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WANTS BALM FOR LOSS OF WIFE

Portland Man Sued for \$25,000 Damages by Los Angeles Resident.

STOLE HIS WIFE AWAY

Were Wedded in San Francisco a Year Ago and Lived Happily—Midst Orange Bloom Till Oregon Man Arrived.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Just one year ago tomorrow, Dec. 28, 1906, Joseph G. Carson and Elizabeth G. Higbee were married in San Francisco. Their honeymoon was spent amid orange groves of Southern California. Later they made their home in Los Angeles and lived happily, so Carson says, until Leroy H. C. Hadley, vice-president of the Baggage and Omnibus Transfer Co., of this city, entered their little Eden. Last May Mrs. Carson, so her husband alleges, followed Hadley to Portland, but she returned to hubby in July. The couple lived together until a few weeks ago when Hadley again appeared and once more shattered their domestic life.

Now Carson has commenced a suit against Hadley for \$25,000 for alienation of his wife's affections.

THREE TACOMA BOYS OFF ON LONG TRAMP

Meeting With All Kinds of Unfavorable Weather.

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—Speculation is rife in this city as to whether Carl Raupp, Ren Coleman and Oscar Holland, the young Tacomans, who left this city on Tuesday, December 19, to tramp across the mountains and plains to Chicago, will "stick it out" on their long hike. Already the trio of pedestrians have traveled over 400 miles, and expect to reach Spokane today, Friday December 27. So far the boys are well up to their schedule, and word comes back to their friends here that all three are in fine fettle.

During two weeks that the boys have been on the road they have passed through all kinds of weather, from drenching rains to heavy snows, and have shown their determination to succeed by plodding steadily along, no matter what the weather conditions.

A YACHT CLUB FOR MARSHFIELD

Young Men of the City Discussing Proposition for a Water Recreation for Summer.

Want a Yacht Club.—Considerable talk is being indulged in by the young men of this city over the organization of a yacht club at some point on the water front. It is claimed that small sailing boats of light draft will provide excellent sport on the bay during the summer months when there is plenty of wind from the northwest. The sports of Marshfield are confined to boating, fishing and launch riding, but it is claimed that adding is a feature which could be sold to the others with great success. The organization of a yacht club for social and sport purposes and a gathering spot for the young men of the city inclined for the water pleasures, is considered to be entirely feasible and attractive to a large number of citizens in this city.

—Snow Flake Flour \$1.25 per sack. The Bazaar.

FOUR TONS OF FISH EGGS HERE

Two Million in Shipment Made to Rogue River—Hume Sends Man to Bring Them.

Fully four tons of the famous Chinook salmon eggs arrived signed to R. D. Wedderburn, from the state hatcheries at the head waters of Elk Creek. There are about two million eggs in the lot which have been kept at a local cold storage concern until arrangements have been made for their shipment to the Rogue River.

W. H. Coughell, who has been employed by the "King of the Rogue River," for nearly seventeen years, arrived in the city last night to take charge of the shipment. He came up by way of Bandon and Coquille, arriving from the latter place by driving a team along the county road, which is in fairly good shape, although the railroad tracks are covered by water this side of the county seat.

He was four days coming from Wedderburn and is expecting to have considerable trouble shipping the eggs to their destination. He will have to wait until the railroad is again in operation to get the fish to Coquille, where they will be shipped by boat to Bandon, and from the latter point they will be taken by teams overland to the Rogue River.

Mr. Coughell is figuring that if it took him four days to get here, there is no telling how long it will take to get back with four tons of freight, but he is optimistic over the trip and confidently expects to carry it to a successful ending. The eggs will be kept at the Hume hatcheries on the Rogue River and when the fry is ready in the spring the fish will be turned into the river near its mouth and add millions of fish to the section over which Hume reigns supreme.

NEW FORMS COAL CLAIMS

Declaratory Statements, Applications and Proofs Must Be on New Blanks.

The department of the interior has issued the following circular:

The new forms of declaratory statements, applications and proofs, under the coal land laws, applicable to the public lands of the United States, outside of the District of Alaska, have been adopted and on and after March 1, 1908, no declaratory statements, applications or proofs will be allowed in such cases, unless executed upon the new official forms or upon forms which are exact duplicates thereof, both as to wording, arrangements and size.

R. A. BELLINGER, Commissioner.

WOODMEN'S ORGANIZER ACCUSED OF FRAUD

California Man Gets Into Trouble as a Result of Leaving Unpaid Bills.

NAPA, Cal., Dec. 27.—E. L. Avie, an organizer of the modern Woodmen of America, who came here from Vacaville some time ago, has been taken back to that place by Deputy Sheriff S. W. Bentley to face a charge of having defrauded a livery man out of a large bill. Avie was arrested here on Monday night for not paying a board bill at the same place, but when the officer arrived for him on Tuesday Avie quickly paid the bill and all costs.

