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FELL NEAR BUZZ-SAW

NARROW ESCAPE OF A WORKMAN STRICKEN WITH VERTIGO.

Interesting History of a Man Who Has Been Near Death Many Times—Made a Prisoner at Battle of Cedar Creek.

While operating a buzz-saw in a machine iron foundry at Troy, Henry Simons, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, was suddenly stricken with vertigo and fell almost upon the swiftly revolving saw. But the same good fortune that carried him unwounded through four years of active service during the Civil War again preserved his life. While serving in Co. H, Twelfth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, during the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley made famous by Sheridan's ride, he had been captured by the Confederates at the battle of Cedar Creek, and confined in Libby prison for months before he was finally exchanged. The sudden illness which brought him so near a fearful death was the direct result of his war experience, as Mr. Simons stated to a reporter who called at his comfortable home at No. 4 Linden avenue, Troy, N. Y.

"Ever since the campaign of New Orleans in 1861," he said, "I have been afflicted with malaria and frequent attacks of acute gastritis, brought on by constant exposure and the malarial atmosphere of the bayou country. At times I was subject to attacks of vertigo and it was a seizure of this kind that nearly ended my life."

"For over thirty years I employed the best physicians but they were unable to give me any permanent relief. One day I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People mentioned in a local newspaper and decided to try them. Before I had finished the first box I noticed that my appetite had improved and that I was much stronger. That also marked the end of the attacks of extreme vertigo. I kept on taking the pills and my recovery from that time was gradual but steady. I am heartily glad to endorse Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

These pills have cured many stubborn cases of nervousness, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, rheumatism, sciatica and all forms of weakness whether in male or female. Sold by all druggists, or sent postpaid at fifty cents per box, six boxes for two dollars and fifty cents, by Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

IOWA has taken a step a century in advance. A bill recently introduced in the legislature of that state, creating a marriage reform bureau. The object of this bill will be to prevent the marriage of physically or mentally unfit persons, and for the purpose of giving a course of instruction to young people who whom marriage license is issued, on the laws of health, sanitation and hygiene, with a view to remedying the evils of ignorance.

The bureau will be composed of reputable physicians, both male and female, whose duty it will be to pass upon the fitness of persons applying for license to wed. If the applicants are unfit they will be recommended to courses of treatment covering their weakness, and if they are fit they will be given wholesome lessons on the new duties they are to assume. Such a law was drafted by Representative Carter of Jackson county, four years ago, but he did not present it. Being a single man then, said he might be condemning himself to bachelorhood by introducing a measure of that kind. A glance at the asylum reports of Oregon proves to us that the law is needed here.

An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofin—as ugly as ever since time immemorial. It causes bunches in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into consumption.

"A bunch appeared on the left side of my neck. It caused great pain, was lanceable, and became a running sore. I went into a general decline. I was persuaded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when I had taken six bottles my neck had disappeared. I never had any trouble of the kind since." Mrs. K. T. SWYER, Troy, Ohio.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

will rid you of it, radically and permanently, as they have rid thousands.

THE age of wonders has not passed. It is possible that it is only beginning. This, at least, seems to be the inference from the recent extremely interesting address of Sir Oliver Lodge at Birmingham, England dealing with radium and its possibilities, some of which were rather grotesquely illustrated in the so-called "liquid sunshine" dinner at the University Club. To men who received their training in physics half a century ago perhaps the most startling statement in Sir Oliver's address is this in reference to atoms: "Now we know that nothing, not even the atom, is exempted from the law of change. The atoms are dying—perhaps we shall next discover that they are being born, too. That is the next thing to be looked for, and it may be found out in our time."

Effects of Hypnotism.

The recent performances of McEwen, the hypnotist, in Medford, when a number of persons were apparently put under his influence, to the amusement of his audiences, suggest the fact that those who think it fun to be hypnotized evidently do not know that every time they submit to such subjugation their mental faculties are weakened. If you want a strong mind and force of character, that will carry you safely through this world, resist unreasonable submission of mind and will to dominance of others. With every subjugation your power of resistance is lessened, until you become an absolute slave to the whim and opinion of others, whether they be right or wrong.

