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## Once More, the Mooney Case

NO sooner does the supreme court of California rule against recommending a pardon for Billings and the governor apply the same conclusion against Tom Mooney, than one of the chief prosecuting witnesses, John McDonald, bobs up in Baltimore and says he perjured himself in testifying against Mooney and Billings. He has returned to California and the supreme court there has consented to reopen the case and hear his testimony. The court has a difficult problem in testing the credibility of this man McDonald. Which story is the court to believe, the one he told on the witness stand right after the murders, or his new story? Did he tell the truth then, and is now a broken down mental wreck who after fourteen years has changed his memory? Or is he really suffering from remorse and anxious to rectify his wrong and appease his conscience by telling the truth now which will free the victims of his former testimony? We cannot answer these questions. However the court decides, it is sure to arouse hostility, so sharply is opinion divided.

When the dispatches first told of the court's ruling adverse to Billings, we believed the court's conclusions as to his guilt must have been positive. If it was, the language of its decree was far from reassuring. In fact so weak was its statement in some passages that one is surprised that it should emanate from a high judicial body. Its conclusion read thus:

"It is fairly inferable from his past and present affiliations that Warren K. Billings was familiar with the plots and plans of this group of his most intimate associates, and this being so it is an almost irresistible conclusion that if Warren K. Billings did not himself prepare and plant the deadly time bomb of the Preparedness Day disaster, he and his intimate associates and confederate, Mooney, know, and have always known who did."

Mooney and Billings suffer rather a severe penalty for mere knowledge of the guilty ones. We know of no other case where a judicial conclusion that a person knew who committed a crime was deemed sufficient for his own imprisonment.

The Statesman passes no judgment as to the Mooney-Billings case. If they are innocent they have suffered a monstrous perversion of justice. If they are guilty their imprisonment has been proper under our form of punishment of crime. Whoever committed the crime, the blood of innocent victims was murderously spilled. The original crime itself seems to be overlooked. The Mooney committee with all its money apparently made no effort to bring anyone to justice whom they claimed to be guilty. Such proof would have cleared Mooney and Billings.

The people of the country outside of California are interested because of their sense of justice and fair play. They are not for punishing Mooney and Billings just because they are suspected of knowing who did it, nor because they were radicals. Nor do the people want to be led to false conclusions as to their innocence by the agitation of those who regard all radicals as innocent no matter what their offense. Under the circumstances the supreme court and governor of California are the authorities to make the investigation. They should make it in the light of the new evidence offered, and sift the facts thoroughly and honestly. And we hope their findings may be positive enough that the country can accept them, no matter what these findings are—something which did not follow the rather weak decision made so recently by the court touching the Billings case.

## The Doom of Small Banks

IT is always a painful thing for the state banking department to have to take over a bank whose capital has become impaired. Sometimes it becomes necessary that the interests of the depositors may be better protected. The white flag that flutters from the front door of a village bank brings many a pang both to the bank owners and officers and the ones whose savings are tied up. Fortunately, thanks to honest and efficient administration, nowadays stockholders generally get most of their money back, sometimes all of it back. They lose the use of their money for a time and the bank failure comes as a shock to the town.

The state department has just taken charge of the affairs of a bank at Harper. We observe that its deposits were only some \$44,000. Most anyone would say that no bank can pay its running expenses on such a meager sum to do business on. A bank makes its money on the margin between the interest it receives on loans and the interest it pays on savings. Where the total is much less than a hundred thousand dollars, the expenses eat up all the earnings even if there be no losses. It is a hard thing to say, but the safe thing and the best thing will be to chloroform gradually these institutions. They should not be put out of business abruptly, but should be liquidated in orderly manner without failure, or merged with neighboring banks.

Superintendent Schramm has been endeavoring to bring the state banks up to a point of reasonable prosperity; and has been encouraging merging of small institutions where the future appears hopeless. We doubt if legislation to hurry up the elimination is advisable; but the security of the funds of the people who deposit in these country banks demands that through the counsel and advice and assistance of the department these weak institutions be liquidated; if possible with no loss to the stockholders.

## Polishing the Oregon Trail

SOME New Yorker who is out here as national director of the Oregon Trails Memorial association, complains that we are not at all excited about his centennial party which is planning on bringing a special train from New York to Seaside. We are just a bit curious as to the identity and purpose of this Oregon Trails Memorial association. It has been operating on rather a pretentious plane, and its costs must have greatly exceeded the profits on the special 50-cent pieces left over from Ezra Meeker days. We do not know why New York should be the headquarters for an association like this.

This Mr. Barclay from New York is quoted: "We look to Oregon to sponsor a program for, no doubt, there are many of shrines in this state connected with the great Western migration of many years ago."

"While I am in the state I am going to make every effort to see to it that all important shrines along the Oregon Trail are properly marked and identified if they already have not been so."

