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What's

Worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liment and you will be "well cured." A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navesota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Children's

Favorite tonic is White's Cream Vermifuge, the cure for worms, and all children's diseases. It not only kills the worms, but removes the mucus and slime in which they build their nest. Its action on the child is mild and leaves him in a healthy condition. Joe Daniel, Smae, Tenn., says that he gave one of his children White's Cream Vermifuge when the doctor thought it had colic, and from the first dose the child passed 75 worms. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of Nancy J. Slagle, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Slagle, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator with the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon for Benton County, and the said court has fixed Monday, the 20th day of January, 1908, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as the time for the said court to receive in the court house at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account and for settlement thereof.
Dated this December 26th, 1907.
E. E. WILSON,
Administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Slagle, deceased.

Early to Bed

And early to rise, makes one healthy, happy and wise - especially if you take Herbine before retiring. A positive cure for Constipation, Dyspepsia, and all liver complaints. Mrs. S. Columbus, Tenn., writes: "I always keep a supply of your Herbine on hand. Am so pleased with the relief it gives in constipation and all liver complaints, that words can't express my appreciation." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Jersey Bull For Sale.

Decended from Grand Coin and Golden Glow; imported low testling 18 lbs butter fat in 7 days with first calf. Address, M. S. W. Beck, Corvallis, Oregon. 2t

KEEPING CHRISTMAS.

Spirit of the Day Should Linger Throughout the Year.

It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together is a wise and wholesome custom, writes Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds the man to set his own little watch now and then, by the great watch of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe to the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and to look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness - are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for all your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open - are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world - stronger than hate or evil, stronger than death - and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem 1,900 years ago is the image and brightness of the eternal love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not keep it always? But you can never keep it alone.

Played Basket Ball in Albany.

In a most exciting game of basket ball at the local rink on Thursday night, the Corvallis skating team defeated the local five by a score of 31 to 6. In spite of the large score which the visitors piled up against the Albany boys, the game proved most interesting to the spectators because of this being the first basket ball game played on skates. Familiarity with the finer points of the game combined with the ability to throw baskets whenever the opportunity offered, gave the Corvallis boys their large score. In the first five minutes of play the visitors by swift work piled up the majority of their points, but thereafter during the remainder of the first half and throughout the second half, the local boys held the visitors down, and the game was more even. At the end of the first half the score was 25 to 3. The points for the home team were made on throws from the

goal line with one exception, when Beeson threw a goal from the field. Foster, the OAC center proved the star for the visitors, and his remarkable accuracy in throwing baskets from the field, was responsible in a large degree for the big score of the Corvallis boys. While the game was rough at times, it never failed to be interesting and the spectators were kept in a fever of excitement throughout the game. It is probable another game will be played between the two teams. - Herald.

The All Oregon Fruit Show.

Portland, January 14-15, 1908, will be the scene of the greatest horticultural meeting yet held in the state. Not only will an interesting and instructive program be presented, including talks by the most successful growers and shippers in the states of Oregon, California, Idaho and Washington, but there will be the finest display of winter fruits ever witnessed in the Northwest. A splendid set of cups and awards will be given for the best fruit shown, and the judging will be done by a government officer of national repute. The complete premium list will be announced shortly.

The regular reduced rates will be accorded by the transportation companies provided fifty are present, and the occasion will be one of wide interest to the fruit-growers of this entire Northwest, and particularly of Oregon.

At this time we want to call the attention of every producer of choice winter fruit to the subject of exhibiting and the importance of filing his request for space at an early date.

The exhibit already exceeds in promises, that made last year, so that it is important that exhibitors file their request for space at an early date with J. H. Reid, Milwaukee.

It is not every year that we have an opportunity of having our products passed upon by a national expert. The occasion ought to be one of great value to our growers. Bring or send your unknown or new varieties as well, so that they may be named.
E. R. LAKE,
Secretary.

R. C. Kiger Will Filed.

The will of the late R. C. Kiger has been filed at the clerk's office for probate. The instrument was executed in Corvallis, October 22, 1900, and George W. Irvine and H. S. Pernot are the witnesses.

The estate is valued at \$37,000 and after directing the payment of all just debts, the expenses of his last illness and burial, Mr. Kiger authorizes the payment to his widow, Mrs. Minerva Kiger, for the maintenance of herself and daughter, Miss Minerva Kiger, pending the settlement of estate, \$1000, to be taken from the first money received from the estate applicable to such purpose. He then bequeaths to the widow during her lifetime all the property of which he was possessed, the same after her demise to be given to the three children, John, Will and Minerva Kiger, share and share alike.

All the remaining property, personal and mixed, after the allowance of \$1000 is paid, is ordered to be divided equally between the widow and the three children.

The widow is appointed guardian of the person, property and estate of the minor child, Minerva Kiger, to serve without probate proceedings of any kind; and lastly, the widow is appointed executrix of the last will and testament of the deceased, to serve without bond.

The following appraisers of the estate have been appointed: J. R. Rowland, T. W. B. Smith and Punderson Avery.

A CORVALLIS LAD'S OPINION

Of Sight's Seen in California - Coach Swann's Letter.

