

STORK HOLDS SWAY

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Incidents Are of Such Startling Rapidity That Investigation Is Made and Responsibility Laid to Laborer's Wife.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The City of Olympia begins the new year by ridding itself of a peculiar visitation. All during the year 1902 it has seemed as if the stork, whose beneficence is supposed to be responsible for the natural increase in population of the country, had time to go no farther than the doorstep in Olympia. With startling regularity the papers of the city have told each month, and during some periods each week, of a child being found on the front door in the dark of night only to find an infant on the step ready to be taken in. In nearly every instance the baby that arrived was the "first" in the family it visited. During the latter part of the year it has almost rained doorstep infants, with the result that the Mayor and Chief of Police this week started an investigation.

Yesterday the dispenser of the young guests was located in a Mrs. M. E. Oades, the wife of a laboring man living in East Olympia. When Mayor Lord and Chief of Police Savage called on Mrs. Oades she readily assumed all responsibility for the recent visitations. She now has a stock of four babies on hand, and begged to be allowed to dispose of at least two of them, but the city officers were firm and insisted that the practice must cease.

Mrs. Oades, according to her own story, has a "call" to find homes for homeless babes, and declares that she has never yet left a baby at the house of any person where there was not one member of the family who wanted it. As an illustration, she says that the last one, which was left on the front porch of the residence of W. W. Warren, was deposited there at the solicitation of Mrs. Warren. She says Mrs. Warren wanted to adopt a child, but Mr. Warren did not, and that Mrs. Warren thought if the child was left on their porch Mr. Warren would consent to receive it into the family. She picked one out of the five at Mrs. Oades' and her selection was accordingly left on the Warren doorstep, where it was promptly discovered. This method of increasing his family did not appeal to Mr. Warren, however, and the trouble he started brought about the investigation by the city authorities.

It is believed that Mrs. Oades has brought most of the infants from Portland and Seattle, but at her home there is no indication that she has made any great amount of money in her transactions, though in some quarters there is a suspicion that the original providers of the infants, in some instances, may have paid liberally to have them placed in homes by Mrs. Oades. The woman herself says that what she has received has not paid for the food of the little ones while they were in her possession. When visited by the city officials yesterday she was at work on a washing which she said she had taken in to provide money for the care of the infants then in her house.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

Plaintiff in Case of Wright vs. City of Astoria.

ASTORIA, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The plaintiffs in the case of Charles Wright et al. vs. the City of Astoria, which was recently decided in the Circuit Court in favor of the defendant, have taken an appeal to the State Supreme Court. The suit was brought to restrain the city from improving two blocks on Thirty-fourth street, and about two weeks ago Judge McBride sustained a demurrer to the complaint, ordered the complaint dismissed and the injunction, which had previously been granted, dissolved. The appeal is based on the allegation that the court erred in dismissing the complaint and dissolving the injunction before an answer to the demurrer had been filed. The injunction, which was granted when the suit was filed, was against the city, but made no mention of the contractor to whom the contract had been let, so the improvement work proceeded without interruption and was completed several weeks ago.

Funeral of John A. Devlin.

The funeral of the late John A. Devlin, of this city, who died in San Francisco Monday, will be held from the cathedral at Portland, Friday morning. The services will be conducted by Archbishop Christie, assisted by Father Lane, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of this city, and interment will be in Mount Calvary cemetery. A large number of the friends of the deceased from Astoria will attend the funeral.

Epidemic of Scarlet Fever.

There is quite an epidemic of scarlet fever in Astoria, and about 15 cases, mostly among school children, are now in existence. The city schools will not be opened after the holiday vacation until next Monday, and the board is seriously contemplating keeping them closed for a few weeks longer, or until the contagion has entirely disappeared.

Soldier Is Head Up.

A. D. Gillott, a soldier from Vancouver Barracks, arrived in this city yesterday, en route to Fort Canby on a visit, and late last night, while walking on Commercial street, near Lewis street, he held up a footpad and of the muzzle of a revolver was relieved of \$30 in cash and a gold watch. The police have a good description of the two men, but they have not yet been captured. This is the first genuine hold-up that has happened in Astoria in several years.

No Trace of Lost Man.

No trace has yet been found of the whereabouts of G. A. Stinson, who disappeared last Friday evening. The beach along the city front has been carefully searched at low water, but the body was not found. It now appears that the man fell into the river and that his body is now in deep water.

Committed to the Asylum.

William H. Goddes was arrested last evening on the charge of insanity and was today committed to the State Asylum by the County Examining Board. He is a resident of Jewell, 27 years of age and married. He is very violent at times and imagines that people want to kill him. He was taken to Salem this evening.

