

A HEN AND HER KITTENS.—A mare at Pleasant Valley, Cal., has adopted a calf two months old, and cares for it as if it were her own progeny. The foregoing is noticed in an exchange on the GAZETTE's table, and calls up a similar circumstance in this city. Mr. Williamson, the carpenter on the boats tied up here, has a cat and not long since she gave birth to a litter of kittens, making her bed in one of the hen's nests in his barn. At the time Mr. Williamson had an old hen that wanted to set and after repeated efforts to keep her from it she was given her way, and at one time while the mother of the kittens happened to wander away from her "babies," this hen flew into the nest and at once began to hover the kits just the same as though they were her own little chicks. When the cat went to where she left her young the hen went for her and succeeded in driving her away, in fact she has done this so often that the poor kittenless cat has become estranged from the kittens and no longer seeks after them. Mr. Williamson says he did all he could to prevent the hen from doing this but she was, after a while, allowed to care for them. She will fly off the nest and call for the kits to follow her, and when they are placed on the ground where she is she will commence a vigorous scratching of the dirt hunting for food and when she has found any particle she carries it to her adopted young just the same as though they were of her own two-legged feathery kind. This certainly is a curious freak on the part of the hen kind, and no doubt the kittens are meditating what to do when the time arrives for their new-fangled mother to present her—bill. P. S.—If the reader doubts the foregoing let him call at Mr. Williamson's residence on Third street and witness the case itself.

ANOTHER "FEEDING" PLACE.—Corvallis is certainly about to boom. To look around you wonder where this scribe sees any indications of such a thing, but just read on. A regular full-fledged horizontal chop house and oyster parlor is going to be opened in a short time in the Fisher building, just north of the post office building, by Alam Assell. Adam has been at Newport for the past year or more conducting the same kind of a business, and during the past summer season coined money all over, and now comes here to spend it with the Corvallisites. It is to be hoped that he will make a success of it, but with all the eating places that are now running in this city, the prospects for doing a very lucrative business in this new venture are very slim.

JOHN SMITH THE WORLD OVER.—In Latin he is Johannes Smithus; the Italians smooth him off with Giovanni Smith; the Spaniards render him as Juan Smithus; the Hollanders adopt him as Hans Schmidt; the French flatten him out as Jean Smeett; the Russian sneezes and barks as he says Ivan Smittowski. In China he is known as Jovan Shmitt; in Iceland as John Smithson; in Tuscaroras you forget all about Pocahontas and Powhatan when you hear them call Ton Qua Smittia. In Wales they speak of him as Jihon Semidd; in Mexico he is Jantli F'Smitti; among the Greek ruins the guide speaks of him as Ion Smitkin, and in Turkey he is utterly disguised as Voe Self. While in Corvallis he is simply John Smith.

WILL BE INTERESTING.—At the Congregational church next Sunday evening, the pastor, A. Rogers, will review Edward Bellamy's new book "Looking Backward." The book discusses an ideal condition of society, and solves many perplexing social problems of the present time. Seats free and room for all.

AN UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR.—On Monday last, B. T. Taylor and L. G. Kline, of this city, became mixed up in a jangle over some scrap lumber, which terminated in the former becoming terribly infuriated and, attacking Mr. Kline, beat him in a most despicable manner about the head and face. The occurrence happened near the wood shed in the rear of Mr. Kline's new building on Madison street. He was taken into Mr. Stock's store where his cuts and bruises were bathed and Dr. Applewhite called who applied bandages and other necessary remedies after which he was taken to his residence, and at this writing he is resting as easy as any one could under the severe treatment. Taylor appeared before the recorder immediately afterward and paid a fine. When the true facts of the case are brought out there is no doubt, at all, but what the contemptibleness of Mr. Taylor's action will be shown.

"CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE."—Rev. A. LeeRoy, who is to deliver a lecture in this city on the 27th, took part in the charge at Bellaklava, as an attache of the surgical corps of the 11th Hussars. A Frenchman by birth, but when an infant was consigned to the care of an English nurse. He was educated at Queen's college at Cambridge, and at the age of twenty-one joined his father as aide-de-camp in a surgical corps detailed for duty in the Crimea. Mr. LeeRoy left the army in 1859 coming to this country soon after, married and settled down. Graduated from the Hamilton theological seminary, and has been chaplain in the Auburn, N. Y. prison. His life so full of thrilling incidents furnishes him facts from which to found lectures of the most interesting character. His subject here is "Character," illustrated. Admission to lecture, 25 cents.

THE TRUCK PRESENTED.—A splendid time was held Monday evening last at the hall of the hook and ladder company, it being the time set for receiving the new truck from the city. J. R. Bryson acted for Mayor Lee in turning the new machine over to the company, and Judge John Burnett made the address accepting it on the part of the "laddies." After the usual amount of cheering, the firemen, ladies' coffee club, and all those invited, repaired to the hall where refreshments were served, and dancing indulged in until near midnight. Corvallis has a very fair amount of equipment for use in case of fire, but it is sadly in need of a steam fire engine. One other thing of importance is—the engine house and its contents should be kept in a more respectable condition.

OREGON FRUIT.—The crop-weather bulletin issued by the state weather bureau for the week ending Sept. 14th, says of the Oregon fruit crop: The apples will be a short crop. Between insects and dry weather many localities will not have more than enough for home use. It is surprising the amount, quality and variety of fruit that is being produced east of the mountains, where a few years ago the land was fit for only stock purposes, then for wheat, and now it brings forth fruit that surprises even the most sanguine. Almost every part of eastern Oregon reports fine specimens of fruit. Bartlett pears appear to be the most cultivated and grown, though apples, prunes, peaches and other fruits are produced. Grapes are also successfully grown in many sections.

NEW EDITOR.—A change in the management of the Benton Leader occurred this week, M. L. Pipes stepping down and out and Henry Pape, of Jacksonville, taking his place. He is a brother-in-law of Chas. Nickell, of the Jacksonville Times, and a brother of Mrs. Ecklesen, of this city. He will, no doubt, run a good paper.

THE SCHOOLS.—On Monday morning of this week pupils of the public schools might be seen coming in every direction toward the city hall for classification. There were more than was expected, and more enrolled the first morning than was registered during all last year. The total enrollment last year was 187, while 244 began last Monday, and now the attendance is more than 250 with more to report. It will not be long until the new school building with a capacity to hold 400 or 500 pupils will be small enough. This large enrollment demonstrates the fact that the population of Corvallis is increasing by immigration. In Mr. Yates' room there are 36, in Mrs. Callahan's, 68, in Miss Korthauer's, 57, in Miss Harris's 51, and in Miss Newton's 38. Mr. Yates' department is in the Presbyterian church, Miss Korthauer's in the Evangelical, Miss Newton's in the Methodist, and Mrs. Calahan and Miss Harris in the north school building. The attendance now in all the schools, (colleges, kindergartens and public) is about 400, and will probably be 500 by the close of the year. The Corvallis (M. E. church, south) college has an attendance of 31 now.

THE BOATS.—The Oregon Pacific steamboat, Three Sisters, has just been tied up at Salem on account of the low water in the Willamette. Jack Spong is her night watchman. The other two boats, Wm. M. Hoag and N. S. Bently, which are tied up here, are undergoing repairs generally. New wheels have been built on them; each of the cabins is receiving new coats of paint, new flooring is being put down on their lower decks, and cylinder timbers with upright "stiffeners" have been placed in position on the latter. Skylights of twenty feet in length are to be constructed in the roof over the center of each boat's cabin, the same as in the Three Sisters, thus affording better ventilation and more light. The water in the river is way down—lower than ever before known; and present indications show that it will remain so for a number of weeks yet. It is a great misfortune that these two fine steamers should be compelled to remain tied up so long.

