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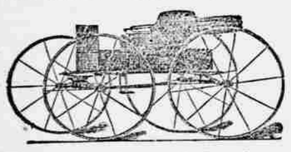

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of William C. Woodcock, deceased, by the county judge of Benton county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate will present them with the proper vouchers therefor within six months from the date of this notice to me at my office in the First National bank of Corvallis, in Benton county, Oregon. Dated this the 17th day of June, A. D. 1892.

M. S. WOODCOCK, Administrator of the estate of William C. Woodcock, deceased. jun 17 5t

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The Dominion publishing company, of Seattle, Wash., has just brought out a truly great work under the above title. It is not the creation of one mind, but the combined genious of four master authors, Hon. James G. Blaine, Prof. John Clark Ridpath, J. W. Buel and Hon. Benj. Butterworth, each performing an important part in its production. It is in fact four important and valuable books bound up in one huge volume containing nearly 900 large quarto pages and 500 illustrations and historical paintings many of them being full page colored plates, and of the whole of which it is impossible to speak in too much praise. "Columbus and Columbia" may be truly said to constitute a grand panorama of our country's surprising history. Mr. Blaine has certainly been very happy in his portion of the work, which consists of a review of our country, nor has Prof Ridpath been less sucessful in his elaborate and attractively written history of the United States, from its discovery by Columbus to the present time. The name of J. W. Buel is too well known to every book reader in this country to need any further recommendation from us, and he has certainly added immensely to his reputation by his splendid biography of Christopher Columbus, which forms an important feature of this work. Full justice has been done by Hon. Benj. Butterworth to the subject that he has taken in hand, namely, an official history of the Columbian exposition, than whom certainly no one is better able to handle this subjet than Mr. Butterworth, who has been acting as secretary and solicitor general for the world's fair commission. As the century closes every intelligent family will want a record of its wonderful accomplishments, and a history of the splendid events that have led up to them, and Columbus and Columbia is a work that certainly fills the beyond what would be conceived possible within the scope of one volume. It is certainly a book that every family in America ought to and must have. We must congratulate the Dominion publishing company in having brought before the public a work that will be a creditor their zeal and enterprise for a long time to come. We understand that "Columbus and Columbia" is sold only by subscription and at popular prices. The publishers' advertisement appears in another column.

SUMMER EXCURSIONS TO YAQUINA

The Oregon Pacific railroad company have placed on sale their regular summer excursion tickets to Yaquina and return at the same rates and limits as formerly. These tickets are on sale on Wednesday and Saturday only.

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SOMETHING WE NEED.

It is something which we already have, but which has never received the recognition which it justly deserved. It is a thoroughly good brass band. In this one point Corvallis is wofully behind many of her neighbors. The Marine band, of this city has been in existence for some time and everywhere it has appeared it has always made a most pleasing impression and has won friends among all disinterested hearers. The members of this organization, however, do not feel that they have been accorded the encouragement which they deserve. They very much desire to increase their membership; the city does not afford material for such an increase, consequently it is necessary to secure these additional members from outside the city; these new members must have some kind of employment as a means of livelihood; when our merchants or tradesmen are approached with a request that they employ these men they almost invariably refuse. No, they don't want any band men in their employ; "whenever they are wanted most, the band has some engagement and they have to go out with it." This is not only unjust, but is really untrue, as any reasonable person can see if they will give the matter a few moments' thought. We can speak from experience, for out of four men employed in the office of the GAZETTE, three of them are members of the Marine band and we have never yet had reason to object to the fact.

Another thing we should remember is that our band is self supporting. Not one cent has ever been contributed by anybody to the support of this band. About the first of this year they purchased a new set of instruments, the best money could procure, at an expense of several hundred dollars. Every penny of this amount was paid by the boys themselves; they have the the finest uniforms in the state, yet the boys paid for them without any assistance from anybody; a hall for holding their meetings was necessary and the rent for this, together with the money for the lights came from the same source; music had to be purchased and any person who ever bought music at all knows very well that it is very expensive—a band must at all times have a repertoire of at least 100 selections which it can play without repetition, while the cost of music will average about one dollar for each piece--none can be bought for less than fifty cents and the price ranges from that amount up to several dollars per number, so that one dollar is a very reasonable average—100 selections at one dollar each amounts to just $100; and when one reflects that new music must necessarily be purchased quite often they can readily see that it is no easy matter to keep up a band. No city in the state has a better band than Corvallis and it is to our everlasting shame that it is not given better support than it has been accorded. The neglect, we do not believe to be due to ill feelings, but to indifference—nobody has given the matter thought. The band boys have not complained, but the facts of the case have been so plain and easily seen that it ought to have been noticed before.