COMMUTES DEATH SENTENCE.

Governor McBride Presents New Year's Gift to A. P. Vance.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The death sentence imposed upon A. P. Vance, who was to have been hanged January 8, was today commuted to life imprisonment by Governor McBride. Vance is the Eatonville blacksmith who on September 23, 1893, shot and killed Charles F. Franklin, a farmer. He was convicted of murder in the first degree in Pierce County November 11, 1901. While the murder was unprovoked, the fact that the two men had previously been friends, and that Vance was under the influence of liquor at the time, gave weight to the contention of his friends that the murder was unpremeditated. Another weighty reason for the commutation was the fact

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HAY SCARCE AT YAKIMA

ALFALFA IN STACK HARD TO GET AT TWELVE DOLLARS A TON.

Buyers Scour the Country in Vain—Scarcity Due to Great Number of Sheep There for Feeding.

NORTH YAKIMA, Dec. 31.—Alfalfa hay has jumped up to 12 dollars a ton, and is hard to get at that price. Buyers are here by the hundreds scouring the country over and making all kinds of offers for hay, but very little of it is changing hands. Such a condition never before existed in the Yakima Valley and what the end will be no one can tell. There yet remain thousands of tons in the hands of the farmers, who are either holding out for higher prices or are holding to feed to their own stock.

The main cause of the big demand is on account of the great number of sheep and cattle that have been brought to this valley from Oregon for winter feeding and the cold snap that has been on for a month. Those stockmen who came here without first having a good supply bought now have a hard time getting sufficient to feed them through, and it is feared that the price will go so high that all the profits of the sheep will go into feed. Nearly 700 carloads of hay have already been shipped out of the valley, but this is only a drop in the bucket to what is raised here. Cold weather is starting the stockmen in the face and those who are short on feed may lose considerable money. Their loss, however, is to the advantage of the buyers as the market is tating prices instead of the buyers as in previous years.

TELLS OF EVENING CEREMONIES.

Witness in Tingley Case Tells of Wearing Sheets Over Clothes.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Witness Freeman in the Tingley-Times case today during the morning and evening ceremonies, substantially as they have been described by other persons. He said that, in attending some of them, the men wore sheets draped about their bodies and over some of their other clothes. The witness said he wore his sheet over his clothing, except his coat, and that they were draped about him by his mother. He wore white stockings over his socks and sandals. Freeman continued that he attended what was called a "symposium," and which consisted of addresses by students. Those who attended, he said, lay upon rugs that were spread on the floor. Freeman was asked to state why he went to Point Loma, but he was not permitted to answer.

Dorothy Gird, a 15-year-old girl, who, with her 15-year-old sister, was at Point Loma for a time, testified that she got up early in the morning and sat with the others while the sun rose. "We sat in silence," she said, "and then went to breakfast."

"Did you have enough to eat?" asked defendant's counsel.

"No, sir," answered the child.

Other answers along this line were excluded on objections. "Were you told that Mrs. Tingley knew everything, and that if you told a lie your tongue would rot in your mouth?" asked Mr. Hunsaker. The court sustained the plaintiff's objection to the answer, remarking: "Any further questions along this line will not be permitted by the court."

DEATH OF A MINING MAN.

James Hutchinson, Well Known in Western Mining Circles.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 31.—James Hutchinson, ex-manager of the Trade Dollar mines at Silver City, Idaho, died at 9:20 tonight, having been stricken with apoplexy during the afternoon. Mr. Hutchinson was 65 years of age and was widely known through the West as a mining man. For 20 years he was superintendent of the Gregory and Aspen in Colorado, and in 1878 he was appointed State Mine Inspector for Colorado. In 1880 he took charge of the Trade Dollar property, and remained as manager until failing health obliged him to resign a few weeks ago. Mr. Hutchinson was a native of Cornwall, and is survived by five children.

Lively Bidding at Land Sale.

ST. HELENE, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Very few parcels of property were left after the delinquent tax sale yesterday to be taken in by the county. On some tracts there was lively bidding, and offers of 25 and 50 per cent interest were knocked down to 5, 10 and 12 per cent. Hex Caples, County Commissioner of Cowitt County, Washington, bid in the large holdings assessed to Dolph, Prescott & Ogden in Columbia City. Several Portland brokers were represented, and local parties bid in small lots. A few parcels were bid in without any interest being specified. Lots in Vernonia, assessed principally to Portland parties, brought good rates of interest.

