

Castle Rock Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry, of Irrigon, were down Saturday last.

The frequent showers we are having is a great help to the grass in this part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Carley, of Carley Wash., were over on Wednesday and report fall grain doing nicely.

Mr. Miller and son Harry were over Sunday. They are going to move to Whitcomb and take charge of the hotel there.

We are wondering what has become of the J. D. Jenkins real estate outfit that was to have a supply of settlers for their orchard tract 7 miles south of here.

Mr. Nall was in on Wednesday from Irrigon. He and his wife are spending two or three days at his ranch above here, and also visiting Mrs. Nall's mother, of Desolation Flat.

R. P. Moore, of Trail, B. C., was in town one day the past week looking after a section of land bought by his father 20 years ago. This is the first time any of the family have been in the county since. They own 10,000 acres in British Columbia along the line of Idaho and Washington and also large interests in a smelting concern.

Mr. Davis came near meeting with a fatal accident Sunday last when he undertook to ride a colt. Before he got fairly in the saddle the colt reared and went over backwards, striking its head on the second rail of the fence and Mr. D. hitting the lower one with the back of his head. He was just missed by the saddle horn. The accident laid him up for a couple of days.

A QUEER LEGEND.

Fedor Kosmich, the Hermit, May Have Been a Russian Czar.

A curious legend is associated with the name of Alexander I. of Russia. It is to the effect that the emperor in 1825 was sojourning in the Crimea. When near Taganrog his coachman by some means managed to overturn the carriage of a court courier named Markof, who was killed. The emperor, wishing to rid himself of the cares of state, so the story runs, caused it to be reported that it was he himself who was killed. Then he carried out a plan which he had for long conceived of retiring to Siberia and living there under an assumed name. Schilder, the historian, professes to have satisfied himself that at all events the remains in the Cathedral of Peter and Paul are those of the courier. Schilder asserts that he learned this much from the children of Markof.

According to the legend, Alexander I. of Russia died in Siberia in 1864, but history records that he died at Taganrog in 1825. It seems that in 1825 a mysterious stranger appeared in Siberia. He gave his name as Fedor Kosmich and never revealed any other or the place whence he came. He lived the life of a hermit and was received generally with respect. In 1856 he accepted the invitation of a rich merchant to take up his abode in his house at Tomsk. There he was very retired and held communication only with Mlle. Kromof and the merchant, her father. Every one who saw him was struck with his extraordinary resemblance to the defunct czar. The Grand Duke Nicholas Michailovitch contributed an article in the Revue Historique in which he denied the sensational part of the story, but admitted that the hermit of Siberia might have been a natural brother of Alexander I.—London Globe.

IRISH BROGUE.

It is Really the Old Time Method of Pronouncing English.

Perhaps nothing illustrates better the vicissitudes of pronunciation in English than a study of what is called the "Irish brogue." This lingual mode, for it is scarcely to be called a dialect, is usually presumed to be a deterioration of language due to lack of education and contact with legitimate sources of English. It proves after a little study to be a preservation of the old method of pronouncing English, which has come down to a great degree unchanged in Ireland from Shakespeare's time.

In Elizabeth's time, however, it came to be realized that if there was to be any real affiliation of the two countries then the Irish language must be supplanted by English, and a definite effort in this direction was made. This change of speech, resented and resisted, was nevertheless successfully accomplished all over the island except in the west within a decade after Shakespeare's death. This fact takes on a new significance when we study what we now call the Irish brogue in connection with what is known to have been the pronunciation of English at that time. The two are found to conform in practically every respect. Irishmen pronounce English as their forefathers learned it and have preserved its pronunciation because they have been away from the main current of English speech variation ever since.—Harper's Magazine.

On the Map.

Nothing succeeds like success, and nothing brings success like advertising, therefore it is gratifying to have the city of Heppner mentioned in the big dailies down at Portland, even if our young men have to roll their pants high and display variegated and gaudy hosiery to bring it about. The boys of the High School may therefore be complimented for the observance of "sox day" last Friday morning, and thus furnishing the city some fine advertising, and themselves a little notoriety. The "fun" in the proceeding was not appreciated however, by Prof. Hoffman, who has a good idea of the propriety of things, and the boys may not soon repeat the stunt. It put Heppner on the map.

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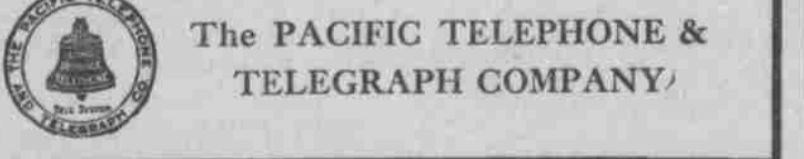
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