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LOCAL IN BRIEF.

The Peak Sisters drew a full house Tuesday night. As the sister who is not a sister remarked during the performance, they appear only once in a place because once is all the dear people will stand—or words to that effect. The Peak Sisters are the most evenly balanced aggregation of barnstormers that ever buncoed this community. Individually and collectively they are what would be called "bum" if they were brothers instead of sisters. Our respect for the sex will not permit us to use the word. But they can't sing, they can't elocute, they can't gesticulate—that is, gracefully and appropriately. The leading soprano was very altitudinous. She could be heard above a whisper—a big whisper. One rather pleasant and intellectual-looking sister "gagged" some of Toledo's male citizens in a rather artistic manner, and the larger of the little twins—there were two of them, you know—did likewise, but no deaths resulted. The pretty tolerable old sister who was "true to Brother Speers" was as soft and sentimental as a spring lamb. The sister who persisted in appearing in her native costume was quite a star—or rather, a whole aurora borealis, from away up north. As we remarked at the beginning, it was a well-balanced company, and gave a well-balanced performance. It was bad from start to finish. It was so bad it was good—and everybody enjoyed it. The refreshment booths were very pretty and artistic—and so were the Jap princess and dairy maids, who served the refreshments which followed the departure of the Peak Sisters for Cape Nome were of the best quality and met with a hearty reception. The affair was under the auspices of the local Women of Woodcraft, and it added much to their reputations as entertainers.

The Toledo school board held a meeting Monday night and another last night. R. F. Holm was retained as principal, George McClusky was engaged for the intermediate department and Miss Ethel Scott of Irving for the primary. The latter is a graduate of monmouth college and is highly recommended by the faculty. George McClusky's many friends are confident that he will give entire satisfaction. Prof. Holm has thoroughly demonstrated his ability as principal. The clerk was instructed to advertise for sealed bids for \$2000 worth of 10-year 6-per-cent bonds, \$1300 of the same to take the place of present bonds and \$700 for the floating debt. It was decided to have an 8-months' term of school instead of nine.

W. H. Buoy, local agent of the C. & E., ranchman, haremian, etc., received a handsome red Irish setter pup yesterday, a present from Express Messenger Toner and some friend in the valley. The pup has already demonstrated that she is a natural-born "scenter."

Walter Lane of Yaquina passed through Tuesday morning on his way to Mill City, to work for the C. & E.

Joe Turnidge and Ralph Van Cleve went out to Mill City yesterday to work in a sawmill.

Agent Buford and Dr. Daniel were over from Siletz Monday.

Smoke the General Steedman cigar, at Landreth's.

Mrs. U. B. Vogle was down from Corvallis Sunday to visit her husband.

John Stimpson of Newport was a welcome caller at this office Tuesday.

The very latest of fashions in men's, ladies' and children's shoes at Luggier & Pruett's.

Attorney J. K. Weatherford of Albany had business in Toledo and other bay points from Saturday until Tuesday.

The world is good or wretched, bright or gloomy—according to the spectacles you wear. Vogle can make your days all bright. Try him.

Lincoln county timber land continues to be the attraction, and the demand exceeds the supply. The man who gets a quarter now is in luck.

C. R. Miller of Portland, formerly Yaquina Bay's photographer, will be in Toledo with his photo tent August 7, for one week only. Call and see him and have your faces made.

Attorney W. S. McFadden of Corvallis was among the legal lights in circuit court this week. He assisted in the prosecution of Griffith and Baker and did other things too numerous to mention.

L. C. Powell of Leaver creek went over to Siletz yesterday to survey out some of the new homesteads in that part of the county. Let us bound to do more or less surveying in spite of his overwhelming defeat in the June election.

Mesdames Mary King, Bess Wells and C. Whitehorn and the latter's sons Claude and Tommie all of Corvallis, arrived last Saturday for a visit with relatives—the families of Hon. C. B. Crosno and Stony Wells. All returned to Corvallis Monday except Mrs. King, who is still visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Crosno.

The State Board of Agriculture is making a great effort this year to make the state fair a representative agricultural and live stock show. The premium list is out and is being thoroughly distributed throughout the state and personal efforts are being made to attract the attention of farmers and stockmen to the very liberal premiums offered.

Several counties in the state are preparing a county exhibit for the fair, for they realize it will be a good opportunity to advertise their county in a most practical way. Each exhibit will be a lecture room, and an object lesson for the home seeker, where he can get information, along intelligent lines, and will be worth many dollars in advertising the county's resources.

