STORY OF A FORGED DEED

HOW LEWIS LOVE'S SIGNATURE WAS OBTAINED.

Mrs. Kurtz Tells the History of an Abortive Scheme to Secure Large Property.

Recently Lewis Love filed suit in the State Circuit Court against W. May Henry, now Mrs. Albert Kurtz, Thomas Connell and Luzerne Besser, to recover a deed to property valued at $900,000, which deed is alleged to be fraudulent and void. The property is described as the south half of lots 3 and 6, and all of lot 4, except the west 14 feet of the N. ½ of lot 4, block 3; also lots 1 and 2, block 117; also N. ½ of lot 2 and all of lot 3, block 10, City of Portland.

Mrs. Kurtz has filed a very long answer in the State Circuit Court, in which she recites her connection with the matter, and gives what she alleges is a full history of the case from the beginning. She is represented by Mitchell & Tanner, as attorneys, and the answer is subscribed and sworn to as is required by law.

Fraudulent Deed Executed.

Mrs. Kurtz admits that the fraudulent deed complained of in her favor was executed, but she denies that there was any fraud upon her part in procuring or making it, and tells how it came about that she finally concluded that it was advisable to tell all she knew and that she gave Captain Love an affidavit containing all of the facts.

Connell's First Negotiations.

She avers in the answer that she first met Thomas Connell in the latter part of July, 1897, in Mr. Eastman's photograph gallery, where she was employed. Connell called to collect the rent and treated her with marked attention and asked her whether there was much money in the gallery if it was run right, and she said there was. She told him there was a lien on the place, and Connell then proposed for her to ascertain the amount of it, and he would buy it and put her in control, with the understanding that she was to pay him as she could. He told her, she states, to come to "his friend's house" in the evening, and she went—which she afterwards learned was his own residence—and told him concerning the liens. He did not purchase them, and had numerous excuses for not doing so. The gallery, she asserts, was soon afterwards sold, and she went with her sister to their country home, where she received from Connell a number of letters of an affectionate nature. Upon her return, Connell came to see her continually with propositions of buying a rooming-house for her, so she could take her little boy with her and be independent, which she says pleased her, as she was tired of working for others.

Introduced to Love.

In pursuance of this offer, Mrs. Kurtz alleges that she looked at a number of houses, but Connell never liked any which she proposed, and one day, which was about the latter part of September, 1897, he informed her that he knew an old man who had a number of houses, giving her the address, and telling her that the old man was a widower, with a million dollars' worth of property and several thousand dollars in the bank, and to get him to take her out in his buggy to look at a place; that the old man was very fond of women, and if she treated him nicely he would fall in love with her and leave her some of his property; that his name was Lewis Love.

Following the advice of Connell, she alleges that she called on Captain Love and went out with him in his buggy looking at houses. He had nothing she wanted, but he requested her to return the next day and see him and his granddaughter, Miss Stafford. Mrs. Kurtz states that she reported the result of her visit to Connell, who instructed her to go again, which she did at various times, when Connell began telling her that Love was quite taken with her.

Forged Letter.

In October, 1897, she again left for a visit to her home in the country, and while she was absent received a letter, of which the following is a copy:

"Portland, Or., November 11, 1897.—W. May Henry—Dear Friend: Your kind letter received, and I am very sory to hear of your being sick. Since you left I have been very sick and have been confined to the house for the past six days, but I am now getting some better. I have signed the deed to the property on yesterday, as I promised you I would. I will hand it to you when I see you, which will be soon. I want you to come and help take care of me. I hope to see you soon. Very truly, your friend, LEWIS LOVE."

The defendant avers that on investigation, many months afterwards, she learned that the original of this letter was in the handwriting of Luzerne Besser, and that Captain Love had never signed the same, and that on the day she received the letter she wrote to Love asking what he meant, that it was strange he should write her such a letter, but heard nothing from it, and has been told that Captain Love never received her letter.

Received a Deed.

Upon her return, about the middle of November, 1897, she says Thomas Connell came to her at her rooms and handed her a deed to her from Lewis Love for a large amount of property.

