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BELIEVES IN CREFFIELD.

And His Return—Esther Mitchell at Stellicoom.

Old time friends and acquaintances of Esther Mitchell in and about Corvallis will be interested in a Seattle dispatch to the Salem Statesman, which says:

Still believing that some day Creffield, the Oregon Holy Roller, who was killed in Seattle last July, by George Mitchell, will return, Esther Mitchell is spending her days in the Western Washington Asylum for the insane at Stellicoom. She still clings to old beliefs and ideal, and believes that she did right when she shot and killed her brother, George.

The country air and simple life have succeeded in restoring to her face the color that was pale by her long incarceration in the county jail after she committed the crime. Her physical health is almost perfect. She has won the admiration of those in charge at that institution by her willingness to do minor tasks in the women's ward and her cheerful disposition has made her a favorite among the more rational inmates of the asylum, who number more than a thousand.

The officials at the asylum have no fear that the girl slayer will attempt to escape, and no guard is placed over her, with the exception of locking her room at night. She is permitted to roam about the grounds with the other inmates, and her treatment is far different from what she would receive were she an inmate of the women's ward in the penitentiary.

The Reservoir Question.

The reservoir of the mountain water system was thoroughly cleaned Friday. Nothing was found therein of an objectionable nature but a lot of boulders as large as a man's head, which had been thrown in by boys who evidently had nothing of more importance than mischief to occupy their time.

There is considerable discussion just now of the proposition of covering the reservoir entirely, as a means of protection. Some advocate the plan of placing a high, tight fence around it, while others declare that a house should be built entirely over the reservoir and that the doors should be kept securely locked, the superintendent to have charge of the keys.

To an ordinary observer, at least, the latter plan would seem much the better, since no fence that could be built would prove too high for mischievous boys to scale, if his desire to see the other side were strong, nor would it prevent him from pitching boulders over, to hear them "souse."

A house, on the other hand, or the frame work and general hull of a house, with doors securely locked, would prevent all danger both from visitors to the spot, as well as to them, since it would be no difficult matter for accidents to befall parties who might venture to far in their pleasurable investigations about the premises.

At any rate, it is a matter of "the greatest good to the greatest number" and personal ideas, unless based on solid logic, should not stand in the way of providing protection both to the reservoir and against possible accidents.

Don't Put Off

For tomorrow what you can do today. If you put off buying a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, when that pain comes on you won't have any, buy a bottle today. A positive cure for Rheumatism, Burns, Cuts, Sprains, Contracted Muscles, etc. T. S. Graham, Prairie, Grove, Ark., writes: "I wish to thank you for the good results I received from Snow Liniment. It positively cured me of Rheumatism after others had failed. Sold by Graham & Wortham."

Why They Come.

J. E. Johnson of North Dakota has written a little poem that tells the story of western immigration in eloquent language, and tells why Oregon real estate and Oregon homes are in demand. The story is so familiar to all former Easterners now located here that memory turns to eastern scenes when they read:

We are going to Oregon,
Pretty soon.
We are going out to stay,
If there's room.
We are tired of the plains,
With their snow blockaded trains,
So we're going where it rains,
Pretty soon.
North Dakota was a-blooming here
Last year.
When the fields of flax were blooming
Far and near.
But the grain unthreshed lies low,
'Neath a dozen feet of snow,
'O'er it here.
In Oregon the flowers are blooming,
Now I know.
And the pleasure boats are sailing,
To and fro.
While here the rabbits browse
On the tree-tops with the grouse,
And play tag above our house,
On the snow.
Shall we ever see the coming
Of the spring?
Shall we ever live to hear the
Robin sing?
With our fences, grain and barn
All burned up to keep us warm,
We don't think the prairie farm
Is just the thing.
Now it isn't such a pleasant
Place to stay
When it's winter from October
Until May.
Where the winds increasing blow,
Where the air is filled with snow,
And it's thirty five below
Every day.

Resolutions.

Almighty God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in his love and wisdom, has deemed it best to take from us, to his home beyond the skies, our beloved brother Oscar Healey.

In view of the loss sustained, by his departure, by the Corvallis Camp No. 6329 of the M. W. of A. by his earnest friends, and still heavier the severe loss sustained by his sorrowing wife and children, to whom he was the nearest and the dearest and most precious, be it

Resolved, That we tenderly condole and extend to his bereaved wife and children, in this dark hour of trial and affliction, our warmest sympathy; that we commend them to the loving Father for comfort, strength and help to sustain them in this the hour of need who always looks with a pitying eye upon the widow and the fatherless, and does all things for the best.

Resolved, That it is only a just and fitting tribute to the memory of our Esteemed Neighbor, to say, in regretting his removal from among us, we mourn for one who was ever faithful to the task imposed upon him; who was ever a faithful, true, devoted and loyal member of our great order, fidelity to duty being his motto; who was an honest, upright, honored citizen—a good man; a kind, thoughtful husband, a loving and attentive father.

Resolved, That while we deeply mourn with them who knew him best, and loved him most, we share with them the bright hope that heaven gives to the faithful soldier; that the Good Shepherd holds in store for those who do his bidding, his will—the hope of that reunion in that better world where sorrows are unknown, where heartaches are forgotten, where there are no more partings, and bliss ineffable forbids all tears.