Yes, there are shrines in Oregon. They are pretty well marked and quite faithfully prayed over and wept over by the grandsons and granddaughters of pioneers. In fact there is so much local interest in century-old trivialities that Oregonians do not get much "hot up" when a New Yorker comes along and wants to placard a few more old campsites.

# HEALTH

Today's Talk

By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

"Taking cold" in hot summer weather is disgusting to us and to our friends. It seems an evidence of weakness, and it is really an indication of weakness that is out of gear.



DR. COPELAND

The first thing you know you are sneezing and coughing and maybe you have started the most obstinate kind of a cold.

You are liable to colds if you neglect to bathe regularly. In the hot weather, when the body wastes are thrown off by the skin in the perspiration, daily bathing is imperative if the skin is to be kept in good condition.

Cleanliness of the mouth and teeth is essential. The germs of colds, influenza and tuberculosis are ever present to make inroads in the body by way of the nose and mouth. The nostrils and mouth should be kept clean because they are the hiding places of many kinds of germs.

With a reasonable care of our bodies we do not need to fear these germs. But when we are tired out or run down from bad habits of living and eating then it is that the resistance of disease is low and we are easy prey for the germs.

As a matter of fact, we are terribly careless of these bodies of ours. Haven't you seen boys and girls throw themselves, overheated on the grass after a strenuous game of tennis, or even go in bathing when they are overheated. Then comes a chill, and they may be made ill by the quick chilling of the body.

The condition called a "cold" is almost always accompanied by constipation. One of the causes of constipation is eating too rapidly. Eat slowly. Don't bolt food. Chew it thoroughly. Do this because the processes of digestion begin in the mouth.

The time to deal with a cold is in its first stages. When you have sneeziness, chilliness, running of the nose, a smarting or burning of the throat you may know trouble is on the way.

The best thing to do is to get into a tub of water hot as you can bear it. Add hot water as it cools. Keep this up for some time. Then go to bed between blankets and drink a lot of hot water or hot lemonade after you get into bed. This will bring on perspiration, and in this way the poisons are more quickly thrown off from the body. After this sweating is over, sponge off with cool water and get into a dry bed for a good sleep. You probably will feel much better in the morning on waking.

Every moment that can be spent out of doors in the summer time is a distinct asset for the coming winter months. Without plenty of sunshine and fresh air, at least moderate exercise every day, and a proper amount of rest and sleep, good health cannot be maintained. Live rightly and the summer cold will be a thing of the past.

## Scissored Squibs

Editorial Bits from the Press of the State

The county commission is studying bids for audit of the county books. Now is the time for the county authorities to find out just what kind of an audit they are going to get. A cheap audit that isn't an effective check on a financial transaction is more costly than the payment of a reasonable sum for thorough check of the county books.—Morning Astorian.

The painting of rural mail boxes in Polk county and the scattering of the same with the names of the owners now being undertaken by an ambitious young man is a praiseworthy undertaking. It is always interesting for the traveler over rural roads to know where various farmers live. Likewise neat appearing mail boxes add to the general up-to-date appearance of the rural home.—Dallas Itinerary-Observer.

Well, Tom Kay has spoken, and in language that is decidedly Tom Kay. He makes it plain that he seeks the republican nomination for governor of Oregon for Tom Kay on a platform written by and for his candidate, and that he nor any other man can carry out a program of some man whose ideas had not been fully developed. He's right. Tom knows that the people are the final arbiters in the state going into business and to that end will and does support the grant bill on conserving the natural resources to the state. Grant a stand to take, but Tom can't pretty nearly deliver what he promises.—Gervais Star.

## A Problem

For You For Today

X and Y rented a tract of land for \$375. X's part was 85 acres, long and 50 yds. wide. Y's part, 75 yds. long by 43 yds. wide. How much does each pay?

Answer to Yesterday's Problem: 6 hours, 15 minutes. Explanation: Multiply 12.8 by .75; subtract this result from 15.8; divide the remainder into 24.

# THE "HA! HA!"



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## "The SEA BRIDE" THE ROMANCE OF AN EVENTFUL WHALING CRUISE

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS

Noll flung out his hand. "Be off. Your sour face is too ugly for me to look at. Mauger's nose so particular. He'll drink with me."

It was true; Mauger had more than once accepted drink from the captain. Noll at these times, watched the one-eyed man furtively, almost appealingly. It was as if he sought to placate him and make a friend of him.

Mauger had a weak head; he was not one to stand much liquor. It dizzied him, and this amused Noll. That day, after Brander had refused him, Noll went for Mauger, made the one-eyed man tipsy and laughed at the jest of it.

Then, one day, this state of affairs came abruptly to an end. Noll went down into the storeroom to fill his bottle, and the spigot on the whiskey-barrel gasped and failed. The whiskey was gone.

