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AFTER POOR FOODS

Dairy and Food Commissioner Prosecutes Dealers in Misbranded Eggs.

Oregon's dairy and food commissioner is after violators of the pure food law and reports the following prosecutions for October:

Ebner Bros., Mt. Angel, for selling misbranded and short weight country butter; Otto Hoffman, Eugene, selling adulterated milk; Clear Creek Creamery, Oregon City, short weight butter; John Willhelmson, Newburg, occupying an unsanitary slaughter house; Ed. Crede, Newburg, occupying an unsanitary slaughter house; W. C. Moss, Newburg, occupying an unsanitary slaughter house; Mrs. Alice Voorhees, Imperial Hotel, Newburg, selling skimmed milk; Ritter & Cook, Newburg, selling skimmed milk; Gus Caragou, Portland, selling mislabeled eggs; Gus Caragou, Portland, selling storage eggs for fresh eggs, mislabeled.

In addition to the above there are several cases pending against dealers for selling mislabeled eggs and mislabeled short weight butter.

In the August bulletin the commissioner warned all dealers not to mislabel eggs; not to label a stale or storage egg "fresh." The instructions are, if the eggs are "Fresh Eastern," label them "Fresh Eastern," not simply "fresh." "Storage eggs" of good quality may be labeled "guaranteed eggs," providing dealer will make guarantee good. Dealers generally heeded the warning given, and labeled their eggs properly, but a few persisted in mislabeling the same. Every such case found was prosecuted, and in two complaints fines were inflicted. The other cases will come to court soon.

OLDER BOYS KEEN IN INTEREST

Many Will Attend Seventh Annual Conference at Eugene.

As the date for the holding of the seventh annual Oregon Boys' Conference draws near, the interest among the older boys of the state is becoming most keen. Never before has there been such a demand for information regarding one of these conferences and from present indications this conference will not only be the largest but also the strongest that has ever been held in the state. One of the most noticeable thing about the registration thus far is the large percentage of older boys who are planning to attend this year.

Growing in size and strength from year to year these annual conferences have come to take a place in the boy life of the state that cannot be over estimated. They are open to delegates from any organization of boys of an average of fourteen or over that has bible study as one of its activities. This would include Sunday school classes and all kinds of boys' bible study clubs.

The session this year will be held Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 at Eugene.

Will Prosecute Roseburg's Mayor.

Deciding that Mayor Micelli of Roseburg should be prosecuted whether he resigns or not, Governor West has written the district attorney in that city advising him to start proceedings agains' the mayor on the grounds of failure to perform his duties as a public officer.

Governor West had previously written Mayor Micelli declaring that if the latter did not resign his office at once the chief executive would have suits instituted against him as one of the principal stockholders in the Roseburg Brewery & Ice company, the directors of which had pleaded guilty to brewing real beer in their "near beer" factory.

The section under which the governor would prosecute Micelli provides that "if any officer of the state or of any county, town or municipality shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any duty or service pertaining to his office, or hinders or obstructs public justice or business shall be punished by fine or imprisonment."

Mule With Horse Sense.

Not long ago a singular incident occurred at the brickyard at Seabrook illustrating a faculty in animals which closely approximates reason, says the Florida Commonwealth. There are in the yard a horse and a mule which are very fond of each other, the mule especially showing attachment to the horse.

After work hours they are turned loose on the high ground formed by the canal bank through the marsh, flanked on one side by marsh land which is not firm enough for them to walk over and on the other by a deep canal with steep banks.

The other evening they were turned out as usual. Not long afterward the hand who lodged in a little house by the brick kiln heard a bray. At first he paid but little attention to it, recognizing that it was the mule's unmusical voice.

Soon it was repeated even more startling than before. Leaving his supper, the colored man went to the door and looking up the bank saw the mule standing on the verge of the canal with every indication of intense alarm. He repeated the bray and the man ran toward him. When he came near the animal made a sound expressive of delight, but remained looking into the canal.

