

## Kentucky Widows' Society Is After Oregon Bachelor

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 28.—Since Uncle Bill Brown gave his famous birthday dinner to widows, he is receiving daily several letters from all parts of the United States, mostly written in a jovial vein, of which the following is an example:

"258 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky., Dec. 3, 1908.

"Dear Mr. Brown:—Trusting that none of the widows carried off the prize at your recent banquet, I write to you in behalf of the Amalgamated Association of Kentucky Widows and request permission to enter its members in the matrimonial handicap. You have lost the time of your life, the very everyday existence, by not knowing our hand brand of widows, widows by death and by decree, some by alimony. They were bred in old Kentucky and are more mellow and intoxicating than its whiskey. They can set a swifter pace than its horses, and are sweeter than its mint beds, though not so green.

"The blue grass widow has inherited all the good and gracious gifts of nature, her satin skin excels the shining skin of the racer, you can light your cigar at her eyes and warm your hands at her heart, the roses pasture on her cheek, her lips are redder and sweeter than a slice of Georgia watermelon, while her hair is like light and dark Burley, her form displays more curves than a champion baseball pitcher. As our old friend Solomon would say, she is altogether lovely, not too good for the bad nor too bad for the good. Killing our citizens in the closed season has thinned out our eligible bachelors and widowers, by deducting them from the census, and when the other widows and I read an account of your birthday feast in the papers and found that you were so rich you possibly just worked for spite, we determined to woo and win

### BRIEFS FROM BANDON.

News of City-By-The-Sea As Told by The Recorder.

John W. Young who moved here three years ago from Portland, died a week ago. He was 66 years old.

While away from home last Sunday, some one went into the home of Mrs. Clara Canterbury, a poor widow woman, and stole a hand mirror valued at \$1.50 and two dolls belonging to her children.

Geo. P. Topping was called to the home of Fred Miller last week to perform the marriage ceremony of Albert Duke to Miss Etta Smith. Mr. Duke is from Albany, while Miss Smith was raised on Four Mile.

R. D. Hume's paper, the Wedderburn Radium, has suspended publication since the death of Mr. Hume. This was a good paper for a place the size of Wedderburn, and contained a great many news columns in course of the year.

The Eastern Star lodge elected officers at their last meeting as follows: Mrs. C. Kime, W. M.; C. R. Wade, W. E.; Mrs. Clara Snyder, A. M.; Mrs. Boyle, Con.; Mrs. Chas. Martin, A. Con.; Mrs. Anna Craine, Sec.; J. W. Mast, Treas.

The G. A. R. of Bandon elected officers at their last regular meeting as follows: C. B. Zeek, Com.; J. W. Paulds, S. V. C.; F. M. Sunderlin, J. V. C.; A. D. Morse, Adjt.; J. W. Felter, Q. M.; John Morris, O. of D.; A. N. Sumner, Chap.; C. A. Rodgers, Surg.; Wm. Stewart, O. of G.; T. T. Allen, S. M.; Wm. Sanford, Q. M. S.; The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will have joint installation of officers Saturday evening January 2d.

### NEWS OF COQUILLE.

County Seat Events As Told by The Sentinel.

J. W. Hearst arrived in Coquille last week from Almena, Kansas. Mr. Hearst is an expert jeweler and has accepted a position with E. C. Barker and Co.

Miss Della Oleson returned last week from Curry county where she had a school for about three months. Miss Oleson left Monday for a visit with her mother at Lampa Creek.

Coming up the river Monday the steamer Dispatch broke an eccentric and had to lay over for repairs, coming up the river the next day. She had been off the run for some time, Sunday being her first trip to Bandon.

The banquet committee of the

you. Don't tell us we will have to wait a year for the next spread; make it a quarterly affair, and I am certain that when our committee waits upon the railroad people and demands a special rate for our trip to Oregon, the officials will railroad us through at once. We will travel in a private car adorned with postcards advertising any Dallas stores that may have contracts with us, and you can depend upon it, your name, the simple name of Brown, will go stampeding down the halls of fame.

"You will find us a chop suey of beauty, brains and wit, widows who can cook, widows who can look, widows who never got the hook, widows who bring to book, little widows and big ones, dashing, bold widows and those as shy as a ham sandwich in Jerusalem. The men of Dallas will be so frustrated by our arrival that they will chase around like an old hen with ducks. We are all bottled in bond and have our names in the herd book; we are skittish, but can be taught to stand without hitching and eat out of your hand. It is patent to us that you have a big heart and enough of the milk of human kindness in your nature to make several pounds of butter.

