

WOMAN.

"What is there that I would not be for your dear sake? What change of mind or heart...

Darkie's Crime.

WOMAN in the surgery, sir, and says she must see you at once. I looked up from my paper at the speaker—Mary, the housemaid—with a weary sigh.

"No, sir; she said I was to look up and ask you to come at once—she repeated, 'at once,' sir; and, oh, there was an awful look in her eyes."

"I will be with your husband in a few minutes," I replied, seeing that the nature of the case demanded my instant attention.

The woman left me, and procuring that I should be necessary, I hurried to the squalid yard in which Bill Crossland lived.

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"Well, then," I replied, "I may as well be frank. The fact is, I entertain very little hope of your husband's recovery."

"Now, I'm a-goin' to make a confession. Don't any of yer git interruptin', 'cause I can't speak so well." He paused, and then went on:

"Well," the injured man pursued, "that 'ere accident wor no accident! It wor no accident! It wor sumat else."

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"I know'd Liz wor fond o' Jem, 'cause he wor fair and handsome, but I loved her the bestest. Ay, though we be navvies, doctor, we can love—only some people thinks as how we just pair off like!"

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that he had stumbled o'er a stone, supposed to have tumbled from a truck afore him, and the truck 'ad broke his back. I wor a bit sorry at first, and then I began to be afraid they might trace it to me.

"Murderer!" she hissed between her clenched teeth. "Ah, Liz!" the man replied calmly enough, "'tis no better o' de is to fetch a preachin' chap to pray for me!"

"Liz! Liz!" the man's voice broke in imploring sobs. "Forgive me! Forgive me! Doctor," and he turned with a piteous look to me, "ax her to forgive me."

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OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

IRRIGATION CONGRESS PRIZES.

Silver Loving Cups for Agricultural Exhibits. Governor Chamberlain is in receipt of a letter from Chairman Fred J. Keisel, of the executive committee of the National Irrigation congress...

WARNER VALLEY CONTROVERSY.

Settlers Are Very Anxious Over the Outcome of It. A number of residents of Warner Valley, Lake County, were in Salem recently to interview members of the state land board regarding the outcome of the controversy over the possession of their homes.

COMING EVENTS.

- M. A. A. C. carnival, Portland, September 14-20. Multnomah Fair Association races, Irvington track, September 21-26. Teachers' institutes—Bevins, September 7-9; Salem, September 9-11; Vale, September 10-12; Oregon City, September 15-17; Klamath Falls, September 28-30; Lakeview, October 1-3; Hillsboro, October 28-30.

FOLICULES.

Any man can be honest just as long as temptation does not feel like exerting himself. To him who would handle the pen let it be said that there is prose and there is poetry, but best of all is abstinence.

LOOKING FOR DAM SITES.

Civil Engineer F. H. Newell, chief of the United States reclamation service, with a party of advisers consisting of Civil Engineers J. B. Lippincott, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is in charge of the reclamation surveys in California; H. N. Savage, consulting engineer, and John T. Whistler, in charge of the Oregon work, are in the neighborhood of Westfall and Willow Creek to investigate the proposed sites for government reservoirs in Malheur county.

NEW BUILDING FOR ASHLAND NORMAL.

The Southern Oregon state normal school will open for the coming year on September 14. President Mulvey, who has been traveling extensively over the state in the interest of the institution, says the prospect of attendance are the brightest in its history. The new academic and administration building, provided for by the last legislature, is being rushed to completion. It will be a fine structure and will cost about \$8000.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS BOUGHT.

The state land board has completed its sixth purchase of school district bonds, the last purchase being \$8500 of bonds of school district No. 1, Jackson county. The bonds bear 5 per cent interest.

BIG PLANT AT COTTAGE GROVE.

To Work the Largest Cinnabar Deposit in America. A 300-ton quicksilver plant is going up on the Black Butte mines near Cottage Grove, in which G. B. Dennis, of Spokane, is interested. "Four years of uninterrupted development, said Mr. Dennis," has exposed the most extensive imbedding of cinnabar ore on the American continent if not in the world. The work represents an expenditure of nearly \$500,000.

Brick Supply Equals Demand. The force of workmen has completed the burning of a kiln of 300,000 bricks, and now the supply of material is sufficient to keep construction work in progress at the penitentiary, reform school and asylum. At each of these places the new buildings and additions are under construction. Superintendent James says that although the contract for the construction of an execution chamber at the prison does not require its completion before January 1, the building will be ready for use before that time, and so far as he can see now, it will be ready before the date of any hanging now in prospect.

HOOD RIVER APPLES CONTRACTED.

Joseph A. Wilson, manager of the Hood River Applegrowers' Union, has just consummated a \$20,000 apple sale. The Davidson fruit company, of Hood River, is the purchaser, and has deposited \$1000 to bind the sale. The price for fancy four-tier Spitzensbergs is \$2 a box; yellow Newtons, \$1.80, the apples to be delivered at railway at picking time. Before the recent organization of the union, buyers were paying \$1.45 a box for Spitzensbergs. This is the largest fruit sale ever made in Hood River.

MUCH BUILDING AT ASHLAND.

It is estimated that the value of building improvements just completed, or now under way, in Ashland will reach \$50,000, and the high tide of building activity in that city for the past two or three years promises to be equaled before the close of the present season. A number of new business buildings have recently been completed and many new and substantial residences are now in course of construction throughout the city.

SALES OF SCHOOL LAND.

Practically ceased, the receipts of the land department, are undiminished. The monthly statement, made by Clerk George G. Brown, shows that for August the collections were \$30,036.11, or over \$1000 a day. This is equal to the normal receipts while school land was selling. The money now coming in is composed chiefly of deferred payments on sales heretofore made.

WILL PACK MEAT ON A LARGE SCALE.

Rehor and Hulac of Omaha, Neb., have bought out Kerr & Housler's meat market and cold storage plant at McMinnville. They are making arrangements to carry on an extensive pork and meat packing business. McMinnville was their choice, due to extensive stock raising the farmers have gone into this last four or five years. Yamhill county has ten times the stock today it had six years ago.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75@79c; bluestem, 80@82c; valley, 56c. Flour—Valley, \$3.68@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$3.60@4.00; hard wheat, patents, \$4.10@4.50; graham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4.00; rye wheat, \$4.50. Barley—Feed, \$20.00@21.00 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$21@21.50. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07 1/2; gray, \$1.06@1.05 per cental. Millstuffs—Bran, \$22 per ton; middlings, \$25; shorts, \$22; chop, \$18; linseed dairy food, \$19. Hay—Timothy, \$14.00 per ton; clover, nominal; grain, 10c; cheat, nominal. Butter—Fancy creamery, 22 1/2@25c per pound; dairy, 18@20c; store, 15@16c. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15c; factory prices, 1@1 1/2c less. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11 1/2@12c per pound; spring, 14@14 1/2c; hens, 12@12 1/2c; broilers, \$2.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@12c per pound; dressed, 14@15c; ducks, \$4@4.50 per dozen; geese, \$5@6.50. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 19c. Potatoes—Oregon, 75@85c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound. Wheat Sacks—In lots of 100, 5 1/2c. Beef—Gross steers, \$5.75@6.25; dressed, 6@7c per pound. Veal—8 1/2c per pound. Mutton—Gross, \$3; dressed, 5@5 1/2c; lambs, gross, \$3.50; dressed, 6c. Hogs—Gross, \$5.50@5.75; dressed, 8c. Hops—1902 crop, 20c per pound. Tallow—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2 1/2@3c. Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37 1/2c.

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