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SIXTEEN ANCIENT SUITS TAKEN FROM THE DOCKET.

Had Been Hanging Fire For Years For Lack of Prosecution and Tried the Patience of Circuit Judge McBride.

With one swoop Judge McBride this morning struck from the Circuit Court docket 14 equity cases and two law cases which have been hanging fire and have encumbered the docket for years. It has been the custom here for attorneys to file suits and then leave them to their fate. The custom is exasperating to Judge McBride and several times he has warned the attorneys if they persisted in refusing to prosecute cases after they had been on the docket for a long time he would have them stricken off. The cases taken from the docket this morning were:

Eliza J. Thomas vs. Douglas W. Williams, et al; The H. R. Duniway Lumber Co. vs. James Thompson; Fleichner Mayer & Co. vs. J. J. Fowler et al; Charles Risley vs. J. N. Olds; S. T. Stevens vs. G. B. Labor, et al; The City of Portland vs. Frank E. Thomas; George McNear vs. George Gustafson; H. E. McGinn vs. Alonzo Hunter; Eli Lewelling vs. Sophronia Lewelling; F. S. Dunning vs. Paul A. Ozans; Florida Kindel vs. W. Kindel; Oliver Wiley vs. Jennie Wiley; Francis B. Jones vs. Maria Jones; Bretha Armbruster vs. Florin Armbruster; W. Carey Johnson vs. O. F. Hubbard et al; Columbus Implement Co. vs. W. A. Shipley.

Stafford Brevities.

STAFFORD, April 25.—(Special.)—Miss Anna Aden, of Frog Pond, is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Dick Oldensteadt.

Several families recently from Dakota, left for Lodi, Calif., where they expect to make their future home.

English services will be held in the German Baptist church next Sunday evening. They will be held every first and third Sunday of each month. Rev. C. Waelte was in Oregon City last Friday.

Several of our people are leaving our community. John Schatz has returned to Washington where he will resume his duties as carpenter.

Mannul Wolfe went to Portland this week.

Miss Christina Schatz, of Portland, has been visiting with her parents.

Fred Waelte, who has been in Portland and Vancouver, is back again.

P. A. Baker and son Mark passed through here enroute for Portland.

E. Eligen, recently from Ontario, Canada, is working for B. F. Weddle.

Mulino News Notes.

MULINO, April 26.—(Special.)—Mr. Ely Lowe, late of Salina, an old friend of U. G. Hardesty, the miller, visited here on his way to Molalla to look at a farm.

Mrs. A. Erarsson visited Mrs. C. T. Howard Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt had a very pleasant surprise Friday. Their son, whom they had not seen for nineteen years, came to visit them.

Mr. and Mrs. Force and Katie were visiting their friends in Malino this week. They all come back to Malino.

The young people of Malino had a very pleasant party at Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty's Friday evening. Mrs. C. T. Howard was out of town a few days this week in the interest of the grange.

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The Grandeur of the Great Natural Bridge in Virginia.

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This marvelous structure overlooks the James river valley, being on the western slope of the Blue mountains. It is just about the center of the state. It approaches Niagara in grandeur and exceeds it in height and awful mystery. It is a single block of limestone, with many shades of color. The walls are smooth, as if cut with chisels, and there is no sign of displacement.

The visitor follows a tumbling cascade down a deep fissure in the mountain under some of the largest arbutus trees in the world and, turning down a line of steps cut into the precipice, suddenly finds himself by a swift stream in a dark canyon and the great bridge far above him. Birds high in air pass under the blue arch. The place is full of echoes, and the winds and waters moan eternally.

Washington visited the surveyor for Lord Fairfax visited the natural bridge and carved his name, where it may still be seen. The original bridge tract was granted by King George III. to Thomas Jefferson in 1774. After he was president Jefferson visited the place, surveyed it and made the map with his own hands. Jefferson spoke of the place as "a famous place that will draw the attention of the world." Chief Justice Marshall wrote of the bridge as "God's greatest miracle in stone." Henry Clay wrote of "the bridge not made with hands that span a river, carries a highway and makes two mountains one."—Detroit Free Press.

OLD FASHIONED.

What has become of the old fashioned man who had been married only once?

What has become of the old fashioned woman who expected her children to "mind"?

What has become of the old fashioned man who was always wanting to bet a can of oysters?

What has become of the old fashioned lover who gave his girl a copy of "Lucille" at Christmas?

What has become of the old fashioned woman who said she "backed" an envelope when she wrote an address on it?

What has become of the old fashioned woman who explained her poverty by saying an elephant stepped on her pocketbook?

What has become of the old fashioned woman who screamed at the thought of her husband taking out life insurance, saying that it sounded as if he didn't expect to live long?—Atlantic Globe.

Curious Wills.

The most curious and perhaps the most spiteful will on record is that of Queen Austrigilda, consort of King Gottrun, who by her noncupative or verbal testament enjoined her husband to slay and bury in the same grave with herself the two physicians who had attended to her majesty during her last illness. Scarcely less vindictive was the will of the selfish husband who forbade his wife to marry a second time, concluding with the threat, "If she disobeys me, I will come again if I can." Quite at the opposite pole of sentiment was the direction of the married woman who predeceased her husband to her executors to seek out some nice, good, pretty girl who would make an affectionate second wife for a spouse.—London Telegraph.

