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A CANNIBAL DOMAIN.

THE people of Papua, says a writer in a current magazine, do not take kindly to white men. They regard all strangers as more or less edible, but the white man is not a desirable species. He is likely to be too strongly flavored with salt or tobacco or rum. Papuan gourmets and connoisseurs pass up the white man whenever they can.

This tends to call attention to some facts about Papua. It is the largest island in the world, if one classes Australia as a continent and disregards the vague lands of the polar regions. It is a fertile and blooming realm. It has climate in variety to suit almost any one. But it is inhabited by simioid anthropophagi with a rather ungracious taste for Europeans.

This is strange, too, for three European nations theoretically hold possession of Papua. Holland, Germany and England each have well defined areas of occupation. That is to say, the areas are well defined on the maps. Really, however, less than half of Papua has been explored. The boundary lines are drawn through an unknown jungle. Dutch, Germans and English have been content to confine themselves to a narrow strip along the coasts. There is no mystery in the world more baffling than the Papuan interior. It is one of the very few regions yet totally uncharted. There are, doubtless, good reasons why more explorers have not been attracted by the Papuan task. One reason may be a fear that the Papuans, in an hour of need, might show themselves lacking in discrimination and partake of the explorers.

There is to be no going forth against the cannibals this year. There is to be a period of peace and plenty for the shaggy tribes. For two of the three nations of Europe which have made theoretical annexation of Papua are going to fight each other right in Papua. It will be an amazing spectacle for the humans in gorilla form who are the native owners of the land. Master will fight against master. And, at the end of the fighting, there will be no proper Papuan collation. Papuans fight only for food, and it will be difficult for them to understand the meaning of fighting which has no such motive.

Your Papuan going out to kill an enemy for breakfast is abhorrent but comprehensible. Your European going out to kill a few enemies for nothing in particular is abhorrent, but not comprehensible. Civilization, diligently applying both logic and ethics, is as puzzled as the Papuan who has no forehead.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING Beneficence is a duty; and he who frequently practices it and sees his benevolent intentions realized, at length comes to love him to whom he has done good.—Massillon.

ALL ON ACCOUNT OF THE BABY

An ache in the back and an ache in the arms, All on account of the baby. A fear and a fright and a thousand alarms, All on account of the baby. All on account of the baby. And bottles and rattles and whistles and rings, From cellar to attic a clutter of things, From morning to night and to morning again, More fuss and more fume than an army of men, And a head that is stupid for lack of its sleep, And a heart where a flood of anxieties leap— All on account of the baby. A joy in the heart and a light in the eyes, All on account of the baby. A growing content and a growing surprise, All on account of the baby. And patience that conquers a myriad frets, And a sunshiny song that another begets, A pureness of soul as a baby is pure, And sureness of faith as the children are sure, And a glory of love between husband and wife, And a saner and happier outlook on life, All on account of the baby. The average Coos Bay man isn't half as square with other men as he expects other men to be with him.

News of Near-by Towns

CULLINGS OF COQUILLE

Coos County Sent Events as Told by The Herald. McClosky & Laird, of Myrtle Point are now proprietors of the auto stage line between here and that town having bought the interest of Eugene Wickham and Geo. Bryant. Mrs. T. N. Boone, of Fairview, was in town Friday with her young son Claud, who has been taking treatment from Dr. Richmond for a troublesome fracture of his arm. Less stiffness of the elbow than the doctor feared resulted from the fracture, and the arm will be practically "as good as new."

BALL IN BANDON

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Johnson Mr. and Mrs. Thos. N. Nielson and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Best have invitations for a dance at Dreamland pavillion, Thursday evening of this week. A large number of invitations have been sent out and those invited are expecting a very pleasant evening.—Coquille Herald.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Geo. Broadbridge and Sadie Hoek, Ralph Weddle and Marie Belle Wilson, S. R. Harrison and Ina R. Bell, Earl D. Graham and Gladys Howe, John Weishalla and Jennie Commock, Scott Sullivan Fries and Margaret Hollowell, Thad D. Shinn and Edith Carlson.—Coquille Herald.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

The plans for the new Catholic church to be built in this city have been completed by Architect P. M. Hall-Lewis, and bids for its construction are now being received by the committee. The building will be 26 by 54 feet and will be erected at the corner of Third and Coulter streets, where the tennis court is now located. It is expected that the building will be completed in six or eight weeks after the contract is let.—Coquille Herald.

TAB ON WORKMEN FAILS.

SALEM Ore., Jan. 22.—Resolution 23, introduced by Senator Smith, representing Coos and Curry counties was indefinitely postponed. It provided that heads of departments and institutions furnish reports of the number of employes under them and the salaries paid. Senator Smith said a statement had been made that clerks were not kept employed during working hours, and the object of his resolution was to make an investigation of the report.