She inquired from Connell what it meant, and he answered that it was all perfectly straight, and Love had signed it, but she must not put it upon record until after Love's death, because his children would make a fuss about it, and Captain Love, who had not much longer to live, would like to have peace for the rest of his days. Mrs. Kurtz alleges that she asked Connell why Love had not informed her about the deed, and why he had not given it to her instead of Connell, when Connell replied: "I didn't say Love gave it to me," but Connell did not say Love had not given it to him, and objected to her going to see about it. Connell, she states, requested her to take the deed and place it in the safe of Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, and said: "The doctor is Mr. Love's physician, and would know if anything ever came up about it, that Lewis Love was in his right mind when he signed the deed," and Connell also said that Captain Love would probably tell her regarding the deed later on, and to let the Captain have his own way about it.

It is explained in the answer that there was only one subscribing witness to the deed, and Mrs. Kurtz details how Connell came to her house and got her sister, Mrs. R. A. Rahymer, to sign as an additional witness, making her sister believe it was all right for her to do so. The deed it is stated was sealed up in an envelope and placed in Dr. Plummer's safe.

Typewritten Deed.

The next move in the case the defendant avers was when Connell came to her, and said the paper was not just what it should be, that Luzerne Besser had helped to get it up, but Love really did sign it. Connell wanted her, she says, to sign a paper for him, and in answer to her inquiry as to what it was, said she could trust him, and he would cut his right arm off before he would get her into any trouble. When she refused to sign Connell became very angry and told her how he got the deed; and that Luzerne Besser got Captain Love to sign the paper. That Connell further stated that he made the deed out himself on a typewriter, and not being very handy with the typewriter and people coming in to see him all the time, he could only work on it a few minutes at a time, and it cost him lots of trouble, and that he did not propose to pay it all spelled by her stubbornness.

Mrs. Kurtz says Connell further he could give her lots of trouble, that her sister had signed the deed, and that defendant had it in her possession, and that he certainly would do so unless she signed the paper. To induce her to sign the paper, which was a deed to him for two-thirds of the property, Connell, she states, said she had gone too far, and he had plenty of money and friends, and would be believed in preference to her; and when she asked Connell why he had not informed her before that the deed was a fraud, and that he, Connell, had prepared it on a typewriter and that Besser had managed to get the signature, Connell answered that he knew her well enough to know she would spoil the whole thing; he had been trying for years to get something like that; Lewis Love was immensely rich, his children were ignorant, and would squander it if they got it, and it was no sin for him to have some of it.

Connell, she avers, continued to threaten her, and at other times wrote her nice letters. He continued his threats and insisted that she should come to his office at the bank, and sign the paper and by so doing avoid much trouble, and she finally went to the bank and signed it without reading it. Connell, however, saying it was for two-thirds of the property. After it was signed she states Connell took it out to Mr. Marshall and put a notarial seal on it, and Mr. Marshall asked her if that was her signature and she said yes.

Mrs. Kurtz further alleges that Thomas Connell said he was to have one-third and Luzerne Besser one-third of the property.

Trying to Right a Wrong.

The next portion of the answer deals with the efforts of Mrs. Kurtz to get back the deed she had signed to Connell. In this connection she says she threatened to tell Lewis Love, and Connell only laughed at her, and told her Love would have her arrested, and when she suggested that she would see Besser Connell replied that Besser might be frightened and make her trouble. She had fully made up her mind, she asserts, to have nothing further to do with the matter, and in February, 1898, decided to see Besser, and inquired for him at the St. George, where Connell said Besser was always playing solo. Meeting Besser she avers that she with a view of pumping him, remarked inquiringly that she, Connell and Besser had an equal interest in a certain deed from Lewis Love. Besser answered, "Yes, that is so," and she then told Besser of having signed the paper to Connell for two-thirds of the property, and Besser said, he and Connell had traded together for 20 years and Tom would not dare to cheat him. After some further conversation between them which is detailed, the answer states that Besser promised to see Connell and try to get the paper back, but she did not hear anything from him for two months.

Removed the Deed.

In the meantime, Mrs. Kurtz states, she became afraid to leave the deed in Dr. Plummer's safe, and took it out, and put it in the safe of Mr. Miller, an attorney in the Commercial Block. Having concluded to wash her hands of the whole affair, and deliver the deed and paper to Captain Love, and in order to obtain the paper, Mrs. Kurtz tells how she again went to see Besser and told him just what Connell intended to do, and that Connell had stated to her that Besser was getting old and liked to play solo and drink beef tea, and he would give him enough money out of it to keep his game going, and that as long as he gave Besser a little money Besser would not do anything. Besser, she alleges, agreed to help her, and she explains their dealings at length, and how among other things he tried to get her to return letters written to her by Connell, but she did not get the paper she had signed for Connell at the bank.