Transports to Be Laid Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The transport Warren is expected to arrive Friday night from Seattle. She will be laid up with the other discarded troopships and as soon as good anchorage ground can be found for them all of the idle transports except the Kilpatrick will go up the Sacramento River, to lie in fresh water. The Kilpatrick is to be kept near as a reserve ship. The Sumner is being stripped and may at any time be turned over to the Navy.

Going to Memphis

Before starting on his O. R. & N. ticket office and ask about the new tourist car service via Denver, Kansas City and St. City ticket office, Third and Washington.

TO CLOSE SEASON'S BUSINESS.

Fruit Association of Ashland Enjoys Very Profitable Year.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Ashland Fruit Association held yesterday, steps toward closing up the past season's business were taken. The directors issued a call for a meeting of the association's stockholders at 2 o'clock on January 1, at which time it is announced a dividend of 10 per cent will be paid on their stock. The season has been the most profitable one in the association's history.

Taxation Reduction Not Granted.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Judge Stewart today decided in favor of defendants in the case of the American Mining Company and Hauser & Holter vs. the County Commissioners of Washington County, acting as a board of equalization, affirming the action of the latter in refusing to reduce the assessment on mining property owned by the plaintiffs in the Seven Devils country. The property was assessed by the County Assessor at \$400,000, but the company refused to pay taxes on that valuation, claiming the property was not worth that sum. They applied to the Board of Equalization for a reduction, but that body refused to act.

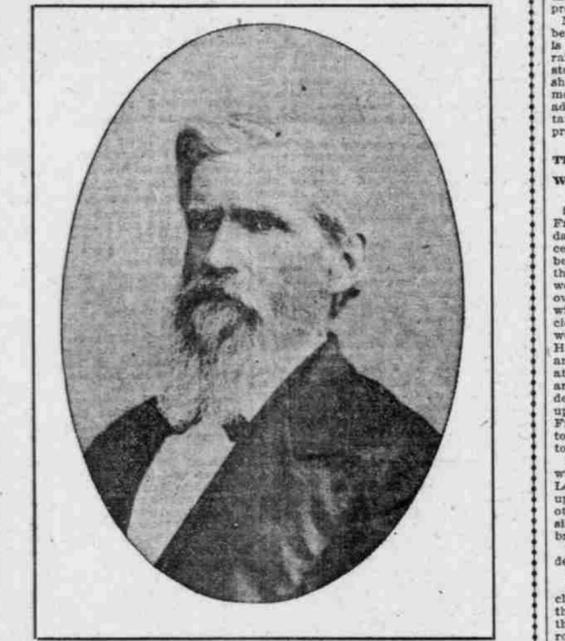
Land to Go to Highest Bidder.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At 2 A. M. on the 30th of last May Walter Williams and Joseph A. Collie offered to enter the northeast quarter of section 24, T. 8, R. 7 W., in Polk County, at the local Land Office. Williams' filing was allowed and subsequently applied to transmit into a cash entry. Therupon Collie filed an appeal. The assistant Commissioner now decides that the land shall go to the highest bidder.

All Night Lights for Dallas.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Beginning with the first day of the new

JOHN WOLVERTON DEAD.



FATHER OF JUDGE C. E. WOLVERTON, OF THE OREGON SUPREME COURT.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—After a lingering illness of several weeks, John Wolverton passed quietly away at 10:30 o'clock on the evening of December 30. Mr. Wolverton was born December 4, 1822, near Mount Pleasant, Hamilton County, O. At the age of 17, with his parents, he moved to Illinois. He remained there one year, then moved to Iowa. In 1846 he married Miss Mabel J. Nealey, with whom he came to Oregon in 1852. He located in Polk County some eight miles south of Monmouth, where he had constantly resided, except for a few years spent in Monmouth. Mr. Wolverton was the father of seven children—W. M. Wolverton, of Cascade, B. C.; Justice C. E. Wolverton, of Salem; Rev. Bruce Wolverton, of Portland; A. P. Wolverton, of Spokane; Mrs. Dr. J. C. Byrd, of Spokane; Otis A., of Monmouth, and Grant S., of Spokane. Though not a man of public affairs in a large way, yet his influence was always in the direction of bettering the condition of the county and state at large. Moderate in his counsels, careful in his judgment, conservative in his acts, he was always a safe and trusted friend. He took a leading part in the founding of Christian College, being always ready with his means and helpful with his kind acts. He was a sincere friend of education for the people. He was for many years a leading member of the Christian Church. His familiar face and kind words will be greatly missed about Monmouth.

