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**THAT SHAM BATTLE.**—The Oregonian is trying to lay the blame of the recent sham battle and the consequent death of young Nelson on General Compton. This is a kind and unbecoming. Sham battles, though perhaps unnecessary affairs, have long been participated in. The person blamed was the man who did the shooting. The coroner's jury has held him responsible of criminal carelessness, and while his identity is established he will not doubt be prosecuted; but it is doubted if he could be convicted of anything, as he was probably no more excited than the young man Nelson, who according to the evidence went in his excitement far beyond the sixty foot line. Capt. Overman describes the man who did the shooting as being smooth-faced, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, and probably weighing 150 pounds. When the man fired the muzzle of his gun was only about a foot from Nelson's back. It was an unfortunate affair, and laying the blame cannot mean matters now.

**OREGON HORTICULTURE.**—Unfortunately no appropriation was made until in February of this year, and not until the 23rd day of March was fully decided to attempt a show of Oregon's resources at the World's Fair. The Horticultural Exhibit embraces all the varieties of fruits, viz: Apples, peaches, pears, grapes, apricots, cherries, all kinds of berries, and a large variety of grapes including bunches of "Lanning" today, weighing more than ten pounds. Peas weighing 4 1/2 pounds, apples weighing 2 pounds 5 ounces, and melons weighing 10 inches in circumference, are a few of the attractive features of this display. All kinds of nuts are shown in portions of the state which are becoming an important and profitable industry. —The Oregon Journal Farmer.

**A THEFT AND ACCIDENT.**—Last evening a harvest hand came to Albany at breakfast speed from the central Oregon. He reported a serious theft and an accident. The same complainant in a letter to Mr. Quick a young man, single, of about 25 years of age was stepping over the cylinder of the thrasher when in motion, though it was sloping up, when he slipped and his left leg went into the cylinder, mashing his foot into a jelly like mass. He was pulled out and the blood stopped as much as possible during the arrival of Dr. Hill and an independent doctor. The leg was amputated at the ankle, and the unfortunate man is doing as well as could be expected. But for the fact he had three or four hours stopped the accident would probably have been fatal.

**STOLE A BICYCLE.**—Tuesday evening one of the gang of cut throats, calling themselves a circus, borrowed a key from Wilson and Blodgett to get the bicycles from the front window of their bicycle warehouse. One of the men, Bertie Brown and a young girl named Mrs. Wilson, also took a lady's bicycle. The loss was not discovered until yesterday morning, when Mr. Wilson and Mr. Blodgett investigated. They found the bicycle drawn by the dog and the Davidson place near town. Eugene in pursuit, being assisted the bicycle stolen from the window. It required 2 1/2 hours riding to make Harrisburg, 20 1/2 miles by their cyclist, and 4 1/2 hours by Eugene, over a rough road. When they reached Mr. Wilson broke his seat and a pedal. They found the bicycle near the tent in morning. The man who watched some time to discover the thief, but the circus men were soon on to the business and no one was to be seen. He took possession of the wheel and returned to Albany this noon.

**IT PAID.**—W. Baldwin, of Forest Grove, camped in the suburbs of Corvallis the other night on his return from the woods. He was three miles south of Central Point and a mile from the old stage road, he became camped with a small dog for a watchdog. The dog was very good looking. The lodge ran parallel with the surface of the ground and was only 20 feet below the surface of the ground. Three men worked the mine less than three months and from the decomposed quartz washed out \$1,200.—Times.

**A NATURAL BRIDGE.**—Oregon has a rival to the natural bridge of Virginia, although as yet few persons have had the privilege of crossing it. The bridge is a natural rock formation, and is situated in a beautiful spot. It is a solid rock, and is truly one of Oregon's greatest curiosities.—Lumberman.

**AFTER THREE YEARS.**—Mrs Applewhite and Perret this forenoon took from the inside of the right ear of a black horse a pencil rubber that is supposed to have been there for three years. For the past few days the horse had been suffering with considerable pain and on having the ear examined the rubber was discovered. He was evidently a member of having put the rubber end of a pencil in his ear and then put the pencil in his vest pocket. On taking it out for use about a half hour after he noticed the rubber was missing, but did not know what had become of it until today. It is about a half-inch long and from a small sized pencil.—Newman.

**CHINESE ROBBERY.**—A Chinaman named Sam, on a ranch a mile east of Independence, reported yesterday being robbed Thursday of \$1000 in gold, which he had been carrying on his person. Another Chinaman on a ranch near Salem was arrested and in jail. The robbery was found by the police and no money was found. The man was charged with the robbery and is being held in jail. The man was charged with the robbery and is being held in jail.

