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WILL HASTEN WORK

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT IS TO START AT ONCE.

Architect Neer Will Supervise the Changes in Offices of the Sheriff, Clerk, Recorder and School Superintendent.

The county court has determined to push the speedy completion of the remodeling of the courthouse and will probably engage Delos D. Neer, of Portland, to superintend the changes. Mr. Neer was supervising architect of the courthouse when it was first constructed. A vault will be built on the southwest side of the courthouse and the room now occupied by the sheriff will be taken by the recorder, whose office will be occupied by the school superintendent, whose present office is in one of the circuit jury rooms. The clerk's office will be cut in two and the sheriff will have the front of the building on the south side facing Main street. These changes have been needed for a long time, as the clerk has had room to spare and the sheriff's office, in tax-collecting time, has been blocked on account of inadequate space.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Furnished The Record By the Clackamas Abstract Company.

U. Dannels to M. Bennett, 1/2 interest in 91 1/2 acres in P. Welch CL., 3 2 e. \$1.
S. A. Jones to L. F. Jones, 1/2 of w 1/2 of ne, of section 2, 5 3 e. \$2.50.
N. J. Thomas to W. H. Commons, nw of section 24, 6 2 e. \$75.
W. H. Commons to S. Coover, ne of sw, nw of sw, se of sw, nw of se, section 24, 6 2 e. \$300.
D. C. Latourrette to J. H. Wilhoit, roadway in section 4, 6 2 e. \$25.
H. Thessen to J. Schmidt, 8.74 acres in CL 55, 2 2 e. \$500.
C. Dougherty to H. Dougherty, sw of se of section 3, 6 2 e. \$300.
A. M. Singleton to S. N. Tanzer, lot 7, block 20, Bolton. \$175.
Wm. Plympton to J. H. Booth, tracts 11 and 21, Clack. Park. \$550.
J. W. Marsh to J. R. Marsh, 60 acres in section 31, 4 4 e. \$150.
A. Sutton to G. Morris, roadway in section 14, 2 3 e. \$1.
J. Gordon to G. Morris, 40 acres in CL 50, 2 3 e. \$435.
Bellwood Ld. & L. Co. to C. A. Priestig, tract 70, Oak Grove. \$850.
M. Lennart to J. Strous, nw of section 11, 2 4 e. \$1.
L. Haughton to C. Jonsrud, w 1/2 of ne of section 22, 2 5 e. \$500.
H. Hargreaves to W. R. U'Ren et al, lots 1 and 20, block 18, Gladstone. \$950.
A. H. Breyman to C. A. Howell, ne of nw of section 34, 1 4 e. \$500.
A. H. Breyman to H. L. Ball, ne of ne section 34, 1 4 e. \$500.
F. S. Morris to O. W. P. & R. R. Co., w 1/2 of se of section 26, 1 3 e. \$1.
S. J. Sorenson to M. Sorenson, lot 1, section 19, 5 3 e. \$1.
E. F. Story to J. M. Ware, lot 3, blk. 186, O. C. \$800.
M. E. Rasmussen to L. Rall, lot 18, block 11, Gladstone. \$400.
S. M. McCown to C. G. Huntley et al lots 1, 2, 19 and 20, block 10, Gladstone. \$700.
C. O. Peterson to H. J. Peterson, lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 105, Oswego. \$1.
H. A. Lee to S. H. Kalbfleish, 10 acs, in section 33, 3 1 e. \$500.
J. J. Johnson to C. Crumins, lot 15, block 32, Oswego. \$5.
C. Rebstock to H. C. Ulrich, 15 acres in section 26, 1 2 e. \$800.
F. Glennon to G. B. Dimick, lot 7, 8, block 29, County Add. \$600.
J. E. Mitts to C. E. Mitts, ne of sw of section 3, 5 1 e. \$300.
Security Sav. & Trust Co. to G. Eckert, 34.35 acres, section 9, 4 1 e. \$480.00.
A. H. Lee to L. A. Cloninger, 1.18 acres in section 33, 3 1 e. \$100.
A. H. Lee to N. Doucet, 1.18 acres in section 33, 3 1 e. \$100.
N. Doucet to L. A. Cloninger, 1.18 acres in section 33, 3 1 e. \$300.
P. Gilbertson to A. P. Barlow et al, tract 69, Prunelands. \$1000.
C. F. Deardorff to C. Brookman, the Brookman tract. \$1,300.
A. Cooperlet to O. Brookman, 20 acres in section 25, 1 2 e. \$8.
J. H. Gibson to R. Gibson, 11 acres in section 3, 1 1 e. \$1.
J. W. & J. Morris to J. F. Wilmarth, e 1/2 of ne of section 11, 2 3 e. \$1,100.
J. H. Gibson to M. A. Morris, 12 acres in section 30, 1 1 e. \$5.
A. S. Warrent to E. G. Canfield, 1/2 interest in lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, block 8, lots 7 and 8, block 9, Park Addition. \$1.
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WHY INDIANS PAINT.

