# ITEMS OF NEWS.

was a visitor to Prineville

the wife of F. F. Fine. Jan-I, a boy, tising of Warm Springs is in

ng the day. he wife of D. W. Adams, igit, a boy.

ith departed Wednesday upon trip to Portland. Williams, a rancher from the

try, was in Madras Tuesday. liver, the Culver merchant ster, was in the city Thurs-

Tassel went to Prineville having business before the

Warren and David G. Gay, were business visitors to the

he wife of Will am Coburn of gi, Friday, December 30, rewell was intown upon busi-

sday, from his place on Low-

mier, deputy prosecuting atin the city today upon pro-SLIESS.

urner, C. E. Roush and A. adea business trip to Prineurday.

Contractors Nelsen and Alexare working near Redmond, dras Monday.

ngston and Nora Livingston re in the city last Friday and iting with friends.

leison, a newcomer to the try, was in the city Monday on a tract of land.

an T. B. Tucker returned to day from Beaverton, where holidays with his father.

own, of Prineville, accomhis wife, arrive.1 in Madras look after business affairs. Kibben of Logan, Kansas, is who arrived in this city and is looking over this sec-

mford, who has been at Port. past week spending the holi s family, returned to Madras

derson, bookkeeper for Porter urned to Madras Friday nd, where he enjoyed Christ-

P. N. Vibbert and son James, were in Madras Thursday from their homes on north Agency Plains. Mr. Vibuert was making arrangements to have a well drilled on his place at the Deschutes.

Railroad station. Contractor Hickman, of the firm of Hickman & Frazer, working on the Oregon Trunk grade near Culver Junction, arrived in Madras Monday, having returned from a business trip to Portland.

> ----"TITLE TALKS" What Is An Abstract?

A complete abstract of title to a given tract of land contains:

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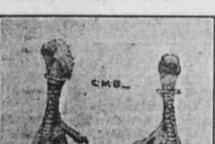
#### TOO MUCH HOT AIR.

Well, of all the freaks you should have seen those hatched by a neighbor this season. Many had twisted trilbys like the picture, others just pipped the shell and stuck fast, and, acting the good Samaritan, he helped them out, and from their appearance they sure-

ly needed it. Some had one wing, others had legs of different lengths, some had cross bills or great eyes that glared in a menacing manner. But the majority were crooked, their heads and tails touching, their twisted toes beating the air.

What he said is not in the dictionary, and what he wrote to that incubator manufacturer you will not find among his testimenials.

Thinking it might be ancestry, he ran to the coop and examined every chicken's toes, but found all straight. He concluded, after reading a city farmer's editorial, that moisture was



#### Not His Bill. Representative Gilbert M. Hitchcock,

who lives at the Connecticut apartment house when he is in Washington, received a letter one morning and read it with great surprise. It was a bill for 128 parasols, Mrs. Hitchcock also read it with surprise, not to say shock. On looking more closely Mr. Hitchcock made a discovery which led him to look at his wife with an air of triumph and say:

"This is easily explained, my dear. I have not been buying parasols by the hundred. I did not buy these. This bill is made out to Frank H. Hitchcock, the postmaster general, who is a single man."

Then the congressman sent the bill to the cabinet officer with this note: This was opened by mistake. The in-losure was read with amazement.

GILBERT M. HITCHCOCK. But the reason the postmaster general had bought the bale of parasols was that he wanted to use them as favors at a cofillion at which he was host.-Popular Magazine.

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## THE POINT OF THE JOKE.

It Was Difficult For the Englishman, but He Finally Saw It.

A party of Englishmen were in Chicago sightseeing some years ago. They were entertained at dinner by some Chicago Englishmen who have lived in American long enough to have a keen appreciation of the American idea of a joke. During the evening all the members of the party told stories or sung songs and entertained according to their several abilities.