A BIRD OF A CASE.—On Saturday a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of M. H. Drummond, a relative of James Taylor, the butcher, by L. Scott Irwin, accusing him of killing and having in his possession the festive Chinese pheasant. The case was tried on Monday before a jury of six men, which by the way, was very hard to secure. They were given the case about five o'clock that night and remained until Tuesday morning, when they finally disagreed. Five were for acquittal and one for conviction. A great deal of interest was manifested in this case and public sympathy seemed to be with Mr. Drummond. It might be said that if every person in this city, who has killed this one species of bird, was prosecuted and a fine received therefrom, Benton county would be as free as a Vanderbilt from indebtedness. Mr. Irwin is no longer in the employ of Mr. Taylor—he has resigned.

BURNED.—The barn situated on one of the farms of A. Gellatly, about two miles southwest of Philomath, was burned on Saturday afternoon last, and only by the greatest effort were the house and outbuildings adjoining saved. Mr. Gellatly and family were in Corvallis at the time, and the hire man had gone down near the creek which flows near by to burn some brush and, while burning, the sparks were carried to the barn causing its loss. The contents, consisting of a mower and some hay, it is learned, were consumed. A new building will be erected immediately, it is supposed, as Mr. Gellatly is a very thrifty and enterprising farmer.

COUGAR KILLED.—J. E. Penton, who lives a few miles southwest of Monroe, arrived in Corvallis on Tuesday with a cougar which he killed, the day before, on Green's Peak. The varmint measured six feet and a half from tip to tip. A shepherd dog treed it, and a rifle ball through the neck brought it to the ground in a dead state. Mr. Penton received the regular bounty of \$5 from the county. He had one satisfaction about the killing of this game—it was no Chinese pheasant.

IN SOUTHERN STYLE.—Lew Johnson's colored minstrels, who played here about two weeks ago, were assaulted at Chehalis, W. T., last Saturday. During their parade they stopped in front of the opera house to play a tune. The democrats were holding a political meeting inside and a lot of them rushed out and knocked the negroes right and left. The negroes claimed that they did not know of the meeting and the democrats claimed they were sent around there by the republicans—Ex.

The following is a sample Arkansas letter of inquiry concerning Oregon: "Please let me know the Prize of Town Lots and Land Close to town how it sells and how laborer Pays and the Prize Provision and how the Climate is and how the health is and how the Stock Sells of any kind and Please Sent me the Maps of Oregon and if there is any Catholic Church there there is 2 or 3 Families come there this Fall I am living here in Argenta Pulaski Co Ark the health ain't good here for White Folks, most they raise is Cotton and most that lives here is niggros. the Summer is to hot of White Folks."

Lebanon, a small town in Linn county, about eighteen miles from here, is to have a paper mill.

Services at the Presbyterian church as usual Sabbath morning and evening. Preaching by the pastor. The second sermon in the course on "Religion and Amusement," will be given Sabbath evening. Song service at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Thompson has a bible class at 10 a. m., to which young ladies and young gentlemen are cordially invited.

Lecture to-night at South Methodist chapel. Subject, "The Land of was, of is, is to be," by Rev. David Wetzel, pastor of first Christian church, Portland. Every one having heard Mr. Wetzel speaks warmly in his praise. Music, 7:45. Admission 25 cents.

Selling out at cost and some below cost for cash at J. Win. Will's store. The following lines of goods most got: Guns, pistols, butcher knives, baby carriages, bird cages, hammocks, croquet sets, second-hand sewing machines in good working order, gloves, dog collars, spy glasses, walking canes, and other things too numerous to mention. This is done for the purpose of enlarging his music business.

The Jeffreys-Henderson-Wortham hunting party returned last Saturday, and report the killing of one bear and two deer.

The thermometer registered 96 degrees on Tuesday last, in Corvallis.

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