

Notice of School Warrant Sale

Notice is hereby given that School District No. 54 of Coos County, Oregon will between the thirtieth day of December 1909 and the tenth day of January 1910 offer for sale \$5000 worth of negotiable warrants of the district, bearing 6 per cent interest, warrants for said amount to be divided into four series of \$1250 each running 3, 4, 5 and 6 years respectively, each bona fide resident of the district will have the right to subscribe once for such loan, and for the entire amount, or any portion of the same not less than \$50 at par value, warrants to be issued to smallest subscribers first one warrant to each (if within one series) and in case each bona fide resident of the district has had opportunity to subscribe for such loan and the same has not all been taken and issued to such subscribers or in case subscribers do not call for same within three days after time fixed for delivery, the same will be sold to other subscribers in the same manner as above provided and in accordance with the laws governing the same.

Dated this 2d day of Dec. 1909.
 PRESTON C. STEPHENSON,
 Chairman of the Board.
 Attest: J. W. MAST, Clerk of District
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Notice of Sale of Tide Lands

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon, will sell to the highest bidder, at its office in the Capitol building at Salem, Oregon, on December 14, 1909, at 10:00 a. m., of said day, all the state's interest in the tide and overflow lands hereinafter described, giving however, to the owner or owners of any land abutting or fronting on such tide and overflow lands, the preference right to purchase said tide and overflow lands at the highest price offered, providing such offer is made in good faith; and also providing that the land will not be sold nor any offer therefor accepted for less than \$5.00 per acre the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Said lands are situated in Coos county, Oregon, and described as follows:
 Beginning at a point on the meander line of the Coquille river at the northwest corner of lot 6, which said point is 1320 feet east and 1965 feet north from corners sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, running thence along meander line as follows, to-wit:
 S 84° E 130 feet.
 S 74° 45' E 492 feet.
 North 76 feet to low water line.
 N 75° 15' W 257 feet along low water line.
 N 73° 10' W 232 feet.
 N 80° W 137 feet.
 S 100 feet to place of beginning, containing 1.31 acres, being tide land fronting on west half of lot 6, sec. 17, T. 28, S. R. 14 W. of W. M.
 Applications and bids should be addressed to C. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase tide lands."
 C. G. BROWN,
 Clerk State Land Board.
 Dated this Sept. 28, 1909.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

Quaint Superstitions.

In Ireland there have been for many, many ages curious superstitions regarding fairies. In the old time these imagined little elfins were thought to be half human and half spirit nature and had strange powers over humankind. The good folk of Erin used to appropriate the fairies in many ways, a few of them being as follows:
 If a child spilled milk on the floor the mother would say, "That's for the fairies," thinking that some fairy had caused the accident. Thus the careless child went unrebuked. If one were throwing slops out of the window or door she must cry out to the fairies, "Take care of the water!" Otherwise some fairy passing might get drenched and retaliate in some unpleasant manner. If a horseshoe were nailed over one door it would prevent the fairies from entering to do mischief to the inmates. If a small piece of iron were sewed into an infant's garment the fairies would never molest it by causing it to suffer colic pains. If a large vessel filled with pure drinking water were placed in the kitchen at night the fairies on entering would not touch the food there, but content themselves with drinking the water.

Hunt the Slipper.

The players in this game seat themselves in a circle on the floor, having chosen one of their number to remain outside the circle. The children seated on the floor are supposed to be cobblers, and the one outside is the customer who has brought his shoe to be mended. He hands it to one of them, saying:

Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe;
 Get it done by half past two.

The cobblers pass the shoe around to each other as quickly as they can, taking care that the customer does not see which of them has it. When the customer comes to take it he is told that it is not ready. He pretends to get angry and says he will take it as it is. He must then try to find it, and the cobbler who has it must try to pass it to his neighbor without its being seen by the customer. The person upon whom the shoe is found must become the customer, while the customer takes his place in the circle on the floor.

The Discontented Ass.

A poor ass, benumbed with cold in the middle of winter, sighed for springtime. It came soon enough, and Master Grizzle was obliged to work from morning to night. That did not please him; he was naturally lazy. All asses are. He wished to see the summer. This season is much more agreeable—it arrived.
 "Ah, how hot it is!" cried Master Grizzle. "I am all in a sweat. Autumn would suit me much better."
 He deceived himself again, for he was forced to carry to market baskets filled with pears, apples, cabbages and all sorts of provisions. He had no rest; he had hardly time to sleep.
 "Fool that I was to complain of the winter," said he. "I was cold, it is true. But at least I had nothing to do but drink and eat. And I could lie down quietly on my litter all day long, like an animal of importance."
 Each season of life has its advantages and its inconveniences. The prudent man complains of none of them.—From the French of Perrin.

The Lost Wand.