NOTICE

The telegraph connection with Roseburg was re-established late this afternoon but not in time to receive today's Associated Press report. The regular report will appear in the Times again tomorrow if another storm does not interfere.



FIFTY THOUSAND CHRISTMAS TREES

Immense Supply Required for San Francisco This Year—Many Sent From Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—It required fifty thousand Christmas trees to supply San Francisco's Yuletide demands this season.

As San Francisco is the shipping center for the transbay cities, this large general order practically allowed one tree to each dozen persons, or approximately two Christmas trees to every five families. The ratio is not quite so high in actual practice, as a large number of trees is used in church, hall, store and other forms of decorations.

According to railroad reports on car shipments, the Christmas tree resources this year were:

Salem, Or.	18,000 trees
Canadero and Occidental	15,000 trees
Forestville, Northwestern	5,000 trees
Santa Cruz county, etc	12,000 trees

Twelve dongola carloads came down over the Southern Pacific lines from Salem, Or., which is 719 miles from San Francisco. The freight contract called for a rush shipment, a few cars to be switched off on the Oakland side of the bay. It took three or four days for the consignment to come through.

PLUCKING FOWLS BY MACHINERY

Experiment Tried by Which The Plumage is Stripped by Air.

Six turkeys revolve slowly on a kind of spit in a small room on the ground of a great poultry farm, and as they revolved they were plucked miraculously. Invisible hands stripped off their plumage; the air was gray with falling feathers, says the Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Wind-plucked turkeys; is an experiment," said the foreman. Those birds are being plucked by cross currents of electrically driven air. But the feathers come off slowly. The experiment is not a commercial success.

For many years we have tried to invent a poultry-plucking machine. We have not succeeded well. Air plucking seems to be the idea that offers most promise, but it still wants a lot of working out. Yet eventually, I have no doubt, these turkeys that now take a half-hour and cost ten cents apiece to pluck by air will be air-plucked in a few seconds and at no more cost than ten cents a thousand.

"Then, on the Thanksgiving menu, the turkey and the duck will figure not only as celery fed, but as air-plucked as well."

BRISTOL IS BACKED BY ATTY. HENEY

Land Fraud Prosecutor Is Expected To Fight For Retention of District Attorney.

A Washington special to the Oregonian says: "It is expected that Assistant District Attorney Heney will endeavor, when he reaches here, to have W. C. Bristol reinstated as District Attorney for Oregon. Mr. Heney recently sent a strong protest to President Roosevelt against the decapitation of Mr. Bristol and it is believed that he will not stop in his efforts to have Mr. Bristol continued in office.

In his protest, Mr. Heney stated that enemies of reform had undermined him. Response was made that Mr. Bristol's undoing was the result of his own action and inaction, and not due to any other influences.

No action has yet been taken by the Oregon delegation towards the selection of a successor to Mr. Bristol. The entire delegation, including the House members, will act in the matter, and a meeting will be held soon to recommend a man for the place.

Chris Schuebel, who is expected here, is the choice of Senator Bourne, but is not supported by the remainder of the delegation, who are reticent concerning their choice.

Another object of Mr. Heney's visit is believed to be a settlement with the Department of Justice of his compensation for handling the Oregon cases. Department officials will not divulge for publication the amount paid Mr. Heney for his previous services in Oregon.

RAILWAYS STILL SUFFER BLOCKADE

Impossible to Reach County Seat Because of the High Waters of The Coquille.

Trains Not Running.—The morning train started for Coquille today with the best of intentions and a number of passengers, but after proceeding some distance up the line returned back to the station. It was unable to pass the flood on the tracks near Coquille, which shows signs of staying for an indefinite period.

TACOMA BARBERS ROW OVER WAGES

Tacoma Welders of Razor and Shears May Get Less Pay.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 26.—Master barbers and the journeymen of the local union are again fighting over salaries, the master barbers declaring that business is dull and that the additional \$1 a week granted to the journeymen as a result of their recent strike must be taken off. There is also a prospect that the price of

A BLANK VOID SMITES CITY

What Happens in Marshfield When the Lights Still Keep Going Out.

For several hours late last night the electric lights all over the city left Marshfield in blank, thick darkness. Something happened at the electric light plant for at least the twentieth time within the past month, and judging from the result, the machinery of that out. is evidently in need of numerous repairs, or a brand new plant is required.

For some time past when a citizen sits down to eat his evening meal, he has to bolt his food so as to make sure that it gets to its destination, because the blank darkness may descend at any moment and he will miss the spot. The churches have undoubtedly lost a number of good members caused from backsliders who could not help allowing old habits to get the best of them.

The merchant selling goods has been seen to show a customer some especial values he wishes to dispose of, with the result that he hits the customer in the eye because of the sudden darkness which descends on the store in full swoop. This causes the loss of numerous customers. The merchant also loses something by taking bad money in the darkness.