Meerschaum Carving.

Vienna is the greatest center for meerschaum carving, which has attained a very high artistic development. The raw material comes in such odd shapes that much skill is exercised in obtaining from each piece a pipe that shall be as large and well shaped as possible. The rough block is first soaked in water to make it soft, when it can be cut as readily as cheese. After the carving is completed the final polishing is done by women with fine sandpaper and a kind of grass.

Ancient Sausages.

Antiquaries are baffled in their attempts to ascertain when sausages first became an article of human consumption. We know at least that among the ancient Greeks, sausages, called "alantes" and "chordal," were a common article of diet, and every schoolboy knows, or ought to know, that sausages, black puddings and sausage sellers appear in the comedies of Aristophanes.—London Telegraph.

What Happened.

"She married the coachman because she wanted some one who could drive."
"Well?"
"Well, he drove her to distraction!"—Chicago Post.

Quick Conclusion.

"I see that one Pennsylvania convict fatally assaulted another."
"They must have some bad men in that penitentiary."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Responsibility Placed.

"So their marriage was a failure."
"Not at all. Marriage is all right. It was the man and the woman who were failures."—Philadelphia Press.

HOW DOGS FIND THEIR WAY

Evidence That They Possess Peculiar Power to Guide Them.

In the old days of the James river canal a fine setter was taken by his master on a packet boat which was so crowded that the dog was put in the captain's cabin to be out of the way, says the New York Mail and Express. His owner reached his destination after nightfall and had taken so much wine by that time that he was carried off the boat, and no one remembered his setter.

Next morning the captain took the dog on deck with him, but was much afraid he would jump off to the tow-path and try to return that way, and so handsome an animal would have been in danger of being stolen.

Carlo, however, lay perfectly quiet, but with an air of listening that attracted notice. Toward noon he heard the sound of the horn of a packet coming from the opposite way, and as the boats passed each other he made a leap and was next heard from as having got off at the place where his master had stopped and as having gone at once to the house where he was a guest.

Could human intelligence have surpassed that?
This same dog lay on his master's grave and refused food until he died from starvation. But I do not give this as a case in point.

A gentleman who lived a hundred miles from a city moved there with all his possessions, including a bulldog which had been raised at his father's home, where he had hitherto resided. He was locked up in the car with the furniture and in the bustle of unloading disappeared, and two days afterward he reached his former home, coming by an inland route, as was known by parties who recognized him, so that he evidently marked out his own path without reference to the railroad on which he had been carried away.

THE OMNIBUS.

It Was Introduced by Blaise Pascal, the Noted Mathematician.

No less a personage than the famous mathematician, Blaise Pascal, is said to have introduced the vehicle which we call the "omnibus." Unlike most other men of learning, Pascal was more or less interested in the affairs of practical life. He was the inventor of the pushcart that now permeates our streets, says the Scientific American.

In 1661 he had large wagons built for regular traffic in the heart of Paris. He allied himself in this undertaking with several influential friends, among whom was the Duke of Noailles.

In 1662 Louis XIV. granted letters patent to Pascal, in which it was said that these carriages were intended for the comfort of poor people who had to go to courts of justice or who were sick and so poor that they could not afford to pay the two pence exacted by the chairmen and the drivers of coaches.

At first the use of the vehicle was not generally permitted. A royal decree forbade its use by soldiers, pages, lackeys and other liveried servants, as well as artisans and porters.

Pascal, in spite of the fact that he only lived to be thirty-nine, is said to have made no inconsiderable sum out of his invention.

After the vehicle had been in use some sixteen years it was abandoned for various reasons. It was not until 1812 that it was again introduced, this time in Bordeaux, which city was followed in 1821 by Nantes and in 1827 by Paris. The vehicle was improved and rapidly became popular. Now it has been almost displaced by the tramway.

In modern times the vehicle was called an omnibus simply for the reason that it was intended for the carriage of all, without any restrictions as to lackeys, pages or footmen.

His Mistake.

"Once at a party," said a Scotch clergyman, "there was a crusty old Scot seated at a whist table playing passionately, and his partner was a young woman, the daughter of a neighboring laird. You are to imagine this young woman's surprise in the heart of the game when the old fellow threw down his cards and bawled at her:
"What kind of a game are ye playing, ye darned auld!"
"And then, recollecting himself, he bowed and said humbly to the astonished girl:
"Ye pardon's begged, madam. I took ye in the excitement for my ain wife."

Marriage and Crime.

It is said that statistics prove that in every 1,000 bachelors there are thirty-eight criminals, while in every 1,000 married men the criminals number only eighteen. If this is so, it surely proves that the present day members of the sex labeled coy and hard to please have at least an immense capability for keeping men out of mischief, sufficient to outbalance perhaps even the unkind reputation handed down the ages by Mother Eve.—London Tatler.

Ready For Sacrifice.

Little Vegetarian—Papa, why do you go away again. Why don't you stay home with mother and me?
Papa—But I must go, little daughter, to get bread and butter for you.
L. V.—Oh, papa, if you'll only stay home I'll eat meat!—Brooklyn Life.

No Such Luck.

Bixter—Do you know, Jipson, that your play is positively improper?
Jipson—It is very kind of you to say so, Bixter, but what's the use? I haven't been able to get any of the papers to denounce it as unfit to be seen.—Boston Transcript.

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