

Negative Benefactions.
 "It is an unappreciative world," said Mrs. Cayenne, with a sigh.
 "A great many people have found it so."
 "Yes. My friends ought to be very grateful to me, indeed, but they're not."
 "For what?"
 "For the disagreeable things I think and don't say."—Washington Star.

A Perfect Dream.
 "The safe have fell over, ma'am, on top of the new sample hat, and mashed it," said the apprentice, producing a jumbled mass of flattened millinery.
 "Ah, now it is a perfect dream! Eat a new card on it: 'Crushed shapes; latest out. Price, \$99.99,'" said the delighted St. Catherine street milliner.—Montreal Star.

A Tramp's Work.
 "Hello, Walker! What y' up to now days?"
 "Well, Lazy, I'm lookin' for a chance t' work."
 "Aw, come off! You don't expect me to believe that?"
 "Cert. It's de truth. I'm lookin' fer a chance t' work some soft guy fer the price of a drink."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Systematic Economy.
 "The idea of your telling me I'm extravagant!" protested Mr. Chugwater, "when I've saved \$500 in the last ten years on one item alone, by a little self-denial!"
 "What item is that?" demanded Mrs. Chugwater.
 "Cutting down my life insurance from \$5,000 to \$1,000."—Chicago Tribune.

Taken from the Enemy.
 The Englishman had been listening to several newspaper men who were ridiculing some alleged bits of humor in a John Bull publication, and at length blurted out, angrily:
 "You Americans have beastly manners. You are always making fun of our jokes. I'm sure I don't see anything in them to laugh at."—Judge.

Prosperous Inventors.
 "There isn't much money in inventions," said the young man with long hair and a thoughtful manner.
 "That's nonsense!" answered Senator Sorghum. "Look at the men who invented trusts and watered stock. The trouble is that you don't invent the right thing."—Washington Star.

Only Road to Wisdom.
 Pearson—The only way for a man to learn all about women is to get married.
 Gregson—And study the ways of his life, eh?
 Pearson—No, listen to what she tells him about other women.—Tit-Bits.

It Would Do.
 "I am a self-made man," said the pompous individual with his chest extended.
 The other looked at him critically.
 "Your excuse is satisfactory," he said.—Brooklyn Life.

Hardly Practicable.
 Mrs. Neulich—Why didn't you come when I rang the bell?
 Servant—Please, ma'am, I didn't hear the bell.
 Mrs. Neulich—Well, hereafter when you don't hear it come and tell me at once.—Chicago Daily News.

For All Causes.
 Man loves to kick with might and main; Sad sounds best fit his mouth.
 He'll brag complain about the rain And then about the drought.
 —Washington Star.

RAILROAD WRECK.

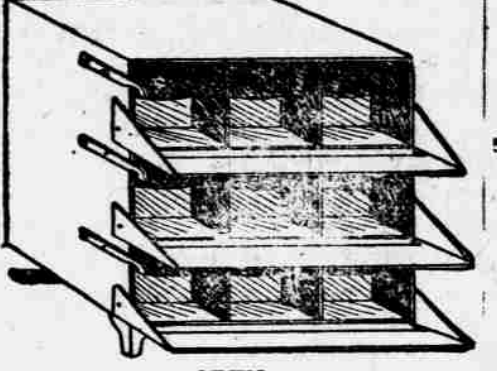
Two Corvallis People in a Railroad Smash-up on Southern Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, who have been residing in this city for the past year, left last week for a years visit in Iowa. They were on the south-bound train that passed through Ashland on March 20. When they arrived at Mott they received orders to hold the train until the track below was cleared of a freight wreck that had taken place that morning. The orders were in some way blundered and the train started south. When they reached the freight wreck in Sacramento Canyon, south of Mott, the southbound overland, ran into the engine that brought the wrecker. J. Sunski, a car repairer, had one leg nearly cut off; Geo. Hudson, another repairer had his head cut and his teeth knocked out, while B. Couley, section man, suffered slight bruises about the head. The engine pulling the southbound passenger was damaged about the front end, the wrecker engine was smashed up in the rear, and the cars that had just been placed on the rails, were thrown off the track. The injured men were taken at once to Dunsuir and placed under medical attendance. None of the passengers of the southbound train were injured, but all were pretty well shaken up. After considerable delay the damaged locomotive pulled the train to Reading and our friends arrived in due time in San Francisco, without further mishap.