New arrivals who intend to spend their days in this city make sudden decisions, because of the inadequate lighting service, and they will see Marshfield sink into the bay first, after they have knocked their tender feet against some projecting corner while seeking slumbers in a blank, dark room. Marshfield's population is suffering in growth as a result.

The burglar man, who is luckily rather scarce, could carry off a wagon load of stuff and nobody would know the difference, when the blank darkness descends on the city. The fire department would fall by the wayside in an effort to get to a blaze, if the electricity suddenly weakened in its present manner. Hundreds of curious predicaments are being caused by this sudden darkness which will never be known, while some of them are discovered by the turning on of the electric power.

Church services and sermons of real worth are spoiled by the sudden blank darkness. The audience will always forget everything said as soon as the darkness descends, and the efforts to replace the light by the use of candles and weak lamps is the signal for amusement and much tittering, especially if one is tripped over something in the church.

The Crystal Theatre last night had to turn a crowded house away because the blank darkness came along just as the villain had got the best of it and the hero was waiting to save the day. To be sure, that famous comedian J. J. Dalley, showed a list of accomplishments which amazed the audience, and kept them in good humor while "the belt was being put on," but even this great treat did not quite make up for the lack of light. Uncle Sam's big battleship fleet had to sail away in darkness because the picture machine could not be used, and not even the sound of the guns was heard, not even a funeral note.

The company returned the tickets to the audience which will try to see the excellent performance again tonight, if the plant still keeps in business. The show is a good one and will be well worth waiting for if the lights are out for only a short while.

The power for the use of motors in the daytime is interrupted in the same manner as the lights are at night, and there is some talk going the rounds that efforts should be made to either better the service, or that a franchise be offered to another company to put in an adequate and up-to-date lighting and power plant.

haireuts will be reduced to 25 cents, the old price. The union will demand the present salary and another strike may result. The master barbers believe that if the journeymen will agree to a reduction in salary and a cut in prices that business will be revived.

OREGON APPLES FOR THE ORIENT

Methods of Growers of Fruit in Famous Hood River Valley.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COOS

Coos County and the Coquille Valley May Profit by the Experience of Another Section of Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Six hundred boxes of the finest apples grown in the Hood River district were started last week on a 10,000 mile journey to Vladivostok, Siberia. Carefully wrapped, packed and boxed, this fruit is expected to reach its remote destination, via Puget Sound, Vancouver and Japan, in perfect condition. It is probable that no other fruit of American orchards is shipped so great a distance.

So perfect are the methods of selecting and packing these apples that should there be a defect in this or any other shipment it can be traced immediately to the orchardist and packer responsible. Nothing but absolutely perfect fruit is allowed to go out of the state with Hood River's name on the box. Barrels are long ago abandoned. The apples are graded, and placed in uniform rows, a bushel of from 54 to 128 apples to the box. All packing is in the hands of professionals entirely independent of the grower, who more often than not sells his crop on the trees, and has no further control over it.

No orchardist is allowed to pack his own apples, even if he wants to do so. The apple growers' union attends to that, and their men are under orders to reject all fruit that shows the slightest blemish. So great is the confidence built up by this rule that thousands of boxes that the purchaser has never seen are sold at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$7.50. The methods of Hood River apple growers are unique in this respect.

A soil of volcanic ash and a climate perfectly suited to fruit growing were the foundations upon which the fortunes of the Hood River district was built. With these advantages and the most advanced methods of growing, less than two per cent of the average crop fails to come up to the high standard of growers set for themselves. Last season one orchard reported only 60 defective apples out of 2000 bushels.

So great is the care exercised by the Hood River growers, however that 20 acres is considered to be as much as one orchardist can look after properly. But the returns per acre are so large that there is no complaint in regard to the income derived, which runs above \$15,000 a year from these small tracts. Seven hundred dollars an acre is considered an average return.

Open cultivation with the space between the trees kept as clean as a barn floor is the approved method followed throughout this section. This allows the trees to derive the maximum amount of moisture and nourishment from the soil. Small or defective apples are picked before maturity in order that the healthy fruit may reach its best development. To ascertain the right moment for attacking moths and insect pests, their growth is watched day by day on trees surrounded by fine screens, and at the first time signs that any insect has begun to do damage, spraying is begun.

Only 10,000 of the 40,000 rich acres of the Hood River district are under cultivation. The enormous profits realized on the crops grown here are bringing in settlers from all parts of the country and drawing them from all employments. Nine out of ten Hood River orchardists followed some other calling most of their lives. Physicians, editors, engineers, machinists, bricklayers, and printers are among the most successful of late arrivals. Men who arrived a few years ago with but a few hundred dollars and now own orchards valued at \$50,000 are numerous.