Senator Hanna is Dead.

Senator Marcus A. Hanna of Ohio, one of the foremost of American citizens and the greatest Republican politician, died in Washington, Feb. 15th, of fever, after a protracted illness. He played an important part in the later history of this country, and would have been his party's candidate for president this year, had Mr. McKinley lived.

Health

Means the ability to do a good day's work without undue fatigue and to find life worth living. You cannot have indigestion or constipation without its upsetting the liver and polluting the blood. Such a condition may be quickest obtained by Herbine, the best liver regulator that the world has ever known. Mrs. D. W. Smith writes, April 3, 1902: "I use Herbine and find it the best medicine for constipation and regulating the liver I ever used." Price 50 cents. Sold by Dr. J. Hinkle, Central Point.

In Annual Session.

The annual meeting of the Jackson County Stockmen's Association was held in Ashland, Saturday afternoon. Of the 75 members there were probably 50 present, and much interest was shown in the business that came up.

The meeting was called to order by President Geo. Owens, when the constitution of the association was read by Secretary F. R. Nell.

The brand book recently issued upon authority of the association was pronounced full of errors and was roasted a dark brown.

Article 2, of section 4, of the constitution, providing that the secretary should go to the County Clerk's office twice each year to obtain any new brands that might have been registered was stricken out.

The following are the officers of the association chosen for the following year: President, Geo. Owens of Ashland; vice-president, S. P. Barneburg of Cove; secretary, F. R. Nell, of Ashland; treasurer, F. Hubbard, of Medford; members of executive committee, E. B. Barron, of Barron and C. G. Taylor of Roxxy.

President Owens, who had been a delegate to the annual meeting of the National Stockgrowers' Association, recently held at Portland, gave an interesting account of the same.

After an informal discussion of different matters connected with the association there was an adjournment.

A special meeting of the association will be held at Medford on the first Monday in May, to arrange for the publication of a new brand book.

The Coming Assessment.

The new tax law makes no change with reference to the date for beginning the assessment. As formerly, the assessment of each individual has reference to the amount of property he possessed on the 1st day of March. Accordingly it is on that date that each taxpayer is supposed to make an inventory of his belongings, so that he may properly fill out the assessment blank supplied by the assessor. Assessor Jones has provided himself with the requisite blanks, and is making preliminary preparations for beginning work March 1st.

A practice to be observed this year is that all taxpayers will be required to make affidavit to the list they prepare of their property. The new law leaves the assessor no alternative.

A fact in connection with the above is that the "supreme court" has held that the assessor is not bound to accept the list sworn to by the taxpayer as a true assessment. If the assessor ascertains that the statement does not include all the property, he may add the missing property, or make up a new list altogether.

Knows How It is Himself.

Charles A. M. Schierholz, a special agent of the General Land Office, has been discharged from the government service on charges of fraud in connection with a timber deal in northern Arkansas. The plaindealer says Schierholz is the man who made himself so obnoxious to applicants before the U. S. Land Office in Roseburg a few months since, by asking foolish, impertinent and irrelevant questions of applicants for timberland entries. Some of his rulings were so obviously ridiculous that his action here was the talk of the town for many days. One applicant, being questioned beyond the limit of his endurance, stated on oath that he intended to split every foot of timber on his claim into match wood for his own individual use.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Taxes are now due. Delinquent after April 4th.

Harry Beach and John Herndon, two Ashland boys, have enlisted as apprentices in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. A. Thompson, Jacksonville's pioneer restaurateur, was in Medford not long since, looking for a location.

C. T. Davidson, of the popular firm of Miller & Davidson, doing business in Jacksonville, was in Medford Tuesday.

Bear Creek was a raging torrent Monday, carrying as much water as it did at one time last year. It did some damage.

