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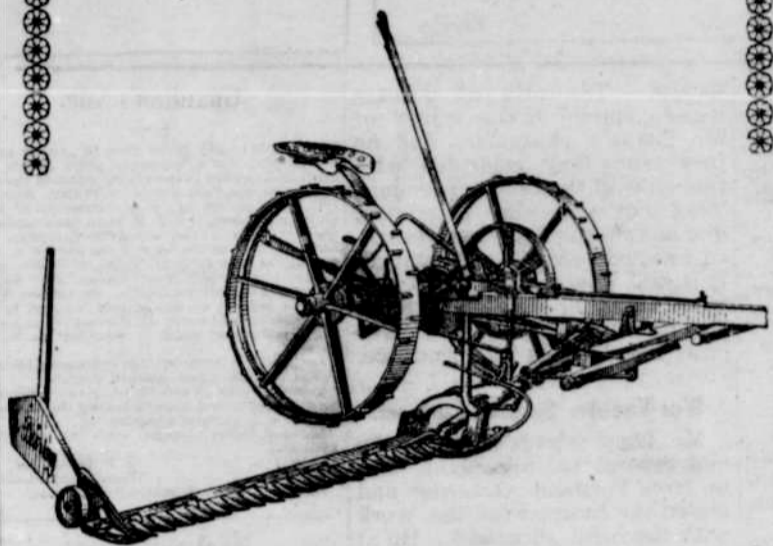
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Home Now a Wreck.

Alleging that the happiness of his home had been wrecked, that his wife's affections had been alienated, and that he suffered untold mental anguish and humiliation, C. C. Lang yesterday filed suit against Dick A. Madison, proprietor of Madison's saloon, for heart-balm to the extent of \$2500. This is the second suit Mr. Lang has brought against Madison. The other suit was withdrawn because of lack of witnesses on the part of the plaintiff.

8-Hours For Girls Under 18.

It will be unlawful in Oregon to employ a girl under 18 years of age for more than eight hours and 20 minutes a day, or 50 hours a week, after October 4, 1913. It will also be unlawful to keep a girl under 18 employed after 8 p. m. or to pay a girl from 16 to 18 less than \$1 a day, except in the cases of apprentices and learners.

Horse Breaks Leg.

Rudolph Seagitt, of Salt Creek, Polk county, had the misfortune to lose one of his horses on Union street near the new railroad bridge yesterday morning. Mr. Seagitt was driving down Front street and turned up Union near the bridge, where one of the horses slipped down the grade breaking its leg, besides having the root of an old stump pressed into its breast. The animal was carted across the river and shot. This is a third of a series of accidents which have happened to horses owned by Mr. Seagitt this year.—Statesman.

House Wanted.

Wanted to rent, by month or for term of years, modern house in Dallas by September 1st. Must be modern.

BOOSTER MEETINGS.

Lincoln and Rickreall---Enthusiastic Greetings and Good Words for Fair.