Now Noll had given of the rum to the crew; he had exhausted that; but the whiskey he kept jealously. He knew there should be more—much more—gallons at the least. He turned the handle of the spigot again, tipped the barrel, unable to understand. His bottle was half full, but no more came.

He frowned, puzzled his heavy head, tried to understand. He came stumbling up out of the storeroom at last, with the half-filled bottle in his hand; and the man's face was white. He sought Faith, held the bottle out to her.

"I say," he stammered. "It's gone—gone!" "What is it, Noll?" Faith asked sharply. "The whiskey's gone."

"Thank God!" Faith cried. He glared at her thickly. "Eh you had a head in it? You've stole it away!" "No."

He looked at her and knew she spoke the truth. He shook his head. "Some bound—" he whispered. "They've stole it."

She questioned him; he had the shrewdness which occasionally characterized the alcoholic. He had kept some count of the whiskey used during the cruise; he had himself tilted the barrel two weeks before. It was then a quarter full. The theft that had appeared in the store's account must have been stolen, and that had not yet appeared.

# BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Jason Lee's trip east: When on July 28, 1838, Jason Lee began writing in his diary the story of his wedding, he could not know his wife and infant son were dead. She died June 28, 1838. The courier dispatched after him to apprise him of the sad news did not overtake him till the evening of September 1, at the Indian mission (now Kansas City.)

At Horse Creek on the Platte, August 7, on his journey east, he began a new page in his diary. His story there "I purpose, as time may serve, to put down a synopsis of our journey." The entries follow:

"March 26, 1838. Left the mission house on the Willamette for the U. S. in company with P. L. Edwards and two Indian boys, William Brooks, a Chinook, and Thomas Adams.

"March 28. '28. Arrived at Vancouver (Fort Vancouver), and found there was a mistake about the time of the party starting for the Rocky mountains. We could have left two weeks later and yet have been in time.

"April 4. Left Vancouver, Mr. Ewing of Missouri, having joined us, in a canoe, but soon found we were too heavily laden; put ashore and hired a larger canoe of the Chinook chief. Called at the company's saw mill (Hudson's Bay company), about five miles above the fort, on the Washington side; camped 10 miles above it, with some Indians from the Cascades, who were on their way home.

"5th. Reached the Cascades in safety though the canoe came near filling while towing it up a rapid. Carried our goods past and slept upon the gravel stones, rather uncomfortably; nearly everything being wet and very little wood.

"6th. Arose early and with a good deal of difficulty engaged Indians enough with my help to carry the canoe across the portage. Slept above the bluff rocks.

"7th. Procured a horse and guide from the Indians and arrived at Wascompan (The Dalles) before noon; the canoe an hour or two after. Found Brothers D. (Daniel) Lee and Perkins (Rev. H. W. K. Perkins) well and hard at work preparing the timbers for a house.

"8th. Preached to more than 200 Indians in the main hall, which was interpreted into the language of Wascompan, and then into Nez Perce. There was good attention; perhaps some good effected.

"9th. After a long parley and a great deal of trouble, we engaged horses of the Indians to take us to Walla Walla, and crossed over to the north side. Was engaged writing till a late hour at night.

"10th. Commenced early and finished my letters to wife and others. Brothers Lee and Perkins came over and took breakfast with us; we then commended each other to God, in prayer, took the parting hand, while the former returned to take care of their mission, the latter (Mr. Perkins) bent his course to the Willamette for his wife, and we pursued our way up the Columbia.

"13th. Reached Walla Walla, with less fatigue and better health than I expected.

"15th. Went to Whitman's, the water was high in the streams, overtook Mrs. Pambrun (wife of the factor, a charge of Fort Walla Walla of the Hudson's Bay company) and daughter, and a very old woman who crossed the mountains with Mr. Hunt (William Price Hunt with the Astor land party), and a grown daughter. We were obliged to cross on small trees, which bent and broke with us so as to make it difficult to keep the center of gravity.

"I thought a man who was with us and I should have enough to do to cross all the stuff. I took a little girl in my arms and started across, and to my astonishment was followed by the females with larger loads than I in his sleeve!"

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"You're all cowards! I'll bring her in. I'll bring her in, I say!" (To be continued)

## Yesterdays

... Of Old Oregon

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

July 25, 1905

A team of horses hitched to the depot car owned by J. A. Simpson, took flight at a passing electric car and an attempt to run got mixed up in the tugs and was thrown to the ground.

Voters of Salem turned down the bond issue for construction of concrete bridges here, the vote being 339 against and 117 for the issue.

Marcus and Shand, proprietors of the Salem Iron works, have invented a new hop haler that is destined to do all the baling of hops in this country on account of the many advantages it has over the other baler on the market. They have applied for a patent.

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