The live stock show will be without question the best ever held on the coast. Breeders all over the country are preparing to exhibit at the fair this year. There is an opportunity here in Oregon for the farmers who have been running in debt raising wheat, to turn their attention to the profitable production of beef, mutton and pork, or engage in dairying which has already taken its place as a leading paying industry in this state. There is a demand for the best specimens of all breeds which will continue to grow for years to come, and there is nothing that encourages this industry so much as stock shows at state and county fairs.

Three Years.

The principal case in the term of circuit court just closed was the State of Oregon vs. William Griffith, Bert Griffith and Frank Baker.

William Griffith, as is known to most of our readers, is at large, his brother Bert and Frank Baker being the defendants.

The men were charged with the larceny of a cow belonging to Mrs. Sarah Troxell. The evidence was substantially as follows:

On or about a certain date William Griffith killed a cow on the Griffith premises on Drift creek, Frank Baker, who was in the employ of William Griffith assisted in butchering the animal. This part of the crime took place in the fore part of the night, and Bert Griffith also assisted by holding a lantern. The cow tallied with the description of one lost by Mrs. Troxell on about the same date, but the head, from which the ears had previously been removed, was concealed and has never been discovered; neither have the ears; a pile of red and white hair, such as was worn by Mrs. Troxell's cow, was found concealed at the base of a fir tree. Bert and Baker both testified that the hair was from the animal killed by William, who, they also said, informed them that it was a wild cow. Mrs. Troxell's cattle had been tracked to the Griffith premises and back to another point on the range, and when found the red-and-white animal was missing—and is missing yet.

Attorneys B. F. Jones and C. F. Hawkins defended the prisoners in a very able manner—in fact, got all out of the case that was in it for the defense—but their own testimony was sufficient to convict them. The fact that William Griffith is a fugitive from justice is evidence of his own guilt, and by admitting that they helped him to butcher the animal, Bert and Baker become accomplices. This is a point of law which prosecuting Attorney Brown brought to the front at the close of his vigorous and skillful arraignment, and which was included in Judge Hamilton's concise charge to the jury.

The jury consisted of R. W. Kyniston, Karl Kroeger, F. A. Godwin, I. J. Pepin, W. A. Hadden, Emil Trackson, A. K. Sherk, Joe Blower, Henry Kirsch, C. R. Gillett, Geo. A. Landis, W. E. Waun.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty," after being out only twenty minutes, and that is undoubtedly the opinion of all who heard the evidence.

The prisoners were brought before Judge Hamilton yesterday morning for sentence. Neither made any statement, simply asking for the mercy of the court. Each was sentenced to imprisonment for three years in the state penitentiary at Salem, and Sheriff Ross departed with them for that place this morning, assisted by Deputy Fred Ross.

Another criminal case was the State of Oregon vs. Walter Ben, Ben was charged with larceny from Larkey Logan's store at Siletz, found guilty, and given a sentence of two years in the state prison. He also went to Salem today.

While nobody should rejoice when a man goes astray and is finally rounded up in the pen, this lesson will not be lost. It is not safe to kill "wild cattle" in Lincoln county, or commit other questionable acts. The strong arm of the law is on duty again.

For flour at car load rates go to Conroy, Son & Co., Toledo, Or.

Mrs. Dora Clark has been visiting Mrs. J. Blower at Mill 4 this week.

If you want a suit of clothes that is up-to-date in design, quality and price, call at Luggier & Pruett's.

Schenck & Co.'s stock of hardware is complete. If you need anything in that line call and see them.

S. P. Contoy, the merchant, returned yesterday evening from a business trip to Portland and elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Swope of Oregon City are visiting at the home of their son, Attorney B. F. Swope.

Our grocery and crockery department is extensive, always fully assorted. Call and get our prices. Y. B. M. Co.

Dr. Thayer was called to attend J. S. Copeland the latter part of last week. Yesterday Mr. Copeland was reported as much improved.

Mrs. M. H. Myers of Wallace, Neb., arrived Monday evening on a visit to THE LEADER, after which she will go to Newport for a stay of two or three weeks. She has been in Oregon several weeks, visiting at Portland and elsewhere. She is accompanied by her sons Wayne and Carl.

Henry Hamar is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charlie Altree. Mr. Hamar has for a long time been a patient in the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland, where he underwent four amputations of one of his limbs. He now pronounces himself entirely well, and he certainly has that appearance.