Last Thursday evening in the speedy car of A. B. Muir's we took a very pleasant drive by way of the Salem bridge to the Lincoln schoolhouse, where a booster meeting had been scheduled for that evening. The distance from Dallas was some 20 miles, and every mile was a revelation of the possibilities that Polk county has within its borders. No other county in the state can boast of such grand resources, and bring the necessary proof to substantiate them. Both sides of the road were lined with diversified crops which attested by their growth and development the worth of the soil from which they sprang. One of the largest county developments passed was the famous Wallace orchards, the superintendent of which is the Mr. Parks on the fair board, and who is taking such an interest in its success. The hundreds of acres he has in bearing orchards of pears, apples and prunes, is a sight to delight the eye, and one which every man who is looking for a home in Oregon should be shown. The trees are all pruned in the best way for gathering and developing the fruit, and the orchards are kept looking as neat as a barn floor, perfectly free from weeds, and the ground cultivated until it keeps the necessary moisture constantly on hand for the well being of the trees. That such work brings financial returns is sufficiently attested to by the fact that the products of these orchards ever have to hunt for a buyer. We were agreeably surprised at the extent and beauty of Spring Valley, and it is certainly a favored section of this high class county. Besides a most pleasing view of the coast range with its beautiful mountains, the eye is delighted by the beautiful crops growing everywhere, many of them just ripening for the sickle. It looked to us as if there was more grain grown there than in any other section of the county, and it all looked as if it would turn out fine. Hop yards were scattered all around, and orchards of every kind helped to take away any monotony that might have developed from the continuous golden sheen. Beautiful homes dotted the landscape, some of them having as fine residences as it would be possible to find in any city, and lots of them had all the modern conveniences of such dwellings. If a man could own such nice places as are inhabited by the Simpkins, Crawfords, Donker, Oliver, Davis, Lake, Childers, Walling, Waring, Alexander, Cooley, Patterson, Calder, Catton, Henry, Dancer, Smith, Jennings, Gibson, Purvine, Davis, and many others whom we might mention, he surely should desire nothing more on this earth, and be supremely content to live out his allotted time on earth in the most satisfactory and soul satisfying manner that is possible. The schoolhouse was crowded to listen to the program put up by the Dallas charmers, which was the same as heretofore been the custom, and it was after 10 o'clock when the meeting broke up and the 15 auto loads of Dallasites commenced to wend their way homeward.

Tuesday night our fly by night booster contingent wended their way by gasoline route to Rickreall, where a most interesting meeting was held, despite the smallness of the crowd. The last two meetings have made it plain to our fair committee that owing to the busy season of harvest it is not possible to get large turnouts, and the meeting at Rickreall is probably the last one that will be held, although others were projected—Independence, Monmouth, etc. We all deplore the necessity of cessation of the meetings, but no one can be expected to give much of their evenings to such things after the long hours of work necessary during the day in the harvest season. About thirty cars went to Rickreall from Dallas, the band being taken instead of the Moose orchestra. It was expected to also take a crowd in the Star auto truck, but it was on a trip to Salmon river, and did not return in time. The exercises were held in the grove adjacent to town, one of the prettiest parks in Oregon for such a gathering. The speaker's stand was well lighted, and the auto lights scattered through the grove, made a most pleasing sight. The air was of just the right temperature for enjoyment, and many preferred to loll on the green sward and listen to the program rather than to occupy seats in autos or those provided for the purpose. Rickreall should be proud of her grove, it being an ideal one for the holding of large assemblages. Mark Burch informs us that in early days it was much used for this purpose, being the annual place of holding campmeetings by both the Christian church and Methodist church. These were events of great importance to our pioneer settlers and they came from all over Oregon to camp during the session, renew acquaintances and promulgate the word of the Gospel.

The program of Tuesday evening differed considerably from that of former occasions, all of the spell binders being absent, and Rev. Miles and Dr. McCallon taking their places, and making very good talks. Readings by Miss Bertha Serr and Miss Ruth Campbell were well received, and Charley Bennett gave some cartoon work that was greatly appreciated. The band played several numbers and the affair ended with Rickreall promising her hearty support for the fair. The old timers were their in all their glory also.

BODY EXHUMED.

Order of Court Carried Out for Securing Bullet that Killed Mrs. Stewart.

The man Davis, charged with the recent killing of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Stewart, at Ballston, has advanced through his attorney W. L. Tooze, a novel defense in place of the insanity plea that it was supposed would be advanced. He now asserts that it was not his shot that killed the aged lady, but an accidental shot from the gun held by her husband, and that he, Davis, was only acting within his rights and protecting himself from being killed by other parties. In view of this contention, and by order of the court, the proper officials went to Amity Tuesday, exhumed the body and removed the bullet from the lady's brain, which had entered one side of the head, penetrating the brain and fractured the skull on the other side and dropped down to the base of the skull. The bullet was marked for identification by Sheriff Grant, and taken into his custody for presentation at the trial at the proper time. This case was set for trial yesterday morning, but the Bayse trial was not completed, and other cases intervening, the date now set for trial is at 9:30 Friday.

