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FOR CASH OR TRADE

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COOS BAY STAGE ROUTE

Commencing with Monday, January 20, '02, we will charge \$7.50 for the fare from Drain to Coos Bay. Baggage allowance with each full fare 50 pounds. Travelling men are allowed 75 pounds baggage when they have 300 pounds or more. All excess baggage, 3c. per pound, and no allowance will be made for round trip. DAILY STAGE.

For further information address
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FLINT'S POPULAR SHOE STORE

Hints to Housewives.

Half the battle in good cooking, is to have good fresh Groceries, and to get them promptly when you order them. Call up 'Phone No. 181, for good goods and good service.

C. W. PARKS & CO.

FARMERS' LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLES

—AND—
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Livery, Feed and Sale Stables
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Horrible Torture of Prisoners.

The Senate Committee of California made a report on the Penitentiary, and among other matters reported on we find the following:

"Senator George Williams, a member of the committee, having in his possession considerable data regarding the use of the strait-jacket at this institution, which, if true, would reveal a horrible state of affairs, your committee decided to investigate the same, and for that purpose went into executive session at 8 p. m. and remained in such session continuously until 5:15 a. m.

During this time over twenty-eight prisoners were examined, also the guards, captain of guards, general overseer and Warden. The facts gleaned from this investigation were horrible, indeed, as resulting from the use of the strait-jacket, some of the prisoners being maimed for life and unable to follow the pursuit of even manual labor, much less skilled labor. In order that some idea may be had of this instrument of torture, it is thus described:

"The strait-jacket is made of very heavy, closely woven material, similar to the heaviest tarpaulin or sail cloth. It is made in one piece, open at the back for the entire length. It fits closely at the neck, which is bound with leather, as are the edges along the open in the back. Over each of these edges is doubled for the entire length a heavy piece of leather, extended back on outer and inner sides for about four or five inches, in which are set heavy eyelets, about one inch apart, for the purpose of lacing the instrument on the body. For this purpose a stout, closely woven half-inch cord is used. There are no openings for the arms. The jacket is placed on the victim over his clothing. He is then laid face downward upon the floor, and the lacing is done by men kneeling upon the prisoner and pulling the cord as tight as it possibly can be done. When laced, the poor victim is utterly unable to move either hand or foot. In this condition he is carried to a cell, laid upon the floor and the cell door is closed and locked. If the prisoner to be subjected to this torture happens to be a small man, blankets would be placed inside the strait-jacket, so that the hellish machine might be laced more tightly. At Folsom a smaller strait-jacket was made by Warden Wilkinson, so that the punishment might be made more severe."

"The men who did the lacing each weighed over 200 pounds, and when they could not pull the cord tight enough to suit them, they would take a stick about two feet long, and using it as a "Spanish windlass," would tighten the strait-jacket to the highest degree possible by this hellish means. While lacing a prisoner the brutal tools of Warden Wilkinson would watch the prisoner, and when he would exhale his breath, they would tighten the jacket so as to deplete the lungs and abdomen when depleted of air. After lacing them in this manner, the prisoner, while lying in the strait-jacket, would be forced to take drastic doses of salts, their mouths being pried open and their noses held closed while the powerful dose of purgative would be poured down their throats, as high as four doses of salts being given to the same man while the strait-jacket continuously remained laced as above stated. The recital of the condition of these men, after lying in the strait-jacket under such treatment, cannot be told in public print; being bathed from head to foot in their own excrement; scorched and blistered by their urine, and for every moment of the time suffering every pain and torture which the human frame can know; relieved only by spells of unconsciousness, finally to be released, maimed and crippled for life, and in one instance at least, to suffer death within twenty-four hours after being taken from the strait-jacket, dying in the cell alone, when even a drink of water was denied him.

"Your committee does not deem it necessary to go into further details regarding the strait-jacket, or its use, beyond stating that the guards who did this work were brutal in the extreme, and that their actions at all times were known to the Warden, who alone has the authority to order this punishment and keep men confined, bound like a bale of cotton, for over fifty hours at a time. The Warden, in his testimony before the committee, admitted that sometimes the prisoners were too severely dealt with; but laughed it off by saying that at times the prisoner would get saucy to the guards, who in turn would become angry and take it out on their unfortunate victim, using unnecessary force and brutality in so doing."

Prune Growers Association.

SALEM, Ore., March 2, 1903.

To the Prune Growers of Douglas County, Ore.

