

When Armour and Cudahy raise the price of meats, that is a corner on meats; when the sugar trust raises the price of sugar, that is a corner on sugar; when the coal operators combine and raise the price of coal, that is a corner on coal.

The New Dispensation (Corvallis, Or.): A lovely confidence game has been worked on pruned groves of this vicinity. Several car-loads of fine pruned whipped east from here this fall were shipped consumed by commissions and freight charges, leaving the shippers minus the pruned and expense of packing.

The Denver Road: Eli Gage, the thrifty scion of Lyman J. Gage, was stripped and given twenty-five lashes on his bare back by Klondike miners for bringing whisky into camp.

Capital Journal: Christ protected the weak and lowly, he scourged the rich—rich because they had been and were the despoilers of mankind. He extended help and sympathy for the poor; he strove to uplift the downtrodden; he honored the rich who gathered riches by industry, whose riches represented earnings; but those who gathered riches by preying upon others, whose riches represented not the earnings of industry, but stealings, he would not condone.

Oregonian: Ignoring all personal references in the letters of Dr. Harry Lane, recently published, it may be said that his picture of the class of men, chronic hangers-on about the capital for official place and perquisites, is drawn from life. "Human scavengers" is a term strongly but justly expressive of a type of men whose petty cunning in low-grade politics as engineered by party bosses is rewarded year after year by official position.

Professor James E. Keeler, of the Allegheny observatory, Pittsburgh, has accepted an invitation to make the dedicatory address at the opening of the Yerkes observatory. He is the scientist who established the fact that Saturn is composed of masses of small satellites revolving around the planet. He is best known for his work with the spectroscope.

For fresh bread, go to Mrs. Wilkins.

District Attorney Yates has made admissions during this term of court.

Dr. Carter's father came in on a visit from the valley last Sunday.

There will be a social dance at Odd Fellows' hall next Saturday night.

Uncle Shad Hudson, of Curry county, is with us again, and may remain, desiring to make his home here.

If you want your Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, or anything at the lowest "Racket" prices, go to the Fair Store.

Albert M. Gilman died at his home last night after a long siege of illness and suffering from an abscess of the bowels.

Mrs. Wilkins has moved to this place from Arago. She will resume baking and will furnish bread by the loaf or in quantities.

W. W. Goble, of Ferndale, Cal., came up last week and will visit his friends and old neighbors here for a fortnight. He is also seeing after the sale of his property here.

Will Aiken, a nephew of A. G. Aiken of this place, is visiting his uncle at Marshfield, from Pennsylvania, and will extend his trip to this place and visit his cousins—Henry Collier's family.

BARGAIN FOR 10 DAYS—Twenty-one acres of bottom land, 1/4 mile from Coquille City; 14 acres cleared; good house, barn and orchard of 100 trees. For the next 10 days inquire of

A. J. SHERWOOD.

Rev. C. A. Stine occupied the pulpit at his church last Sunday, having recovered sufficiently from his late injuries as to make the appointment. He will go to Bandon next Sunday and try it once more.

Leonard Coon left some delicious eating apples at this office, for which he has our thanks. They are what are called "Pumpkin Sweet," and are pronounced by Hon. J. H. Upton, a horticulturist and expert in the fruit line, to be the best grown in Oregon.

Prof. Ferguson, the violin virtuoso, was to have given an entertainment here last Saturday night, but the attendance did not justify and so the appointment was cancelled. He will show at Myrtle Point and Bandon shortly and may then renew his appointment at this place.

Attorneys from Myrtle Point and Marshfield, whose cases were not on trial, could return to their homes over night and be back at the opening of court next morning—a convenience never before vouchsafed to them nor to others attending courts in Coos county. So much for the county seat being central in the county.

State Organizer Geo. K. Rogers, of California, representing the Woodmen of the World, will be at this place within the next few days—exact date not known at present—at which time Myrtle Camp at this place will give a social, including a program of vocal and instrumental music and an address from Mr. Rogers. There will also be a log-sawing contest by the Woodmen and a nail-driving contest (free for all, by the ladies, for which prizes will be awarded).

The old saw, which for the past year or two has sheltered and encouraged so much devilry at Riverton, and put neighbor against neighbor and piled up costs against the county for court business was turned loose recently and floated up to this place with the tide and has gone to wreck. She is piled up near the middle of the river to form an obstruction in front of our wharf. Where are the authorities—why is not the responsibility of obstructing navigation placed against the owners?

