



The Excuse Imaginative. Fanatic—Why didn't you turn up for golf on Saturday? Dilettante—Very sorry, old chap. I was cleaning the canary's cage when the little brute kicked me. Such a quiet bird, too, as a rule.—Punch.

LOCAL BRIEFS

The Knights of King Arthur held a regular meeting with Clyde Green at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Green, Tuesday evening when the following applicants were made members of the organization: Lyle McCoy, Kenneth Andrews and Carrol Miller. Lobrow Edwards, who was a delegate to the state convention at Eugene, read a report to the members of the Oregon City club. After the meeting delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Green to the boys.

Material is being placed on the ground near the new fire bell tower for the construction of the concrete fire house which is to house the switch board and other inflammable matter connected with the automatic fire alarm system. The house which is to be entirely of concrete, is being constructed by E. D. Olds.

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Ben Eby, for some time employed in the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, was unfortunate in having one of his arms broken.

The cantata "Phyllis, the Farmer's Daughter," will be given Wednesday evening, February 26, instead of this evening. It will be given in Shively's Opera House.

James McNeil, of this city, is spending a few days in Albany, Corvallis and Eugene, where he was called on a business trip.

F. C. Perry, of Molalla, spent several days this week in this city where he has been attending to business.

H. W. Fountain, of Portland, has been in Oregon City several days visiting friends and attending to business matters.

E. V. Malstan, of Portland, was a visitor to Oregon City Tuesday where he was called to attend to business matters.

P. B. Schottes, of Seattle, has been in Oregon City several days viewing the town and surrounding country.

J. H. Surf, of Portland, was in this city Monday attending to business matters.

W. H. Mattson, County Commissioner, was in this city the first part of the week.

C. D. Rogers, of Albany, is spending a few days in this city while transacting business.

J. W. Cowart, of Portland, has been in this city several days transacting business.

Mrs. Henry Henningson is confined to her home with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

W. C. Maguin, of Canby, has been in this city several days on a business trip.

Mrs. Edwin Engdahl, of Salem, will spend this week in this city visiting friends.

O. M. Staatsbury, of Portland, was a business visitor in Oregon City Tuesday.

Ralph Daniger, of Woodburn, spent Monday in this city visiting friends.

Dr. van Brakle, Osteopath, Masonic Building, Phone Main 399.

POET OF SIERRAS CROSSES THE BAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 18.—Cincinnati's Heine Miller, known throughout the world as Joaquin Miller, the Poet of the Sierras, closed his eyes in his final sleep at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the cabin in the Piedmont Hills, overlooking this city, where for years he has made his home, with only his faithful wife by his side.

Five minutes after the sweet singer had whispered to his wife, with his dying breath, "I love you," and his spirit had taken its flight, Colonel John P. Irish, a lifelong friend of the dead poet, arrived with a view to removing the sick man to a hospital in Oakland, and following close on his heels came the dead poet's daughter, Juanita, with Dr. J. C. Stout, who had been sent for a short time before the end came. The bright California sunlight filled the one-room cabin where the body of one of the world's most picturesque singers lay, sincerely mourned by his loved ones and his bosom friend.

Two years ago Miller was stricken with paralysis, and since then he rarely left "The Heights" as he called his retreat. Last Thursday he collapsed, and from that time he sank rapidly until the end came yesterday afternoon. His wife and daughter, his constant companions, were with the dying man for the past week, and during the last few hours he spoke to them frequently. When they endeavored to give him medicine prescribed by the attending physician, he gently declined it, saying: "Don't let that mislead you."

Earlier in the day he whispered to his daughter, "I am dying; pity me, pity!" and "Please take me away."

With his old-time friend, Colonel Irish, Miller had made a pact that whichever one survived should carry out the funeral arrangements for the other, and in accordance with this arrangement Colonel Irish has decided to have the body removed from the cabin, where the end came, tomorrow morning. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow by Rev. William Day Simonds, of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland. The body will be cremated and the ashes scattered to the winds at the Golden Gate, in accordance with the dead poet's expressed wishes.

Miller kept up his work throughout his illness and as his faculties remained undimmed to the end, he is believed to have produced his best work just before death, ended his labors. The poem he worked upon, he said, was the most momentous of his life, and he guarded it with the utmost secrecy, not even his wife and daughter being permitted to catch a glimpse of it, or to know its subject.

Joaquin Miller was the first, and one of the greatest and best beloved of the poets, to sing the glories of the Pacific in the days of its glamor and glitter and gold-draw poetry. He was a rugged and adventurous man from all parts of the world. His whole life was a romance, almost unbelievable to one who is accustomed to paths of peace and quiet, and his love of the romantic found expression in his rugged, wild, impassioned, unusual, often weird, but always true poetry. If he had written a full autobiography it would read like a strange, lurid piece of fiction.