Gentlemen:—Having sent a circular letter addressed to the Prune Growers of your County, sent out by a Douglas County Prune Buyer, Mr. C. Gazley, purporting to show the management of the Willamette Valley Prune Association in a wrong light, through a letter written by Jas. M. Kyle, of Salem, Oregon, allow us, Prune Growers and members of the above named Association, to call your attention to a few facts:

1st. That the writer of the letter is a prune buyer, and since the organization of the Association of Growers, he has found difficulty in securing prunes at favorable prices since the majority of growers prefer to sell through the Association, having found it more profitable to do so.

2nd. That all dealers have opposed the work of the Association since it leaves the dealers very few "stations to get off at."

3rd. That the person who is so public spirited as to send out the circular letter above mentioned, is interested as a dealer in preventing any organization of growers which may injure his own business of buying prunes.

4th. That as long as growers can be prevented from organizing, they must be content to take whatever price the public spirited buyer may offer, even though the said buyer drops a 1/2 cent per pound below the price agreed upon in his early option contracts.

5th. The Willamette Valley Prune Association is composed of growers who have prunes to sell, and are interested in securing the best possible price for their prunes, and are never "Bears" on the market.

6th. At a meeting of growers held this day at the office of the Willamette Valley Prune Association, a committee was appointed to communicate to you, our fellow prune growers, an expression of our fullest confidence in the management of Mr. H. S. Gile in all that pertains to the marketing of our crops, and that we are proud of the record made by our Association under his administration as Secretary and Manager.

We believe it is unnecessary to make more explicit denials to the allegations of the "disinterested" letter referred to, further than to quote the prices received by us as growers for this year's crop, payment for which we have received in full as follows: 30-40s, 4.80; 40-50s, 4.07 1/2; 50-60s, 3.40; 60-60s, 2.92 1/2; 70-80s, 2.12 1/2. French prunes 3.95 1/2 for 40-50s, 3.30 1/2 for 50-60s, 2.87 1/2 for 60-70s, 2.42 for 70-80s, 1.94 for 80-90s, 1.41 1/2 for 100s. These are net prices.

In conclusion we wish to remind you that our interest as Growers is mutual to receive the best possible price for prunes while the interests of the dealers is to get them for the least possible price obtainable, hence this opposition to all associated effort.

Yours very truly
L. M. GILBERT,
L. T. REYNOLDS,
Committee.

Bubonic Plague in Mexico.

La Patria de Mexico, in an article on the bubonic plague at Mazatlan and other coast towns, makes the statement that the secretary of foreign relations has been investigating the plague situation and has obtained sufficient proofs to justify his claim that the disease was brought to Mexico from San Francisco by the steamer Curacao. It further states that Mexico is preparing to present a claim for indemnity to the United States government, the latter failed to notify Mexico of the fact, which the paper states it was under obligation to do, according to the agreement made at the Vienna convention, the United States being among the nation that took part in that convention.

A Prince Henry Scandal.

Chicago is greatly excited over an extraordinary story in which Gov. Yates is one of the principals. It is to the effect that on a recent visit to Chicago the chief executive of Illinois, accompanied by Col. J. H. Strong of his staff, visited the office of the Club Fellow, a weekly society newspaper, in the Auditorium building, and threatened to kill Mr. Hardin, the editor, because an uncompromising item appeared in the publication in regard to the governor's wife. The objectionable publication had reference to the reception to Prince Henry of Prussia at the time of his visit here, but it was only recently that Gov. Yates had his attention called to the alleged slur upon Mrs. Yates and Prince Henry, and he became enraged. Hardin is said to have replied that there would not be any killing unless he had a hand in the shooting. He intimated to the angry governor that he, the editor, had a pistol handy in his pocket, with which he was covering his antagonist. Later a conference was held between Gov. Yates, Col. Strong, Hardin and A. Strude, a lawyer, and it was agreed nothing should be made public regarding the incident.

Senator Mitchell's Condition.

Mr. S. A. Clarke, writing from Washington, February 24th, says he has just called on Senator Mitchell, who has been ill for nearly a month but is decidedly gaining. The Senator has simply overworked himself; as in addition to his senatorial duties and department work he has had to digest the evidence and prepare the report of the Hawaii Commission and actually put in eight-hour days for over a month. His doctor says this brought on a torpid condition of the stomach that caused his illness, but he finds no organic trouble. He says it is seldom that any man of the Senator's age has his vital organs in as good shape as does Senator Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is too busy with senatorial and other duties to often take part in social functions. He is a careful, liver, uses no liquor nor eats to excess, but suffers occasionally from overwork. He has reached a time of life when every one needs to be careful as to overdoing. He has always been a phenomenal worker and hopes to be up and at it again in a few days.