At the Vincent: J. W. Hamilton, George M. Brown, Roseburg; Joe Lane, Scott Lane, Frank Lane, John Savage, George Hatney, James Battise, Robert Felix, F. W. Chambers, W. H. Brown, William Metcalf C. H. Ruhl, Joshley Brown, W. H. Ben, Spencer Scott, Mose Lane, David John, Andrew Smith, T. J. Buford, Z. T. Daniel, Butler Fairchild, Bill Strong, Emma Orton, James Tronson, George Harris, Jenny Roney, Frank Scott, Jake Albert, Nellie White, Bill Martin, J. Burrows, H. Shumons, Charlie Johnson, Sam Center and family, Rev. Bucher, Miss Dyer, Bensell Orton, Larkey Logan, Martin Hammer, Siletz; E. M. Mays, J. C. Dixon, William Bichsel, Elk City; Valentine Thiel, Yaquina; Bradley Troxel and wife, W. J. Reidy, John Watkins, Glen; L. T. Reynolds, W. Hendey, T. Amend, C. A. Johnson and wife, Miss Escher Robertson, Miss Brandt, Mrs. H. W. Meyers, Salem; B. L. Bancroft, G. Anderson, John Stimpson, John Fogarty, Henry Kirsch, Newport; C. Webb, E. Helms, E. H. Baldwin, W. E. Waun, Waldport; B. F. Grant, Harlan; H. Carr, Fisher; J. R. Whitney, H. C. Watson, John Collins, A. E. Alexander, Albany; J. M. Whitney, M. J. Hanson, Eugene; W. S. McFadden, Corvallis; W. A. Hadden, Eddyville; Thos. Robertson, I. J. Pepin, M. T. Whitney, Mand Smith, Chitwood; J. Blower, Mill 4; George Hodges, Salado; David Craig, Macleay; E. Witcher, George W. Bancroft, G. A. Taylor, J. Coats, Portland; W. B. Mersen Pontville; J. C. Walling, Al Taylor, Pool slough, J. S. Lloyd, L. I. Butterfield, Florence; Joe Sherman, Oyster City.

One Cent Per Pound.

Born—At Elk City, Or., Saturday, July 21, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gaby, a 10-pound girl, Della Mays charges us 10 cents for this item. Cheap enough.

THE LEADER recently had the pleasure of sampling a new variety of cherries, which merit a high place in the class. Five years ago J. H. Penn, the well-known postal clerk on this line, planted a cherry seed in the yard at his Yaquina home. It is now a bearing tree, and Mr. Penn has named it the McKinley. This has not been a favorable season for cherries on the bay, but the McKinley, like its illustrious namesake, is a winner, and destined to be a favorite.

William L. Vincent of St. Paul, Minn., was among the arrivals yesterday evening. He is a brother of Mayor H. W. Vincent and Mrs. Dora Clark, from whom he has been separated for many years. Since he last saw his sister, Mrs. Clark, forty-three years have elapsed. It was one of those happy reunions which must be left to the imagination of the reader.

The picnic down the bay last Saturday was not so largely attended as such affairs have been in the past, owing, perhaps, to the unfavorable weather in the morning. Those present had a very pleasant time, but County Superintendent Bethers was absent, and there wasn't much noise. Yaquina, Oyster City and Toledo were represented.

The Ladies Aid society dinner at Thiel Hall Wednesday was well patronized and thoroughly enjoyed by all who connected with it. About \$16 was realized from the dinner and the society desires to thank all who assisted them in any way. The society will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. George Landreth. It is hoped that all members will be present.

George Hodges of Salado says it's sure death to the new brand of worm which is troubling all parts of Oregon just now to pour water on the ground where he is hiding in the middle of the day, when the sun is doing business. It's worth trying on small gardens.

Brother Van Cleve of the Post mourns the loss of his white lid, which disappeared Tuesday night at the Peak Sisters performance. Any person who will rob an editor is totally depraved—but, as Shakespeare said, "them that has must lose."

While Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter were returning to Siletz from Toledo Tuesday the team ran away near the Rnos. bridge, threw Mrs. Hunter out and broke one of her arms. She was taken on to the Agency for treatment.

Luggier & Pruett have a very large assortment of clothing, dry goods and furnishings. New goods are constantly arriving. Come and see them.

Mrs. Grant King fell and received a painful injury while gathering wild blackberries last Friday, requiring the assistance of Dr. Thayer.

Al Taylor and Joe Sherman, piloted by Tom Horning, left for the big woods this morning in search of homesteads.

Now that fishing season is all most here, come and examine Luggier & Pruett's rubber boots. A very large assortment just received.