Wm. E. Hawkins, who has been engaged in merchandising at Agor, Calif., has sold his stock and business to Jud. Agor.

"Down by the Sea," which was a favorite drama for amateurs hereabouts in early days, will be presented at Ashland Feb. 19th.

W. P. Heffner, of Big Butte, who was hurt by a horse one day last week, is confined to his room, having received painful injuries.

Leo Bros of Josephine county have bought one of Precht & Co's saw mills and will operate in Evans Creek district during the coming season.

J. R. Morrison, of Sam's Valley, has bought a 15-acre tract, located near Medford, of G. H. Howland, paying him \$46 an acre for it. He secured a bargain.

Albert Jones of Applegate, a pioneer of Jackson county, died one day last week. He leaves a large family of grown children, as well as many friends, to mourn his demise.

The rents of the Ashland water works for the last month amounted to \$85.45, which does not indicate a very dry town, with saloons prohibited from doing business.

It seems as if Jupiter Pluvius has done his best and that there will be a cessation of hostilities, at least for the present. Rain has ceased falling and the sun is shining once more.

County Clerk Orth will turn over the tax roll for 1903 to Sheriff Rader Saturday, who will begin collecting taxes Monday morning. This is considerably earlier than usual.

Rogue River and its tributaries were very high Sunday and Monday, but Ray's dam withstood the rush of waters very well. It will take an immense flood to even faze it.

Max Pracht, a special agent of the General Land Office, who has been on duty in Colorado, passed through the valley Friday, en route to Oregon City, to which place he has been assigned.

Miss Magie McAndrew, of Roxxy, a short time ago, received a trio of highly-bred turkeys from the Willamette valley, which are the biggest and finest specimens of that bird ever saw.

Prof. C. Raymond, who is teaching a successful dancing school in Medford, will begin a two-weeks term in Jacksonville March 1st. He teaches all of the latest dances and gives general satisfaction.

Col. C. E. S. Wood, a prominent Portland attorney, and Wm. D. Hanley of Burns, one of Eastern Oregon's leading stockmen, passed through the valley a few days since, en route home from San Francisco.

One of the heaviest rainstorms on record in Southern Oregon was that which prevailed Sunday and Monday. Several inches of moisture fell, causing considerable of a flood. Little damage resulted, however.

Perry Meliza's farm house, situated near Sheridan, Yamhill county, together with its contents, was destroyed one night last week. The property was asleep at the time, and narrowly escaped being burned to death.

The heavy downpour of rain the fore part of the week caused slides on the Siskiyou mountains and at other points in Northern California. Jump-off-Joe creek disabled the road near Medford, and on Monday and part of Tuesday railroad traffic was suspended.

Henry Weydemann, who has been a resident of Southern Oregon for a number of years, died at his residence in Jacksonville Feb. 12th, after a lingering illness. He is survived by three sons and one daughter, who live in different parts of the coast.

That the Yreka railroad was extended to Scott Valley seems a certainty, and it will doubtless prove a paying proposition. The road between Montague and Yreka, 7 1/2 miles in length, paid from the start, is doing a better business than ever.

Mrs. Jos. L. Patterson of Portland is paying Jacksonville a visit, being called hither by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Armstrong, her brother, Prof. A. P. Armstrong, principal of the Portland Business College, is expected to arrive at any time.

Governor Chamberlain has very properly decided not to grant the request of Governor Pardee of California to permit the shipping of cattle into Oregon from the state of California on account of the cattle raising in the quarantined section by reason of the drought there.

The leap-year ball given at Orth's Hall Friday night, under the auspices of Jane McCully Cable, N. D. O., of Jacksonville, was most of a success. The ladies had it all their own way, and acquitted themselves admirably, nobody being slighted. Splendid music was furnished by Prof. Hoffa's orchestra and the supper set was thoroughly enjoyed by the many who partook of it.