Men wanted to cut 300 tier of wood. Inquire of Henry Conn, Roseburg, Oregon.

Little Ranch for Sale.

A good little ranch for sale: 17 acres adjoining fair grounds, 1 1/2 miles east of Roseburg. Good buildings, 150 good bearing fruit trees, 10 acres in cultivation. Price \$1250. For particulars inquire at Milikin's shoe store, Roseburg at 17.

Another Harry Tracy.

On Sunday Christ Benson a convict in the Thurston County, (Washington) jail awaiting transportation to the Walla Walla penitentiary to which he had been sentenced for one year for larceny, killed Jailer David Morrell while he was giving the prisoners dinner last Sunday afternoon about two o'clock. He beat the jailer almost insensible with a short lead pipe obtained from the jail sink, then took a revolver from him, shot him twice and escaped into the woods.

Last night Benson appeared at a logging camp at Black Lake ten miles from Olympia, cowed the men, got the weapons and ammunition they happened to have in the camp, then took to the brush.

Poses are out all over the country searching for the desperado. A battle is expected if Benson is run down, as he has a pretty fair supply of ammunition.

A special dispatch from Seattle on Tuesday says:

Murderer Benson, who shot and killed Deputy Jailer Morrell last Sunday, at Olympia, has been captured. He was caught in a saloon at Elma, at 8 o'clock this morning. He was seen and suspected by a posse of citizens who promptly ran him to earth. The posse had Benson's picture and a full description, and the color of his hair, complexion and even the growth of his whiskers tallied in every way.

Deputy Sheriff Mackay, of Olympia, is now on the way to Elma to complete the identification and take the prisoner back.

The captured man refuses to discuss the situation. He came out of the woods, near Elma, about 7:30 a. m., with his clothing tattered and torn and walked into the saloon. He was without money, but ate the free lunch greedily. When the posse surrounded him he showed fight, but was overpowered in a rush. His revolver was found to be empty.

The prisoner has not spoken a word since he was captured. Late last night he entered a ranch house near Elma and stole a ham. That gave the posse the tip that he was in the neighborhood.

The captors will divide the \$600 reward. A dispatch from Olympia says that some of Morrell's friends are threatening to lynch Benson when he is brought to the capital city. Governor McBride says he will call out the National Guard if the sheriff thinks assistance is necessary to protect the prisoner.

It now transpires that Benson had a shady career in Chicago before coming West, and that he wanted to establish a reputation of being a bold, bad man. He was probably starved out of the woods and did not have the Harry Tracy nerve to bluff his way back.

Brockway Gossip.

Douglas Engram is still quite ill. Mr. Parker was indisposed a few days last week.

Miss Lenora Richards is home from Roseburg.

Mr. Southwell shot a large black bear in Kest gulch.

Lewin Parker made a flying trip to Olalla last week.

The farmers at this place are doing a rushing business.

Mat Simmons will move on Mr. Richards' place next week.

Sam Bolsinger and George Lenox went to Olalla Sunday.

We hear that Mr. Heater is confined to his home by sickness.

Cecil Richards was visiting at Mr. Johnston's last Sunday.

Cecil and Jasper Richards are working on the railroad at Greens.

Arthur Johnston and sister, Miss Jennie, were visiting friends Sunday.

Sunday school was organized at Brockway last Sunday. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and son, Harold, were in town one day last week.

Rev. Mr. Ketchum preached a very able sermon at Brockway last Sunday.

Mr. Bolsinger and son found the skull of an Indian on the banks of the Umpqua.

Vern Johnston, while going on horseback to the store, was attacked by a wild animal.

There are a few cases of the so-called smallpox at Brockway, but in a very light form.

Mr. Bolsinger has built a new hen-house and put a wire fence around it and is going into the chicken business.

BROCKWAY SPORTS.

What we are Coming To.

I came to a mill by the riverside
A half mile long and nearly as wide,
With a forest of stacks and an army of men
Tolling at furnace and shovel and pen.
"What a most magnificent plant," I cried,
And a man with a smudge on his face replied
"It's Morgan's."

