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Two residents of Davenport, Wash., secretly made a plaster cast of Tracy's face and bust at night, after the body had reached that town. Three copies were made. They show that the desperado was abnormally developed on the right side of his head and chest.

VICTOR WILLIAMS, a Umatilla Indian, on his deathbed, the other day, confessed to murdering Mrs. Agnes Tessant in 1889. A young Indian named Pilyeu was arrested, tried and hanged for the murder, the principal evidence against him being that his wife was found washing his shirt in the Umatilla river. Justice is blind; but can see guilt in the circumstance of an Indian having a clean shirt. Had his wife washed his socks, he would have probably been lynched.

"I'll take two pounds of snake, please." That according to "Pearson's Weekly" is what one may hear at certain shops in Klamath Falls, where there is quite an extensive industry in snakes. Children gather their aprons full of snakes as they would of wild flowers. The species of water snake so plentiful at Klamath Falls is of a dark color, and when full grown about three feet long. They are used for medicinal purposes, as a superior quality of oil can be manufactured from this variety.

THE grand lodge of Elks, in session at Salt Lake last week, adopted the recommendation of the committee on rules and laws, absolutely prohibiting the holding of street fairs or carnivals under the auspices of the Elks. As a number of lodges throughout the country have already made arrangements for fairs or carnivals, to take place in the next few months, the law will not go into effect until January 1. The debate over the question was quite spirited, and the feeling among the members of the grand lodge that such fairs and carnivals were not in accord with the fundamental principles of the order was evidently strong.

SOON after Gov. Geer's return from Crater Lake, in response to a question as to his position on the convict rewards and the developments in the case, he said there were no new developments, and that no claims had been filed for capturing Tracy outside of the Creston party. Speaking of the payment of rewards, Mr. Geer said: "The Governor of Oregon has nothing to do with offering or paying rewards for escaped convicts; my opinion is, however, that Mrs. Wagoner should be paid perhaps one-half of the Merrill reward, and that the Tracy reward should be divided equally between the five men who actually captured him and the boy Goldfinch."

ALMOST everyone who has read H. G. Wells' scientific romances has felt that they had a peculiar quality of reasonableness all the author's own. One does not find in Mr. Wells' work the burlesque scenes and farcical characters of Jules Verne's work. The great difference between Jules Verne and Mr. Wells is that the latter was trained in scientific methods of thought, while the former was not. Before Jules Verne took to romances he wrote operatic libretti; before Mr. Wells took to romances he was a pupil of Huxley in the Royal College of Science. The Cosmopolitan for August presents an article on Mr. Wells and his work, which will prove interesting, not only to those who have read this author's books, but also to those for whom this pleasure is in store.

THE Oregon Press Association's annual meeting, held at Newport last week, was an interesting one. The attendance was good, and considerable business was transacted. At Friday's session Arthur Conklin, of Grant's Pass, was elected president; Frank Davey, of Salem, first vice-president; Albert Tozier, secretary; Miss Fannie Gotschall, of Portland, treasurer; G. E. Himes, historian, and F. S. Harding, sergeant-at-arms. An able address was delivered by M. L. Pipes, of Portland, on the subject of "Libel Laws of Oregon." D. M. C. Gault, of Hillsboro, addressed the association on the subject of "Newspaper Legislation," and Mrs. Weathered and others read excellent papers. It was the unanimous voice of the association to promote the two great movements that now confront the State. One is the Lewis & Clark Exposition; the other the matter of immigration. The strengthening of the association, both in numbers and otherwise, is a matter that will be

given the attention of the executive board. A special committee will be appointed to take up the work of promoting the 1905 Fair in behalf of the association. This committee will confer with like committees appointed by the Washington and Idaho Associations.

ROGUE RIVER'S POWER TO BE HARNESSSED

Transformation of Southern Oregon's Principal Stream.