Forged Deed Stolen.

In conclusion, Mrs. Kurtz states that she called on ex-Senator John H. Mitchell and employed him as her attorney, and gave him the Lewis Love deed, and pending negotiations concerning the letters and paper between Mr. Mitchell and Thomas Connell, Mr. Mitchell's office was burglarized, and the deed and letters were stolen.

Captain Love has been represented in this case by Attorneys Ed. and A. R. Menendhall. The answers of Connell and Besser have not yet been filed.

Charges Fraud.

Mrs. Annie J. Gatzka, in answer to the suit of W. J. Haight to recover $250 on a note and to foreclose a chattel mortgage on some furniture, says the same was obtained by false pretenses, and she wants the note back and $350 besides. She states that in April, 1900, she purchased the Southern lodging-house, at 647½ First street, for $500 from W. E. McPherson, who acted as the agent of Haight, and paid $250 on the deal. McPherson, she avers, assured her that she would realize a profit of $75 per month, and that 50 rooms were occupied by permanent tenants. Mrs. Gatzka alleges that the profits over and above expenses were only $30 monthly, and but 42 rooms were occupied, and mostly by transients and not by permanent roomers. She says she believed the statements made, and signed the note without reading it, and that she does not understand the English language very well, and was taken advantage of. She further states that when she ascertained this fact she demanded the return of her money and rescinded the contract, but plaintiff offered her only $50, which she refused, and she asks judgment for $350.

Decisions Today.

Judge Bellinger will render decisions in the United States Circuit Court at 10 o'clock this morning in the following cases: United States vs. California & Oregon Land Company; Allen & Lewis vs. Oregon Railway & Navigation Company; Brown vs. Jacobs.

Court Notes.

Judge George will announce a decision this morning in the case of Danziger vs. Stone.

Phoebe Ann Claggett, as executrix of the will of Charles Claggett, deceased, has filed suit in the State Circuit Court against Louis Miller to foreclose a contract for the purchase of 25 acres of land.

Gilbert Bros. have sued Charles Schultz and Freda K. Schultz to recover possession of a piano or its value, $250, and $75 damages on account of its alleged unlawful detention.

John Hitts has brought suit against George P. Lent to foreclose a mortgage for $7168 on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19 and the 250 feet of lot 23, block 1, Lent's addition.

Catherine Olds was divorced from John M. Olds by Judge Sears yesterday, and was granted leave to resume her former name, Fox. The plaintiff testified that she was married to the defendant at Oregon City November 15, 1890, and that he deserted her in the year 1895 because she refused to execute to him a life lease for a farm which she owns.

ON THE BANKS OF THE COLUMBIA.

The O. R. & N. has adopted a round-trip rate of 50 cents for Sunday excursions, Portland to Bonneville and return. Special train leaves Union Depot Sunday, at 9:30 A. M., and returns same evening. All the delightful picnic and fishing places at your disposal; train stops at option of passengers.

It Is Jupiter.

WALLA WALLA, June 27.—(To the Editor.)—Is it the planet Jupiter that now appears as though within the constellation of the Scorpion? T. P.