February, the shortest month in the year, has several features which none of the other months possess, especially in leap year, when an extra day is added to round out the tally of the

year. The first feature is St. Valentine's day. Then there will be Washington's birthday celebrations on the 22d. On the 29th the unfortunate born on that date will be crowding four birthdays into one.

James Thornton of Ashland has received the news of the sudden death of his brother, John Thornton, at Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 11. The deceased, who was aged 50 years, was a pioneer of the Pacific Coast, and crossed the plains from Iowa to this coast, with his brothers, James, and Henry Thornton of Grants Pass, in 1851. He was engaged with them in mining near Yreka for a time and afterward settled in the Sound country, says the Tidings.

The Lakelove "Examiner" says that 3000 sheep were slaughtered at Christmas lake on 3d inst by five masked men. Guy McCune, the owner, who lives at Silver Lake, and who went out to investigate the affair, found 800 alive out of the band of 3000 head. It appears that the cattlemen of that vicinity, which is understood to be partly in Crook and Lake counties, drew a dead line, and warned sheepmen not to cross it with their sheep under penalty of having their band destroyed without mercy.

Applications under the timber and stone act and homestead laws received, final proofs taken, and all business connected with U. S. government lands promptly and accurately attended to by Chas. Nickell, U. S. Commissioner for the District of Oregon. Office with the SOUTHERN OREGONIAN, Medford. Phone 211.

A new order has been promulgated by the postoffice department with reference to the R. F. D. routes. Heretofore special delivery letters have been delivered by carriers to all patrons, regardless of the distance the houses may be from the boxes, oftentimes the distance covered in such delivery in the trip being from three to five miles. Hereafter such letters will not be delivered at houses that are more than a mile from the box. In the case of registered mail, special arrangements have to be made where the distance is greater than a mile.

"The Best Ever."

All Jacksonville will turn out next Monday night to give welcome to Jessie Shirley, who appears at U. S. Hall with her big company in the most famous play produced in New York for the past twenty years, "A Modern Magdalen." Miss Shirley has closed one of the biggest engagements played in this land during the past 12 months. In fact her appearance everywhere during the season has been a continuous ovation. This is as it should be, as she carries an exceedingly strong company with her. She gives to the public the very latest and finest specimens of that bird we ever saw.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Newman Moon of Gold Hill was in town Tuesday.

District Attorney Reames went north Tuesday evening.

Miss Lizzie Hoover left for Portland Tuesday, to locate.

Miss Bertha Rose of Phoenix has been visiting in Medford.

Will Young of Applegate, the miner, has been in town several times lately. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langley of Jacksonville have been visiting in Medford.

C. H. Paine, the scientific blacksmith, is recovering from a severe attack of a gripe.

Fred Davison, the expert miner, has returned from Galice creek, and is in Medford.

F. P. Stouffer of Oregon City, a member of the Presbyterian church, is in our city.

Col. Gordon Voorhies was in the valley the forepart of the week, on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Williams of Central Point spent several hours in Medford Saturday.

C. C. Kagsdale went to Roseburg one day last week, to become a member of the B. P. O. E.

Percy DeGroot and Claude Miles were guests of the young ladies of Jacksonville Friday night.

Mrs. Gertrude Barclay has gone to San Francisco, to study the latest in the dressmaker's art.

Jas. Morton of Phoenix and Mr. Dexter of Lake Creek made Medford a short visit Saturday.

S. L. Sandy of Gold Ray, the general miner, has been in Medford during the week, visiting his family.

J. Hartmann, the well-known bridge and barn builder, was in Medford one day during the past week.

Chas. F. Young and Leslie Duffield, prominent business men of Gold Hill, tarried in Medford Saturday.

Edgar Hafer, who has been at Portland, buying machinery for the Iowa Lumber Co., returned Sunday.

Chas. Gerow of Ashland was in Medford Saturday, attending the meeting of the Socialist county committee.