For ages past an almost unlimited quantity of power has been running to waste in Rogue river; but so great a wealth producer will no longer be allowed to lie in idleness, for the time has come in the industrial development of Southern Oregon when this immense power will all be required in operating the many industries that are now being established in various parts of the valley.

The first power plant to be put in Rogue river in this county is now being built at a point on the river 11 miles north of Medford and between Tolo and Gold Hill, by the Gold Hill Mining Company, a strong organization of New York capitalists, of which Dr. C. R. Ray is president and manager and Orris Crawford is secretary. The dam will be 46 feet top measure, and 26 feet high from bed of the river. It is located where the river passes through a narrow gorge, both banks and the bed being solid granite, giving a perfect foundation for the dam. For the present only an electric power station will be put in, the machinery for which is now on the way from the East, and which is to develop 1000-horse power. The race from the dam to the station will be twenty feet wide and six feet deep. Electric wires will be run from the station to the Gold Hill and the Braden mines, supplying them with both light and power, the latter to be used in operating stamps, drills, etc. Work on the station is to be commenced at once, so as to have it completed by the time the dam is put in. About 40 men are now being employed, and the number will be increased as soon as the work is further advanced. J. S. Howard of Medford is the engineer in charge, also of the several matters under contemplation by the company. Mr. Howard after careful surveys chose the one where the dam is being put in, and his judgment has been fully sustained by expert engineers brought by the company from San Francisco and the East, to consult with him.

Just above the dam the river becomes slack and the bottom widens out to nearly a half mile in width, so that the backwater from the dam will form a lake of nearly a section in extent, affording a perfect place for booming logs. To handle logs, of which immense quantities can be had in the fine forests on the upper waters of Rogue river, and which can be run down the river to the boom with no difficulty at all, is a part of the plans of the company. Later on a sawmill and a box and a match factory will be put in at the dam, and a switch will be run from the Southern Pacific track, which is but a few hundred feet distant, to the factories, giving easy transportation facilities for shipments by rail.

This power project is but the forerunner of many similar plants that will be put in to utilize the vast water power of Rogue river. And such is the descent of the river that dams could be put in every mile or two and not interfere with each other. By means of electric transmission all the thousands of horse power to be had from Rogue river can be brought to Medford, and other transportation centers, and used in running factories and other establishments. This power will also be used for operating electric railroads, of which there will be a road from Medford to Crater Lake and from Jacksonville to Applegate.

The University of Oregon.

The University of Oregon will open its twenty seventh session at Eugene, Wednesday, September 17th. The outlook for the year seems at present very promising. A number of new men have been added to the faculty, all thoroughly fitted both by preparation and by experience for their work. The University buildings are being repaired and improved during the summer, the dormitory, gymnasium, and Dady Hall receiving especial attention.

Students intending to enter this school are invited to correspond with the president relative to their work. Catalogues will cheerfully be sent on application.

500 HOP-PICKERS WANTED.

A large number of people can obtain employment at good wages at the hop yards of John Ranzau, situated a few miles west of Grant's Pass, during the season, which commences about Sept. 1st. Apply to him before it is too late. His postoffice address is Grant's Pass.

FRESH FRUIT WANTED.

I am in the market for Fresh Fruit, such as Peaches, Pears and Apples. F. OSENBRUGGE, Studebaker Bros. Co. Warehouse, Medford.

MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS

Of the Jackson County Commissioners' Court for August.

In the matter of road petitioned for by Ira Wakefield et al, praying for a change of county road leading from the lower bridge on Big Butte creek to Leeds postoffice. Ordered by court that Carl T. Jones be appointed to survey said proposed change. Andrew Chartraw, S. Vestal and C. Brophy appointed viewers, to meet August 21 to view, survey and alter said road.

In the matter of a tie vote in road district No. 27. In this district the June election resulted in a tie vote between McClannahan and Knighten. The latter having signified his willingness to the appointment of McClannahan, the court made an order to that effect.

Monthly reports of sheriff, clerk, recorder, treasurer and hospital keeper approved.