**DIAMOND MEDAL WON.**—Yesterday afternoon in Morning side the final shoot for the diamond medal took place and resulted in E. Harris winning. There were but three participants—Gibbs, Harris and Turner. Mr Harris had the medal seven times during the shooting and had hit to win. It is this time to become sole owner. Gibbs and Turner each had won five times and had to win three more shots each to become owner. Mr Harris is to be congratulated on his good fortune which speaks highly of his ability as a marksman.—Statesman.

**APPOINTMENT.**—County Treasurer Wallace today received a check for \$4545.40, being Linn county's share of the state appropriation of the state free double school fund. State Treasurer Metcalf writes Mr Wallace that there will probably be an appropriation about the first of December, as the above is about one-half of the amount appropriated last year.

**DOWN GOES THE RATES.**—The Union Pacific now lead with reduced rates to eastern points and their through rates are commensurately low. Round trip tickets to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, and other points, are being sold at \$10.00. Round trip tickets can now be bought to the East, at excursion rates every day of the week.

**JIMBLACKBURN WHIPPED.**—The Brownsville Times tells the following: On Thursday evening last, a place was treated to a genuine fight, in which Jerry Keene and Jim Blackburn did the heavy work. The parties had been "set away" for some time prior to meeting on the evening mentioned they met with the results herein stated. The fight started in the usual manner and after the contestants had rolled and battled for some time they found themselves some six feet away, with Blackburn under and Keene on top. After this part of the performance was over Jim laid himself out in search of a gun and some ammunition, which he procured in the least time. Keene beat a hasty retreat, routed Marshall, Powell for a body guard and returned to the scene of action. Keene returned to his quarters and he was going hunting next day, and he was allowed to retain possession of the same. There was no accident.

**THE GREAT CLASS RATE ON CATTLE** freight from Portland to Corvallis over the S. P. has been advanced to 10 cents per hundred pounds. When the first regular train entered Corvallis at thirty cents per hundred. Referring to the advanced rate, a prominent merchant says, "The rate from the east to Portland and to San Francisco is the same. The advance will cause us to have all eastern freight shipped to San Francisco there to be re-shipped over the coast route. The rate of 23 cents per hundred by which we will save \$4.20 per ton. The curious thing about this is that the rate for the first class rate to Corvallis is only 20 cents per hundred. Corvallis Times. About the same complaint is being made in other parts of the coast.

**OUR MARKER.**—A Prineville paper says, "There is a better market for all we have to sell at Albany than there ever was before." It is true, and all we want to buy, such as fruit, bacon, lard and such like is far cheaper, so if any of this road money must be spent in reaching a railroad, let it be at Albany. Besides all money spent on the McPherson canyon would simply be so much paid out in the interest of Oregon. The Dalles Times-Maintenance objects to this. Nevertheless it is true, for the same reason that it is nearly 10 cents a bushel more in Albany than in Corvallis. Wood is always higher here, and goods generally cheaper, because our freight rate is lower. Albany Daily Bell.

**PLUCKY GIRLS.**—Items about plucky girls are always appreciated. Here is one in the Statesman, one of the girls being the wife of Mr. B. Barr, of Albany. Miss Bertie Barr and a young girl named Mrs. Wilson, also took a lady's bicycle. The loss was not discovered until yesterday morning, when Mr. Wilson and Mr. Blodgett investigated. They found the bicycle drawn by the dog and the Davidson place near town. Eugene in pursuit, being assisted the bicycle stolen from the window. It required 2 1/2 hours riding to make Harrisburg, 20 1/2 miles by their cyclist, and 4 1/2 hours by Eugene, over a rough road. When they reached Mr. Wilson broke his seat and a pedal. They found the bicycle near the tent in morning. The man who watched some time to discover the thief, but the circus men were soon on to the business and no one was to be seen. He took possession of the wheel and returned to Albany this noon.

**SHOOTING ACCIDENT.**—A correspondent of Bellin Springs, writes the Eugene Herald that one of the campers there, John Verdon, from near Independence, Oregon, went out for a hunt this morning and slipped and fell, as it threw his gun into the air. The bullet struck him in the head passing through the left eye and half way between the right eye and mouth, and entering the brain. He was taken to the hospital and is now lying on his back. He is unable to speak and is in a very critical condition. The doctor says he has a few days to live. The man's name is John Verdon. He is a native of Oregon and has lived in the country for many years. He was a well-known hunter and was out for a hunt this morning. He slipped and fell, as it threw his gun into the air. The bullet struck him in the head passing through the left eye and half way between the right eye and mouth, and entering the brain. He was taken to the hospital and is now lying on his back. 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