The members of Mrs. A. L. Nosler's and Mrs. L. P. Maury's Sunday school classes jointly gave a pleasant party last Friday night at the residence of the former. The evening was spent most enjoyably with music, plays and a generally good social time. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nosler, Mrs. Maury, Misses Icy Snow March, Maud Nosler, Reta, Marie and Grace Skeels, Flo Goodman, Pearl Baxter, Nellie Elliott, Lilly Wilson, Lizzie Todd, Flo Boyrie, Jessie Stammers, Birdie and Minnie Nosler and Effie Collier, Messrs. Claude and Fred Nosler, Charley Lorecz, Is Nosler, Clyde and Fred Gage, Ed Moran, Ned Lawrence, Aaron Wilson and J. S. McEwen.

Another Railroad Accident

Occurred on our Coos Bay-Roseburg railroad last Friday night, about 9 o'clock, about 3 miles this side of Marshfield. As we learn it, a log had struck from a truck and one end struck the earth, which drove it back against the moving cars, five of which and the caboose were derailed and injured more or less. Three persons were in the caboose, but except some severe jolting and knocking about they received no injuries, and the train hands escaped. It took several hours' work to clear the track and put things in working order again. The damage to property was very light, considering the chances.

Two Italian fishermen lately but tied three hours with a man-eating shark they had caught in their net in San Francisco bay, before they succeeded in beating the 500 pound monster to death with the oars of their boat. The monster was the first one found in the water of the bay for many years and was quite a curiosity.

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THE MURDER CASE.

J. N. Russell Found Guilty

IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Many Witnesses on the Stand Both for the State and Defense.

The Russell murder case was on trial at the hour our paper went to press last Tuesday, only six jurors having been secured from the regular list. A special venire of 24 more was summoned and six more names secured, making the jury to consist of the following persons: George H. Wilson, John O. Bates, Daniel McIntosh, J. N. Weekly, J. M. Whetstone, E. M. Hermann, John Burgess, Thomas Krewson, George Stevenson, B. Bailey, G. T. Robinson, J. E. Tanner.

After statements of the case by both the state and defense, the defense requested an order to have medical expert witnesses present during the trial, the request being acceded to.

On the 8th of November, 1896, Russell shot Andrew Carlson, his son-in-law, at Russell's home near Randolph. Carlson was in the sitting room with some of his children, and Daisy Russell, a daughter of Russell's. Russell was in a bedroom adjoining the sitting-room. He had a 45-70 Sharp's rifle, and shot Carlson in the head, firing through a narrow crack in the partition. The killing was not denied, as the defense, relying on the plea of insanity, attempted to prove the same by the singular conduct of the defendant at various times. The defense appeared to depend on that plea and the want of a motive for the killing to clear the defendant. Messrs. Watson & Watson made a very strong defense, and their arguments to the jury were able and eloquent.

The attorneys for the state were Messrs. Yates, district attorney, Sinclair and Upton. Mr. Upton made the opening statement in a clear and effectual manner. Mr. Yates conducted the examination of witnesses and succeeded in eliciting testimony on cross-examination of defendant's witnesses that materially helped to break down the theory of insanity, and proved that Russell knew he had committed a punishable offense immediately after the shooting.

Wednesday evening Mr. Sinclair made the opening address to the jury, showing in his argument that he had made a careful study of the law and the evidence in the case.

Following him were the arguments for the defense by Judge Watson and D. L. Watson, Jr., the latter evidencing ability and skill and doing credit to his father, the judge. Both did all that could be done for Russell.

District Attorney Yates closed the arguments, reviewing in a clear and able manner the law and the evidence in the case.

The charge to the jury by the court was fair and impartial, and we think the accused had a fair trial. While everybody will feel sorry for the family of Russell, who are spoken of as and known to be good citizens and deserving people, the prevailing sentiment of the community seems to be that justice has been done by the verdict of the jury. They did not believe the defendant insane to the extent that he was not accountable for the killing, and brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Carlson left five small children. They are doubly orphans, as their mother died something over a year ago, making the matter so much more deplorable. Carlson is spoken of by his acquaintances as having been an honest, hard-working man, who had to the last provided well for his family. The trial occupied the greater part of three days.

