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KILLING OFF THE RATS.

THE rat destroys property to the amount of many millions of dollars' worth every year. He spreads disease by gnawing through lead sewage and gas pipes, by nibbling at human food, by running over it, by distributing fleas which bear the germs of fevers and the plague. The Society for the Extermination

of Vermin, an English organization, estimates that the damage done by rats in England and Wales will reach \$75,000,000 a year. It has undertaken to kill off the pest, or if it dis-covers that this cannot be done, to reduce the losses to a negligible Considering how successful amount. communities have been in the United States and troplcal America in battling with mosquitos and the invisible microcosms, the task of destroying all the rats would seem to be, by comparison, a mere triviality. The rat can be seen, his runways uncovered, his cunning wet and combated, himself harried and slain. San Francisco, in its struggle with the bubonic plague, conquered the rat pest. Concerted movement throughout any country isolated by water would make the rat as hard to find as he is often hard to catch.

WEARINESS

Some times I get tired of my writing, and think, with some heartrending groans, of those who make a busof fighting and gathering in bushels of bones. Sometimes I grow tired of the botches and Gotches who diamonds and dimes. wallow in Some times I grow tired of the bustle, of breaking cheap words from their stems and wish I was old Pastor Russell with whiskers all studded with gems. Sometimes get tired of the million disfigurements marring face, and wish I was lovely like Lillian, a vision of beauty and grace. s—I simply can sin 'em they float like the leaves on the rills! I wish I was Liddy E. Pingham, dis pensing my back action pills! I wish was J. Rockefeller, with seventeen kinds of a roll, when I push myself down to the cellar and look at what's left of the coal. But, happiness soon reappearing, I put all my gloom on the shelf, and go around whooping and cheering, and saying; "I'm glad I'm mysel!"



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greater concern in recent years than that at Coos Bay. In the instance of the recent disaster on Coos Bay bar, referred to in the telegram of the president of the Chamber of Commerce, which you quote, I judge from newspaper accounts, which I have received, that the unfortunate men must have perished almost immediately when the boat capsized. and that if the station had been located at Charleston the result would have been the same. However that may be, the recommendation has several times been made by the Chamber of Commerce that the station be moved to Charleston. I am ready to admir that its location there would bring it much nearer to the most frequent scene of disaster than the present site, but unhappily we have not been able to find a site there possessing the indispensable facilities for operating the boats and apparatus of the service. In 1904, two officers of the service visited Coos Bay and made a thorough examination not only of the locality at Charleston suggested by the Chamber of Commerce but also of several other sites suggested by that body and its officers, but all of them were found impracticable because of the lack of depth of water. The following is an extract from their report: The Marshfield Chamber of

Commerce had sent a petition to Washington, asking that the location of the station be changed. The matter was thoroughly examined into and the site suggested in the petition was visited and sounded; they were found to be impracticable. In an interview with the representatives of the chamber after our examination they admitted, in view of the results, that the present location was the most suitable,' In a later report, dated September 29, 1906, Captain H. McClellan, then Inspector of Life Saving Stations, referring to this visit says: 'The General Superintendent and Inspector visited this station to the school house to gather the a few years ago. We examined thoroughly in company with the keeper, who was then Captain Norman Nelson, considered one of the ablest keepers on the Pacific Coast, and who, I believe, enjoyed an excellent reputation with the Chamber of Commerce, all the shores of the bay and it was the unanimous opinion of the three that there was not a suitable place anywhere on the adjacent shore for the station to be located and that its present situation was the best place for it. These points were all talked over witt Mr. Sengstacken after our evamination of the locality, and he expressed himself as satisfied that the

propect was not feasible. However, I am ordering an investigation into the loss of life on the occasion referred to and shall give instructions that another examination of the shores of the bay be made with a view of finding a better location than the present if possible."



THIRD GRADE WORK.

The following composition is one of the best that has been handed in by pupils of the Third A grade at the high school building and was written by Sumner Dodge, on "Pelorus Jack:

"Pelours Jack is a big fish. 11, is from 14 to 16 feet in length, has a blunt nose, a humped forehead and has a wide tail.

