

SCAVENGERS UNLOADING WAGONS AT PORTLAND'S GARBAGE DUMP



Engaged in unloading on the dump at the edge of Guild's lake garbage that ought to go into the furnaces and be burned, four scavengers and their wagons were caught yesterday afternoon by the camera of a Journal photographer. Incidentally, the photographer had to stand ankle deep in swill and filth to get the picture.

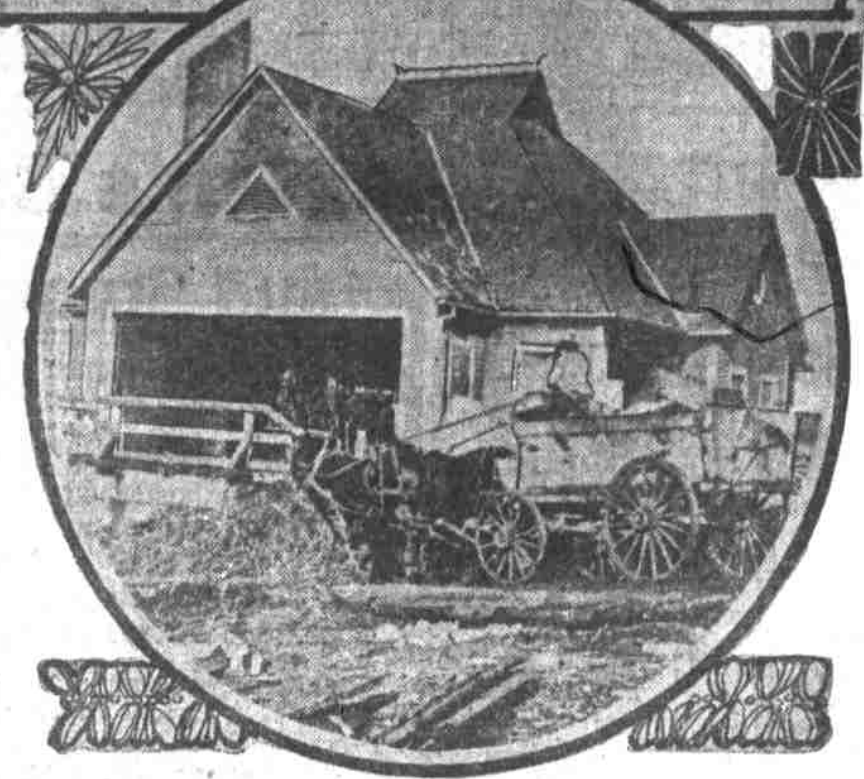
The stuff which the men were unloading consisted of spoiled vegetables, raw boxes and barrels, dead animals, anything and everything which should not be left exposed to the action of the air. In almost any other city in the world that pretends to be civilized it would be burned, but in Portland it is thrown out on the ground to rot and pollute the atmosphere and to feed the herds of immense rats that swarm over the four acres and a half of land that surround the garbage crematory.

The wind blew from across the lake, carrying the sickening, indescribable stench back toward the city. It clung to one like something material, the very embodiment of contamination, the personification of danger and disease. The ground reeked with it, the atmosphere was thick with it.

It seemed to come from everywhere. Here lay a dead chicken, yonder a decaying rat. Everywhere were heaps of rotten vegetables, pieces of spoiled meat, clusters of feathers—all that remained of chickens that had dissolved under the vile hand of decay.

As fast as one of the four wagons unloaded its filth and was driven away, the horses straining to drag it had deep through the accumulation of mud things and swill, another took its place with a new load of the city's refuse. Some of the garbage remained on the dump, some of it slid down and into the shallow waters of the putrid lake, there to float about and add its share to the disgusting smell that the citizens of Portland living in the vicinity of the city are obliged to breathe.

And up toward the end of the lot the ridiculous little crematory, built in 1897



Diminutive incinerator where futile attempt is made to burn city's garbage.

to accommodate a city about a fourth the size of the Portland of today, struggled with its broken down furnaces and wheezy boilers to consume more garbage which other scavengers were heaping into its interior.

This condition has existed for years, although it is constantly getting worse. Superintendent Daggett of the garbage crematory has coaxed, demanded, plead-

NEW BOUNDARIES ARE DETERMINED

Sheepmen of Grant, Wheeler, Crook, Adjourn After Three Days' Session.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Prineville, Or., Dec. 17.—Two hundred and forty cattlemen and sheepmen, in session here for three days, have adjourned and returned to their homes in Grant, Wheeler and Crook counties. They were summoned together by Supervisor A. S. Ireland, head of the Deschutes national forest, acting under orders from Washington, D. C.

The stockmen while here tried to determine permanent lines in the reserve between the sheep and cattle interests, and in this they were successful in seven out of nine grazing districts. The two districts which failed to reach an understanding will necessarily have to abide by rules now existing governing these areas. District Nos. 4 and 4 failed to agree, and in Nos. 1, 2 and 3 there are no sheep interests. The nine grazing districts represented were as follows:

No. 1—Area embraced by Maury mountains; formerly the Maury forest reserve.

No. 2—Area west of the range line between ranges 21 and 22 north, of the summit of the Blue mountains.

No. 3—West of the Blue mountains

summit wagon road and north of the summit of the mountains.

No. 4—West of the divide of the waters of the south fork of the John Day and Crooked rivers, following the summit of the Blue mountains around to the head of Deep creek; south of the Blue mountains summit.