F. A. Elliott, representing the land department of the O. & C. R. Co., was with us the forepart of the week.

M. W. Dunlap, S. R. Coffman and his family, who live a few miles south of Jacksonville, were in Medford Saturday.

A. B. Ellison, Frank Smith and Mr. Hewes, who are employed at Ray's dam, have been stopping in Ashland a few days.

Will Merriman, who is in the employ of the S. P. Co. at Portland, was on the southbound train Sunday, en route to California.

Dr. R. G. Gale was in Medford Monday, on land business. He will not leave Jacksonville, to practice his profession elsewhere, as reported.

Miss Kate Reed is visiting in Medford. She will soon assume a position in the mercantile establishment of Hutchison & Lumsden.

S. J. Richardson is at Coalinga, Cal., where he holds a good position as engineer for the S. P. Co., which is operating on a big coal deposit.

W. V. Lippincott, the veteran station agent of the S. P. Co., who was recently transferred to Southern California, is among us again, on a short business visit.

W. T. Wallace of San Francisco, who is also well known in Portland, has been in the valley in the interest of the California Wine and Cereal Co. He is a hustler from Hustville.

Mrs. Addie B. Colvig, chief of the grand lodge of the Degree of Honor, has returned from an official visit to a number of lodges located in the Willamette Valley.

Finally Drew a Line.

It is related that an Irishman went into a restaurant where they used a printed bill of fare. He could not understand it and thought to conceal his ignorance by pointing out his order. The first time he got his finger on a soup, which, though, he did not seem to relish. Next he struck the celery, then a crab. On the arrival of his last venture he boiled over with "I've drank your dishwater, but the bouquet, but I'll be—d if I'll eat the bug."

DOG LOST.

The undersigned will pay a reward of \$5 for the return of his dog, which was lost in Medford, Dec 23d. He is bright yellow in color, has long hair and a bobbed tail, with dewclaws on his hind feet, and answers the name of "Jack."

FRED STURGIS, Forest Creek. P. O. Address Jacksonville.

LOCAL NOTES.

J. H. Thompson was among those in town during the past week.

A. Anderson, of Woodville, who has been quite ill, is recovering.

Hon. Theo. Cameron is at Wald, looking after his mining interests.

F. W. Gaines, of Palouse, Wash., was at the county-seat a few days since.

Jas. Buckley, Jr., and Ed Bostwick of Applegate were in town a few days since.

Oscar Lewis is driving the Jacksonville-Lakelove stage, and is giving general satisfaction.

Hon. S. C. Beach, of Multnomah county, was at Ashland this week, visiting his mother.

Miss Kate Broad is teaching the Thompson Creek district school and giving satisfaction.

Mrs. W. H. Bostwick, of Applegate, is in Josephine county, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Theo. Paine.

Gus Schmitt and W. E. Rulley, of Woodville precinct, have gone to Arizona, in quest of a fortune.

Miss Della Throckmorton is in Medford again, after visiting her parents and friends living on Applegate.

W. H. Venable, Mrs. J. B. Saltmarsh and Miss Josephine Saltmarsh were recent Jacksonville visitors.

Rev. J. D. Murphy will hold services at the Catholic church in Jacksonville Sunday, at the usual time.

The dancing party given by Joshua Neathammer, of Pleasant Creek, Friday night, was a success in every way.

The Jessie Shirley Co. will play the "New Magdalen" at U. S. Hall Monday evening. It will prove a rare treat.

Rev. F. G. Strange will hold services at the Presbyterian church in Phoenix Sunday, both morning and evening.

Judge Prim was at Ashland Wednesday, to hold an examination of a man named Williams, charged with insanity.

The public school will observe the anniversary of Washington's birthday, when an excellent program will be rendered.

Jacksonville will have a tri-daily mail service before long. A morning mail, to leave Medford at 6:20 o'clock, will be added.

Thos. Leever, the expert engineer, has taken charge of the machinery in the Afterthought mine, located near Redding, Calif.