One of the English visitors could see nothing funny in the stories told by the Chicago Englishmen. Every time one of them would tell a good Amerlean story at which most of the party would laugh uproariously this particular Englishman would adjust his monocle to his eye and, looking wonderingly around the table, would remark, 'But, I say, I don't see anything in that to laugh at, y' knaw."

One of the Chicago men finally recited an original poem. The poem told of an Englishman who had come to America and after being in this country only a short time had died and gone to another and much warmer country. Ten years passed, and one day an imp passing that way heard the Englishman laughing uproarlously "Why, what are you laughing at?" inquired the imp.

"Oh, oh, oh, such a funny story as I heard in America. Oh, it was so funny!" laughed the victim, and he held his hands to his sides and almost doubled up with merriment.

heard no story," said the imp. "You've been dead ten years."

"Yes, yes, I know, I know." cried the man. "But I've just seen the Joke."

This poem set the table in a roar. Amid all the laughing and shouting When in town come to the the obtuse visitor adjusted his monocle and drawled out, "But, I say, I don't see anything funny in that, y' knaw."

> the poem, as quick as a flash. "Of course you don't. You haven't been dead ten years." And even the obtuse Englishman saw the point.

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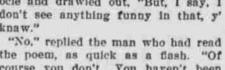
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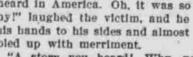
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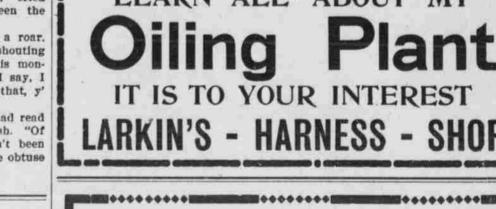
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Taggart and wife left for morning to be present at llation of the Odd Fellows

cobs and wife returned last extended visit in the middle s, taking in Nebraska, Illi-

n of the Haystuck country, gh town today from Shaniko, auto purchased from the ack Co.

Davis returned to his home Prairie country last Friday, spent several weeks visiting nette Valley.

e White won the set of dishtral Oregon Mercantile store er ticket showing 3-19 59 pped at 3-20-28.

Clark returned to her home Plains last Friday. Miss he Summer and Fall visit nd and Vancouver.

returned last Friday from visit to Kansas City. Mrs. panied him as far as Pen-

E. Church next Sunday ject of serinon, "The Rethe One Great Family." e evening, "The unanswer-

ed home Monday evening , where they spent the hols. Robio-on's parents, Mr. mas Brogan.

building formerly occupied moved into it.

eron, Albert B. Chapman. arsons were in from Lower upon land business, Mr. ing a contest which was issioner Turner.

of 19 wide-awake cittzens their infention of forming a department for Madras. was found with no effort at time an organization is bly a dozen more will have willingness to compose a



### TWISTED TRILBYS.

needed and set his heavy incubator up in the damp cellar and ran it carefully for three more weeks and got zero.

The eggs were pipped, but that's all. They were full of twisted monstrosities, unassimilated yolks and blood. We examined the eggs and machine

and found that the thermometer had told him a lie-it had lied straight abead for six weeks. The machine had run at 110 degrees, but the thermometer had registered only 103 degrees; hence freaks.

Too much hot air is bad anywhere.

Plan to Enthuse Civic Pride. The Houston (Tex.) Business league

has adopted some novel ideas as regards its letterheads. The envelopes and letterheads used for correspondence within the city are replete with a number of quotations estimated to enthuse the people of Houston with a

pride in their city. Among these quotions are the following: "Build and Boost," "Use the Ship Channel," "Not the remained for a visit For Self, but For All," "What Helps Our City Helps You." "Greater Pros-

perity Through a Greater Houston," "Build More Factories and Increase the Tin Bucket Brigade." The letterhead used for out of town work is altogether different. It talks of, and not to, Houston. "Where seventeen rall-

son and wife and daughter the tale it carries. It tells in statistics of Houston-now and future. Down at the bottom it all ends, "A City of Unlimited Manufacturing Opportunities. Come and Blow Your Whistle With Us."

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