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8.00	Hood River	4.00	
8.05	Powerdale	3.55	
8.15	Switchback	3.45	
8.35	VanHorn	3.15	
8.40	Mohrs	3.10	
8.55	Odell	3.00	
9.10	Summit	2.50	
9.20	Bloucher	2.45	
9.40	Winans	2.35	
9.45 Ar.	Dee	Lv. 2.30	
10.30 Lv.	Dee	Ar. 2.00	
10.40	Troutcreek	1.55	
11.00	Woodworth	1.35	
11.15 Ar.	Parkdale	Lv. 1.30	

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**RUSSIA'S JESTER.**

Balakireff Is the Joe Miller of the Muscovites.

**HIS WIT TICKLES THE BEAR.**

He Was the Court Fool That Many a Time Braved the Anger of Peter the Great—His Miracle of the Sword and a Wondrous Deed of Daring.

Every nation has its typical jester, around whom crystallize all the floating stories of a people. Thus England has its Joe Miller, Germany its Till Eulenspiegel, Italy its Punchinello, the orient its Nasreddin el Khoja and Russia its Balakireff. Like Joe Miller, the last was a real character, though not all the jokes credited to him were his own. Some were inventions of a later age; others were borrowed from the past. He shares the credit for many of the latter with Joe Miller and Eulenspiegel.

History records that Balakireff was the favorite jester of Peter the Great. Tradition represents him as the constant companion of the czar, frequently exercising his wit at royal expense. One day, for example, a cousin of his had fallen under the czar's displeasure and was sentenced to death. Balakireff undertook to obtain a reprieve. The czar guessed his errand even before he opened his mouth.

"No," he cried. "Tis no use your coming here. I swear that I will not grant what you are going to ask!"

Balakireff dropped at once to his knees. "Peter Alexevitch," he cried, "I pray you, put to death that scamp of a cousin of mine!"

Peter, thus caught in his own trap, had no choice but to laugh and send a pardon to the culprit.

On another occasion Balakireff asked that he might be enrolled among his master's domestic guards. Peter consented for the sake of the joke, but warned his jester that death was the penalty if any officer of the guards absented himself from his post or mislaid his sword. Then to test the volunteer he sent him up a flagon of wine to "moisten his commission."

Balakireff, as was expected, drank to the intoxicating point. While he was sleeping off his debauch the czar himself crept into the room and carried off his sword from the scabbard. Balakireff, though badly scared, on awaking made shift to replace the missing weapon with his own wooden imitation of the guardsmen's sword. He was called to parade next morning, when Peter feigned hot indignation at the untidiness of one of the guards.

"Captain Balakireff," he cried at last, "draw your sword and cut off the head of that slob!"

Balakireff cast his eyes up to heaven. "Oh, merciful God," he prayed, "grant that my sword may turn into wood before I use it on one of my own fellow soldiers!"

And, lo, when he unsheathed it the blade stood revealed as a wooden one. Peter laughed heartily at the knave's presence of mind and restored him to favor.

A more serious offense resulted in the banishment of the jester. "Never dare to appear again on Russian soil!" stormed the emperor. Judge then of Peter's surprise when, a week later, he beheld his old favorite coolly driving a cart past the palace.

"How dare you disobey me?" shouted the enraged monarch. "Did I not forbid you ever to show yourself on Russian soil?"

"Nay," replied Balakireff, "I have not disobeyed you. This is not Russian soil."

"How say you—not Russian soil?"

"Truly not. This cartload of earth on which I am sitting is Swedish soil. I dug it up in Finland only the other day."

Again the czar laughed uproariously and remitted his buffoon to favor. Some historians add that when he heard the excuse he said, "If Finland be Swedish soil now it shall be Russian before long," a threat he was not slow to fulfill.

This story, however, was an old one long before the time of Balakireff. It forms the twenty-seventh adventure of Till Eulenspiegel, who is reputed to have died in 1350. Having offended the Duke of Lunenburg, Till was "forbidden the land." He purchased a shilling's worth of earth to fill his cart with, and, being duly challenged by the duke, he answered:

"My gracious lord, I am not in your land, but in mine own, wherein I do sit. I bought it of a boor for a shilling. And rightfully could he sell it, for from his forefathers he inherited it. So is this truly my land."

At the close of one of Czar Peter's campaigns Balakireff overheard some Russian officers boasting of exploits they had performed.

"Nay," he cried, "I can tell a better story than any of you." And, being pressed for the story, he continued:

"Never have I liked this modern way of fighting all in a body together. Surely it would be more manly for each to stand by himself. Therefore went I out alone in search of adventures. One day while reconnoitering near the enemy's outposts I espied a Swedish soldier lying on the ground. Before he could rise and give the alarm I rushed upon him and with one blow from my sword cut off his right foot."

"You fool!" cried one of his auditors. "Why did you not cut off his head?"

"So would I have done," retorted Balakireff, "except that somebody else had already done it."—Washington Star.

**Methodist Church Notes**

A quiet little wedding was held in the church last Thursday afternoon, when Harvey Cropper and Henrietta Douglas went to the altar and pledged their troth, each to the other, and Pastor McOmber pronounced them husband and wife. The newly married couple left Monday for their new home on a fruit ranch near Lyle, Wash.

The pastor and family wish to publicly thank the many friends who were responsible for the shower of fifty quarts of luscious Hood River fruit. Such a practical way of wishing the parsonage a Happy New Year is certainly appreciated.

Mrs. Minnie Erickson and daughter, Lela, from Phillipsburg, Montana, were received into the fellowship and communion of the church last Sunday morning.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Nason on Thursday afternoon of this week.