Many towns with bands which could not be compared with our Marines, support them with contributions so that they are out nothing at all and yet we have heard people who were unkind enough to find fault with our band because they felt that they could not afford, in view of their heavy expenses, to play without remuneration. Why do not our citizens take enough interest and pride in this musical organization to at least provide for them a comfortable room where they could meet without feeling that they were almost bankrupting themselves by occupying it? It is the least that could be done. Many places keep a highly salaried leader for their band. Nothing of the kind is expected or desired here, only that they be treated fairly and honorably.

Citizens, give the Marine band the encouragement it deserves. Its reputation is an eviable one which is coveted by a great many others which have no right even to comparison with it. Its membership is made up entirely of gentlemen who are a credit to the community to which they belong, and who are among the best citizens we have among us.

If you need letter heads, statements cards or envelopes you can get just what you want at the GAZETTE office. Before giving your order call and see our stock and get prices.

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He means that it's better for *him*.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

IT WAS A MURDER.

On the night of the 23d of June an assault was committed in this city on the person of Carl Straga, a German about 32 years of age, who was discovered in a semi-unconscious condition in Stakely Moore's barn the next morning, his head having been beaten and his face disfigured until recognizition was well-nigh impossible. The city papers published a full and complete account of the affair at the time. Straga was taken to the Occidental hotel where surgical attention was given him. He improved slowly and by the first of July was able to leave his bed. The first of last week he had improved to such an extent that he decided to return to his labor at Friendly's saw mill. He worked one day but did not appear again at the mill and Wednesday morning parties went to his house to ascertain the reason. They found him lying on his bed unconscious and had him conveyed to the Vincent house and physicians called. They pronounced the case brain fever and made every effort to save the man's life but the case had progressed too far and death came Friday afternoon.

Justice of the Peace Davis called a jury for the purpose of holding a coroner's inquest and Dr. Hill of Albany and Dr. Leonard of this city held a post-mortem examination which showed that death resulted directly from the injuries sustained on the night of June 23d. After the examination Dr. Hill gave the following testimony.

"We find directly over the forehead a very extensive fracture 3½ inches long. Small pieces of bone were taken out over the left eye that were broken in fragments. In taking the top of the head off, we find on right side a fracture 7½ inches long, extending back over right ear, and the natural seam that joins head is cracked open 8½ inches. We find, also, over left eye, an abscess in consequence of blow, and puss had formed in abscess. We find the brain much congested, in consequence of the blow. His mouth, or upper jawbone, on right side is fractured quite a ways up and lower jaw is fractured. Several teeth are broken out and indications are that he has been struck right in the mouth."

Being asked what, in his opinion, caused death, the doctor replied, "Fracture of the skull."

How many blows did he receive?

"There are indications of two; one on the forehead and one in the mouth. The blow on the head would alone have proven fatal. I am of the opinion that inflammation would have set in some time and that the blow would have produced death under any kind of treatment. Very remotely, it was necessarily fatal. If I had treated him, I would have expected him to die. The fracture running back would have caused trouble sooner or later. Had bones been back in place, it might have gat along. As extensive a break as that is from no ordinary pice broom stick. I would say it was from a hard substance—club, stone, or something solid."

What position do you think he was in when struck?

"It is a direct blow, and he might have been lying down or standing in front."

Dr. Leonard corroborated the evidence given by Dr. Hill.

After hearing the evidence, there was only one thind to be done, and the jury returned the following

VERDICT:

We, the jury called to inquire into the cause of the death of Carl Straga, do find as follows: That Carl Straga's death was caused by a blow upon the head with some blunt instument in the hands of some person whose name is unknown to this jury; said blow being given on or about the night of the 23rd of June, A. D. 1892, at the residence of the deceased Carl Straga, located on Second street, in the city of Corvallis, state of Oregon, and we farther find that that the person who inflicted the blow is guilty of the crime of murder.

W. A. WELLS,
D. CARLILE,
G. W. WAGGONER,
J. W. SIMPSON,
J. A. CAUTHORN,
W. J. WILLBANKS,
Jury.

Dated this 30th day of July, A. D., 1892.

DIED.

PAPE.—At his home in Jacksonville, Sunday, July 31, 1892, Mr. Henry Pape, father of H. Pape, jr., of this city.

The deceased was well known throughout the southern portion of the state and at the time of his death was postmaster at Jacksonville. On Wednesday he was stricken with paralysis and was unconscious until his death. He leaves a wife and five grown children to mourn his death. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community.

BORN.

TRACER.—To the wife of Chris Tracer on Saturday, July 30, 1892, a son. Mother and child doing well.

HOUT.—Monday night, Aug. 1, to the wife of Chas. Hout, a daughter. Mother and child are doing well and although there is good cause for solicitude concerning the father's condition, it is believed he will recover.