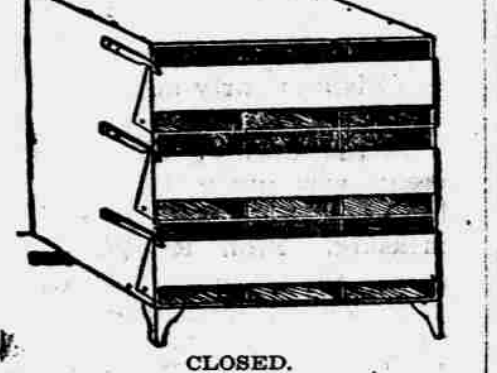
NEAT CABINET NESTS.

They are Compact, Readily Moved, and Easy to Clean.
 They consist of box, 40 inches square, 18 inches deep, with two upright partitions 18 inches wide, equal distance apart. Small cleats are on each side, for the nest to slide in. The back can be covered with any light material, such as old zinc, or an old oilcloth held in place with light strips. The nests



are made of a board wide enough to fill the place, and 18 inches long, with an upright piece five inches wide concaved, for the front of nest, nailed to the bottom, 12 inches from the back end. They should be made interchangeable, so if a hen wants to sit on either one, let her have her own nest, by moving hen and nest together, into either row you wish. The doors are made seven inches wide, hinged to sides by large screws, and should, when closed, leave the open space at top and bottom equal.

The advantages of these nests are



Cut Off Your Trousers Buttons.

The Buttonless Suspenders Now Take Their Place.

Six trousers buttons now become as superfluous as the vermiform appendix. After making centuries of trouble and placing men without number in perplexing predicaments, they can now go out of business for all time.

The new buttonless suspenders differ from the familiar form only in the substitution of clasps for the leather ends; but these clasps are of a peculiar pattern, neat, nicker plated, with a grip like a bull dog's yet warrant not to tear the cloth. Cast-offs both in front and in the back are provided, so that it becomes necessary to open the clasp only when the suspenders are changed from one garment to another. This operation, however, is just as simple as unbuttoning the straps.

Nolan & Callahan have secured the first 100 pairs of suspenders to come to Corvallis, and they are on sale today at their store at the introductory price 50 cents.

THE USUAL VICTIM.

An express messenger on the Great Northern Railroad unknowingly threw away \$10,000 in gold coin. It was buried in the deep snows of the Cascade foothills, where it was found by an honest tramp and restored to proper hands. The tramp was rewarded for his honesty by being given a life-time job on the railroad. The money was lost and found about two weeks ago, and the tramp is now drawing \$75 per month running the pumping station at Chiwaukum, Wash., and can have the job as long as he lives.

According to an announcement made in San Francisco Saturday, by Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager of the S. P. Company, who is soon to be promoted to a position as director of transportation of the Harriman lines, with headquarters at Chicago, C. H. Markham, formerly general freight and passenger agent on the S. P. lines in Oregon and well and favorably known in the business and railroad circles in this state, is to succeed to Mr. Kruttschnitt's position. Mr. Markham is at present vice president and general manager of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad and the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in Texas. Mr. Markham's rise in the railroad world has been exceedingly rapid. His many friends in Oregon are pleased to see his ability recognized.

ABOUT COMB BUILDING.

It Does Not Pay to Let Bees Make Their Own Foundation.

The man who allows his bees to build their own foundation is merely wasting the time of the bees. Sometimes it seems like spending a great deal of money that might be saved to buy foundation, but it is really economical to do so. Honey comb is made of practically pure wax, and this is, in fact, the fat of the bees. It is under the scales of the abdomen and may be seen there if the bee is put under a glass of very ordinary magnifying power. This wax is pulled from its place by the claws of the bees and worked into comb, and this operation takes time that is lost when the colony might be storing nectar if the foundation has been furnished. No man has been able to make foundation that is as soft and pliable as the comb the bees make, but a pretty fair imitation is made that answers all practical purposes.

When honey comb is first made it is, as every one knows, sweet and perfectly palatable, but as soon as brood begins to be grown in it, each embryo weaves a thin cocoon that is never removed, and the cell becomes smaller and the comb darker with each succeeding brood hatched in it. This makes the bees grow smaller and smaller, and such comb should be cut out and melted down for sale before it gets too dark to find a place to keep them.

Where sections are used the comb is, of course, removed often and sold, and here is where the most profitable use of foundation comes in.—Journal of Agriculture.

WITH THE BUSY BEES.

In having a swarm make sure that the queen is inside the hive. A worker-grub can be transformed into a queen when it is five or six days old.

