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FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1902.

BLIND TOM HEARD FROM.

As Recently in Pendleton and Stood on the Corner Asking Alms.

Thomas Dunraven, a blind tramp, 61 years old, who arrived in Portland several days ago from Butte, Walla Walla, The Dalles and other points, was escorted to an electric car at the corner of First and Washington streets, in order that he might follow his inclination and go to Vancouver, Wash., says the Oregonian.

Dunraven was taken to the police station on Saturday, and on the way he displayed a very vicious temper and scratched one of the officers. He was taken in as drunk, but yesterday when questioned about it he stoutly denied the charge, and said he had just stepped off the train when the officers picked him up, and that he did not even suspect that the police had hold of him, or he would not have resisted. Dunraven was sent from the police station to the court house yesterday for examination for commitment to the poor farm.

Superintendent Hansen of the poor farm was present, also County Physician Harry F. McKay and Clerk George Fawcett. County Commissioner Showers also dropped in while the inquiry was in progress. Old Tom proved to be quite a character, and well able to take care of himself. His clothing was of the Weary Willie style, and his general make-up suggested the genus hobo. He said he was a native of Dublin, Ireland, and he denied any kinship with Lord Dunraven. He stated that he had met with an accident seven years ago by which he lost his eyesight. One eye is completely gone, and the other is sightless. Dr. McKay asked, "What did you do before you became

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blind, Tom; I suppose you worked as a laborer?" "No," answered Tom, "I never worked hard. I ran a locomotive in Nevada once. At the time of the Hayes presidential campaign I kept books for General Banning, at Wilmington, Cal. I've done different things." Asked about his relatives, the old man answered, "I had a brother who was a captain in the rebel army, and I have a brother who is a detective. I was in the rebel army myself, in the Twenty-first Louisiana.

Tom proved that he was not a pauper by exhibiting about \$10 in cash. He declined to go to the poor farm, and said he would go back to Montana, after taking a trip to Vancouver. He explained that he made a living by selling pencils and shoe strings, or sleeve buttons, and that he had hopes of recovering the sight of his eye as an English doctor had told him that the scum could be removed.

There was a vein of humor in the old fellow. He called the city jail the city hall, and said there was the hardest crowd of officials he had ever struck, but the people of "Walla-halla," he said, were all right. He was put on the car by a good natured person and sent on his way rejoicing.

A NEW STRAWBERRY.

Lately Brought Out by a Portland Man—Much Claimed for it—Growers are Interested.

A new strawberry lately brought out by a Portland man is attracting much attention from the local growers, says the Walla Walla Statesman. So much is claimed for the new variety that by introducing it in the Walla Walla valley a valuable acquisition to the berry crop might be the result.

Mr. Magoon has been experimenting for the past three months with the new berry which he has named the Black Diamond and it has now reached such a degree of development and beauty that he feels warranted in calling it a success.

The berry is dark in color—darker, Mr. Magoon says, than any he has ever seen and it has a most delicious flavor. It is somewhat smaller than the Magoon, and it is so firm that Mr. Magoon feels sure that it will be successful as a shipper. He has half an acre of the Black Diamond on his place at Gravel Hill, but the output this year will not be sufficient for his to place any quantities on the market. However, he says the Black Diamond is a prolific grower, twice as fruitful, he thinks, as the Clark Seedling—and he looks for great results in the matter of quality. Mr. Magoon has this year about three acres in berries. The season has been backward, and the crop comparatively small, due to the rains that prevented perfect pollination.

Free picnic every Sunday at Kline's grove. Dancing begins at 2 o'clock. Music by Kirkman's orchestra.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. C. Rogers is at the Golden Rule from Adams.

Charles H. Miller is at Hotel Pendleton from Echo.

I. M. Bates and George T. Thompson, are in town from Walla Walla.

Mrs. Stahl, a well-known business woman of Walla Walla, was in town Thursday night.

Attorney M. A. Butler left Thursday evening for Portland after spending the day in town.

Mrs. James Agee is suffering from mumps. She recently returned from a visit to relatives in the valley.

Louis Hagen, a prominent farmer from north of town, is in town today. He says that crops are looking fine.

Mrs. Rudolph Martin will accompany her children to Ukiah, Sunday, where they will spend the summer at the home of Jacob Born. Mrs. Martin will return Monday.

W. H. Stamper, of Weston, is in town. Mr. Stamper says he never saw better prospects in Umatilla county for an immense wheat crop, and he has been here a long time.

Mrs. Electa E. Benton, representing Dodd, Mead & Co., of New York and Chicago, is in Pendleton in the interests of their latest and finest work, the New International Encyclopedia, a work which treats 60,000 subjects.

Colonel Dudley Evans, president of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, with headquarters in New York, passed through Pendleton this morning on his way to Portland, where he resided for years prior to 1885.

J. J. Stoddard, editor of the Star-buck Signal, was in town Thursday evening. Mr. Stoddard says that Starbuck is a thriving little town at present, but the most noticeable things there are the "Weary Willies."

J. P. Walker was elected as a delegate to the grand lodge meeting of the Woodmen of the World at Cripple Creek, from the fifth district convention in Weston, Wednesday, instead of J. P. Earl, as was published by the East Oregonian.