The cause was soon found. The horse while grazing too near the canal, had slipped in, and with only his head out of the water was vainly struggling to climb the steep bank. With difficulty he was finally brought to a place at the bridge where he could be helped out, the mule accompanying the process with every mark of delight.

Without the mule's intelligent call for help the horse, a valuable one, would have been lost. Horse sense is often heard of, but in this case the mule certainly exhibited a high degree of it.

2,000 Miles to Borrow Books.

Prof. E. E. De Cou, head of the university department of mathematics, is in receipt of a letter from Ferdinand Nebauer, Oregon B. A. '10, M. A. '12, but now honor student at McGill University, where he is continuing his specialization in mathematics.

After speaking highly of the work at McGill, of the lecture system in vogue there, the professors in charge and the high standards maintained, he asks if it would not be possible for him to borrow books for use in his present work from the University of Oregon library. He finds that library facilities at McGill are inadequate to the needs of students there, and speaks in high terms of the superior equipment of Oregon's library in the technical literature of physics and mathematics. Mr. Neubauer writes:

"After all, Oregon has been my homeplace and I am very homesick for it. Like a little boy that counts the days before Christmas, I am counting the days until I can return west."

Aggrieved at Dog Ordinance.

Eugene Register: A "tramp" dog while racing after another, ran into Dr. Stanley's bicycle yesterday near the postoffice and the doctor was unceremoniously "dumped" headlong on the sidewalk bruising him up considerably and tearing his trousers. This is the second time this has happened to Dr. Stanley since he moved to Eugene and he is beginning to get wroth about it. He says the dog ordinance is not enforced or he could have found the owner of the dog if he had paid license on it and made him stand good for his damages. There are entirely too many worthless tramp dogs roaming the streets and stretching themselves out on the walk to the inconvenience of pedestrains.

MOTION PICTURES OF HANGINGS SUGGESTED BY PAPER

Those Who Uphold Capital Punishment Should Be Edified, Says Mail Tribune.

The Medford Mail-Tribune of Nov. 15th, says editorially:

For many months Governor West has been roundly censured by newspapers advocating capital punishment because he reprieved murderers under sentence to die, until the people voted upon his bill for the abolition of capital punishment.

Since the people have determined to adhere to the barbarian system, the same advocates of bloodshed profess to be greatly shocked because the governor has set Friday, the thirteenth as the day for the hanging bee and all five murderers awaiting execution will swing into eternity at the same time.

Why not? The people voted for it, the Oregonian and other newspapers were loud in their clamor for the executions. They get what they demanded.

Governor West is said to have remarked that he was sorry the seating capacity for spectators was so limited that but few could witness the gruesome sight. It is too bad. Every advocate of capital punishment should be allowed to see what he voted for and to realize what an edifying sight it is to take human life.

In as much as it is possible for all to see the gruesome spectacle, the moving picture man should be called into requisition so that the advocates of bloodshed in every town and hamlet can enjoy the thril' and satisfy his craving for the spilling of human blood.

Let the people see what they have voted for.

Real Estate Transfers.

S. B. Eakin et ux to First National bank to Cottage Grove, undivided half interest in 480 acres in section 35 township 19 SR 4 W, $1.

Gilbert L. Shortridge et ux to George Farman et ux T—90.14 acres in Tp. 20 SR 5 W, $100.

Nellie M. Arne to George Salton—Tract in Sec. 28, Tp. 20 SR 3 W, $1.

J. E. Thomas et ux to D. L. Miller et ux—Tract in Sec. 22, Tp. 20 SR 3 W, $1,500.

Jane Harrison to William Harrison—2 tracts in Sec. 29, Tp. 20 SR 3 W, $1. (undivided ½ interest)

Mrs. C. A. Perkins et al to Hannah Palmer—1 acre in Sec. 27 Tp. 20 SR 3 W, $250.