On Friday evening of this week, at the parsonage, a silver offering social will be held, given by the Ladies' Aid Society. A program will be rendered, consisting of music and readings, and refreshments will be served. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The Mission of Methodism," and in the evening the subject will be, "Peter, the Impulsive."

**Schlusser Re-elected.**

The publicity committee of the Roseburg Commercial Club met in special session last evening, at which time several matters of importance were considered. Publicity Manager Schlusser, who has been at the helm of the publicity work during the past year was retained for another twelve months, much to the satisfaction of the local citizens. When Mr. Schlusser accepted his present position the club was in debt about \$1800, and this sum has been virtually wiped out through his efforts and management. Mr. Schlusser as well as the members of the publicity committee anticipate even greater results during the year 1911, than during the previous twelve months. — Roseburg News

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**Riverside Aid Election**

Riverside Congregational Aid Society met with Mrs. G. R. Carterer January 6th and held their annual election of officers, resting as follows: President, Mrs. Charles Carter; vice-president, on Heights, Mrs. Luena; vice-president down town, Mrs. A. L. Page; secretary, Mrs. George Wilbur; treasurer, Mrs. Bartlett.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Chas. Carterer's, Friday, January 20th.

Both Aids are invited to attend, as plans for the coming year will be given at this meeting.

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**Notice to Delinquents**

F. C. Sexton having sold his interest in the Pine Grove Box & Lumber Co. to A. C. Pierce, we would like to collect all debts in order to close the books. The business hereafter will be conducted by Mark Cameron and A. C. Pierce and known as the Pine Grove Box Co.

A sale of Southern Oregon sugar pine, covering 40,000 acres, is reported from Medford to an eastern syndicate. The purchase price was \$3,500,000.

**ERRORS IN WILLS.**

Two Famous Lawyers Whose Testaments Were Defective.

**TILDEN'S CURIOUS BLUNDER.**

Loosely Drawn Stipulations That Invalidated His Charitable Trust Bequest—President Polk's Will, Written by Himself, Nullified.

Whether the old saying that "a lawyer who tries his own case has a fool for a client" is applicable to Samuel J. Tilden in the matter of drawing his will is not known. It was thought for some time that the will was drawn, or at least approved, by Charles O'Connor and James C. Carter, two of the most eminent lawyers in New York, but later statements, says Case and Comment, are to the effect that they had nothing at all to do with the will, and consequently it is not definitely known who was responsible for it.

It would hardly seem possible that Mr. Tilden himself could have made such a mistake had he been acting for some one else. The statement has been made that Mr. Tilden had some doubts as to the validity of those clauses which the court subsequently condemned and had spoken to Mr. Carter about it, but nothing more came of it.

In summing up the provisions of the Tilden will the court in holding it invalid stated that the testator in substance said: "I have determined to devote my estate to charitable, educational and scientific purposes. I have formed no detailed plan how that purpose can be executed, but under the law of New York it must be done through and by means of a corporation. I request you to cause to be incorporated an institution to be called the 'Tilden trust' with capacity to maintain a free library and reading room in the city of New York, and such other educational and scientific objects as you shall designate, and if you deem it expedient—that is, if you think it advisable and the fit and proper thing to do—convey to that institution all or such part of my residuary estate as you choose, and if you do not think that course advisable then apply it to such charitable, educational and scientific purposes as in your judgment will most substantially benefit mankind."

It will be noted that the discretion of the trustees was indefinite both as to the amount which they were to give to the corporation to be formed and also as to whether they should give any at all to the incorporation, and the validity of the bequest was denied upon the ground of this complete discretionary power to convey or not to convey to the suggested beneficiary.

The trustees procured the incorporation of the "Tilden trust" and elected to convey to it the entire property, but the court held that the invalidity of the charitable trust because of its uncertainty could not be cured by anything done by the trustees to execute it.

In striking contrast with the Tilden will is that of his contemporary in law and politics, Roscoe Conkling, the text of which is as follows: "I, Roscoe Conkling of Utica, make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows: I give, devise and bequeath to my wife Julia and to her heirs and assigns forever all my property and estate, whether real or mixed, and I constitute and appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my last will." It would undoubtedly take a better lawyer than even Mr. Conkling to break his will.

In passing upon the validity of the will of President James K. Polk a Tennessee court of chancery said: "This will was written by the testator with his own hand in the executive mansion at Washington at a time when he was president of the United States. He was a lawyer of recognized ability, had filled many high public offices with distinction and reflected great honor upon his state. His will was witnessed by a law partner and a senator in congress and named as executor one of the Justices of the supreme court of the United States. It comes to us with the impression of having been carefully thought out before it was formally put down and published as his last testament."

Among other provisions his home, known as Polk Place, situated in the city of Nashville, was given to his wife for life, and upon her death it was bequeathed to the state of Tennessee in trust to be occupied and enjoyed "by such one of my blood relatives having the name of Polk as may be designated by the said state," and if there were no blood relatives of that name then "by such other of my blood relations as may be designated by the said state to execute this trust."

The occupant was to keep the same in repair and prevent it from dilapidating or falling into decay, to pay the taxes and to preserve and keep in repair "the tomb which may be placed or erected over the mortal remains of my beloved wife and myself and shall not permit the same to be removed nor any buildings or other improvements be placed or erected over the spot where said tomb may be."

This will was declared invalid as tending to establish a perpetuity. It was not a gift for public charity and was merely an attempt to retain the property for the use of the blood relatives of the testator.

How easy it is for one to suggest a sure way for some one else to manage a troublesome affair!

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