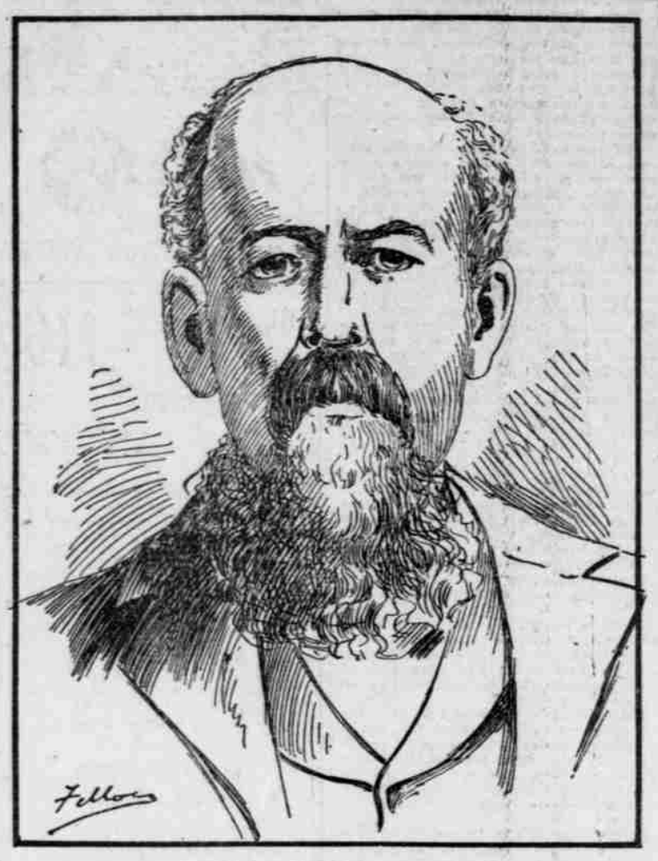
Jupiter is on the ecliptic and thus above the constellation Scorpio. Within this constellation is the first magnitude star Antares, a distinct reddish color. Jupiter is much brighter than Antares, a brilliant white light.

CAPTAIN KERN'S DEATH

EVIDENTLY DUE TO A RECURRENCE OF HIS OLD MALADY.

His Trip to the East Was to Superintend the Test of His Rangefinder.

Another telegram was received from Philadelphia yesterday from J. B. Kelly, concerning the death of Captain J. W. Kern, which occurred at the former's home Thursday. It stated that Captain Kern was ill about two hours before he died. It is inferred from this that he had an attack similar to the one he had at his home several weeks before he started for the East. Instructions were sent yesterday by wire to embalm the body and forward at once to Portland. Until the remains arrive no arrangements will be made for the funeral. The body will reach Portland about the Fourth.



THE LATE CAPTAIN J. W. KERN.

Up to the time of the first attack of illness, which affected his heart, Captain Kern had enjoyed excellent health. He made a former business trip East and returned in the best of spirits and apparent good health. For some time he had applied himself very closely to perfecting his rangefinder, which had been favorably commented on by competent men in the East, who considered that it would supply what was needed in that line. It is a beautiful and delicate instrument, and yet simple in construction. Considering that Captain Kern had not acquired a technical mechanical education it is wonderful that he should have been able to study out the plan of the rangefinder. It was with the expectation that the final test of the instrument would be made by the Government that this last trip East was made. There is a wide circle of relatives of the stricken family, who reside largely in this county and state. They were to gather at Capt. Kern's home, on Powell street, today, in their annual reunion, but his sad death necessitates the abandonment of this purpose.

Mount Tabor School Closing.

The graduating and closing exercises of the Mount Tabor schools, District No. 5, took place last night in Orient hall on West avenue, there being a large attendance of the patrons and friends of the school. At the rear of the stage was the class motto, "Attain by Labor." The decorations, which were handsome and appropriate, were interspersed with the colors of the class—pink and lilac. Those who received promotion are Elsie I. Craw, Mabel M. Craw, E. Maude Jones, Minnie E. Moore, L. Maude Points and Florence M. Points. Incy Baker and Lloyd Craft, who graduated from the grammar grade February, took part in the exercises. The programme of the evening opened with a selection by the High School orchestra, E. A. Milner, leader. Rev. J. E. Snyder followed with an earnest invocation. The essays by the pupils receiving promotion were all well written, showing much research, thought and care in preparation. "The Transvaal," was the title of the production by L. Maude Points, in which she reviewed the founding of the South African Republic and told of the present events there. "Great Woman," was well handled by Minnie E. Moore. "Art," was presented by Florence M. Points. E. Maude Jones told about "Three Wise Men." Elsie I. Craw read an excellent paper on "Oregon." Mabel McCraw gave an essay on "The Ideal and the Real," showing their difference. Rev. W. S. Gilbert gave the address to the class, which was full of interest. C. W. Durette, principal, presented the diplomas to the members of the class with appropriate remarks. The programme closed with benediction by Rev. J. E. Snyder.

Fight the Boxers.

W. J. Johnston, a prominent member of Gilbert Camp, No. 4, Spanish War Veterans, has enlisted for service in China. He enlisted in the Sixth Cavalry and left last evening for San Francisco. He was a member of Company H, Colorado regiment, and was in the Philippine Islands with that company. He got a taste of fighting at that time, and now wants to take a whack at the Boxers.