Resolved, That this heartfelt testimony of our sympathy, our sorrow, our love, our esteem, be forwarded to his sorrowing wife, and be published in the press of our city

GEO. D. DENMAN,
J. M. HOWARD,
O. J. BLACKLEDGE,
Committee.

GIRL WON IT.

Inter-state Oratorical Contest—Miss Fern Healey.

The inter-state oratorical contest between the Washington State College, the Whitman college and the Oregon Agricultural college was won in this city, Friday evening by Miss Fern Healey of W. S. C. Her subject was "Supply and Demand," and her prize is \$50 worth of books of her own selection. Second place was given to Walter C. Ellis, of Whitman. The subject of his oration was "The Curse of Africa," and while the markings were very close between the two, he was given second position over M. V. Weatherford, the bright young orator of OAC, whose oration, "Patriotism Par Excellence," was of a high order and splendidly delivered.

The judges on composition and thought were: Prof. L. C. Carsons, U. of O.; Prof. W. D. Briggs, Stanford; Prof. F. M. Pedford, University of Washington; delivery, President P. L. Campbell, U. of O.; Hon. A. M. Crawford, Salem; Judge L. T. Harris, Eugene.

While the decision is universally regretted by all friends of OAC, there is no complaint nor criticism to be offered, nor has the high opinion of Mr. Weatherford's oration and ability been in the least lessened by his failure to secure either first or second position. He did splendidly and merits all the praise that has been generously bestowed upon him since the contest.

The orations were all of a high order and the visitors who carried off first and second honors certainly deserve great credit.

The contest was well attended and plenty of enthusiasm was manifested.

The complete program of the evening was as follows: selection, college orchestra; solo, A. G. Boquet; oration, "Patriotism Par Excellence," M. V. Weatherford; selection, double quartette; oration, "Supply and Demand," Miss Fern Healey; solo, Miss Edna Allen; oration, "The Curse of Africa," Walter C. Ellis; solo, O. Glenn Crawford; selection, college orchestra.

Murray & Mack.

The first real musical comedy ever given in Corvallis will be the attraction at the opera house Tuesday May 7th, when Murray & Mack heading the largest aggregation of musical comedy artists brought to the coast. It is big because it contains the best Irish team of singing and dancing comedians in the country, and they are wise enough to surround themselves with the most clever performers the theatrical market affords. Forty people are carried for the production and most of them are girls. A chorus that is a chorus, and comedians that are comedians, the entire entertainment is clean and original.

Seat sale will open next Saturday morning.

For the Weal of Oregon.

There are but few to question the efficiency of farmers' institutes as conducted in Oregon by the State Agricultural College. The institutes are the subject of a vigorous defense just now by several of the agricultural papers of the state. The Pacific Homestead is one, and the Rural Spirit another, that speaks approvingly of the value of the institute work.

The very conception of an institute is the most conspicuous recommendation. It is a gathering of farmers for discussion of farm methods, The fundamental in all progress is agitation. There never was, nor never will be, a reform without a reformer.

Civilization is the outcome of discussion and comparison. A wise man often learns truth from an ignorant one. When farmers meet and agitate with reference to their vocation there is as sure to be extension of horizon and growth of ideas for many or all of them as that death follows life. If with them at such meetings there are experts and scientists who discuss and suggest methods and who answer questions and elucidate problems, a certain result is enlarged views for the farmers, and minds started on a career of investigations and experiments. To deny that this is true is to controvert human nature and to discredit the whole idea of an attempt to educate society at large. It is equivalent to declaring that the agricultural population is beyond the reach or influence of educative process.

There are 42,000 farms in Oregon. Forty-four institutes were attended during the past year by 16,350, of whom obviously the greater portion were farmers and members of their families. The theme in each instance was better livestock, better dairy methods, more conservation of fertility of the soil, better farm methods, more cover, more vetch, more alfalfa and less soil-exhausting wheat, and other topics incident to enlightened and scientific agriculture. Can it be possible that such gatherings, held under such auspices and involving such discussions, are without benefit? On the contrary, of what infinite value must these institutes be to a state as yet developed agriculturally, horticulturally and in other lines to but a petty fraction of its enormous possibilities?—Oregon Journal Editorial.

New Pest Appears.

With the budding of the fruit trees a new bug has been discovered by the farmers, and as its presence has been shown to be harmful to the fruit trees infested, radical measures have been taken to eradicate it. It is something of a fly in appearance brown in color, and with a long, succor-like bill with which it sucks the sap from the unopened leave buds and also destroys the open flower upon currant and gooseberry bushes. Spraying has been found effective in driving the fly away but as soon as the odor of spraying has passed away in the air, the bugs return in great numbers. One frequent disadvantage to the frequent use of the spray, however, is the fact that the chemicals used in it are found hurtful to the fully blown flower. Another reason given by the farmer is, that all this season the fruit blossoms are full of working honey bees that would be killed by the spray.

The bug, while not unlike the rose bug that has pierced the roses to the heart during the past two years is a distinct specimen not seen here before. Its ravages were first seen on the pear blossoms, and horticulturists fear that in addition to its sap-sucking proclivities it may have deposited an egg which will later develop into a worm, in the growing fruit.—Ex.

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