I entered a train and rode all day
On a regal coach and a right of way
Which reached its arms all over the land
In a system too large to understand.
"A splendid property this!" I cried,
And a man with a plate on his hat replied,
"It's Morgan's."

I sailed on a great ship, trim and true,
From pension to keel and cabin to crew.
And the ship was one of a monster fleet;
A first class navy could scarce complete.
"What a beautiful craft she is!" I cried,
And a man with akimbo legs replied,
"It's Morgan's."

I dwelt in a nation filled with pride;
Her people were many, her lands were wide;
Her record in war and science and art
Proved greatness of music, mind and heart.
"What a grand old country it is!" I cried,
And a man with his chest in the air replied
"It's Morgan's."

I went to heaven. The Jasper walls
Towered high and wide and the golden halls
Shone bright beyond; but a strange new mark
Was over the gate, viz: "Private Park."
"Why, what is the meaning of this!" I cried,
And a Saint with a livery on replied,
"It's Morgan's."

I went to the only place left. I'll take
A chance in the boat on the brimstone lake
Or perhaps I may be allowed to sit
On the griddled floor of the bottomless pit
But a leering lout with horns on his face
Cried out, as he forked me off the place,
"It's Morgan's."

Meeting of Board of Trade.

At a meeting of the Roseburg Board of Trade on the evening of March 2d much important business was transacted. The new oak furniture of the board had been moved into the building earlier in the day and presented a very comfortable and business-like appearance.

F. B. Waite, chairman of the committee on membership, presented a list of seventeen names of paid-up membership. The executive committee, consisting of Messrs. Wimberly, Alley and Jamieson was appointed by the president and confirmed by the Board. W. L. Cobb and F. E. Alley were appointed as a committee to secure appropriate stationery for the Board, consisting of letter heads, envelopes, etc. Arrangements were made for securing 20,000 additional copies of Douglas county's advertising pamphlet. This is the same pamphlet gotten out last October, which so fittingly portrays the features of Douglas county. It is truthful, exhaustive and complete. It contains more genuine information from cover to cover than any book of like size ever gotten up in Oregon. It is not only valuable to send abroad to prospective settlers in the state, but a copy should be in each family in Douglas county at least. The people at home are those who should benefit first from that which is within easy reach. Yet, numerous and varied as the good things of Oregon have always been, they have been passed over for a half century, though lying right in our door yards. It may be that constant and easy association with the very gems of nature renders us unmindful of their real value. Therefore we say that the pamphlet published by the Board of Trade furnishes much valuable information even to the "old timers." It has merit and we doubt not that it contains revelations to many of the best posted citizens of the county.

W. W. Cardwell was chosen assistant secretary. He will always be found in the Chamber of the Board in the new bank building, ready and willing to furnish information to any one desiring the same, whether native or new-comer, and ready at all times to welcome the stranger and assist him in finding what he is looking for. Don't fail to call in—you are always welcome.

Portland's Fire.

A mysterious fire commenced in the seventh story of the Dekum building in Portland on Tuesday morning. The fire broke out in a dressing parlor occupied by Misses Shogren, at about 12:30 a. m., and spread rapidly. The damage to the building is \$70,000, and the loss to Lipman, Wolfe & Co. \$150,000. Other losses approximate in total \$85,000. The fire department did heroic work and it was due to prompt and efficient action that the fire was confined to that block.

Railways in Alaska.

The Western Alaska Construction Company of Chicago, which was granted a right of way by the Government, has filed maps and surveys with the Interior Department at Washington for the construction of the Council City and Solomon River Railway in the Seward peninsula, Alaska. The company is incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey and capitalized at \$1,000,000. Chicago and New York capitalists are interested and the construction of the road will be begun early in the spring.

J. Warren Dickson, general manager of the company, said: "The system will connect all the principal mineral producing areas and centers of population and mining known at present throughout the Solomon river, Council City, Ophir creek, Bluestone, York and Nome regions, with the tidewater and vessel transportation at Solomon river, Grantley harbor, Port Clarence and Good Hope bay, thus gridironing the peninsula."

Poker Playing Church Members.

At Holly Springs, Miss., Judge Lowry made a radical and sensational departure from the usual formula when he specifically charged the grand jury to indict progressive church members. If these instructions are carried out, according to the weekly society news, people prominent as officers or members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal churches are liable to indictment. Society people here are much stirred up and indignant over the matter.

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ROSEBURG, OREGON.
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V. R. Buckingham,
(Successor to W. L. Cobb, Mrs. (Boys) old stand)

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