

Burned to Death.

About seven years ago a daughter was born to the daughter of Senter Payton, at the Occidental hotel in this city. The mother and father were members of a theatrical company that was playing an engagement in this city at the time of the birth. The child was named "Tribby Corvallis Curtis." About three or four years ago the parents again visited Corvallis and the little girl appeared on the stage during the entertainment. Owing to the circumstances of the child's birth and the fact that she was named after this city, many took a keen interest in the little thing and kept posted on her whereabouts. Dr. C. H. Lee, of this city, attended the mother at the time the child was born, and the parents have corresponded regularly since that time.

A few days ago Dr. C. H. Lee received a letter announcing that the little girl had been burned to death in Chattanooga, Tenn. According to the information received, the mother and little girl occupied a room in a hotel that had a fireplace in it. A week ago Sunday morning the mother arose and a fire was kindled on the hearth. When the mother had about completed her toilet the child arose. The little girl went over to the fire-place and got too close to the fire. Her nightgown caught fire. The mother caught the child up in her arms and screamed for help.

One of the members of the company, who occupied a nearby room, heard the mother scream and rushed to her assistance. The man was obliged to break the door in order to gain an entrance to the room, and when he got in he threw a blanket around both mother and child. The child did not at first show signs of being fatally burned, but she expired about 24 hours later. It is thought that she inhaled the flames. This is sad news for many people in Corvallis, who extend their sympathy to the bereaved parents.

The stage name given the little girl was "Baby" Josephine Curtis. Dr. Lee received a clipping from the Chattanooga News of January 12, of which the following is a paragraph:

"Baby Josephine Curtis was born in Corvallis, Oregon, May 5, 1895, and was therefore past seven years of age. She was one of the most winsome and best known child-actresses in the country. She was a niece of Misses Vina and Lucy Payton, and the granddaughter of Mr. Senter Payton. The mother placed the child on the stage a few weeks after she was born, where she has been ever since. The father of the child resides in Big Springs, Tex. He has been notified of the death of the child and will arrive in this city tomorrow morning."

Parents' Meeting.

The attention of the patrons of the public schools of our city and neighboring vicinity is called to the "Parents' Meeting" arranged by Supt. Denman to be held in Corvallis, January 31. The great benefit arising from such meetings is beyond question. The crying need of the public school at the present time is the bringing of the home and school into closer relation. The value and benefit of such a blending of forces is apparent to every patron of our schools. It is the duty of every parent to show by their action their interest in such work. Every patron who possibly can should attend this meeting. In order to insure a successful time Corvallis Grange No. 242 has united with Supt. Denman on this occasion. They intend to not only be present but have taken a prominent part in the program. The plan of meeting is to have parents bring their dinner with them and join with the teachers and Grangers in having a good time. It is Supt. Denman's intention to see personally, as far as possible, the parents of our city and urge their attendance.

While the preparation of a lunch means some time and trouble, yet the benefit to be derived by such an event will more than repay any expense incurred. The teachers of our public school have taken hold of this meeting with a determination that insures a grand, good time. Each grade of the public school

will be represented in the exercises. A complete program will appear in next issue of the GAZETTE.

After Ten Years.

Edson Nash, a nephew of Geo. W. Fuller, of this city, arrived in Corvallis, Tuesday. He formerly resided in this county, but left here about ten years ago and went to Idaho and sections of country adjoining that state. He finally drifted onto the Nez Perce Indian Reservation and bought a body of land from an Indian. At that time he says one could ride 60 or 70 miles and would see nothing more in the way of civilization than a "shack" here and there. Conditions changed rapidly up there and today it is quite a populous country. Towns as large as Corvallis have sprung into existence, land advanced rapidly in price and the entire country was reclaimed, so to speak.

Last spring Mr. Nash sold his farm at a good figure and after looking back to the country a bit, drifted back to his old home for a few days' visit with relatives and friends. He says that in the main he does not see a great change in Corvallis—in many respects the town has gone forward, but not beyond an easy stage of recognition.

In a short time he intends to return to Idaho and locate on some land. He does not expect to go to the Nez Perce country, but will visit the Paradise or Rose Prairie section. This is something like 75 miles from Lewiston, and in Mr. Nash's opinion will be settled up rapidly.

Going to Valdez.

George W. Smith intends to leave, Monday, for Valdez, Alaska. He will accompany the Roland brothers, who will go to Portland, Sunday. The latter have been in the far north engaged in mining for the past six years and have been very lucky. For a period they mined near Dawson, but a present have mining claims about 175 miles in the interior from Valdez. They are presumed to hold mining property worth \$200,000 or \$300,000. On arriving at Valdez the party will sled their outfit to their claims and Mr. Smith will most likely accompany them. The Valdez country, it is thought, has a great future. According to the Oregonian a few days ago, there is to be an all-American line of railroad run from Valdez to Dawson. If this proposition is a go, things in that section will hum.

One of the Roland brothers has his family domiciled in this city and the other brother has just made a trip to his old home in Nebraska. A couple of months ago some of the gold brought out by them was on exhibition in a show window of a jewelry store in this city. The nuggets were quite large and of a fine quality of gold.