No. 5—Same description as No. 4, except that region lies north of the summit, extending to the east line of No. 3.

No. 6—North and east of the divide and west of the south fork of the John Day river.

No. 7—That part of the Deschutes national forest west of Emigrant gap and lying mainly in townships 19, 20 and 21 south, of ranges 26, 26 and 27 east.

No. 8—District west of the Paulina range (south from Prineville) in what was formerly Fremont forest reserve.

No. 9—District east of the Paulina range (south from Prineville) in what was formerly Fremont forest reserve.

FIRST DEGREE FOR FABRONIA MECHUCA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Fabronia Mechuca was today convicted of murder in the first degree. He killed Mrs. Refugia Yorba at Wilmington August 14. The jury, which was locked up all night, failed to make a recommendation for mercy, and the sentence will undoubtedly be hanging.

Mechuca, in defense, claimed that some one at the Yorba home shot him as he was entering the door, and that, blinded by pain, he slashed about with a knife and accidentally killed Mrs. Yorba.

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GYPSUM DEPOSIT IS DISCOVERED

Rush for Claims Is Being Made by Crook County People.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Bend, Or., Dec. 17.—Tom Rogers, a prospector and miner, has just discovered a large deposit of gypsum at Bear Creek buttes, near the Erickson ranch, east of Bend. Rogers was prospecting for gold in that territory and noticed croppings which he knew indicated gypsum. Investigation showed an enormous deposit of the mineral.

Several claims have been taken and one or two persons are doing the required assessment work. Several Portland mineralogists who were sent samples of the gypsum pronounce it pure.

The deposit is said to be remarkably free from dirt or other foreign substance. The discovery has caused no little excitement here and it will be but a short time until all the choice claims are filed on.

Those who know the many uses to which the mineral can be put say there will be a heavy demand for gypsum products, especially for plaster and cement in eastern Oregon.

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DISCUSS HOME FOR PIONEERS

Interesting addresses will be delivered by Colonel F. V. Holman and Professor Joseph Schaeffer of the University of Oregon at the annual meeting of the officers and board of directors of the Oregon Historical society in the city hall next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The subject of Colonel Holman's paper will be the "Discovery of the Fraser River and its significance to Oregon Pioneers." Professor Schaeffer will have for his topic "Some New Sources and What They Signify," his address being upon some researches he made into the early history of the Hudson Bay company while he was visiting the British museum.

Besides holding its annual election, the society will transact other important business, a part of which will be to arrange for a committee to ask the state legislature next month to make an appropriation for the purpose of building a new home for the pioneers. The quarters in the city hall used by the society are too cramped.

The officers of the Oregon Historical society, whose terms expire this year, are F. V. Holman, president; J. R. Wilson, vice president; F. G. Young, secretary; Charles E. Ladd, treasurer. Retiring members of the board of directors are Mrs. Harriet K. McArthur and George A. Himes.

MODISTE TO SUE ON TROUSSEAU BILL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 17.—At the instance of Madame Camille Gimpel, modiste of the Rue St. Anne, Boulevard des Italiens, Paris, attorneys in this city are preparing an action to recover \$504 from R. Jaffray Duxan, a mining man of this city. The sum is said to be due on a promissory note given by the mining man for a debt incurred by

his daughter for a wedding trousseau when she married Lieutenant Pease, United States army, shortly before the great fire. Lieutenant Pease and his wife are now in the Philippines.

The trouble, which extends from Paris to the Philippines, began shortly after the wedding. Lieutenant Pease and his bride had departed for the islands when Mme. Gimpel, who at the time had a shop in this city, presented her bill. The earthquake and fire meantime intervened and Duxan found himself unable to meet the price of the trousseau.

Duxan therefore gave a six months' note for the amount, but the attorneys for Mme. Gimpel declare they have seen neither principal nor interest, and are preparing to enter the courts to collect the amount.

LOWER RATES FOR CHRISTMAS

Going home for Christmas? The railroads are helping out the family Christmas tree and holiday celebrations by trying a rate of a fare and a third for the round trip to points

where the fare is under \$10. It is the first year that the railroads in the northwest have offered Christmas rates, but they will go into effect on all the lines, including the Southern Pacific, O. R. & N., North Bank and Northern Pacific.

Selling dates for the excursion tickets have been fixed as December 23, 24, 25 and 31 and January 1. The return limit is January 4. No Christmas rates are given to eastern points because the railroads claim there is no demand for them.

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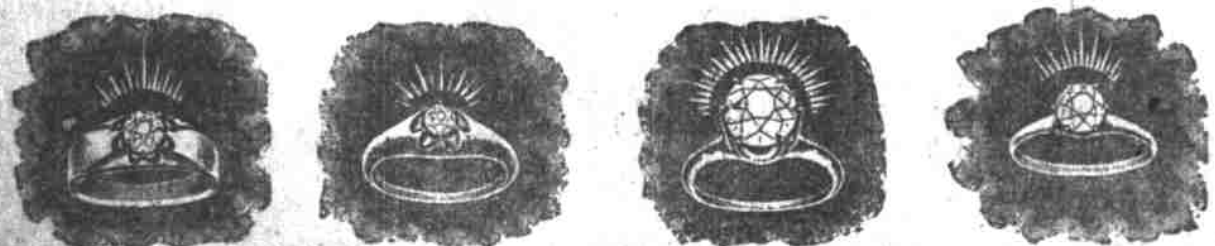
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