East Side Notes.

As a result of the notices served on property-owners in East Portland there is now much activity in repairing sidewalks. There is to be a general cleaning up along that line.

The brick walls of the new warehouse of the Standard Oil Company are nearly completed. The new building will be 100x100 and one-story. It has a stone foundation. There will be no basement.

Dr. Wise, room 614, The Dekum.

LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

Only a Little Routine Business Came Up.

The special and last meeting of the outgoing council yesterday afternoon was as brief as it was unimportant. No one was able to see in the business transacted any necessity for the gathering. No attempt was made to bring up the question of the firemen's claims for back pay, but the fact that Messrs. Gleason and Logan, counsel for the firemen, were present was a reminder of "what might have been."

Mayor Storey presided and all the Councilmen were present except Showers, and the greatest unity and good feeling prevailed. Messrs. Holbrook, Merrill, Nichol and Walker, Councilmen-elect, were present.

An invitation from the Fourth of July committee for Mayor Storey and the members of the Council to act on the reviewing committee on the evening of the Fourth in conjunction with Mayor Rowe and the new Council, was, on motion of Martin, accepted.

A resolution offered at a previous meeting, instructing the City Attorney to cancel a judgment for costs against the property owners who contested the validity of the assessment for the improvement of Sixth street, was adopted. These property owners will have to pay their assessments with interest and the expenses they incurred in trying to get out of paying their just dues, and their fate should be a warning to others.

An ordinance appropriating $40 to repay George W. Becker the amount expended for a license which he did not use was the only ordinance passed.

A petition from H. C. Bowers, manager of the Portland Hotel, asking permission to erect an ornamental porte cochere over the Morrison street entrance to the hotel was granted, it being stated that it was to be a thing of beauty, and no obstruction to travel. It was directed that the structure be erected under the supervision of the City Engineer.

A petition from C. A. Alisky asking permission to erect an electric sign, comprising 200 electric lamps, in front of his Winter Garden and Cafe, was granted, it being stated that this would be far and away the handsomest electric sign in the city.

A petition for the improvement of Russell street was granted, and it was directed that the necessary specifications be prepared.

A resolution giving notice of intention to improve Thirty-second street was adopted.

A petition from the Mayor asking for the construction of a sewer in Reed street was granted, and it was ordered that the necessary specifications be prepared.

A remonstrance against the proposed improvement of Twenty-fourth street was referred to the street committee.

Petitions asking for the improvement of East Twenty-ninth street and Gilman street were referred to the street committee.

Petitions asking for sewers in East Eighth street and Union avenue were referred to the sewer committee.

O. R. & N. TRAIN FOR BONNEVILLE

Picnic grounds leaves Union Depot, 9:30 A. M., Sunday. Special rate, 50 cents round trip. View the magnificent Columbia River scenery. Fine music.

EMISSARY FROM CHINA

RALPH PLATT, A FORMER PORTLANDER, RETURNS FROM MANILA.

En Route to Washington on a Mission in the Interest of the Deposed Emperor.

When the Second Oregon Volunteers left Portland, a little more than two years ago, Lieutenant Ralph Platt was one of them. He reached Portland night before last on his return, and is said to be on his way to Washington City as the emissary of the young Emperor of China.

Since leaving Portland he has had a good bit of experience. First he was made regimental commissary on the transport going over to Manila. Some of the letters that came back from the boys after they arrived there were not very complimentary to Lieutenant Platt. A member of the regiment who was in position to know says that Commissary Platt did not deserve all of the censure that he got from the boys.

After being in Manila some time, Mr. Platt was appointed Acting Judge-Advocate-General on General Hughes' staff. Later on he was placed in charge of the prison records, and served in that capacity until mustered out before the Oregon Regiment started for home.

Mr. Platt is an attorney by profession, and soon formed a copartnership with a man named Manley, in Manila. The firm of Platt & Manley in some way got close up to some big Chinese firms, and has been handling their Manila business ever since, with considerable ability and with profit to themselves.

His friends here had begun to wonder what had become of him, all but one or two, who have had an occasional letter from him, when the news came from Puget Sound that he had arrived from China on the Empress of India a few days ago.

These dispatches told wonderful stories of how Ralph Platt was on his way to Washington to intercede with the President in behalf of the deposed Emperor. They wound up by stating that he had left for Washington, and was full of credentials.