The officials exhuming the body of Mrs. Stewart were Sheriff Grant, Coroner Chapman, Attorney Tooze, Attorney Sibley Drs. Starbuck and Stafrin. They were accompanied by Messrs Dornisfe and Henline to open the grave and a couple of representatives of the press.

I. O. O. F. BUY BRICK.

Second Story of Dallas City Bank Building Now Property of Popular Order.

As was whispered exclusively in the Itemizer some time ago, the Odd Fellows of this city have returned to their first love in the purchase of the second story of the present quarters of the Dallas City bank. This building was erected by the Odd Fellows in the year 1892, and was the first brick building ever put up in Dallas. Some years ago it proved too small for their growth, and they sought other quarters, but financial difficulties arose after the purchase of the upper story of the brick in which the Beehive is located, and they gave it up and for the last three years have been occupying the upper story of the city hall, which was remodeled for them and leased to them by the year. The new quarters will at once be fixed up for the needs of the lodge by the taking out of partitions and the utilizing of the entire story, and will be ready for their occupancy in the near future. The lodge is planning to next year put on a third story, and building up in the rear, as their neighbors across the hall, the Masonic brotherhood, have already done.

326-Year-Old Oak.

In 1857, when the English people were making attempts at colonization in America, one of the largest and oldest oak trees in Polk county started to grow. This big giant oak has just been sawed down on the edge of the Whiteaker farm because its massive form shaded nearby fruit trees and kept them from growing. A careful count of the rings on the stump after the tree had fallen showed its age to be 326 years. The axmen found the circumference 18 feet 6 inches and the diameter about 6 feet. Over 25 ricks of stove wood were obtained from the tree. This oak was believed to be the second largest in the county. Its circumference is 24 feet 7 inches and the diameter nearly 8 feet.

A CENTRAL HEATING PLANT.

Three Business Blocks in Dallas Will Have Steam Heat from One Station.

At a meeting of the directors of the Dallas City bank yesterday afternoon it was decided to install what is known as a central heating system. This is an innovation in heating systems that has become very popular in the east, and is now being installed in many large cities on the coast. By the new method it is claimed that heat can be furnished from a central plant to a distance of four blocks without any appreciable loss in temperature. The method of heating used is that of steam. The central plant will be installed in the rear of the present quarters of the Dallas City bank, and by the use of 6-inch mains up and down the alley ways, heat will be provided for any of the brick buildings located in the three main business blocks of the town. These pipes or mains will be lined with asbestos and other material so that they will retain the heat just as it comes from the central station. From this station will be heated the Dallas National building, in which the hot water system has proved a failure, the new Dallas City bank building and the new Dallas City bank building soon to be commenced of erection. These buildings are all that have been provided for so far, but it is proposed to heat any other buildings that may be desired, a regular monthly rate being charged for the service according to the radiation that is furnished. Such buildings to be equipped will furnish their stores and offices with the necessary pipes, and then the bank will come to them with the heat. The decision to install this method of heating will obviate the necessity for a basement under the new bank building, a problem which was worrying the builders on account of the shallowness of the Mill street sewer. Work on the installation of the new heating plant will be begun in the near future, and it is expected to have it in readiness for service by the time that it becomes chilly in the fall.

SOUTHERN OREGON.

Dallasite Tells What He Found Out While on Motor Trip.