IT SAVES THE CHILDREN,

Mr. C. H. Shawen, Wellsville, Kan., says: "It is with pleasure that I speak of the good Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy has done my family during the last fourteen years. In the most obstinate cases of summer complaint and diarrhœa among my children, it acted as a charm, making it never necessary to call in a physician, I can truthfully say that in my judgment, based on years of experience, there is not a medicine in the market that is its equal, For sale by T. Graham, druggist."

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CORVALLIS NURSERY CO.—The Corvallis Nursery Co., will have for sale this fall 90,000 prune trees.

LOCAL NOTES.

First National Bank of Corvallis, Oregon.

Cooking butter at Kline's 10 cents per pound.

The steamer Willamette Valley entered the bay Tuesday at 5 p. m.

Take your old silver cases to U. B. Vogle and get a new one in exchange.

Go to A. F. Peterson, for Picture frames. Best of moulding constantly on hand.

Ed. Stock returned Tuesday from a visit with San Francisco friends. He has been absent about a month.

Seasonable goods at Fish & Murphy's. Lightning ice cream freezers, Enterprise cherry stoners, coal oil and gasoline stoves, hose, lawn sprinklers.

Joe Henkle, formerly a resident of Benton county, and well known in this vicinity, has been visiting here for some time. He returned to his home in Prineville this week.

The contract for Zierolf's new brick has been let to Mr. Butler, who is now putting the finishing touches to the masonary work on the new city hall.

BICYCLE FOR SALE.—A second-hand Victor safety in first-class condition; cost $147, will be sold at a sacrifice. For particulars inquire at this office.

Geo. Paul, the irrepressible, has been confined to the house the past week nursing a case of too much cheek. It makes his face a thing of beauty if not a joy forever. We always did think George's face hurt him, anyhow.

Wednesday morning, as the passengers were disembarking from the boat at Yaquina to board the train, Mrs. Blair, of Newberg, fell from the gang plank into the water. She was rescued from her involuntary bath but little the worse for the experience.

Rev. W. C. Kantner and family having gone to Newport for a few weeks there will be no services at the Congregational church for the next two Sabbaths. Preaching services will be resumed Aug. 21. The Sunday school will meet every Sunday at 12:15 p. m.

It is probable that if Oregon had not selected the berberis aquifolium, or Oregon grape as state flower Washington would have chosen it. There was a very strong sentiment in its favor. In Washington the popular name for the flower is the Washington holly. It is found only in the Pacific Northwest but is common in all parts of Oregon and Washington.

Portions of Oregon and Washington are without doubt better adapted than any other place in the United State to the production of cherries. This fact is attested both by the superior size, quality and productiveness of the cherries here and by the large number of seedling cherries of merit which originate here. It is probable that in this section no kind of fruit will be found to pay better in the long run than cherries of the canning and shipping varieties.

ESCAPED FROM THE ASYLUM.—Last week one of the patients confined in the state insane asylum, named Bartlett, succeeded in making his escape and made his way to his home in Linn county, near this city. One of the attendents of the asylum, Harry Martin by name, came up after him Tuesday and found him at work on Kiger's island. He disguised himself and, going out to where Bartlett was, got him interested in conversation and before he realized it the handcuffs were on his wrists and he was a prisoner. Bartlett has lucid intervals, but at other times he is quite violent and extremely dangerous. He was taken back to the asylum on Wednesday.

OVER THE BAR.—From a private letter by parties in this city we learn the facts of a very rash act by two young ladies and a gentleman, summering at Yaquina bay. It appears that they were boating on the bay when the young man suggested that they cross the bar and go outside the bay, to which the young ladies, knowing nothing of the danger of such an experiment, consented. They accordingly went out, going considerably beyond the third buoy, and not until their return in safety did their escort inform them of the danger they had passed through. One of the ladies was Miss Alice Mulkey, daughter of A. G. Mulkey of this county, who is at the bay as a teacher. The name of the other lady was not learned nor was the name of the young man given. The ride, although it did not end in disaster was an extremely hazardous affair and the young man who induced the ladies to attempt it is deserving of considerable censure for such action. It was only a few days after this happened that a boat containing three men was capsized at about the same place and two of the occupants came very near losing their lives as result of their foolhardiness.

A CHANCE FOR COMPOSERS.

In order to stimulate American composers, The Ladies Home Journal has just made public an attractive series of liberal prizes for the best original musical composition by composers resident in the United States and Canada. The prizes call for a waltz, a piano composition, a pleasing ballad and a popular song, an anthem and the four best hymn tunes. The competition is open until November 1st, next. The opportunity has an additional attractiveness since the prize compositions will form part of a series for which Strauss is writing an original waltz, and Charles Gounod and Sir Arthur Sullivan each an original song.

GOOD MUSIC CHEAP.

