

HALL REFORM

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WEEK'S DOINGS AT DENMARK

Interesting Budget of News from Thriving Southern Oregon Community.

(Special to the Times)
DENMARK, Jan. 9.—George Colbert and Joe Cox are doing some timber cruising up in the hills above Denmark.
Mrs. George Chenoweth and daughter, Neva, attended the W. O. W. basket social and dance at Langlois on New Year's eve.
Mrs. Foreman and Miss Ida Bennett returned on New Year's day from a few days' vacation at Bandon.
Mr. James will move his family to Langlois, where he expects to go into business in a few weeks.
My, but the parcel post is most handy for people in this section. We can have a lot of things now that we never could have before.
A birthday dance is due January 18 at the Chenoweth hall at Denmark. Don't know whose birthday, there are so many due this month. Guess we'll all have a few honors. Nothing like taking all the honors that come our way.

ROSEBURG COMPROMISES TAX.
Merchants Agree to Pay Old Occupation Levy but No More.
ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 9.—Roseburg merchants who recently decided to refuse to pay an occupation tax because the tax was raised by the council to cover a loss of \$3000 a year caused by the abolishment of the near beer traffic have decided to pay the old rate, but to refuse to pay the advanced rate, and it seems probable the council will see fit to accept their offer in order to avoid the almost endless litigation that would ensue. The voters will probably will be given an opportunity to express their opinion on the occupation tax at the regular election next October.

KANSAS JUDGE'S 'UNIQUE WEDDING'

COMMITTS COUPLE UNTIL FEES AND COSTS ARE PAID, THEN INVOKES GOD'S MERCY UPON THEM.

COUNCIL GROVE, Kansas, Jan. 10.—A record of an unique early day marriage was found a few days ago among some old documents in the probate judge's office at the court house. In the late '60s "Squire Aplington, one of the first settlers in the county, widely known and well liked, was elected a justice of the peace. He had very little "book learning" and not much knowledge of the law, but he was a rough and ready orator of parts, and when a couple appeared at his office to be married, although he never before had married a couple and had no form of procedure to go by. Quite a crowd came with the bride and groom, and one of them took down the ceremony as the judge said it.
After all the preliminaries had been arranged "Squire Aplington" led the bride and groom, Amos Peabody and Amanda Thomas, and their witnesses up before him, and said:
"Fellow citizens—This here man and this here woman have appeared before this court to be hitched in the legal bonds of wedlock. If any galoot in the mob knows of anything that might block the game if took to a higher court, let him toot his bazoo or else keep his jaw to himself now and forevermore. All in favor of my proceeding as authorized by law, say 'I'; contrary, 'No.' Nobody said 'No' and the motion carried unanimously and the court rules there is nothing to prevent the trying of the case.
"Now (to the couple) grip your fins. (The couple joined hands. Amos Peabody, do you solemnly swear that you'll freeze to Mandy forever and provide for her and treat her square and white, according to the rules and regulations set down to govern such cases in the laws of the United States, so help you God?"
"Yes, sir, I do," said Amos.
"That fixes your end of the bargain. Mandy Thomas, do you solemnly swear that you'll hang to Amos for all coming time; that you'll nurse him in sickness and be square with him in wellness; that you'll always be to him a good, true, honest, up and up wife, under the penalties prescribed for such offenses?"
"I swear I will," the bride replied.
"Then by the power vested in me as justice of the peace in and for Morris county, state of Kansas, I, John Aplington, pronounce you, Amos Peabody, husband, and you, Mandy Thomas, wife, and legalize you to remain such and forevermore, and stand committed until the fees and costs in the cases are paid in full, and God have mercy on your souls."

OSSIFIED MAN A GOOD FEELER

Frank Worden Declares He Will Outlive Time Allotted Him By Doctors.

NEWTON, Iowa, Jan. 9.—Frank Worden of Colfax arrived in Newton recently to visit Judge Clements, who was an old school mate of his in their boyhood near Prairie City.
Medical authorities and men of science say that Worden cannot possibly live more than ten or a dozen years. But Worden, being philosophical, himself adds another twelve to this and declares he will be alive 24 years from today.
Worden is an ossified man. He asserts that he is the only ossified human being in the world. Worden's body is as hard as stone and as rigid as a piece of steel. With the exception of his eyes, his tongue and his arms from the elbows to the finger tips he can not move a muscle. He suffers no pain and his affliction is not paralysis.
But despite his predicament Worden is contented and cheerful. He is an inveterate pitch player and likes to smoke strong cigars.
III Eighteen Years.
It was 18 years ago when Worden, then a farmer, at Colfax, was first stricken. His neck began to stiffen. Medicine availed him nothing and physicians told him he was becoming ossified. He set about to cheat death as long as possible. As the ossification of his body spread from his neck, Worden saw that his jaws were beginning to set. So he put little wedges between his teeth and kept them there until the jaw bones were rigid. And today there is probably half an inch of space between his upper and lower teeth. This is sufficient to allow him to eat soft foods—food that requires no mastication in the mouth.
The hardening of the body gradually spread until today it is numb from head to foot. The flow of blood through the veins amounts to little more than seepage, and gradually the doctors say, will stop altogether.
Worden lies on his back constantly. He can not turn his head. His body is not sore from constant friction with a bed and he suffers no pain or any kind of a fever whatever.
"There's no use for you to get long faces and look at me dubiously," said Worden. "I know I'll die some day from this thing, and so you can't frighten me a bit. But while I'm here I'm going to get the very best I can out of life."
Worden says he knows he will be totally blind several years before he dies, but he is going to see everything worth seeing before this time arrives.
"I'm not going to miss a thing," he says. "I can't say that I have many friends in the world, but so long as I have a dollar I can get along. I'm a curiosity and I know it, but when I want anything done for me I flash a piece of money and some one is willing to work."

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