However that may have been, he came straight to Portland, and if he was full of anything, it was not of credentials. At least, he is not showing any credentials here. He is not even showing himself to the newspaper men, and his friends are very energetic in keeping him away from the interviewer.

Mr. Platt declares that he saw no newspaper people in Tacoma or anywhere else since landing in the United States.

From a friend it is learned that he left Tien Tsin June 2, and that he is on his way to Washington, but for what purpose no one knows. He is now waiting here for a cablegram from those he represents in China, and will leave for Washington as soon as he gets it.

He gives certain evidences of having rubbed elbows with the dethroned Emperor, and also of being on good terms with the secret societies which are said to be back of that young man up in his claims.

Some think that his business is to handle some big deal that he and his partners have worked up on the other side, while one man is of the opinion that he only came to Portland to look after his fee in the firemen's back salary case, which he was handling when he left, and which the Supreme Court has decided since then.

Mr. Platt says that the present trouble in China is the beginning of the biggest row that has ever been over in that part of the world. He thinks that extensive preparations have been going on for some time looking to a prolonged war.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. D. Davis, of Seattle, is registered at the Portland.

C. S. Chase, of Astoria, is registered at the St. Charles.

B. F. Mulkey, of Monmouth, is registered at the Perkins.

McKinley Mitchell, of Gervais, is registered at the Perkins.

E. O. McCoy, of The Dalles, is registered at the Perkins.

Van B. DeLashmutt, of Spokane, is registered at the Imperial.

Eugene Wright, of Roseburg, is registered at the St. Charles.

W. G. Rhude, of Gray's River, Wash., is registered at the St. Charles.

Mrs. L. Cole, of Huntington, Or., is at St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment.

L. S. Roberts, wife and daughter, of Pasadena, Cal., are guests of the Portland.

D. R. N. Blackburn, Attorney-General, registered at the Imperial yesterday, from Albany.

E. N. Carter, of the Clackamas fish hatchery, registered at the Imperial yesterday.

Albert W. Neale received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. George Byrnes, of Victoria, B. C., and left at once for Victoria.

H. E. Ankeny, of Jacksonville, Judge R. S. Moore, of Klamath Falls and State Senator John D. Daly, of Corvallis, returned yesterday from the Republican National Convention, and put up at the Imperial. They all say Philadelphia treated them right royally, and they are pleased with the Quaker City.

The members of Winslow Mead Circle, No. 7, Ladies of G. A. R., met at the residence of Mrs. L. M. Woodin Wednesday evening last, to extend to her their sympathy and present resolutions of condolence, passed by the circle, upon the death of her son, P. B. Craddock, Troop F, Fourth Cavalry, in the Philippines.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Seattle—C. E. Shepard and wife and F. Morgan and wife, at the Imperial; J. D. Farrell and wife, at the Netherlands; A. Schulsinger, at the Broadway Central.

From Spokane—G. D. Tinn, at the Astor; E. B. Essig, at the Murray Hill; R. M. Smith, at the Imperial.

From Colfax, Wash.—Miss M. Tusher, at the Grand Union.

Harris Le Roy Idleman, of Portland, was a caller at the Eastern office of The Oregonian today. Mr. Idleman has been touring in the East for about two months, visiting Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and other points. He does not expect to get back to Portland for a year. He expects to remain in New York City for several months.

Two Pioneers Gone.

The death from sudden heart failure Thursday of two pioneer citizens of Portland—Captain J. W. Kern and Mr. George Ainslie—has caused deep and widespread regret among our citizens. Both men had been prominent in the business life and enterprise of the community for many years. While the sudden delivery of the message that all must receive shocks the community and overwhelms with grief, for the time being those who have lived closely to him who receives it thus, death comes in the most merciful and gracious form. The gentle English poetess, Mrs. Barbauld, embodies this thought tersely and tenderly in the following lines:

Life, we've been long together
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,—
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not good night, but in some brighter clime
Bid me good morning.

X. X. X.

Delhanty Will Retire.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Commander Delhanty, of the Navy, confirms the report from Washington that he will be retired because incapacitated for service. This action operates to cancel the orders sending him to Manila, and he may remain Governor of Sailors' Snug Harbor as long as the trustees of the institution care to retain him. Commander Delhanty's retirement causes a promotion in each grade below him, thereby affording a vacancy for one lieutenant of the two who would otherwise have been forced out of the service by selection on July 1 under the personnel law.