Otis Franklin, of the Tenth Battery Artillery, stationed at Fort Walla Walla, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Ida Franklin, in this city. Bert Kirkwood and Henry Newton, both of the Tenth, were with him on a three days' lay-off.

CONDUCT OF PENITENTIARY.

It is Asserted that Convicts Work Ten Hours a Day on Diet of Boiled Beans.

It one-half is true that is said about the menu that is set before the convicts in the state penitentiary, Merrill and Tracey, the escaped outlaws can be scarcely blamed for escaping from prison. Men in Baker county who have recently been released from the penitentiary, tell some hard tales about the prison bill of fare. Of course it is not always good judgment to take the word of an ex-convict without due allowance, but there is a surprising unanimity about these stories, and they are corroborated from other sources. It is said that the able bodied men who do hard labor for ten hours a day make their breakfast on beans alone and are allowed no meat. Visitors to the prison say they have seen men go to work mornings staggering from sheer weakness.

If these stories be true, and it seems reasonable to believe that they are, the state penitentiary should be investigated. Ample, not to say liberal, appropriations are annually made by the legislature for the maintenance of the prison as well as for other institutions, and if the bill of fare is as poor as it is said to be there must be a big graft for somebody, somewhere, somehow.

The iniquitous fee system by which the slender salaries of all Oregon state officials is augmented is in a measure responsible for this; but the "Salem hog" and the eternal Salem habit of grafting is more so.

CASE NON-SUITED.

J. C. Saltmarsh vs. O. R. & N. Co. for \$20,000 Damages.

The case of J. C. Saltmarsh vs. the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, was dismissed from the court this morning on the ground of insufficient evidence to constitute a case. This is the end of the attempt to collect \$20,000 from the railroad company for injuries received while crossing the track at the crossing of Alta street in 1900. The defense showed that the injury was caused by negligence on the part of the plaintiff.

Fry vs. Cunningham. The case of John Fry against Chas. Cunningham for damages for the defendant's sheep running on plaintiff's land, is before the court today.

IRRIGATION NEEDS.

Amount of Water Required for Each Acre of Irrigated Land.

Facts of interest in connection with the amount of water used in western irrigation are furnished by a description of the Vernal Valley irrigating system of northeastern Utah now in preparation for one of the reports of the United States Geological Survey. The Vernal Valley is a fertile region, approximately 20 miles long by 3 miles wide, its boundaries being sharply defined by the surrounding foothills. The soil is a sandy loam and the principal crops are alfalfa and oats. Like many other sections of the west the mean annual precipitation in the Vernal Valley is small, being only a little over 9 inches, an amount entirely insufficient for agricultural purposes; furthermore, the annual snowfall is light and there is no well defined rainy season. Hence, without the use of water the land is practically worthless for cultivation, its value being placed at \$1.25 an acre. With the construction of irrigation ditches, however, and with the assurance of a good water supply, the same land at once increases in value to \$30 per acre.

According to the Twelfth census 25,000 acres of the Vernal Valley are under ditch, 17,471 acres of which were being cultivated in 1900 by means of irrigation, the population numbering 6000. All the water which has been diverted for use upon the land is taken from Ashley Creek, a tributary of the Green river. From this stream there are three main canals, besides a number of smaller ones, each drawing a specified amount of water which has been allotted by law.

Measurements have been made at various times, by the hydrographers of the United States Geological Survey, of the amount of water appropriated by the canals and used upon the land. The combined maximum capacity of the canals of the valley was found to be sufficient to allow 350 cubic feet of water to pass in each second of time. The records of the flow of Ashley Creek and of the various irrigation canals, during the season of 1900 show that 48,355 acre-feet approximately, were used upon 17,471 acres, the area irrigated that year, which would be equivalent to an average depth of 2.8 feet of water over each acre. The discharge of 48,355 acre-feet as noted above, for the six irrigating months represents a mean flow of 133 cubic feet per second or, expressed in other terms, the duty of water in the Vernal Valley was 1 second-foot in 131 acres.

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M. LAGRAVE TO PRESIDENT FRANCIS

French Notables Visit St. Louis and Are Entertained by Louisiana Purchase Exposition Officials.

World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, June 14.—M. Michael Lagrave, Commissioner general of France to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, accompanied by Count and Countess de Rochambeau and other distinguished members of the Rochambeau party, were delighted with their visit to St. Louis, where they were guests of officers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Before his departure from New York for France, M. Lagrave telegraphed President Francis of the World's Fair expressing in behalf of the French government, his sincere thanks, and also the gratitude of the other members of the party, for the welcome extended to the commissioner general and his party for France during their stay in St. Louis. "We have all been happy to see what the future World's Fair promises to be," said the commissioner-general, "and we are already certain that under your high direction it is assured of a great success."

To this kind expression President Francis replied: "Wish you pleasant and safe journey home. Enjoyed your visit and hope results will bring more closely together the people who formerly owned this fair country and those who now inhabit it, the leading republics of the old world and the new. We appreciate your kind expressions concerning our exposition; feel greatly encouraged thereby; and shall endeavor to make it worthy of the participation of the great nations whose co-operation we have invited." During his visit to the World's Fair grounds M. Lagrave selected a site on which will be erected the French palace.

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