Editor Itemizer:—It might be of interest to some of the readers of your paper to know something of the auto road and some impressions of the Pacific Highway from Dallas to Southern Oregon by auto, so I will write you a few lines that will convey some ideas that came to me as we motored along. Starting from Dallas the entire trip was void of accidents and breakdowns except a truss rod that we broke going from Buena Vista to Albany. We traveled the Pacific Highway from Albany. The signs are a great help to a stranger of the roads. The road itself is not what the name to some might signify, but this is no fault of the originators of the scheme to have a Great Pacific Highway, but more perhaps to the people of the different counties through which the road runs. The road for 21 miles or more over which we passed needs repair and needs it badly, and the strange part of it is, it is through a country that it would not be expensive road building. The bad road come in patches. For instance: There is a very rough road near Goshen, in Lane county, another rough bad road beyond Cottage Grove on the border of Lane and Douglas counties, more rough road north of Drain. From there on the roads are fairly passable and good time can be made on most of it. From Canyonville over the first pass the road is very rough, stony, narrow in places and many sharp turns with steep grades, often dangerous places to meet a team or an auto. After about six miles of this the road comes out into a beautiful valley with a stretch of ten miles or more of a very fine road into Glendale and over another steep pass that has a safe grade on the south side. In a few places it would be absolutely impossible to avoid a collision, if two parties from opposite directions were to meet, because of the steepness and narrowness of the grade and the sharp turns in the road. About one mile of this and you reach the town of Wolf Creek. One more pass with a very good grade, wide and safe with a few hills and you are into the Rogue River valley with a fairly good road.

Why is it that there are not more accidents on these mountain roads? I was told that there never had been an accident on these passes. I cannot account for it in no way except that all drivers are extremely careful. All the reckless driving that is so common in the Willamette Valley is a thing of the past when the driver reaches these mountain passes. Every driver expects to meet someone and is constantly on the alert. Many times when meeting, one or the other has to back up the machine to find a place to pass, but that don't matter. Safety is what everyone thinks of in the mountains.

Our car behaved beautifully. It required about two quarts of oil for the 500 miles, and one gallon of gasoline to 20 miles. Seven gallons to go to Roseburg 149 miles from Dallas.

We learned from one man that you should have plenty of gasoline, as we had to borrow a bottle full to get to the next town, from another man that you should have plenty of oil for the car, as he had to stop often to let his car cool off because he ran out of oil, from another that you ought to carry plenty of water in water bags to cool your car so that it would pull the hills. From our own experience, that you should have a good pump to keep your tires inflated, and good brakes that would lock the wheels in the twinkle of an eye.

It is a very enjoyable trip; but no auto driver should undertake it unless he has had experience in driving, knows exactly what his car will do and be thoroughly able to handle it.

Tourists told us the worst road from here to Los Angeles is encountered in the mountains of Oregon.

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Summer Foods As Cause of Dyspepsia.

Many Also Get Diarrhoea—What to do in Either Case.

Summer ought to be the months of most perfect health, but owing to contaminated water and milk, unripe fruit, germs and insects the average of health is not good at this time of the year. There is much skin trouble from acid fruits, and much dyspepsia and diarrhoea from cold foods and iced beverages. The skin trouble is easily stopped by discontinuing fruit for a few days, and by the use of a mild laxative to clean the bowels and tone the blood. The dyspepsia is likewise corrected by the use of a laxative that has combined with it the elements of a digestive tonic. Hence the best remedy to use is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which, as its name indicates, is a pleasant laxative combined with the virtues of pepsin, which we all know is the best cure for indigestion. Use Syrup Pepsin also for summer diarrhoea, Avoid astringents, physics and cathartics, as they are unnecessarily harsh. Thousands of good American families prefer Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, among them those of Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Heloit, Wis., who finds she can give it to her baby without causing cramps or pains, and Mrs. Wm. O. Richter, Clayville, Va., who considers it a laxative tonic absolutely unexcelled. They know of no pleasanter cure for constipation, liver trouble, indigestion, summer diarrhoea, etc. It is valuable to all the family from infancy to old age. Children like its taste. All druggists sell it at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, the latter being the family size. Families wishing to try a free sample bottle can obtain it, postpaid, by addressing Dr. W. J. Caldwell, 413 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.



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