Ruth and her mamma were out driving in the country, and they saw growing all along the roadside tall stalks of goldenrod. They stopped to gather some, and while Ruth was plucking it her mamma told her how it happened to grow.
 It seems that one day while a fairy prince was out riding on his beautiful brown, red and yellow butterfly he lost his long golden wand. All day long he hunted for it, but could not find it, but the next day when he rode the butterfly over the meadows he found a little girl admiring a beautiful new golden flower. He saw that it was his wand which had taken root and grown up just like other flowers. It was so pretty that he decided to let it stay there and blossom for the pleasure of the earth people.

What is the Article Thought Of?

The company may be asked to think of some article in the room. One of the pair who are in the secret previously leaves the room. When something has been decided upon he is called back.
 Suppose they have fixed upon the clock. The question may run something like this: "You are to name the article in this room which has been thought of. Is it the wall paper?" "No." "Is it the curtain?" "No." "Is it the mirror?" "No." "Is it the armchair?" "No." "Is it the clock?" "Yes."
 This seems puzzling, but the trick is easy, the questioner having arranged that the right article shall be mentioned next after something that has four legs.

About That Hump.

Oh, papa, dear, do tell me where The camel got his hump! Did something heavy fall on him To raise that awful lump?
 Or was he turning somersaults, Like acrobats genteel, And struck a— Oh, I have it now! I think he rode a wheel!

If.

She watched the boys who were playing ball,
 Then said, as she shook her curls,
 "If I were only a boy I'd be
 The happiest of girls!"
 —Youth's Companion.

STUDY OF JAPANESE.

Difficulties of the Spoken and the Written Language.

Army officers who are thinking of taking up the study of Japanese should pause before they attempt the task and ask themselves whether they have a peculiarly strong linguistic aptitude. Even the Japanese find their language very difficult. The Anglo-Saxons who growl about the difficulties of our spelling and favor the simplified system would never live if they had to undergo what the subject of the mifado suffers in the matter of language.

It takes a Japanese child seven years to learn the essential parts of the alphabet. There are 244 signs which serve the same purpose as initial letters in English dictionaries. Then after you have tracked down in one of these 244 signs some part of the character for which you are about to make a search you still have a veritable darkest Africa ahead of you. The pompous first personal pronoun is avoided whenever it is possible in speaking Japanese. If it must be used it is introduced casually, but generally the abstract noun "selfishness" serves in its stead.

For example, a Japanese would not say, "I don't drink wine," but "Wine don't drink," or, if this is not clear enough, "Selfishness wine don't drink." Reference to your possessions must be deprecatory. Thus if a man wishes to point out his own residence he says, "That miserable house," which, of course, could refer to no other than his own.

On the other hand, "That beautiful house" would easily identify the house as belonging to some one else. Moreover, any one who wishes to learn Japanese must be prepared to learn two languages—the written and the spoken. The one differs so materially from the other that if a Japanese is reading a book or newspaper and wishes to do so aloud it becomes necessary for him to translate the written words into the colloquial. To be able to read any of the higher class Japanese newspapers it is necessary to master at least from 2,500 to 3,000 ideographs.—Army and Navy Journal.

PROMPT TO ACT.

A Man Who Seemed Always to Be Ready For Emergencies.

To be ready for emergencies was one of the gifts of Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, the great teacher of the blind, writes his daughter, Mrs. Laura E. Richards, who has edited his "Letters and Journals." She gives several instances in which his quick action prevented serious accidents.

Once at Green Peace my father was going to drive with my mother and my sister Florence in a closed carriage with a large window in front.
 As the driver was mounting the box he dropped his whip and got down to recover it. This startled the young horses, and they bolted down the driveway.

My father tried to open the big window, but it stuck fast. He flashed through the plate glass as if it had been paper and, catching up the reins, stopped the runaway in less time than it takes to tell it.

When Thomas came running up, white and breathless, he found "doctor" quietly shaking the bits of glass from his coat and hat and explaining to my terrified mother that he "went so quick there was no time to get out."

Still another memory of my mother's shows his quickness in a different way. He was walking along Washington street one day when a furious dog rushed at him and bit his hand severely.

There was no Pasteur Institute in the forties. My father instantly raised up the skin and flesh of the bitten part and, holding it, firmly, entered the nearest apothecary's shop.

"Cut this piece off," he said briefly. The apothecary exclaimed in horror. He could not, he would not, without a surgeon's order. It was out of the question.

"I am a surgeon," said my father, "and I command you to cut it off." It was cut off. My father dressed the wound with his other hand and went about his business.

The Navel Orange.

The first we know of the navel orange, which is very valuable not only on account of its fine quality and taste, but also because of its being seedless, is of a single tree that was found growing on the northern shore of the Mediterranean sea. This was about the year 1565. Grafts of this tree were taken to Spain by the Moors several hundred years ago, and from Spain the trees were carried to South America by the Spaniards.—St. Nicholas.

Beat Solomon a Mile.

She—That's Mr. Osborn over there. He married a million. He—You don't say! Well, that beats Solomon to a frazzle.—Boston Transcript.

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