He is blueish white in color, tinged vith purple and yellow, and has ne le broken lines of brown running n all directions over his body.

He lives is the sheltered waters of the southwestern side of Cook's Strait, New Zealand, near Pelorus Sound.

He meets all of the steamers either by night or day that come into those waters where he lives. He goes with each ship for about twenty minutes, sometimes darting ahead, sometimes rubbing his body on the sides as a bottom of the boat. Some people say he is ridding himself of barnacles. others say that he is busily engaged tearing off and eating the dreaded octopus.

Pelorus Jack has been known for about 35 years, by white man, and has been shot at many times. But now he is protected by law.

He is a great white, solitary fish, one of the wonders of the world, and the only one of his kind known in the world.

Howard McLaughlin of the Third A also has a good one on "Dick, the Thief." It was as follows:

Many years ago when this country was new the people lived in log houses.

There was a little log school house upon the mountains (up in the mountains). This school house was a very queer one. Not at all like our school houses. Not far from this school house there was a small cave where lived three bears. These bears were very tame and used to come down Two of these bears were scraps. cubs and the other was a large mother bear. Now there were hunters in this wood and they killed the mother bear and one of the cubs. But one of the cubs was playful and cute so they did not kill him, but kept him for a pet. He was soon a fine big black bear. Now they named him Dick.

Dick soon found out that cream and butter were very good to eat. He was fed only skimmed milk. But he soon found out how to open the creamery door. So he walked up to the door and walked straight to the cream and butter. He ate them very quickly for fear of some one seeing him. He repeated this trick Then the men put a many times. strong lock on the door so Dick could get in no more.

One time a panther came into the yard. When Dick saw him he ran culosis of the glands and bones. up a tree. The little girl was out There were 437 cases of diphtheria getting the cream and butter for diner; she saw it but did not let on. Then the dog ran up the path and the panther ran up the same tree that Dick was in. In the morning the panther was shot.



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determined upon. We can then take up right-of-way matters."

Burns has made the railroad builders an offer of free railroad terminals for the branch line. It is given out here by railroad men connected with the construction work that the branch line to Burns will leave the main line near Dog Mountain, north of Malheur Lake, where Stradiey and Harney County bankers have 1000 acres of land for a town-The tract is located five or six site. miles northwest of Narrows, a trading center between the two lakes. "The Oregon & Eastern is erecting

a large number of buildings at Vale for the construction department, offices, warehouses, bunk houses and other necessary temporary buildings. C. S. Osburn, construction engineer. is in charge and expects to have the buildings completed for occupation by next week. Vale has been selected as the chief distributing point for the new road, and all supplies will pass through the railroad officials in charge there.

"Railroad men here declare that inter-mountain residents will be able to travel over the short cut across Oregon to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, when the Oregon & Eastern will be operating a fast train schedule. The Oregon & Eastern will by that date be connected with the Central Idaho, now being constructed from Richfield through the Camas Prairie country to Boise, which is now built to Prairie City and will be completed this year to Bolse."

NEED BETTER WATER

Oregon Health Department Scores City Carelessness.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 11-"Should the apathy of municipalities to the welfare of the state be allowed to continue for another quarter of a century, as it has in the past, practically every water supply in the state would be polluted." is the declaration made by the State Board of Health with relation to the sewage system in the cities of the state in its annual report, which has just been issued from the hands of the State Printer.

There were 648 typhold cases during 1910, according to the report, as against 999 for the year 1909. The decrease is attributed to pure water supply obtained by many localities which have profited by the sufferings experienced by epidemics of this dis-One hundred and sixty-four ease. cases of smallpox were reported dur-ing 1910, five of the victims dying. This is the largest mortality from this disease since the year 1904. Four hundred and eighty deaths resulted from pulmonary tuberculosis, four from laryngeal, 26 from abdominal and 11 from general, 15 from tuberwith 72 deaths and 1,106 scarlet fevcases, with 54 de

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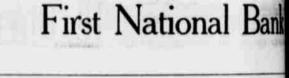
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MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Watson during the past week;

Wm. D. Bain and Nancy M. Matson; Alvin G. Munck Jr. and Fay Bennett; Harry H. Smith and Mary Ethel Watson.-Coquille Sentinel.