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in the same bill for Idaho's participation in the St. Louis Fair of 1904 and the Portland Fair of 1905. This will be done, and Mr. Miller was given to understand that a part of the St. Louis appropriation would be set apart for the Lewis and Clark Fair, and all of the nonperishable exhibits of the state at St. Louis will be sent to Portland.

NORMAL NUMBER OF DIVORCES.

Notwithstanding All Is Not Lovely in Marion County Families. SALEM, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—While domestic felicity is not what it might be in Marion County, still the percentage of divorce proceedings is nominal, amounting for the six months ending today to only 5.31 per cent of the marriage licenses issued for the same period. County Clerk Roland has compiled statistics showing that for the first six months of his present term of office and covering the time from July 1 to December 31, there were issued from his office 184 marriage licenses, while in that time 23 suits for divorce were instituted in the equity department of the Circuit Court for this county. Some of the divorce suits are still pending in Judge Bonds' department.

SENDS STANFORD A CHALLENGE.

Johns Hopkins University Anxious to Debate With California.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 31.—The first challenge to an intercollegiate debate to be received by a Western University from an institution of the Atlantic seaboard has come to Stanford from the Johns Hopkins University. Through

BUTTERMAKER WHOSE PRODUCT WON GOLD MEDAL AT HILLSBORO.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—M. McCrosky, who was awarded the gold medal at the annual meeting of the State Dairy Association for the championship butter maker of the state, did his best work with the Rosewood Dairy Butter Company, of Rosewood, O. In January, 1900, Mr. McCrosky came to Oregon and entered the service of the Albany Creamery Association at their skimming station at Tangent. After a short time he accepted a position as butter-maker at the Salem creamery, where he remained until 1901, when he re-entered the service of the Albany Creamery Association as butter-maker at Albany. Mr. McCrosky gives the following story of how the prize butter was made, he having kept all day. The milk, none of which was rejected, was skimmed at 55 degrees; also the hand separator cream received that day was put in the cream. The temperature during the skimming the temperature was 70 degrees. About 6 per cent of buttermilk starter was added, and the cream was held at that temperature for seven hours. It was then cooled down to 50 degrees by using ice in the cream. The temperature next morning was 53 degrees, and cream was churned at this. Butter-color was used. The time occupied in churning was one hour. Butter was washed once in water at 55 degrees and salted, using one ounce of salt to every pound of butter, and finally worked by giving about 25 revolutions.

M. McCrosky, of Albany.

Advertisement for P. Sharkey & Son Horse Collars, featuring a fish logo and text: 'LONG STRAW THROAT HAND MADE COLLARS, WARRANTED. P. SHARKEY & SON Manufacturers of Highest Grade HORSE COLLARS Office and Factory: 180-182 Union Avenue, East Side. Phone, Scott 994. PORTLAND, OREGON'

Advertisement for E. H. Moorehouse & Company New Year Greeting, featuring a photo of a child and text: 'New Year Greeting For the thirteenth time, we appear to you on New Year's day to extend the glad hand, and, with our 25 employees, thank you who have made it possible for us to gain our present position in this field. The business that was started 13 years ago in a workshop at West Park and College streets has grown until recognized by all, and occupies floor space of more than 8000 square feet, and furnishing employment to 25 to 40 persons. Thinking you again, we are, very truly, E. H. Moorehouse & Company'

Advertisement for Tatum & Bowen Sawmill, Woodworking and Mining Machinery, Engines, Boilers and Pumps, Steel Logging and Contractors' Engines, Hoe Chisel-Tooth Saws, Frictionless Metal, Albany Grease, Wood Split Pulleys, Leather and Rubber Belt and all Mill Supplies.

Advertisement for Calef Bros. Furniture, featuring a photo of a chair and text: 'Calef Bros. FURNITURE 130 SIXTH STREET, Opp. Oregonian OUR FIRST CLEARANCE SALE Furniture, Furniture, Couches and Iron Beds. The clearance sale we are now beginning has never before been run by a furniture house. WE ARE OFFERING BARGAINS IN FURNITURE. If you have ever had a bargain come and get it duplicated. SOLID OAK, \$1.45 Regular \$1.75'

Advertisement for Dallas, Or., featuring a photo of a building and text: 'Dallas, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Beginning with the first day of the new year, this city will inaugurate an all-night system of electric lights. A contract has been entered into by M. M. Ellis, proprietor of the Dallas plant, and the City Council, whereby the city will have several new arc lights placed on its streets, and both arc and incandescent circuits will burn all night. Much satisfaction is expressed by the citizens over the proposed change.'