Resignation of Thos. Pankey as constable for Table Rock precinct accepted and Wm. Fresham appointed to vacancy.

J. L. Rowe appointed supervisor of road district No. 23, vice J. R. Morrison, resigned.

The official bond of Carl T. Jones, county surveyor, filed, with E. Denton, J. U. Willeke, W. H. Patrick, Thos. McAndrew, and C. B. Rostel as sureties, examined and approved.

Warrants were drawn on the indigent soldiers' fund in favor of Ezra Webber for \$30 for the funeral expenses of J. P. Rowe, and for the same amount in favor of T. E. Hills to defray the funeral expenses of C. E. Reid.

County Assessor Pendleton was granted until October 6, 1902, in which to complete the assessment roll for Jackson county for 1902, he having represented to the court the impossibility of completing the roll within the time fixed by law.

Warrant for \$20 ordered drawn in favor of Chas. Prim for purchase of postage stamps for use of county officials.

In the matter of the compromise of all unpaid taxes now due Jackson county on account of assessments or attempted assessments heretofore made prior to and including the year 1899 upon and against certain lands in Jackson county. Ordered and adjudged by the court that the offer of W. N. Jones and F. P. Mays to pay into the county treasury \$500 as settlement of same be accepted.

Warrants were drawn on treasurer as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Salaries of officers \$1157 04, Indigent allowance 116 20, Board of prisoners 48 55, Commissioners 14 00, Election expenses 5 90, Rogue river ferryman 22 00, Wood 56 30, Books and printing 95 15, Bridges 253 40, Coroner's inquest 28 25, Justice court expenses 42 50, Supervisors' compensation 343 00, Examining insane 5 00, Sundries 4 75.

A Cure for Cholera Infantum.

"Last May," says Mrs. Curtis Baker of Lookwater, Ohio, "an infant child of our neighbor's was suffering from cholera infantum. The doctor had given up all hopes of recovery. I took a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to the house, telling them I felt sure it would do good if used according to directions. In two days' time the child had fully recovered, and is now (nearly a year since) a vigorous, healthy girl. I have recommended this Remedy frequently and have never known it to fail in any single instance." For sale by City Drug Store.

REDUCED RATES TO THE EAST

Those contemplating an eastern trip will be interested to know that there will shortly be on sale greatly reduced rate tickets in connection with the Rio Grande System, the famous "Scenic Line of the World."

This line offers its passengers a most delightful and comfortable journey to all eastern points. It is the only transcontinental line passing directly through quaint and picturesque Salt Lake City, "The City of the Saints," beautiful Glenwood Springs, Leadville, Pueblo, Colorado Springs (where a side trip may be made to the "Garden of the Gods") and the summit of Pike's Peak over the cog-wheel railroad and Denver, the queen city of the inter-mountain region. Stop-overs are allowed on all classes of tickets.

Three daily express trains make close connections with all trains east and west, and afford a choice of five distinct routes of travel. The equipment of these trains is the best, including free reclining chair cars, standard and tourist sleepers, a perfect dining car service, and also personally conducted excursion cars, each in charge of a competent guide, whose business is to look after the comfort of his guests. No more pleasant and inexpensive means of crossing the Continent can be found than is provided by these excursions. For additional details address J. D. MANSFIELD, Gen'l Ag't, Rio Grande Lines, 124 Third St., Portland, Oregon.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Signature: Chas. H. Pritchard.

THE MEDFORD DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Makes Its Initial Bow—More Performances Promised.

The audience which greeted the Medford Dramatic Society at Wilson's opera house last Saturday night was not as large as the entertainment merited. "The Convict's Daughter" is a clever play in four acts, requiring considerable talent to present it properly. Although the rehearsals were few and obstacles many, the performance reflected credit on the participants, some of whom did quite well.