Every effort is being made to secure one more retirement before next Sunday to save the remaining lieutenant. Two lieutenants were selected last week by the board of five admirals.

Will Tax Telephone Franchise.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The assessment on the franchise of the Sunset Telegraph & Telephone Company has been raised by Assessor Dodge to $1,000,000. Heretofore the corporation has never paid taxes on more than an assessed valuation of $2500 on its franchise. Dodge contends that the concern is exclusively a California corporation, its principal place of business, as defined in its articles of incorporation, being in this city.

Slaughter-Houses Burned.

CHICAGO, June 29.—Two slaughter houses occupied by Hess Bros. and [illegible] Bros., were destroyed by fire early [illegible]. The total loss is $70,000.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, June 29.—6 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 62; minimum temperature, 53; river reading at 11 A. M., 14.4 feet; change in the last 24 hours, 0.1 foot; total precipitation, 6 P. M. to 6 P. M., 0.00 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1899, 38.72 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1899, 45.66 inches; deficiency, 7.94 inches; total sunshine June 28, 2:18; possible sunshine June 28, 15:45.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A high-pressure area is central off the North California Coast, and a barometric depression of considerable intensity is central over Southern Idaho. Showers have occurred in Western Washington and Northwestern Oregon, but elsewhere west of the Rocky Mountains no rain has fallen during the last 24 hours. It is much cooler in the Pacific Northwest, except in Southeastern Idaho, where the warm weather continues, with temperatures 90 deg. or above. The indications are that showery weather will continue in Northwestern Oregon and Western Washington Saturday, but that over the remaining portions of these states fair weather will prevail.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Saturday, June 30:

Oregon—Fair, except showers in northwest portion; warmer west portion; winds mostly west to northwest.

Washington—Showers in west, generally fair in east portion; warmer in west portion; south to west winds.

Idaho—Fair in north, thunder showers, followed by fair, in south portion; cooler in southeast portion; westerly winds.

Portland and vicinity—Probably showers; warmer; southwest to northwest winds.

EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

No other aid so great to the housewife, no other agent so useful and certain in making delicious, pure and wholesome foods, has ever been devised.

ABSOLUTELY PURE

There are imitations, sold cheap, by many grocers. The [illegible] drug, which [illegible]

ROYAL BAKING POWDER, WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK.

AUCTION SALES TODAY

At Columbia Dock, No. 1, between [illegible] and Northrup sts., at 11 o'clock A. M. N. Gilman, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICE

F. O. EAGLES, PORTLAND A[illegible]—The funeral of our late brother Braak, will take place on Sunday, 1 o'clock P. M., from Arion Hall, will start from Eagles' Hall, Yamhill sts., sharp at 12:30 o'clock. Non-attendance will be entered. JOHN LAMON[illegible] LOUIS DAMMASCH, W. [illegible]

GERMANIA LODGE, No. [illegible]—All members are requested to meet at Arion hall, in the Alisky building, [illegible] at 12:30 o'clock P. M. [illegible] funeral of our late brother [illegible]. The funeral procession will form at Arion Hall, cor. Second and Oak sts. THEO. T[illegible] GEO. HAROLD, K. of [illegible]

ATTENTION! HERMANN [illegible] funeral of our late brother [illegible] will take place Sunday, [illegible] P. M., from Arion Hall. [illegible] order are earnestly requested to assemble at 12:30 P. M. [illegible] nomah Lodge, No. 1, [illegible] RIC[illegible] WM. HERMANN, Sec.

GUIDING STAR COUNCIL, [illegible] DER OF PENDO, will give a dance this evening at their hall, Second and Yamhill sts. Ice cream 10c. Concert and dance free. DAVID S[illegible]

TURNERS, ATTENTION! All [illegible] requested to be at their hall, [illegible] and Yamhill, at 12:30 P. M. Sunday, to attend in a body the funeral of our member, Reinhard Braak. A. BENZ, Spr[illegible]

JUDITH MONTEFIORE SOCIETY.—M[illegible] will please take notice that a special and important meeting will be held on Monday, 2. In the vestry-room of the Synagogue Beth Israel, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. By order of the President. MRS. S. L. STONE, [illegible]

PLATTDUDSHE VEREEN.—Members are invited to meet at Arion Hall, Second and Oak, Sunday, 1 P. M., to take part in the funeral of our late member, Reinhard Braak. By order M. HANSEN, [illegible]

VEREIN EINTRACHT.—Members are requested to meet at Arion Hall, Second and [illegible] sts., to attend the funeral of our late member, Reinhard Braak, Sunday, July 1, at 1 P. M. JOHN WAGNER, Pres.