"We are willing to take our chances against the widows of Oregon and wish to be the honeysuckle of your oak. We expect to hold four aces in this game of hearts, and leave orders to hold an inquest. Let us know at once if you will give another supper and invite. Remember, time is flying and leap year will soon be gone. Now is your chance to meet the simon-pure products of the dark and bloody ground and get some experience of the widow's mite. Begging that you will not trifle with us, but let us hear from you soon, I remain, expectantly,

"ELVIRA MILLER,  
"Secretary of the Amalgamated Order of Kentucky Widows."

Chamber of Commerce for various reasons decided to postpone the banquet that was announced to take place on December 28 indefinitely. The date will be decided and announced later.

Before a large and enthusiastic audience the Coquille High School Boys' Basket Ball team took the team of the Bandon High School down the line to a decisive defeat at the tune of 31 to 14. In the girls' game the young ladies from the city by the sea played too snappy for the Coquille girls and defeated them by a score of 15 to 7.

The board of directors of the Fat Elk Drainage district was held in the city recorder's office last Tuesday morning. The principal question discussed was the width to be ordered for the construction of the main ditch of the district. After much discussion it was decided to make the ditch 24 feet wide. Notice was also issued for the annual meeting of the district to be held in Coquille on December 28th at 1 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to elect directors for the ensuing year and to transact various business of the district.

### ALLIANCE IS LATE.

Head Wind Prevents Steamship Making Run In Here On Time.

A strong southwest wind delayed the Alliance on her run from Portland to Coos Bay and consequently instead of getting in here early this morning, she will not reach Marshfield before late this evening.

### OREGON FOREST GIANT.

Yellow Fir Tree Hauled to Svensen Has 47,793 Feet.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 28.—A yellow fir tree hauled out at Svensen is believed to be the largest ever placed in the waters of the Columbia river. It was 128 feet in length to the first limb, 109 inches in diameter at the butt, 69 inches in diameter at the top and contained 47,793 feet, beard measure. The tree was cut into five logs, which were brought out on one train.

### DYING MAN BURNS MONEY.

Wanted Relatives to Escape Evils of Wealth.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Peterhoff had his fortune withdrawn from the bank and the banknotes brought to the sickroom. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Peterhoff then called his relatives and showed them what he had done, congratulating them on escaping the evils of wealth.

## ROOSEVELT QUILTS GAME

President Declares African Trip Is to Get Away From Politics.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—President Roosevelt has refused the leadership of the movement for the creation of a tariff commission. Incidentally, the president declared the purpose of his African trip was to remove him from the active participation in public affairs.

These declarations were made to Henry Reisenberg of Indianapolis, who came to Washington to ask the president to call a meeting of the various manufacturers of the country for the purpose of agitating the question of a tariff commission. Mr. Reisenberg was anxious that the president or some member of his cabinet should issue a call and outline the plan for a meeting to be held in Indianapolis. His idea was to agree upon a bill for a commission and enlist not only the support of the president, but most of the manufacturers of the country.

While the president admitted to Mr. Reisenberg that a tariff commission might prove a satisfactory solution of the question, he declined to take an active part in the movement. Mr. Roosevelt insisted that on March 4, he will retire from politics, and in the furtherance of this idea he intended to make his trip to Africa. According to the accounts of the interview, which Mr. Reisenberg gave today, the president was inclined to regret that the end of his term was so near at hand. Mr. Roosevelt said: "I will have but ninety more days in the White House, and with that my political career is apt to draw to a close." The president is quoted as saying:

"Nothing is so sad in life as an actor who has played his part and is still lingering around the edge of the stage when the cue has already been given for his successor to come on. Therefore, I propose to get absolutely away from politics and take

a complete rest. That was my thought when I decided to go to Africa."

### WOMEN "MAN CATCHERS"

Rabbi Declares That Is Their Chief Occupation Now.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—"Man catching" by frivolous women was deplored here in a sermon by Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf at Kenesseth Israel Temple. This, he declared, was responsible for a good portion of American divorces.

The rabbi said: "From the day that the daughter enters young womanhood the sole thought of many homes is man catching. No artifice is shunned that shall enable the gorgeously decked out hussies quickest to entrap her victim.

"There is probably no thought which occupies a young society woman more than that of being married; there is probably no thought which occupies her less than that of being happy when married or making a husband happy."

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