be voted on. This is the Initiative.

The principal use of the Initiative is to allow a hearing before the people to the agitators and advocates of new ideas in government, and thus do away with the excuse for new political parties. It is a cheap and convenient method of testing the popularity and growth of alleged reforms.

The expense to the public treasury, if the amendment is adopted, will be but a trifle—only the cost of printing the questions on the official ballot. No special elections can be had unless ordered by the legislature. The whole expense of getting up the petitions falls on the signers, the public treasury pays none of it.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds, and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this Remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by G. A. Harding, Druggist.

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Speaker Henderson.

Hon. David B. Henderson, now speaker of the House of Representatives, when he was chairman of the Judiciary Committee, declared in favor of the principle of Initiative and Referendum, as follows:

"It would be a great advantage to a public man if expressions on measures could be had from the people, and in a general way I can say, without hesitation, that any plan which will enable the people to know what they are thinking; in other words, to let a know what B, C and D believe cannot do otherwise than good, and above all, an intelligent expression of the mass of the voters on any and all leading questions would be of great value to public servants. On these two leading propositions—an untrammelled ballot and the free, intelligent expression of the people—I will ever be found favoring both, and can be so quoted. Whatever is done should permit the fullest discussion before the vote is taken, so that the citizens may compare notes fully and the questions discussed may enter into the campaigns among the people."

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