A Legend of the Red Men Explains the Strange Custom.

Once an old Apache Indian when asked the question why his people painted their faces told this little legend:

"Long ago when men were weak and animals were big and strong a chief of the red men who lived in these mountains went out to get a deer, for his people were hungry.

"After walking all day he saw a deer and shot at it, but the arrow was turned aside and wounded a mountain lion, which was also after the deer. When the lion felt the sting of the arrow, he jumped up and bounded after the man, who ran for his life.

"He was almost exhausted, and when he felt his strength giving way he fell to the ground, calling on the big bear, who, you know, is the grandfather of men, to save him.

"The big bear heard the call and saw that to save the man he had to act quickly, so he scratched his foot and sprinkled his blood over the man.

"Now, you must know that no animal will eat of the bear or taste of his blood. So when the lion reached the man he smelled the blood and turned away, but as he did so his foot scraped the face of the man, leaving the marks of his claws on the blood smeared face.

"When the man found that he was uninjured, he was so thankful that he left the blood to dry on his face and never washed it at all, but left it until it peeled off.

"Where the claws of the lion scraped it off there were marks that turned brown in the sun, and where the blood stayed on it was lighter. Now all men paint their faces that way with blood and scrape it off in streaks when they hunt or go to war."

THE CARIBS OF DOMINICA.

Fierce Savages Who Have Dropped Their Man Eating Ways.

A recent colonial report on the Caribs of Dominica is interesting. Very mysterious is the origin of the fierce savages, now almost extinct, who were in possession of the smaller West Indian islands when the first white man burst "into that silent sea." They showed a distinct Mongolian character, and it would be hard to distinguish a Carib infant from a Chinese child. Some twenty years ago a Chinaman who had drifted to Dominica declared the Caribs to be his own people and married a pure bred Carib woman. The resultant child showed no deviation from the native type.

"Today they have dropped their man eating ways, but in the sixteenth century they secured the Spanish main in search of human food, and from Porto Rico alone are said to have taken more than 5,000 men to be eaten. Though Spaniards, Frenchmen, Dutchmen, negroes, or Arrowaks, were all meat to them, yet these Caribs seem to have shown preference for certain nationalities. Davis, for instance, in his "History of the Caribby Islands," tells us that "the Caribbeans have tested of all the nations that frequented them and affirm that the French are the most delicate and the Spaniards are hardest of digestion." Laborde also, in one of his jaunts in St. Vincent, appears to have overtaken on the road a communicative Carib who was beguiling the tedium of his journey by gnawing at the remains of a boiled human foot. This gentleman only ate Arrowaks. "Christians," he said, "give me the bellyache."

Queer Qualification.

The enthusiasm of the thoroughgoing lover of Browning takes some surprising turns. The author of "In a Tuscan Garden" tells a story concerning Dr. Farnival, one of the founders of the Browning society.

A young relative of the Englishwoman in London was looking out at one time for bachelor chambers in a block of flats. The secretary of the company to whom they belonged intimated that the testimony of two householders as to his rent paying capacity would be required. The applicant gave the Englishwoman's name as one and Dr. Farnival for the other.

Dr. Farnival's reply, after a glowing panegyric on the merits of the applicant, wound up by congratulating the company on getting as a tenant a man who "was not only a gentleman and a good fellow, but a member of the Browning society."

It Grows Feeble.

The attraction of a man's character is apt to be outwitted, like the attraction of his body, and the power of love grows feeble in its turn, as well as the power to inspire love in others. It is only with a few rare natures that friendship is added to friendship, love to love and the man keeps growing richer in affection—richer, I mean, as a bank may be said to grow rich, both giving and receiving more—after his head is white and his back weary, and he prepares to go down into the dust of death.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Gorki's Early Struggles.

Maxim Gorki, the Russian novelist, had an early career that in many ways recalls the early struggles of Jacob A. Riis. He ran away from home when a lad and for years found life mighty hard grubbing. He worked as a day laborer, a sawyer, a cook and a lighter-man. Then he heard that free instruction could be obtained at Kazan, and, having no money to pay for his journey, he walked there, a distance of over 600 miles. Then he found he had a head.