MARRIED.

JORDAN-SMITH—At Astoria, Or., June [illegible] 1900, by the Rev. J. MacCormac, Mr. C. [illegible] Jordan and Miss Mabel F. Smith, both of Portland. No cards.

DIED.

AINSLIE—In this city, June 28, 1900, George Ainslie, aged 66 years, 6 months. Funeral services at the house, 2 P. M. Sunday. Friends invited. Services at the grave private.

BRAAK—Near Kalama, Wash., June 21, 1900, Reinhard Braak, aged 43 years. Funeral will take place on Sunday, July 1, from Arion Hall, cor. Second and Oak sts., at 1 o'clock P. M. Friends respectfully invited to attend.

COEY—At Rockford, Wash., June 29, 1900, Milton B. Coey.

EDWARD HOLMAN, Undertaker, Yamhill sts. Rena Stinson, lady assistant. Both phones No. 507.

Finley, Kimball & Co., Undertakers. Lady assistant. 275 Third st. Tel. [illegible]

F. S. Dunning, Undertaker, 414 East Alder. Lady Assistant. Both phones.

Floral pieces; cut flowers. Clark Bros. 289 Morrison. Both phones.

NEW TODAY.

NEW TODAY
Do you need a pickle castor?
TODAY ONLY
We will sell a regular $1.25 grade fine silver plated pickle castor, with fork, complete.
AT 68c
OLDS & KING

CARPET BARGAINS
We will sell you the biggest bargains ever offered in carpets. Every pattern and yard must go. Beautiful effects in Brussels, Axminster, velvets and ingrains. All will be sacrificed during this sale. Now is an opportunity to make money. Eight-wire tapestry Brussels, regular 90c grade, 55c yard; Smith's Best 9-wire Brussels, regular $1 grade, 65c yard; Axminster, regular $1.50, $1.25 grade, 89c yard; Smith's Royal velvets, regular $1.[illegible] grade, 95c yard; all-wool extra heavy ingrains, regular $1 grade, 59c yard.
I. GEVURTZ,
The Homefurnisher, 173-175 First st., N. [illegible] corner Yamhill.

Steel Ranges—Today Only
Six-hole Eastern steel range, today only, guaranteed 15 years, regular $35, TODAY FOR $28.
WM. GADSBY
Cor. First and Washington.

Knight's Drug Store
Opposite Oregonian building, 126 Sixth. Drugs and medicines. Prescriptions a specialty.

The Fourth of July Is Nearly Here
Call and see our elegant line of crepe tissue for decorative purposes.
The J. K. Gill Co.

REAL ESTATE
At auction, at 250 Alder st. We will offer TODAY (SATURDAY), at 2 o'clock, some of those beautiful lots in the Howe tract.
PARRISH & WATKINS, Agents.
S. L. N. GILMAN, Auctioneer.

LA GRANDE CREAMERY
BEST CREAMERY BUTTER, 40c.
Dairy butter 30c
Sweet dairy butter 35c
Full cream cheese, 2 pounds
Swiss cheese
Cream brick
Limburger ..... 25c and [illegible]
Remember, Saturday is chicken day.
Bacon, bacon, five tons of Eastern smoked cured bacon, 10c pound; Eastern and Oregon ham, 12½c; picnic ham, 9c; Oregon and Eastern lard, 10-pound pail, 90c. Buy your meat before the advance. La Grande Creamery Co., 264 Yamhill.

Auction Sales
Geo. Baker & Co.
POSTPONED.
The sale advertised to take place at Multnomah Club on Saturday next is postponed until Saturday, July 14.
GEO. BAKER & CO., Auctioneers.

Albert van der Zee
Ho! For the [illegible]
LET US PAC[illegible]
Butter,
Eggs,
Cheese,
Lunch[illegible]
For your outing. We pack and guarantee all goods; money back if not satisfied. Fresh roasted coffee d[illegible]
Both Phones. 264 Al[illegible]
Free b[illegible]