The cast of characters was: Jack Worthington, Homer Rothermel; Col. Mathew Lee, Lynn Purdin; Jas. Blackburn, Carl Crystal; Officer Brown, Geo. Merriman, Jr.; Gerald Weston and Robt. Graham, Robt. Ransome; Mrs. Lee, Gertrude Wilson; Sadie, Mabel Wilson; Frances Lee and Lillian Weston, Mae Merriman.

It is the intention of the company to give another entertainment soon, when the popular drama, "In Old Kentucky," will be put on with scenery made especially therefor.

RELIGIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. A. P. Gillette will hold services at the M. E. church in Jacksonville every second and fourth Sunday, morning and evening.

Rev. S. H. Jones will hold services at the Presbyterian church in Jacksonville every Sunday.

Rev. D. Faber's appointments are: Sunday, Aug. 3d, Jacksonville, at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Aug. 10th, Jacksonville, at 6:30 a. m., Ashland at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Aug. 15th, Jacksonville, Feast of the Assumption, 10 a. m.; Aug. 19th, Jacksonville, 8:30 a. m.; Medford, 10:30 a. m.

Only a Mask.

Many are not being benefited by the summer vacation as they should be. Now, notwithstanding much outdoor life, they are little if any stronger than they were. The tan on their faces is darker and makes them look healthier, but it is only a mask. They are still nervous, easily tired, upset by trifles, and they do not eat nor sleep well. What they need is what tones the nerves, perfects digestion, creates appetite, and makes sleep refreshing, and that is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Pupils and teachers generally will find the chief purpose of the vacation best subserved by this great medicine which, as we know, "builds up the whole system."

MARRIED.

NICKELL—POTTER—At Oakland, Calif., Aug. 8, 1902, Chas. Nickell and Miss Belle Potter.

HAYS—HOUCK—At Albany, Aug. 12, 1902, John Hays and Miss Maude Houck, both of Gold Hill.

COOPER—JONES—At Ashland, Aug. 6, 1902, by Rev. J. T. Abbott, Lester E. Cooper and Miss Olive E. Jones.

CROW—HAMLIN—Near Grant's Pass, Aug. 2, 1902, by Rev. J. W. McDougall, Chas. Crow and Miss Julia Hamlin.

GRUBB—ROBERTSON—At Ashland, Aug. 6, 1902, by Rev. F. L. Kendall, Chas. P. Grubb and Miss Jessie L. Robertson.

HENDERSON—WAGNER—At Grant's Pass, by Rev. Robt. Leslie, Bertram Henderson and Kate Wagner.

BORN.

GROVER—At Central Point, Aug. 11, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grover, a daughter.

DIED.

BROWNING—At Placer, Aug. 2, 1902, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Browning; aged 1 year.

GRIFFIN—On Griffin Creek, Aug. 2, 1902, Frankie, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffin; aged 9 years and 11 days.

ROBERTSON—At Grant's Pass, Aug. 1, 1902, Robert Robertson.

SIMPKINS—At Grant's Pass, Aug. 5, 1902, Horatio Simpkins; aged 68 years.

FIGPRUNE Cereal

54% Fruit 46% Grains. A Perfect Food Drink. The beverage made from Figprune Cereal is smooth, palatable and nutritious. Because of the large percentage of natural saccharine matter in figs and prunes, Figprune requires less sugar than any other cereal coffee.

Can find employment at Rehkopf's hop yards at Applegate during the season. Picking begins Sept. 1st. Call on or address A. Rehkopf, Applegate.

HINTS FOR FARMERS

Tobacco Dust For Insect Pests.