"I am now in sunny California and the weather is pretty nice, I must admit," writes Claude Swann to his parents in Corvallis, from San Francisco on December 23. "Lilies and all kinds of house plants are in bloom out of doors. We went out to Golden Gate Park, saw the ocean, San Francisco bay, the place where the Cliff House stood and many other places of interest," writes the little basket ball coach, and continues:

"San Francisco looks like a village for it has never been cleaned up good yet and many of the old buildings are lying just as they fell. The streets have never been cleaned up enough so an automobile can get along. You cannot imagine how terrible the shock was unless you could see things, and of course they are much better now than they were. I can sit right where I am in Hotel Stewart, and look out the window and see for miles and cannot see a building of any consequence that is whole, and all the buildings I can see that are over three stories high are nothing but ruins. There are great piles of brick and twisted frame work to be seen in every direction. The city hall is certainly a tough looking customer, and so is the St. Francis Hotel, which was the finest on the coast. We are staying just across the street from it at a fine hotel. There are eleven of us here, we get a rate and still pay \$35 per day.

"California is all right and there is certainly lots to see. We saw some beautiful scenery as we were coming over the Siskiyou, but the best of all was at Shasta Springs. That is certainly a great place, everything one could wish. We landed there at 7 p. m. and all the lights were on. A little stream flows down the mountain there and it has about 40 small falls and the bed of the stream is lined different colored electric lights with the water flowing over them and maybe you think it isn't pretty.

"The whole Sacramento Valley is not so slow, either. We play tonight at Berkeley, on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Santa Cruz and New Year day at Salt Lake City, so we will be going some in the next week."

"Why Girls Leave Home" - At Opera House Tonight.

The problem "Why Girls Leave Home" is one that has taxed the minds of many parents to solve, but it is said that a careful study of the play by that name which will be presented at the Opera House tonight, will assist materially in the solution, and also point out a moral that cannot go unnoticed. The story is one that is told in a new manner, and by the use of dramatic license forms many stage pictures of interest. It deals principally with four persons, mother, brother and two sisters, one of whom being susceptible to flattery is induced to leave her home against the wishes of her mother, and is lured to a dubious restaurant, and is there induced to drink and associate with debonaire scoundrels and women without principle or aim in life. The story is unfolded in a coherent and connected manner and is absolutely devoid of all horse-play and blood and thunder, so usual in present day productions. The play is produced by an excellent cast and comes highly recommended.

Sheep For Sale.

Eighty head of good ewes bred to thoroughbred bucks. L. A. Houck, Menoro, Oregon, R. F. D. 1. Phone Bellefontain. 1t

Woods Family Reunion.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woods, of this city, was the scene of an enjoyable family reunion on Christmas day. An unusual feature was that four generations were represented at the gathering. The first was represented by J. W. Woods, C. A., C. N. and Master Aeston Woods, all of Corvallis. The second, Mrs. J. N. Woods, Mrs. Linnie Grimshaw, Mrs. Etta Woodworth and little daughter, Lois.

The host and hostess have passed their 50th wedding anniversary but are both unusually hale and hearty, and on this occasion proved themselves royal entertainers. The dinner served by Mrs. Woods will long be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods have two children, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Two grandsons were prevented by business from being present at the reunion. They are L. M. Grimshaw of Portland, and Prof. J. M. Woods of Toledo.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Woods and two children, Walter and Edna; Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Woods and three children, Aeston, Raymond and Isabell, all of Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grimshaw and three sons, Leonard, John and Ray, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth and daughter, Lois, of Portland; S. S. Woods, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, a brother of J. W. Woods; also a nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Woods and son, of Forest Grove. Notwithstanding the stormy weather "peace and goodwill" reigned and the reunion was indeed a happy affair.

CONTRIBUTED.

Death of Anna French.

Friends and acquaintances of the family were surprised and shocked Sunday to learn that Miss Anna French had died suddenly at the family home west of town. According to meagre details learned, the young lady had been ill for a couple of weeks with jaundice but nothing serious was thought of it. On Christmas day Miss French was down town and took cold, but still her trouble was not regarded with alarm by her relatives. Sunday morning, however, she was so much worse that a Corvallis physician was summoned, but before his arrival the young woman was dead.

The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence, the services conducted by Rev. J. R. N. Bell, of the Presbyterian church, and interment was in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Deceased was aged about 19 years and was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry French, well known and respected residents of Corvallis. The parents, brothers and sisters have the deep sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Real Estate Transfers.

Geo. A. Houck to J. J. Houck, land near Bellefontain; \$10.

Cynthia E. Henkle and husband to M. E. Abbott, 160 acres near Philomath; \$10.

M. E. Abbott and husband to C. E. Henkle, lots 7, 8, and 9, block 2, Co. Add Corvallis; \$10.

P. E. Williamson to Malinda C. Williamson, 40 acres near Albany; \$2500.

P. E. Williamson to W. A. Williamson, 60 acres near Albany; \$2500.

M. L. Buckingham to A. M. Taylor, 120 acres near Bellefontain; \$3000.

J. H. Merryman to Mary E. Wright, lots 166, blk 43 Brown's Add Philomath; \$150.