He was born in the Wabash Valley in Indiana, that land which has given

Advertisement for Dr. Bell's Anti-Septic Salve. Includes a circular logo with a bell and the text 'THE SUTHERLAND MEDICINE COMPANY', 'ANTI-SEPTIC', 'DR. BELL'S', 'SALVE', 'PADUCAH, KY.'. Text describes the salve's benefits for various ailments and its availability for sale by The Jones Drug Company.

TENDENCY OF LIVE STOCK MARKET UPWARD

The Portland Union Stock Yards Company reports as follows: Receipts for the week have been: cattle 1027, calves 7, hogs 3988, sheep 5896.

This week's cattle market has been full of surprises. The broadened outlet made possible by active bidding on the part of killers, large and small, caused a sudden reaction in beef values and the tendency of the market points upward. Demand for prime heavy steers was urgent enough to make a "sellers" market and the former top of \$8 was easily obtained. The bulk of steers were of good quality and averaged \$7.50 to \$7.80. Butcher stock was firmer although the prime stuff was scarce. Cows at \$5.85, heifers at \$7, bulls at \$6 and stags at \$8.50 are extreme quotations for quality offering. Receipts have been small compared with last week and almost devoid of contract shipments.

Ascendency of swine prices occurred on three different occasions until \$8 was finally reached Thursday. As the close Saturday was weak at \$7.45 the upward flight represents a big half dollar. Apparently the bulk of swine holdings has been marketed and while public pork consumption is not so heavy at this time of the year, there are scarcely enough hogs to satisfy the demand. Every other large market is showing unusual strength which may be speculative. At an early rate the eight cent hog market has arrived again, even if temporary. Supply and demand will determine future price levels.

Sheep house business was brisk during the week when opportunity offered. A few cars of choice yearling wethers featured at \$8.25 and several bunches of ewes at \$5.15. Mutton demand seemed to be steady though not urgent. Good lambs found a ready market at current quotations. One lot of 490 head sold "off the cars" at \$7.50. The extreme top price on prime fed lambs is conceded \$7.25 to \$7.35.

Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows: HIDES—(Buying) Green salted, 7c to 8c; sheep pelts 7c to \$1.50 each. FEED—(Selling) Shorts \$25; bran \$24; process barley \$27 to \$28 per ton. FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5.

Livestock, Meats: BEEF—(Live weight) steers 7 and 8c; cows 7c; butchers 6c. MUTTON—Sheep 5 to 6 1-2; lambs 6 to 6 1-2c. PORK—9 1-2 and 10c. VEAL—Calves 12c to 13c dressed, according to grade.

Fruits: APPLES—50c and \$1. DRIED FRUITS—(Buying), Prunes on basis 6 to 8 cents. VEGETABLES: ONIONS—\$1.00 sack. POTATOES—About 35c to 40c f. o. b. shipping points, per hundred.

Butter, Eggs: BUTTER—(Factory), Ordinary country butter 25c and 30c; fancy creamery 75c to 85c roll. EGGS—Oregon ranch case count 20c; Oregon ranch candled 21c.

FIREMEN WIN BIG STRIKE VICTORY

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Complete victory for the firemen's brotherhood in their strike proceedings against 54 Eastern railroads was secured today in the railroads' acceptance of arbitration under the Erdman act. This was the only concession the firemen demanded.

The brotherhood named Albert Phillips of Sacramento, Cal., as its representative on the arbitration board. The railroads named W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania system.

It is declared the railroads' manifesto insists on a public hearing of their side of the strike question. They recited their objections to the Erdman act, the principal one being that "the responsibility which ultimately would rest on a third member of the Erdman arbitration board is too great to impose on one man." They insist the act does not guard the public interests.

The manifesto warns the public of another similar demand for increased wages by conductors and trainmen adding: "We desire to put before the public the notice that a crisis will confront them when these demands are considered by the railroads."

Letters stating their demands were sent by the railroad heads to Commerce Court Judge Knapp and acting United States Labor Commissioner Hauger today.

Not at All Lifelike. The old ducky's wife had been ill for some days. As the doctor came out of the cabin her husband said: "Doctor—excuse me please, sab—but how is my old woman?" "She is worse, Ben! She has not said a word for two hours."

"She ain't worse, doctor; she is daid!"—Uncle Remus' Magazine.

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turned from the Eastern shows and factories. In speaking of the trip Mr. Plughoff says: "There are less cars in the dealers' warehouse this year than ever before in the history of the automobile in the East. The open winter has practically made it a continuous selling season on the other side of the Rocky Mountains. Before the Chicago show opened

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