Bulletin No. 64, Texas experiment station, "Insect Pests Attacking Truck Crops," is a valuable work. In this bulletin tobacco dust, both as an insecticide and fertilizer, receives unequalled praise, and, while fully agreeing with most that is said, my experience is that it is not a "cure all." At present it is practically a waste product of tobacco factories, and the nominal cost at which it may be obtained entitles it to a far more extensive use as a fertilizer alone. Its unqualified use as an insecticide must be taken with a grain of salt; as both worms and bugs of some species will live and thrive in it. While an extensive use of it on rosebushes, sweet peas, squash, cucumber, pumpkin and muskmelon vines has given gratifying results, I almost ruined watermelon vines with its use. At least I was able to assign no other cause for the failure. I was using it unsteadily on all the other varieties of vines and reasoned that a like use would be helpful to the watermelons. The vines were varieties which were being tested, and they were treated the same as the others, being liberally dusted with tobacco, with the result that instead of pushing ahead they began to go backward and continued to do so until the dust was removed and the vines were drenched. This may not be conclusive, but it warned me from the use of it applied directly to the vines. I still use it on all other vines and work it into the soil both before and after planting. —J. E. Morse in Rural New Yorker.

Earthworms as Soil Renovators.

Earthworms are not soil reformers, for they are seldom met with in soils that are destitute of organic matter. They are simply renovators, and, as a writer says, the richer the soil and the more it is manured the more numerous they are. Their action as soil fertilizers consists in swallowing earth, leaves or organic matter of all kinds, triturating it, converting it and then ejecting it over the surface of the field. In this way they very soon effect a complete inversion of the soil down to a certain depth, especially on meadow land which is left undisturbed to their operation. They even make additions to the soil by bringing up fresh matter from the subsoil. Every time a worm is driven by dry weather or any other cause to descend deep it brings to the surface and empties the contents of its body, a few particles of fresh earth. At the same time it fertilizes the subsoil by opening up passages which encourage the roots of plants to penetrate deeper, these passages being lined with excreted matter which provides a store of nourishment for the roots. On meadow land Darwin found these worm casts amount annually to eighteen tons per acre and on good arable land to about ten tons.—American Fertilizer.

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED.

At Panama, Colombia, by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Dr. Chas. Utter, a prominent physician of Panama, Colombia, in a recent letter states: "Last March I had as a patient a young lady sixteen years of age, who had a very bad attack of dysentery. Everything I prescribed for her proved ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had become so weak that she could not turn over in bed. What to do at this critical moment was a study for me, but I thought of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better; inside of three days she was upon her feet and at the end of one week was entirely well." For sale by City Drug Store.

The Sense of Touch.

The sense of touch in man is most highly developed on the skin, but mucous or serous surfaces are also capable of conveying impressions. Some parts of the body are more sensitive than others and are usually devoid of hairs, as the tip of the tongue, the ends of the fingers and the lips. It will be noticed that these are so situated as to keep us conveniently informed of what is going on around us.—Chambers' Journal.

The Inevitable Result.

Nell—Just one month ago today Stella and I agreed to point out each other's faults without reserve. Ness—And are you still doing it? Nell—Oh, no! We haven't spoken to each other for twenty-nine days.—Chicago News.

Showing Off.

"What big words your sister uses, Harry?" "Yes; she does when she's first introduced. She'll be all right after awhile."

SEVENTY PEOPLE

Can find employment at Rehkopf's hop yards at Applegate during the season. Picking begins Sept. 1st. Call on or address A. Rehkopf, Applegate.

Rates Again Reduced.

Before you make definite arrangements for that trip east let us quote you rates via the Illinois Central Railroad. Our rates are the lowest to be had, and it will pay you to write us. If you haven't time to communicate with us tell the agent from whom you purchase your ticket that you want to travel by way of the Illinois Central, and you will never regret the trip. If any of your relatives or friends in the east are coming west while the low rates are in effect, write us about them, and we will see that they get the lowest rates with the best service. Through tourist cars, personally conducted excursion cars, free reclining chair cars, in fact all the latest conveniences known to modern railroading. For particulars regarding rates, time, service, stop-overs, different connections and routes, etc., call on or address B. H. TRUMBULL, Commercial Agent.

DR. HALE'S JUBILEE.

Senator Hoar Pays a Glowing Tribute to the Venerable Clergyman.