The following were witnesses in the Russell murder case: For the state—John Perrott, Daisy Russell, John McCue, A. D. Morse, A. H. Hultin, A. Monk, D. L. Perkins and Laura E. Hultin; for the defense—James Catching, Ellen Catching, Col. C. T. Blumenrother, H. W. Dunham, Dr. C. W. Tower, D. L. Watson, Jr., H. N. Russell, Joseph Russell, Mrs. J. N. Russell, Ellen Russell, Dr. J. H. Kime, Moses Levar, J. A. Dubell, Wm. Turner, W. W. Gage, Judge J. H. Schroeder, C. A. Gage, Edward Fahy, sr., Dr. Culin, Dr. J. T. McCormac.

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UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille and What is Going on There.

Wm. Hood of Rural was in town Sunday.

R. L. Wagner returned from Riverton last Sunday.

F. R. Archer and family left for Portland this (Tuesday) morning.

Capt. T. W. McClosky's new residence is being neatly painted.

If your bicycle tire is peculiarly marked, you should remember it.

Messrs. Reed and Leek will open a photograph gallery in town in the near future.

G. W. Pembroke has purchased Uncle John Miltenburger's residence property, near the school building.

R. C. Dement and family now occupy their residence property in town recently purchased of J. A. Lehnher.

Geo. Laingor was in town last Sunday and informs us that he will be in the rush for the Alaskan gold fields in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Black started for San Francisco last Wednesday. Mrs. Black will extend her visit as far as Illinois.

W. E. Rackleff's sawmill started up again Monday morning and will soon have a supply of fine white cedar lumber on hand.

Elder Luff, of the Latter Day Saints persuasion, is still holding meetings in Dixon's hall which are instructive and interesting.

J. A. Haines of Eckley is hauling brick from Myrtle Point, and says he will enjoy the comforts of a fireplace the coming winter.

W. H. Brown, of the firm of Hermann & Brown, started for San Francisco last Wednesday, going as far as Marshfield and returning Thursday.

We are enjoying the finest weather of the season and such as is found in no other part of the world. Coos county is justly proud of her allotment.

Many of our people who are in attendance at court leave home in the morning and return at night. This is a convenience never before realized by our people.

It is a great inconvenience to the farmers to be compelled to go to the East Fork mill to get their grain ground, although they report a good yield of flour whenever the mill is reached.

Geo. Hall, of Johnson creek went over to the bay last week. Mr. Hall brings the news of a very rich strike on Sucker creek, in the shape of a copper lode and very rich in gold.

The beautiful moonlight nights of late have been a treat to the bicyclists who have made good use of the opportunity and the good roads before winter puts an end to this kind of amusement.

H. B. Steward has the contract to rebuild the wing or drift protection on the east end of the Myrtle Point bridge, and now has much of the material on the grounds. Chas. Schroeder will assist him.

Death of Mrs. Abraham at Roseburg.

At her home in Roseburg, October 6, 1897, Mrs. Julia Abraham, wife of Solomon Abraham, departed this life, aged 63 years, 2 months and 15 days.

Mrs. Abraham was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tinkle, pioneers of Douglas county. A husband and three children, Mrs. J. G. Mack and Maurice and Albert Abraham of Portland, survive her.

Mrs. Abraham was quite a prominent and influential woman in Roseburg, always ready with a helping hand in the hour of need in all charitable movements. Her absence from our midst will be sadly felt by all and the deepest sorrow pervades the entire community in which she lived.

Her burial was under the auspices of the Rebekahs, W. R. C. and O. E. S. jointly, of which orders she was an exemplary member. The funeral took place from the Odd Fellows' temple last Friday at 2 p. m.

Burglary in Roseburg.

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 5.—During the supper hour last evening, some person entered the shop of Jerry Wilson, jeweler and watch maker, through the back window and carried off 12 gold watches. No arrests have been made.

D. M. Reidle, of Oregon City, is preparing to put up a cement factory at the W. T. Kerley quarry, just east of Oakland, having leased a plot of ground there for 99 years. Work will begin about the 15th inst, and later on a barrel factory will probably be built, the combined industries employing quite a number of men.

Neal Dow, the veteran prohibitionist, died at his home in Maine Saturday. He was 93 last March.

S. C. Braden and wife left for Roseburg Tuesday.

S. B. Hermann and family returned from Roseburg last Sunday.

Mrs. D. Giles has just received a new stock of millinery goods for the winter trade.

