

**ITEMS OF NEWS.**

was a visitor to Prineville  
 the wife of F. F. Fine, Jan-  
 a boy,  
 of Warm Springs is in  
 the day.  
 the wife of D. W. Adams,  
 1911, a boy.  
 which departed Wednesday upon  
 trip to Portland.  
 Williams, a rancher from the  
 country, was in Madras Tuesday.  
 Collier, the Culver merchant  
 master, was in the city Thurs-  
 Tassel went to Prineville  
 having business before the  
 court.  
 Warren and David G. Gay,  
 were business visitors to the  
 city.  
 the wife of William Coburn of  
 Friday, December 30,  
 was in town upon busi-  
 ness, from his place on Low-  
 creek.  
 Turner, deputy prosecuting at-  
 torney, was in the city today upon pro-  
 secution.  
 Turner, C. E. Roush and A.  
 made a business trip to Prine-  
 ville.  
 Contractors Nelson and Alex-  
 are working near Redmond,  
 Madras Monday.  
 Livingston and Nora Livingston  
 are in the city last Friday and  
 visiting with friends.  
 Nelson, a newcomer to the  
 city, was in the city Monday  
 on a tract of land.  
 T. B. Tucker returned to  
 Madras from Beaverton, where  
 he spent his holidays with his father.  
 Brown, of Prineville, accom-  
 panied his wife, arrived in Madras  
 to look after business affairs.  
 McKibben of Logan, Kansas, is  
 here who arrived in this city  
 and is looking over this sec-  
 tion.  
 Stanford, who has been at Port-  
 land, returned to Madras  
 last week spending the holi-  
 days with his family, returned to Madras  
 Monday.  
 Anderson, bookkeeper for Porter  
 returned to Madras Friday  
 and, where he enjoyed Christ-  
 mas.  
 Taggart and wife left for  
 their morning to be present at  
 the installation of the Odd Fellows  
 lodge.  
 Jacobs and wife returned last  
 week after an extended visit in the middle  
 west, taking in Nebraska, Illi-  
 nois and Indiana.  
 Mrs. Clark returned to her home  
 in Prineville last Friday. Miss  
 Clark and her family visited  
 in the Summer and Fall visit  
 to Vancouver.  
 Mrs. Clark returned last Friday from  
 a visit to Kansas City. Mrs.  
 Clark accompanied him as far as Pen-  
 sylvania and she remained for a visit  
 to her home.  
 E. Church next Sunday  
 subject of sermon, "The Re-  
 surrection of the One Great Family."  
 The evening, "The unanswered  
 questions."  
 Mrs. Clark and wife and daughter  
 returned home Monday evening  
 after a visit to the hills, where they spent the holi-  
 days. Robison's parents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. Robison, returned to  
 Prineville.  
 The building formerly occupied  
 by the Bros. commissary is being  
 repaired and this week and the  
 next will be used for ware and implement busi-  
 ness.  
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 upon land business, Mr.  
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P. N. Vibbert and son James, were in Madras Thursday from their homes on north Agency Plains. Mr. Vibbert 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"**  
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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 plipped the shell and stuck fast, and, acting the good Samaritan, he helped them out, and from their appearance they surely 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 testimonials.  
 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



**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 plipped, 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 ahead 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 quotations are the following: "Build and Boost," "Use the Ship Channel," "Not For Self, but For All," "What Helps Our City Helps You," "Greater Prosperity 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 railroads meet the sea," is the burden of 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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 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 inclosure 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 collation 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 America 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 American 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' know."  
 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 uproariously.  
 "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.  
 "A story you heard! Why, you've 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 the obtuse visitor adjusted his monocle and drawled out, "But, I say, I don't see anything funny in that, y' know."  
 "No," replied the man who had read 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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