Rufus C. Arne, admr. to George Salton—Tract in Sec. 28, Tp. 20 SR 3 W.

MUTE IS FAKE NOBLEMAN

Alleged Heir to Vast Fortune Departing Leaving Many Bad Bills.

Richard Mansfield, son of the Captain Mansfield and nephew of Baron Von Beckham, now of Berne, Switzerland, and of fabulous wealth, has gone to his baronial home leaving ample evidence of his noble connection by failing to pay such trifling things as little bills. Richard was supposed to have been the son of the late Captain Mansfield of the Highlanders who died in England during the Boer war. The young nobleman (?) was in Eugene for something more than a year, during which time he had been in the service of the Eugene hospital. He was deaf and dumb, but was a master of lip reading and able to understand anything said in his presence, where the lips of the speaker were visible to him.

Last September Richard received a letter purporting to have been written by a brother Edward who, according to the story, was engaged in business in San Francisco. The communication was mailed here to the postmaster of Eugene giving a description of some one that looked like Richard and was at once turned over to him. The letter was shown by the mute who informed his friends that he had left England after his father's death in search of his brother who was in America. He did not know where his brother lived and searched for him in vain. Meantime, his brother heard of his disappearance and had begun a search for him. In this he was assisted by the wealthy, all-powerful Baron Von Beckham, who lived in Berne, Switzerland, and who desired to have Richard come and spend his life with him and inherit the baronial estates on his demise.

The story was that Edward, the San Francisco brother, made it a habit to mail a letter to his brother in care of the postmaster in every town and city through which he passed. This in addition to the work of the private detective agencies and paid advertisements. Edward was in Portland, it was said, and happened to stop off in Eugene. He mailed the letter and went his way. When Richard got the letter he began communicating with Edward and in a short time everything was cleared up. Baron Von Beckham was delighted at the finding of his nephew and wanted him to go to Switzerland at once. With the exception of the first letter, Richard did not show the other communications. He showed a strange disinclination to go at once, though declaring that he was rejoiced and that he was going in the spring. He did not even go to his brother in San Francisco, and worried along as best as he could without the vast fortune.

On Saturday, November 2, Richard turned up missing. Since his disappearance nothing has been heard of him, to the grief of sundry creditors who would disturb the repose of His Lordship, as the creditors of Don Caesar De Bazan would disturb that redoubtable gentleman. In fact the chances are that they are worrying more about him than he about them.

Perhaps Richard will show up with the coin or he may send his secretary to settle, but the creditors have no first-hand information to that effect. Some of them meanly insinuate that Richard wrote the original letter to himself. It seems more peculiar than it once did that he would leave a fortune lying around under the Matterhorn while he struggled for his living in the Oregon mist.

Dr. William Kuykendall, owner of the Eugene hospital, takes a more charitable view. He believes that perhaps the young man is not inately dishonest and that he may have noble relatives. He thinks it possible that the scarlet fever, which was alleged to have caused Richard to lose his speech and hearing when a child, may have also affected his mind, and that he really flies from wealthy relatives for no special reason. Dr. Kuykendall says he at one time discovered that Richard was running in debt and called him "on the carpet" about it. He reformed and paid up, promising that he would never again buy anything on credit without telling Dr. Kuykendall. The doctor believes that for a time he kept his word but finally finding himself confronted with a number of bills, fled.

It is pointed out by those who believe that he wrote the letter purporting to have come from his brother, that while the letter stated that it was mailed on the day written, it was dated the previous day.

But, anyhow, Richard has gone hence and the bills remain.—Eugene Guard.

How the Sub-Treasury Hurts.

Official announcement of the movement of currency shows that New York banks lost "to the interior" last week $2,734,000, which means that they sent that much more to the country banks than was received from them. The disbursements by the subtreasury the same week were $12,645,000, and payments by the banks to the sub-treasury were $20,132,000. The banks lost on sub-treasury operations $7,487,000 in cash. There is a general fear that there will not be currency.

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