HAS 'EM BAD

Albert Nortsarn, a tailor, who has been in jail several days, after a drunken spree, seems to be insane, and will be examined before a lunacy commission. He imagines all sorts of things, declaring that he had just bought 10,000 acres at 10 cents each. and sold them for 30 cents each. Yesterday he said he had been struck by an aeroplane and that all of the blood had escaped from his body. Eugene Guard.

NOTICE

All Coos County warrants drawn on the general fund, and, endorsed prior to October 1, 1910, will be paid on presentation at my office in Coquille; no interest will be allowed on any of these warrants after February 9, 1912.

Dated this Sth day of Feb'y, 1912 T. M. DIMMICK. County Treasurer.

BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids will be received until ebruary 15, 1912, at 12 m. by 12 m. February Henry Sangstacken for building bulkhead from north end of present bulkhead in Nasburg's Addition to stave mill. For plans and specifications,

HENRY SENGSTACKEN.



VISITS INVALID MOTHER

Pathetic Phase of Abe Reuf's Trip Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11-Convict Abraham Ruef "came back from Europe" last week to his aged mother.

In view of general public condemnation of his order forbidding Ruef the privilege of visiting his aged parents, Judge Lawlor relented this morning and issued an order enabling Sheriff Eggers to convey Ruef to the Pierce street home, where the mother, bedridden, has waited his "return from Europe" for these eleven months. She does not know the truth. To her, her "boy," as she has always called him, was traveling, recuperating from his long slege during his trials. Eighty-three years old, she has lain on her bed of pain awaiting his return. It came last

week. Shortly before 2 o'clock Ruef, his eyes moist after his first embrace with his sister on the steps of their home, passed on through the familiar doorway, up the carpeted stairs, to enter his mother's room.

SOCIALISTS MOVE TO ABOLISH LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12-R. R. Ryan, member of the state executive committee of the Socialist party, presented to the Secretary of State a petition asking for the initiation of a law at the general election providing for the abolishment of the Legislature. He desires to have substituted instead a commission, to consist of the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. The petition has been referred to the Attorney General for a ruling on its legal form.

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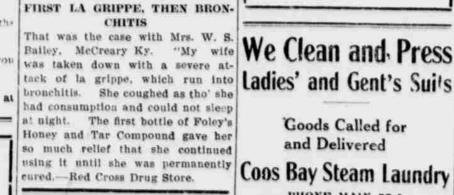
Dick was fond of teasing the bees and would kill them every time one came out of the hive. One time Dick came into the house and took the baby from the bed. They had a very hard time to get it back.

After a while Dick began to get fierce. He often got whipped and one time he killed the negro that always whipped him. This was murder, and Dick was shot for it. So he was no more in the valley.

Reynold Koontz of the Third also wrote on "Dick the Thief."

Many years ago the people lived in log cabins out in the country. The town was new then and by the cabin there lived a mother bear and three little ones. One day they were all killed but the little one and the mother bear. But he was not named then, but pretty soon the mother bear named him Dick. And then he grew up to be a big black 5-J. Residence phone 28-J; after 12 bear.

Dick liked nothing so well as fresh butter and nice cream, so one day he went to the creamery and putied the string on the door and got in and stole the cream and nice butter and upset everything in the creamery and ran out. He then went to the pig pen and opened the door and ate up the little pig, and the farmer locked it up with a lock and the bear never got in the pen again. Then he went to the bee hive. He did like honey so well as to tease the bees and to get the honey away from them. He grew so strong that they had to kill him and that is the last they saw of Dick.



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HAT WORK.

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AN EPIDEMIC OF COUGHING Is sweeping over the town. Old and young alike are affected, and the strain is particularly hard on little children and on elderly people. Foley's Honey and Tar compound is a quick, safe and reliable cure for all coughs and colds. Contains no opiates. Red Cross Drug Store.



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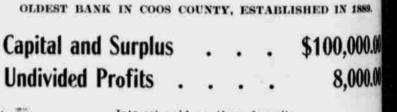
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