Is Somewhat Odd.

Human nature is a very peculiar thing—this statement cannot be successfully contradicted. Ten years ago a man appeared on James Wilkinson's farm some twelve or fifteen miles south of this city, and in spite of the fact that Mr. Wilkinson ordered him from the premises, went to work. He was a rather spare, athletic fellow in those days and proved to be a good farm hand. He was allowed to remain and work. Weeks passed into months and months into years and still the man worked on. He asked for no money—all he wanted was duck clothing and plenty to eat. While decidedly odd in some ways, he is no fool and uses good judgment about his work. On more occasions than one he has proved most reliable. What his name is nobody knows, but he responds to "Ned." During all these years he has remained a mystery; he has worked, eaten and slept, and seemed to care for nothing further. He is still on Mr. Wilkinson's farm and from a trimly-built man has developed into goodly proportions. His overalls are now a snug fit when the waist-band is 50 inches in length—the legs need be only 30 inches long. From what we can learn "Ned" is all right.

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LECTURED ON ASTRONOMY.

Prof. Lance's Knowledge of the Solar System Doubtful by the Small Boy.

Acquaintances of E. M. Lance—who in Benton county does not know Ed Lance?—will appreciate the following narrative, which appeared in Wednesday's Oregonian: "That professor," said a small boy at the Russellville School, yesterday, in a voice vibrant with disgust, "that professor don't know no'n." And he shot about four withering glances at Professor E. M. Lance, the principal who was delivering a lecture on "Astronomy" to the pupils.

The pedagogus was endeavoring to instill a thirst for knowledge into the rising generation, but achieved his most complete success in convincing some of his juvenile audience that he was dwelling in an abysmal ignorance of things solar, lunar, stellar and astronomical.

"The sun," said Professor Lance, with the true-oratorical inflection, "is 93,000,000 miles away from us."

Not being prepared to argue the point the small boy accepted it with a vague but inarticulate distrust, and the learned man, who had told the school children to question him freely, proceeded uninterrupted.

"Ninety-five million miles," said he, "is so great a distance, that if a boy had an arm long enough to reach the sun, it would be many thousand years before he knew he was burnt." And the pedant paused benignantly that his illustration might percolate the mental jungle before him.

It was at this juncture that the small boy reached the stage of indignation which demands a verbal outburst. He rose from his seat as Mr. Lance invited the curious to do, and sought the speaker's eye.

"How is that?" said the small boy with the forceful brevity of language which belongs to the young, the unlettered and the foreign-born. "How can it be? If I put my hand on the stove I know it right away. Isn't the sun just as hot as the stove?"

The professor carefully explained the matter to the skeptic, who resumed his seat, vanquished by the mellifluous verbiage of the lecturer, but unconvinced. His distrust of Mr. Lance as a leader in the paths of knowledge was rapidly growing. And then the schoolmaster turned to the subject of gravitation.

"Were the force of gravitation suspended for one brief moment," said the imaginative professor, "everything on the earth would immediately fly off into space at an inconceivable velocity."

At the risk of invoking a very material wrath upon himself, the doubting Thomas in the rear seat once more rose.

"Where would we go to?" he asked.

About this time the lecture adjourned.

Unitarian Services.

"Four Fundamental Articles of Liberal Christian Faith" will be the subject of a sermon by Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., to be delivered at Barret Lyceum (near the east end of Marys River bridge) next Sunday evening, January 25, at 7:30 o'clock. The use of this hall has been courteously accorded the speaker at an hour when it is not needed by the Spiritualist Society. This sermon will be the first of a series of four to be held upon alternate Sunday evenings, viz: January 25, February 8, February 22, and March 8. Mr. Elliott represents a denomination distinguished in its membership by such names as those of Lowell, Holmes, Bancroft, Julia Ward Howe, and Edward Everett Hale; and in this series of Sunday evening sermons, the speaker will attempt to set forth clearly principal ideas characterizing the Unitarians today. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

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United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 29, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

ANNA WIPRUT, of Salem, county of Marion, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 5995, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 14 of Section No. 12 in Township No. 13 S., Range No. 7 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Saturday, the 7th day of March, 1903.

She names as witnesses: Lilla Smith of Portland, Or.; Morris Wiprut of Salem, Or.; Herman Hirschberg of Independence, Or.; Michael G. Flynn of Philomath, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of March, 1903. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 8, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Samuel C. Dixon, of Philomath, county of Benton, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5980, for the purchase of the E 1/4 of SW 1/4 and Lot 4 of Section No. 6 in Township No. 12 S., Range No. 6 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton county, Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1903.

He names as witnesses: John W. Hyde, Ed Hawkins, Frank M. Springer, and Nathan W. Worthington, all of Philomath, Ore.

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Emoline Fry, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Benton county, State of Oregon, his final account as such administrator of said estate, and Saturday, the 7th day of February, A. D. 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing objections to said report and the settlement thereon. F. J. FRARY, Administrator of the estate of Emoline Fry, deceased.