Thos. Grigsby, who is running the engine at the Ned Creek saw mill, has been rusticated, owing to the late rush of waters.

A. F. Carpenter is selling oak wood, in odd lengths, at Laurels Farm, situated two miles north of Jacksonville, for \$1 a cord.

A. Lovelace and M. Chapman have put up a shingle mill on Williams Creek, that will manufacture several thousand shingles daily.

Ed McCallen and Newsum Harrison, two of Ashland's swell young men, attended the leap-year ball given at Jacksonville Friday night.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers will appear at U. S. Hall on the evening of Feb. 26th, under the auspices of the Jacksonville High School.

A cleanup was made at the Opp mine, an excellent piece of property located west of Jacksonville, last week, which proved highly satisfactory.

The late rain storms have put the place mines strictly "in it," to use a familiar expression. They are making the most of their liberal supply of water.

The remains of Mrs. Geo. E. Cole, who died at Gold Hill on Feb. 12th, were buried in the Jacksonville cemetery the next day, Rev. Mr. Schultz officiating.

F. H. Osgood, a promoter of mining enterprises, who lives at Seattle, is putting the Hammersley or Daisy mine, located in Jump-off-Joe district, in condition for work.

Fred and Arthur Furry, of Phoenix precinct and Emmett Beeson of Wagner Creek were among those who attended the meeting of the Stockmen's Association, held at Ashland Saturday.

Chas. C. Pursell is placing the machinery of his new saw mill in position, and will be manufacturing a fine article of lumber in a short time. His pluck and enterprise are worthy of success.

The wife of Christian F. Hoels, a highly respected lady who came here from Yaquina Bay last fall for the benefit of her health, died Saturday, of consumption, aged 62 years. She leaves a husband and nine children.

About Paying Taxes.

If you pay your taxes on or before March 15 you will be allowed a rebate of 3 per cent.

If you pay your taxes between March 15th and up to and including the first Monday in April, there will not be any rebate, and neither will there be any penalty added.

If your taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday in April they will become delinquent, when there will be added a penalty of 10 per cent, and the tax will also draw interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum in addition to the penalty.

If you pay one-half of your taxes on or before the first Monday in April then the remaining half may run up to and including the first Monday in October following; but if the last half of tax due is not paid by the first Monday of October it becomes delinquent, and there will be added to such balance a penalty of 10 per cent, and in addition such will bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the first Monday in April until paid.

On all personal property taxes, if one-half is not paid on or before the first Monday in April the law compels the sheriff to levy upon and collect the same after May 1st; hence to prevent a levy upon personal property after May 1st, it will be necessary for one-half to be paid as above stated.

The law compels the sheriff to sell all lands on which taxes have not been paid, and that such sale shall not be held later than March 1st of the year succeeding the year in which the tax levy is made.

The property will be sold to the person bidding the lowest rate of interest, and certificates will be issued therefor and deeds given to such property, sold, unless redeemed within three years, from the date of such sale.

Up to the Supreme Court.

Whether the session of the act passed at the regular session of the State Legislature of 1903, which reads: "That there be hereby is appropriated out of the general funds in the treasury of the State of Oregon the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to pay the veterans of the Indian Wars of 1855-56, who served under and by virtue of the directions of the officers of Oregon Territory, for their said service, upon the conditions, etc.," is construed to mean that "so much of the general fund is necessary to pay the claim" shall be used, or "so much of the \$100,000 appropriated for that purpose as is necessary," is the important question which is now up to the supreme court of this state to decide. This is involved in the case of J. B. Boyd, plaintiff and respondent, vs. F. L. Daubert, Secretary of State, defendant and appellant, which has been appealed from the decision of Judge Cleland, of the state circuit court for Multnomah county, who decided that the State must pay all of the just claims due the Indian War Veterans, and that the Secretary of State must draw interest-bearing warrants in favor of those who were not fortunate enough to get what was due them out of the \$100,000 heretofore appropriated by the legislature.