THE ONLY O. F. MARCH EVER PUBLISHED.—"Odd Fellows' Grand March," "Air Ship waltz," "Oklahoma waltz," and "Jesus Lover of my soul" Quartette (with soprano, tenor and alto solos) are beautiful compositions of Isaac Doles. Regular price 40 cents each. By way of introduction Mr. Doles will mail them to any address for 10 cents each, the 4 for 35 cents on receipt of this notice and stamps. Address

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A FLASH OVER THE WIRES BURNS OFF AN OPERATOR'S HAIR.

The Rare and Thrilling Experiences of a Wandering Telegrapher Who Was in Sad Need of a Barber's Manipulations. Rapid Work of a Thunderbolt.

Lightning and electricity have since the days of William Penn always been synonymous. To the uninitiated the most dangerous spot during a thunderstorm is a telegraph office, but statistics will substantiate the fact that no place is safer. Many and varied are the stories told of the freaks performed by heavenly currents, but seldom is there a fatality attached to the tale.

Between the manufactured and natural electricity there appears from close observation to be a sort of affection, and under cover of the slightest storm mutual exchanges of confidence are usually indulged in by them.

Modern devices, of course, have brought about this state of affairs, but the most persistent assurance cannot convince the timid of this fact. Seldom indeed will the veteran telegrapher lift his hand from the key upon which he is spelling out the mystic signs of the Morse alphabet upon the approach or progress of the heaviest storms, while the young aspirant for telegraphic fame will sit through a storm with beating heart rather than show the white feather to his companions by deserting his post.

It frequently occurs that the dense humidity prevailing just previous to a storm, coupled with a heavy downfall of rain, will entice the strongest electrical currents from the wires, and for the time being "kills" their usefulness. It is during one of these storms that the electric waves are felt, coming and going, and what danger there is is then most imminent. It was during one of these lulls in business, up in the big operating room of the Western Union telegraph office recently, that several expert telegraphers gathered around one of the "quad" tables and began exchanging experiences with thunderbolts, fireballs and other electric phenomena too numerous to mention.

One of the humorous stories told had for its central figure a telegrapher named Bogardus. "Bogy," as he is called for short, is known in the telegraph profession from Boston to San Francisco and from New Orleans to Toronto, Canada. He possessed a roving disposition and a mind that was blank as to the value of money. Although "Bogy" at one time was one of the finest operators in the business, these defects kept him always on the tramp and from attaining any position of trust or prominence. Poor "Bogy" is now in a Chicago hospital, rounding up a career that should have been a bright one.

The following occurred in the days when "Bogy" was in his prime. He had recently been "fired" from the New York offices, and for bread and butter had drifted out to a railroad centering in Pittsburg to get a new start. He was always careful of his personal appearance, but, while he could shave himself, the cutting of his own hair was an impossibility. Pittsburg, some thirty miles from the little station he was at, was the nearest place wherein he could have the tonsorial feat performed. His hair grew, the weather became hot and he fretted and fumed. The comments of the railroad men didn't add to his comfort.

Late one afternoon after a very hot day a thunderstorm of remarkable intensity came up and the lightning played hide and seek among the relays, sounders and switchboard in "Bogy's" little 10 by 10 office. Every minute the storm increased in intensity and the electrical display was grandly sublime. As the cracks of the bolts on the switchboard became more frequent and the flashes more luminous "Bogy," not a bit frightened, concluded to put the cut out plug in the switchboard and thereby save his instruments from burning up in case the lightning became too strong.

On the instant he applied the plug a bolt of lightning struck a telegraph pole about fifty feet from the office and the surplus electricity came in the switchboard over the wire and "Bogy's" head was wrapped in flame. The shock threw him on the floor and for a moment stunned him. Shaking himself together he congratulated himself upon his lucky escape. There was a peculiar odor in the room that "Bogy" could not clearly account far, but concluded it came from the burned silk and wax that made up the covering for the office wires.

He had just succeeded in putting his office to rights and had returned to it, after making a temporary connection where the bolt had struck, when a train drew up for orders.

"Je-e-rusalem!" shouted the conductor as he caught sight of "Bogy." "Where's your hair?"

"Bogy," in affright, clapped his hands to his head and with a startled ejaculation rushed for the little mirror hanging in a rear corner of the office. One look was enough. "Bogy" hadn't as much hair as a one-month-old baby, and strange to relate the electric flame had not fazed his scalp in the slightest. The knockdown blow old Jupiter had given him had driven the thought of his hair for the moment out of his mind, and until the conductor's surprised cry had reached him he thought his hair still needed cutting.—Washington Star.

A Great Dunner.

Boarders in a Newburyport (Mass.) house contemplate a blackboard every time they enter the dining room. It is behind a glass door and on it are chalked the names of boarders who have failed to pay their board for two weeks. When they pay up the names are rubbed out.—Yankee Blade.

Self Evident.

He—Have I got to tell you that I love you?

She—Oh, no. I guess you've been making a fool of yourself long enough to satisfy papa.—Life.