Considerate.

She—Why did you ask Belle to go with us?
He—I saw she was going anyhow, and I didn't wish her to feel mean over it.—Smart Set.

THE TOP OF VESUVIUS.

A Visit to the Crater of the Seething Volcano.

There was no life on that bare, black, birdless cone, and as we climbed an icy wind began to blow, and the lava dust stung the face like hail. The crust was warm to the feet. I dipped my hand into an aperture the size of a rabbit hole and withdrew it hot and wet. On every side the smoke eddied up from tiny craters, but all these things were details in face of that everlasting vomit of black smoke from the crater.

The wind raged above us as we drew near the crater, and the lava dust spat more viciously; the sulphurous smoke hid the world from our view. It was as if the lieutenants of that angry monarch strove to prevent mortals from gazing too closely at her infernal oracles. On hands and knees we grabbed our way up the cone, coughing, blinded by the smoke, buffeted by the icy wind. We reached the verge of the crater and threw ourselves on our faces. I peered for one moment into that caldron of fire and smoke. The guide clutched my arm and motioned me to follow him round the edge of the crater. I crawled after him, crying, "Enough!" But he did not hear. He could not have heard a foghorn in the roar of that wind.

"Enough!" I bawled, trying to grab him. "Enough!" I roared, clutching at his leg. He shrugged his shoulders, and, taking my arm, we plunged down through the lava. A few paces below he stopped. I bent toward him and through the screams of the wind heard him say: "Give me a little present to buy macaroni."—Academy.

Vitality of the Centiped.

The sight of a full grown centiped is said by travelers in tropical lands to be enough to affect the strongest nerves. Ten to eleven inches is the average length, although larger ones have been seen. Lafendlo Hearn in "Two Years in the French West Indies" says that the vitality of the centiped is amazing. Mr. Hearn kept one in a bottle, without food or water, for thirteen weeks, at the end of which time it remained active and dangerous as ever. The centiped has one natural enemy able to cope with him—the hen.

The hen attacks him with delight and often swallows him, head first, without taking the trouble to kill him. The cat hunts him, but she is careful never to put her head near his. She has a trick of whirling him round and round upon the floor, so quickly as to stupefy him; then, when she sees a good chance, she strikes him dead with her claws.

There are, superstitious concerning the creature, which have a good effect in diminishing his tribe. "If you kill a centiped, you are sure to receive money soon, and even if you dream of killing one it is good luck."

As a Family Cite.

"Yes, sir," said the town story teller, "the wuz the quickest feller that ever drewed the death of life an' a week's wages."

"You don't say!"
"Fact. Chumb a pine tree once when he seen the sheriff comin' to levy on him, harricane come along, blowed the tree down an' landed him in the only vacant seat in the sheriff's buggy; sheriff started to jail with him; met by lynchein' party, who mistook him fer 'nother man, an' strung him up, an' he'd almost quit kickin' when some an cut him down an' hauled him home jest as his mother-in-law had finished writin' his obituary an' wuz standin' before the glass to see how well she looked in mournin'."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Dog.

Man is the best friend of the dog. Horses come next, but between the dog and all other farm animals, from the house cat to the cow and the beef steer, there seems to be a natural enmity. Dogs, however, are fond of sheep and goats—but as diet, not as living friends. Cows and sheep and goats should be kept as free from association with dogs as is possible, with the exception of the trained shepherd dog. A dog walking through a cowpen will often cause a decrease in milk flow that amounts to more than the cash value of the dog. Many dogs are worth considerably less than \$20.00.—Farm and Ranch.

Singular Marriage Custom.

When two Negritos, a people of the Philippine Islands, are united, the whole tribe is assembled, and the affianced pair climb two trees growing near to each other. The elders then bend the branches until the heads of the couple meet. When the heads have thus come into contact, the marriage is legally accomplished, and great rejoicings take place, a fantastically dancing celebrating the ceremony.

The Honorable Members.

"I suppose the arrival of new congressmen from time to time has a tendency to give variety to life in the Capital City?"

"Not a great deal," answered the man who is more or less cynical. "It merely means the introduction of new names into the same old anecdotes."—Washington Star.

In His Mind.

"Braggy says his grandfather lost his mind because of the loss of his fortune."
"He's just got the story twisted. He lost his fortune because of the loss of his mind. That's where he had his fortune."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Love in the Museum.

"Will nothing move you?" pleaded the ardent wild man, who was as adept at love-making as he was at eating raw beef.

The fat lady glanced at her corpulent self and smiled. "Yes," she chuckled, "a derreck."—Chicago News.

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