In breeding queens artificially it is important to get good cells for brood of the right age.

An absolute requisite of successful beekeeping is a prompt attention to all of its varied duties.

If a colony has a young queen and is strong in numbers it will carry out the eggs and moths as fast as hatched.

Bees when building comb begin at the top and hang in heavy clusters to the comb until they complete it.

Never allow a swarm of bees to remain out long after setting. Give them as soon as possible and lessen the risk of loss.

In each family of bees there are three distinct kinds, which differ in form, color, structure, size, habits and function.

The activity of queens is governed largely by the activity of the workers! While the workers are storing honey she will lay sparingly. She is stimulated to lay when all its life and activity in the hive.—St. Louis Republic.

Wet Weather

Some consolation.
 Mrs. Dix—I should think you would hate to work nights.
 Spaceryt—I dunno; we have a new baby at our house.—Harlem Life.

SAWYER'S EXCELSIOR BRAND POMMEL SLICKERS
 Man or saddle can not get wet.
 EXCELSIOR BRAND OILED CLOTHING

For all kinds of work. Warranted Waterproof. Look for trade-mark. If not at dealers, write H. E. Sawyer & Son, Sole Mfrs., East Cambridge, Mass.



THE USUAL VICTIM.

"Did anyone ever read his play?"
 "O yes, indeed. He made his wife read it."—Harlem Life.

A Great Weight.
 Tourist—I suppose I can't get a train for three hours?
 Station Agent—O, yes; your train leaves in five minutes.
 Tourist—Ah! That's a great wait off my mind.—Ohio State Journal.

Standing in His Own Light.
 "I'll never give you up, Miss Perkins—never."
 "That's it, Mr. Hopkins: I'd be afraid to marry such a determined, obstinate man as you are."—Detroit Free Press.

Beyond His Province.
 Mr. Kelly—There's a man and his wife fighting up on the sixth floor!
 Officer Boney—Well, phwat of it? Oi can't shtop people from getting married, ye fute!—Puck.

All Right Then.
 Cora—Do you believe in palmistry?
 Merritt—No, my dear. The only time I was glad to find a life line in my hand was when I was shipwrecked.—Town Topics.

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 Spaceryt—I dunno; we have a new baby at our house.—Harlem Life.

Beyond a Whisper.
 "It is a great drawback to getting deaf."
 "Yes, it is; people quit telling you secrets."—Chicago Record-Herald.

IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
 Absolutely Pure
THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

LIVER TROUBLES

"I find Theford's Black-Draught a good medicine for liver disease. It cured my son after he had spent \$100 with doctors. It is all the medicine I take."—MRS. CAROLINE MARTIN, Parkersburg, W. Va.

If your liver does not act regularly go to your druggist and secure a package of Theford's Black-Draught and take a dose tonight. This great family medicine frees the constipated bowels, stirs up the torpid liver and causes a healthy secretion of bile.

Theford's Black-Draught will cleanse the bowels of impurities and strengthen the kidneys. A torpid liver invites colds, biliousness, chills and fever and all manner of sickness and contagion. Weak kidneys result in Bright's disease which claims as many victims as consumption. A 25-cent package of Theford's Black-Draught should always be kept in the house.

"I used Theford's Black-Draught for liver and kidney complaints and found nothing to excel it."—WILLIAM COFFMAN, Marblehead, Ill.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

5 Drawer Singer Machine \$29.00,

7 Drawer Singer Machine \$32.50,

G. A. PRICE, AGENT.

..PIONEER GUN STORE..

Fine line of new guns, sporting goods, fishing tackle, fine cutlery, etc. Stock of G. Hodess at low bargains.

H. E. HODES, Corvallis.

Red Cedar Star Shingles at the sawmill at \$1.60 per M. E. W. Strong.

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\$50.00 TO \$75.00

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ARGUMENT.

All large dealers, like the Portland firms, have enormous expenses that we do not have in the way of immense rent, electric light, clerk hire, freight, drainage and numerous other bills. Especially is this true of their agents who cart their pianos around from town to town, creating bills which you have to share if you buy of them. Large firms save about \$10 on a piano by buying in large carload lots. Do you think that makes up for the above expenses? We are in a position to sell cheaper than any large firm and the way our customer are increasing gives evidence that people are finding it out. Beware of special sales, piano clubs and the like. The retail trade and no firm does. We always make a profit on our pianos and never give anyone a special price, or sell to you for less than your neighbor. As we have but one price the year around. There is not another dealer in the Pacific Northwest, to our knowledge, which has strictly one price on each piano from which they ever deviate. At least have a talk with

M. A. GOODNOUGH

before purchasing and see what he has to offer. Our \$20 piano is a thoroughly good instrument, of beautiful tone, action, finish and workmanship and one which would cost elsewhere \$30 to \$35. We have several new styles coming. Second hand pianos also for sale. Office and residence, Sixth street, one block west of the Court House, Corvallis.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box.

