

A CHECKERED CAREER

Sketch of the Life of a Former Resident of Ilwaco.

The Pacific Journal contains the following biographical sketch of the life of the late Frank S. Bates, who arrived in this city nearly twenty years ago, and whose death recently occurred in Ilwaco:

Frank S. Bates, whose remains were interred in our cemetery last week was an old resident of Ilwaco. He was a native of Boston, and has several wealthy relatives still residing there. He was born in 1847, consequently was in his 47th year. As a young man he chose a sailor's life, and for a number of years followed the sea. Arriving in Astoria as second officer on one of Bates Bros', of Boston, vessels in 1875, he left the sea-faring life, and shortly afterwards located on his side of the river, where he resided until his death. His has been a checkered life, his greatest enemy, himself. "Let him who is without sin, cast the first stone." Acts speak louder than words, and during his residence here many an act that Frank has done showed that however rough the exterior, a Christian heart still beat within. Was any sick or in distress, he was among the first to extend his aid and sympathy. Was a watch needed for the dead, his services were never refused, and was any charitable work on hand, he was ready as far as his circumstances would permit, and we have never heard of an instance wherein he wilfully injured any man. His family affairs are matters with which the public have no business to inquire into, so long as the moral law and the laws of our country are not infringed. Frank had an education beyond the average, and at one time was regular correspondent from this section of the country to eastern papers. The funeral services were held at the Advent church, Rev. Howerton officiating, and a large number of citizens attended, and followed the remains to their last resting place.



CHRIS EVANS.

A DARING OUTLAW.

Herewith is a likeness of Chris Evans, one of the most daring outlaws of the west, who recently escaped from the Fresno, Cal., jail, by means of revolvers which were smuggled to him by his wife and a waiter. He was serving a life sentence for murder, train robbery and other crimes. For some years he has been at the head of a gang of bandits who roamed through the mountains and valleys of the Golden State, committing depredations of all kinds. The most daring exploit took place in August of 1892, when three of the gang boarded an express train, blew open the express car and after seriously wounding the messenger, escaped with three sacks of gold coin. It took nine months to arrest Evans, and many men were killed in the attempt. When captured, shot through both wrists and his right eye shot out, he made terms for his surrender by which his wife received part of the large reward paid to his captors. He is now in the mountains again.

EFFECTS OF CACTUS CHEWING.

The Indians chew the cactus hearts and swallow them. They induce a condition of exaltation. While under the influence a man is lifted out of himself, as it were. He is wide-awake, yet dreaming. The intellect is not clouded, but stimulated in a high degree. But the most remarkable thing about this plant is that its peculiar effect is not followed by any reaction. On that account it might be ideally adapted for speech. It immediately arrests the reaction which makes the toper so sad after a "jamboree." At the same time it is neither a narcotic or an opiate. The southern prairie Indians, with whom the eating of the plant is a religion, regard it as a cure for all diseases, especially for consumption. At their sacred festivals they remain for days in the state of ecstasy described.

Each man consumes the cactus hearts at the rate of about one an hour. The songs and ceremonies are of a dreary kind, appropriate to the method of inspiration. Experts at Johns Hopkins university will obtain from the material furnished the active principle of the plant. Thus it is expected that a new medicine, valuable, perhaps, for many remedial purposes, will be added to the pharmacopoeia.

Dr. Carl Lumholtz has recently discovered that four varieties of this cactus are known to the aborigines in northern Mexico. One giant kind is regarded by the Indians in that part of the country as their greatest medicine, being much more powerful than the plant employed by the Kiowas. They can drink any amount of corn beer, and this remedy will take away all ill effects. The name in use among them for this big sort of cactus is "bicuri."

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