F. P. Hermann and family now occupy the old Border residence near the brick store.

J. J. and W. W. Endicott have moved to town and will engage in the blacksmithing business.

Miss Daisy Giles closed a 54 months' term of school in the Rackleff district last Friday.

Dr. G. D. Elgin of Sixes river is spending a few days in town visiting with his many friends.

Capt. J. H. Giles is at the helm of the steamer Ralph during the absence of Capt. James Wall.

The steam whistle of Wall Bro's sawmill reminds us that they are still in the world of activity.

Miss Rose Border arrived at this place last Friday. She will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hermann.

The local sports armed with 22-caliber rifles are as active as ever, but no large bags have been reported recently.

The German Baptists have been holding a series of interesting meetings in their church below town last week.

Mrs. Ida Murphy left for Portland Tuesday morning, after having enjoyed quite an extended visit along the coast with her many friends.

Wm. Page and J. C. Brown left for the Sucker creek mines last Sunday. Each had a gunny-sack in which to transport their Klondike when they find it.

The mail service between this place and Dairyville, which was recently suspended, has been re-established. This will be a great convenience to the people living along the line.

Under the supervision of A. L. Buell, work is reported as progressing rapidly on the Myrtle Point-Dairyville wagon road, and that much-needed thoroughfare will be cleared of brush and logs yet this season.

F. R. Archer, the government superintendent on the river improvement work, last week completed the wharf and boat landing at the forks of the river which will be head of navigation until the rains set in.

"The alarm clock" was a great invention, and at no age of the world was more fully appreciated than by the present generation. We shall purchase one for our department that important events may not pass by while we slumber.

The little steamer Emily has been taken to the bay, where she will run hereafter. Capt. James Wall at the wheel, with Evau Morgan at the engine, the boat crossed the Bandon bar Friday noon and arrived at Empire City Saturday noon, after spending the night at sea.

Startling Testimony in the Wellburn Trial.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—The sensational feature of the Wellburn trial today was the testimony of William H. Dillard, colored messenger for ex-collector Wellburn, who still retains his position under Collector Lynch. He swore that he forged the name of Clerk Aiken to salary checks and vouchers for several months at the request of the ex-collector, and that it was his habit to sign Wellburn's name during the absence of the collector.

He declared that he had become such an expert with the pen that he could not tell his imitation of Wellburn's signature from one that was genuine. He also testified that after he had confessed his wrongful acts in the preliminary examination of Wellburn, his salary had been advanced from \$900 to \$1200 a year. At first, Dillard said that Chief Deputy Loupe was present when Wellburn first told him to write Aiken's name, but later declared that he was uncertain on this point.

W. L. Johnson, his wife and two children, were on the way to Ashland last Thursday. Coming down the Keene-creek mountain, their four-horse team became frightened at a man and a shepherd dog pup that was passing on the road, and becoming unmanageable, ran away about half a mile. Mr. Johnson was thrown out of the wagon, and Mrs. Johnson, with her 2-year-old babe in her arms, jumped out of the vehicle in an effort to save herself and landed among a pile of rocks, on top of the infant. After the horses were under control, the wife and child were picked up suffering and bruised considerably and brought to Ashland. Both are now getting along nicely, though the child may be injured internally.

John Shook made a \$17,000 day sale in Klamath the other day.

Advertisement for Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco. Includes an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing the product and a coupon for a free trial.

Advertisement for Western Medicine Co. titled "We Send it Free" and "Bright Men". Promotes a medicine for various ailments, including weak men and young men, and offers a free trial.

Advertisement for Smith's Cash Store, located at 25-27 Market St., San Francisco, Cal. Promotes various goods and services.

Advertisement for Executor's Notice, regarding the estate of James McNaughton, deceased. Includes details of the executor and the date of the notice.

Advertisement for Treasurer's Notice, regarding a special meeting of the stockholders of the Coos County Mercantile & Shipping Association. Includes details of the meeting and the purpose of the transaction.

Advertisement for The Wonders of Science, specifically "Lung Troubles and Consumption Can Be Cured". Promotes a scientific treatment for lung ailments.

Advertisement for C. C. Myers, Architect and Practical Builder. Promotes architectural services and building construction.

Advertisement for Wool! Wool! Promotes wool products and offers a free trial of wool for various uses.