BANDON HOME BURNS

Coal Oil Lamp Explosion Destroys Thos. Bachelor's Place. Fire, starting from the explosion of a large coal oil lamp, completely destroyed the residence of Thos. Bachelor, on Alabama avenue. The fire started about ten o'clock, when Mr. Bachelor was going to the bath room in the basement of the house. He was carrying the lamp and as he was going down the stairs he noticed the flame was working into the oil vessel. Setting the lamp on the stairs, he turned to look for something to smother it with, but had no more than turned his back when the explosion occurred. The loss is \$3000 and is pretty well covered by insurance.—Bandon Recorder.

LOW NECK, SHORT SKIRTS. APPROVED

Dr. Wiley Says He's for Them on All Occasions and Also Hopes to See the Day When Men Will Banish Collars. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Dresses that are low at one end and high at the other, the same being the upper and lower ends, respectively, are all right, from the standpoint of hygiene, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. Talking to the Child Welfare association of Ancoasta, Dr. Wiley urged the women to wear the low neck style of gown for all occasions. He also expressed the hope that some day men will banish collars. Then he would have us all discard hats and be urged fond parents to let their offspring go bareheaded the year around.

CAMINO IN TROUBLE.

Swayne & Hoyt Liner En Route to Europe Has Accident. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—A message to Swayne, Hoyt & Co., owners of the Camino, received from Captain E. A. Ahlins, said the vessel had lost a cable and anchor. The owners do not believe the ship is in any danger. The Camino is a new steamship of 2085 tons. She left here laden with gifts to Honolulu from China, Australia, Honolulu and chiefly California. The cargo, 4000 tons of foodstuffs and clothing, is valued at \$300,000.

FYFE AT BANDON

Estabrook Company Manager Looks for Better Times. Joseph Eyfe Jr., vice president and general manager of the Estabrook company arrived in the city on the Speedwell Sunday and will put in two or three weeks looking after business for his company. Although the mills are shut down yet the Estabrook company is taking in a large amount of ties, sufficient to keep the Speedwell on the run constantly and is hoping that in a short time there may be business here for the Fifield again. Mr. Eyfe says business is not very brisk in San Francisco at present but they are hoping for better things in the spring, and that there is a probability of the lumber market picking up within a few months at least.

HAD THE SMALLPOX

A letter received by Imogene Alexson from Mrs. D. W. Dean states that the family have been passed through a siege of the smallpox in a light form. The grandchildren took it first and then the older ones had it in their turn, but the disease was so mild that it was supposed to be the chicken pox until the festivities were over. Mr. Dean is now in the mercantile business, having sold the Halsey Enterprise and opened a store, in which he is enjoying a good trade.—Coquille Herald.

MORE COACH TROUBLES

Another criminal case has just been started before Justice Stanley which may probably be regarded as the latest development in the Treadgold-Coach fight. S. Brownstone has sworn to complaint on behalf of the wholesale liquor dealers, charging Joe Coach with perjury. It is alleged that when selling his saloon in Bandon Coach made affidavit that there was no indebtedness against the business, whereas he owed certain bills to the wholesale liquor dealers.—Coquille Herald.

DYER RANCH SOLD.

One of the biggest real estate deals that has been pulled off in this section of Oregon for some time was the selling of the big Dyer ranch, south of town to I. Nordstrom. This is one of the best dairy and fruit ranches in this section of Oregon, and has been operated by Henry Hess.—Bandon Recorder.

FEENEY'S BROTHER DEAD

Attorney F. J. Feeney received word this week that his brother, Attorney Martin J. Feeney, of Madison, Wis., had passed away recently. Mr. Feeney's brother was here about two years ago on a visit and will be remembered by a number of Bandon people. He was one of the leading attorneys of Madison.—Bandon Recorder.

NEWS OF GARDINER

Events Along the Umpqua as told by the Courier. Born, Sunday, at Gardiner, to J. A. Janelle and wife, a daughter. All concerned doing nicely. Thos. Dixon, general Supt. of the McArthur Perks & Co., Ltd., of Eugene, was in Gardiner Monday on business. Last Tuesday Ray Revls and Miss Buella Woodruff were united in marriage at the home the groom had provided for his bride in Gardiner. In a conversation with a farmer on Smith River who did not wish his name quoted, we are told that he had sold nine pigs six months old which averaged in weight 191 pounds, and that he received \$154 for them. These pigs had cost him but very little. He considered them as a by-product of his dairy. The steam shovel and crew have finished the work on the Umpqua and Smith rivers, and will be shipped away this spring. The only grading now to be done between tunnels 6 and 7 is at the Devil's Elbow, near Jack France slough, which is only a short distance and will be done with pick and shovel. Then this grade will be ready for the rails. It is expected that the work on the bridges across the Umpqua and Smith rivers will be ready early in the spring. Work is progressing rapidly on the Five Mile Lake division in spite of the wet weather.

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