Spring Introduction

We make our Spring Announcement with feelings of gratitude to our friends for their very liberal patronage extended to us during the past year. We open the spring season with the choicest stock of **HIGH GRADE MERCHANDISE** we have ever offered to the people of Corvallis and vicinity.

We extend to our numerous patrons a hearty and warm welcome to our store. We are now ready for inspection—come inland look. Our goods and prices will talk for themselves when you get acquainted with them.

If you have money to spend this spring, we will make a stiff bid to get it, if you can be influenced by **STYLE, QUALITY, WORKMANSHIP, PRICE and QUANTITY.**

Nolan & Callahan
LEADING CLOTHIERS

Notice.

to the Voters of Benton County:
 According to the wishes of a large number of patrons and friends of our public schools, I submit my name to the voters of Benton county for the office of county school superintendent.

Very respectfully,
 S. I. PRATT.
 Philomath, Or., March 7, 1904.

Chief of Police.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Chief of Police, at the coming election to be held May 16, 1904, and if elected will endeavor to see that the laws are enforced to the best of my ability.

LEE HENKLE.

Chief of Police.

I would respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Chief of Police, subject to the will of the majority of voters of Corvallis at the annual May election.

W. G. LANE.

For Police Judge.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Police Judge at the city election to be held May 16, 1904.

E. P. GREFFOZ.

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I am now prepared to do all kinds of well, wind mill and pump work. See me before you have your work done. Send orders to Simpson's Hardware Store.

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Having lots in various parts of Corvallis I will build houses of any plan or price to suit purchaser, providing buyer is able to make one payment, the balance to be paid in installments the same as rent. For further particulars inquire

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5,350 Shares of LeRoy at 60, 2,000 Shares of Oregon Securities at 20c.

This Company has an electric power plant and mill and these Companies will soon pay dividends.

Write me if you want a safe investment.

ALL KINDS OF Sewing Machine Extras,

AT THE Singer Sewing Machine Agency

On Second st, opposite Farmers Hotel,
G. A. Price, Agent.

Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Oregon City, February 5, 1904.
 Notice is hereby given that the approved plat of township 10 south, range 9 west, (fractional) has been received from the Surveyor General of Oregon, and on April 13, 1904, at 9 o'clock a. m. of said date, said plat will be filed in this office, and the land embraced will be subject to entry on and after said date.

ALGERNON S. DRESSEK, Register.
 GEO. W. BISEK, Receiver.

Notice for Publication.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon February 29, 1904.
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton County, Or., at Corvallis, Or., on April 9, 1904, viz: John C. Olson; H. E. No. 12,136, for the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 32, T. 10 S., R. 5 W.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. C. Baker and Edward D. Baker, of Albany, Oregon, John S. Miller and Frank L. Miller, of Kings Valley, Or.
 ALGERNON S. DRESSEK, Register.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Or., January 25, 1904.
 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, Philip H. Johnson of Monmouth, county of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6122, for the purchase of the E. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Section No. 18 in Township No. 13 South Range No. 6 West, 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 Friday, the 8th day of April, 1904.
 He names as witnesses: Charles Newman of Inavale, Oregon, Hiram Newman, Fred Hubler and Frank Fisher of Monmouth, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of April, 1904.
 ALGERNON S. DRESSEK, Register.

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To find investments and as a consequence if there are snags to be had we find them, and if you keep watch of our list you can get them, as we do business for a very small per cent. Therefore, if a bargain is placed in our hands it is a bargain when it leaves our hands. We invite you to look over our list, which will be furnished you on application. We have both farm and city property for sale.

WHITE & STONE,
 Corvallis, Oregon.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of William Wyatt, deceased, by the County Court of Benton county, state of Oregon. All persons having claims against the estate of said William Wyatt, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at his residence near Philomath, Oregon, or at the office of E. E. Bryson in Corvallis, Oregon.
 Dated this 15th day of March, 1904.
 Executor of the last will and testament of William Wyatt, Deceased.
 A. J. WILLIAMS.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
 has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.
 Enclosed with every bottle is a Ten Cent package of Grove's Black Root Liver Pills.