Senator Hoar made the following address of congratulation at the recent celebration in Boston of the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale's eightieth birthday, saying in part:

"I suppose if all the people in this country and indeed in all the quarters of the globe who would like to tell their gratitude to Dr. Hale were to come together to do it Boston Common would not hold them. I have never known anybody in all my long life who seemed to me to be joined by the heart-strings with so many men and women wherever he goes as Dr. Hale. Dr. Hale has not been a founder of a sect. He has never been a builder of partition walls. He has helped throw down a good many. But still, without making proclamation, he has been the founder of a school which has enlarged and broadened the church into the congregation and which has brought the whole congregation into the church.

"I do not know another living man who has exercised a more powerful influence on the practical life of his generation. He has taught us the truth, very simple, but which somehow nobody ever got hold of till he did, that virtue and brave living and helping other men can be made to grow by geometrical progression. I am told that Dr. Hale has more correspondents in Asia than the London Times. I cannot tell how many persons are enrolled in the clubs of which he was the founder and inspirer.

"But I am disqualified to do justice to the theme you have assigned to me. For an impartial verdict you must get an impartial jurymen. You will have to find somebody that loves him less than I do. You cannot find anybody that loves him more. To me he has been friend and father and brother and counselor and companion and leader and instructor, prophet of good hope, teacher of good cheer. His figure mingles with my household life and with the life of my country. I can hardly imagine either without him. He has pictured for us the infinite desolation of the man without a country; but when his time shall come what will be the desolation of the country without the man!

"And now what can we give you who have given us so much? We have something to give on our side. We bring you a more costly and precious gift than any jewel or diadem, though it came from an emperor's treasury.

"Love is a present for a mighty king. "We bring you the heart's love of Boston, where you were born, and Worcester, where you took the early vows you have kept so well; of Massachusetts, who knows she has no worthier son, and of the great and free country to which you have taught new lessons of patriotism and which you have served in a thousand ways.

"This prophet is honored in his own country. There will be a place found for him somewhere in the house of many mansions. I do not know what will be the employment of our dear friend in the world whose messages he has been bringing to us so long, but I like to think he will be sent on some errands like that of the presence which came to Ben Adhem with a great wakening light, rich and like a lily in bloom, to tell him that the name of him who loved his fellow man led all the names of those whom the love of God had blessed."

In response Dr. Hale said: "Put yourself in my place. I am to do something which I have all along advised young men not to do, and that is to talk about myself. It would seem for a moment as if we must look backward and not forward."

PEDIGREE OF MY WHISKY.

The grain was "raised" by old Methusalem, and "mashed" by the Rock of Ages; distilled near the Pyramid of Egypt by the Sphinx; water drawn from the Rock Moses smote; dripped through a worm 10,000 miles long; heated up by Mount Vesuvius; shaken up by innumerable earthquakes; purified by being drawn through the Great Desert of Sahara, and stored in the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky; rescued by old Noah and shipped in the Ark; landed on Mount Ararat; rendered respectable by age; crowned with the Glories of Antiquity; sampled by Royalty; guaranteed by the Pope; inspected by 500 revenue officials; glorified by Stamps; covered with the cobwebs of creation; then shipped to A. P. Estabrook, where it was christened "Our Mash." It has no relatives living, but relies upon its own merit for passage through life.

The above pedigree was found lately in Egypt upon removing Cleopatra's Needle and promptly forwarded to A. P. Estabrook, Gold Hill, Oregon, the leading druggist.

ENGINE FOR SALE.

A three-horse engine with boiler, in good condition, can be obtained at a bargain by applying at Gault & Cook's machine shop, Medford.

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of suffering from indigestion if you eat what you want, or of a living yourself to avoid such distress? Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets taken after eating will digest your food perfectly and free you from all disagreeable symptoms of indigestion and dyspepsia. Eat what you like at any time, and take an Acker Tablet afterward. Positively guaranteed. Your money will always be refunded if you are not satisfied. Write to us for a free sample. W. H. HOOKER & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. A. P. Estabrook, Gold Hill, the leading druggist.

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