

TRUMPET CALLS.

Sam's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.

POPULARITY proves nothing. Christ is more than a crutch. A white hand gives no indication of the heart. Prayer is a wonderful purgative from pride. Cultivating crosses never enriches character. Christ has turned every grave into a garden.

Introspection does not promote spiritual digestion. The affluence of a life may be known by its influence.

Spiritual indifference is often only mental indolence. To doubt the final victory of good is to dishonor God.

No need to eat the brambles in order to get the berries. If you are a live lighthouse you do not need a whistle.

A man's judgment on others is his verdict on himself. Paying the debt of nature does not pay the debt of sin.

Sin in itself is to be dreaded more than its consequences. A child's finger can point as straight to heaven as a man's.

If all our desires were granted our delights would be gone. Half of wisdom is in being silent when you have nothing to say.

The world needs more religion in politics and less politics in religion. It is a dark day for the race when insatiable greed becomes the mark of greatness.

NOT SO MUCH DIFFERENCE. Mistake in the Marriage License, but Sam Made It Do.

Prudence Baxter, in Lippincott's relates that one morning as Judge C. of N. county, Virginia, was starting for the town he was approached by one of his negroes, who, with more or less confusion, asked:

"Massa, when yo' goes to de co't-house will yo' git me a license? I 'se gwine to be mar'ed."

"Married, are you, Sam? All right," called the judge, as he hastily drove off. Arrived at the courthouse, he spent a very busy day, and it was not until he was preparing to leave that he remembered Sam's license, and realized that he had not been told the name of the bride-elect.

"The old idiot, he never told me who he wants to marry, but, of course, it's Lucinda; he's always making eyes at her." So saying he returned to the courthouse and had the license made out in the names of Sam and Lucinda. Sam was the first to greet him upon his return with the inquiry:

"Git my license, Massa?"

"Yes, Sam, you old fool, you didn't tell me who you want to marry, but I remembered how you're always hanging around courting Lucinda, and got the license in her name."

"Lawd, Massa!" exclaimed Sam, "aint Lucindy, it's Kyarlina. What's I gwine ter do, Massa?"

"Well," said the judge, "the only thing will be for me to get another license to-morrow."

"Massa," said Sam, "did yo' pay any'ing fur dem license?"

"Yes, Sam, a dollar and seventy-five cents."

"Will another license cost any'ing?" asked Sam.

"Yes, Sam, a dollar and seventy-five cents more," replied the judge.

After scratching his woolly pate for a few minutes Sam replied:

"Well, Massa, done axed Kyarlina, an' she sed 'Yase,' but fo' de Lawd, dere ain't no dollar an' seventy-five cents difference in dem two niggers, so I'll jus' take Lucindy."

She'd Keep Her Quarter.

She is the little daughter of a prominent member of the Baltimore Bar, who has a country residence some miles beyond Pikesville.

She was to have a lawn fete in honor of her eighth birthday, which occurred recently, and all her little companions were invited. It was a momentous occasion to the tiny hostess. All indications pointed to a joyful fete, save the weather. Although the afternoon when the entertainment occurred proved all the most exacting hostess could desire, the morning broke with heavy clouds and occasional gusts of rain.

The little girl was in despair. She drew her mother aside.

"Now, mamma," said she, "I don't want this repeated, but I lay awake half the night praying for a clear day. I might have prayed to St. — or St. —, but I just didn't. I prayed straight to the Lord and I told Him if he would give me a clear day I'd give him a quarter, and now look at this rain. He don't get my quarter!"

Didn't Mind It Much.

"A merry-go-round man at La Crosse, Kansas, got his leg caught in the cable of his machine," says the Dodge City Republican. "The crowd about could hear the leg crack as it was broken in several places. The machine was clogged and brought to a standstill and several women fainted. The unfortunate man smiled wearily, wiggled around, and unstrapped a wooden leg, and announced cheerfully, 'Get four tickets for the next ride.'"

It is a father's intention to be so strict with his daughter she will not meet a worthless man, and so lax that she will meet and marry a good man.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

PRUNES IN POOR DEMAND.

Association Holds Price Up to Two and One-Half Cents.

Salem—Dullness and uncertainty prevail in the prune market. The greater portion of the crop in this vicinity has been harvested and by the middle of the week all the growers in the hill country south of Salem will have their prunes cured. The yield has been large and the quality is first class. The prunes are rich in sugar, of excellent flavor and of unusually good texture. The dried fruit this year shows no "bloaters" such as are found some years. The crop having turned out better than was expected, the growers have nothing now to trouble them but selling the crop.

It is estimated that the Oregon crop, including that of Clark county, Washington, will amount to about 1,000 carloads. Of this quantity probably a little more than one-third has been sold at prices ranging from 4 to 4½ cents for the 40 to 50 to the pound size. The sales at the higher price were made early and recently 4 cents for 40s, or 2½-cent basis, has prevailed. Lower prices have been made by a number of dealers. A little less than one-third of the entire crop will pass through the hands of the Willmette Valley Prune association, the Umpqua Valley association and the Clark County association and individual dealers who are at present holding for a 2½-cent basis price. It is estimated that more than a third of the crop is unsold and in the hands of the growers who are not identified with associations and who are looking for a chance to sell at the best price they can get.

FIND OF PHONOLITE.

Large Body of Ringstone Located South of Baker City.

Baker City—A large body of phonolite, said to be as rich in gold as that found in Cripple Creek, Colo., has been discovered on East Camp creek, 55 miles south of this city. The discovery was made some time ago by J. H. Graham and J. W. Miller, but they were not certain that it was phonolite until they sent samples to Denver and to Washington and had assays made by the local assayers. They have received reports from all sources confirming the fact that it is phonolite. Samples of the ore range in value from \$4 to \$600 per ton. Phonolite, or ringstone, as it is called, is said to exist only in sections where there are very rich gold ledges.

The discovery has caused a great deal of excitement here and a number of prominent citizens and mining prospectors will leave for the new gold field at once. One specimen of float rock was picked up on the ground near the original discovery last week which only weighed a few pounds, yet it yielded the owner \$35 in free gold.

Educator for German Congress.

Salem—W. T. Harris, United States commissioner of education, has written Governor Chamberlain calling attention to the international congress and school hygiene, which will hold a session at Nuremberg, Germany, April 4 to 9, 1904. It is desired that Governor Chamberlain appoint a delegate to represent this state. If any resident who is interested in the subject to be discussed by the congress is going to Germany at that time, Governor Chamberlain will be pleased to communicate with him.

Farmers Are Seeding Wheat.

Pendleton—Wheat seeding is at its height in this portion of the Blue mountain district. Nearly all fall wheat will have been planted in two weeks' time. Not in years has such excellent weather prevailed during the fall seeding season. The ground is in fine condition. There has been some rain, but only sufficient to give the grain a good start. In the Adams district some of the farmers are planting 100 acres per day.

State School Funds Put at Interest.

Salem—The surplus school funds in the state treasury were diminished by \$82,700 last week when the state land board approved 60 applications for loans aggregating that amount. The loans are secured by mortgages on real estate of three times the value of the loan. The money draws 6 per cent interest and the proceeds go into the state school fund which is distributed among the counties each year.

Sugar Beet Pulp for Food.

La Grande—The farmers of this district use the pulp from the sugar beets after they have passed the process at the sugar factory as stock food. A large number of sheep will be brought to yards near the factory and will be fed there until the produce is gone. Some of the farmers are buying it and hauling it to their ranches for their cattle. It is much cheaper than hay.

Cold Storage Plant Site.

Pendleton—A deed to Messrs. Schwartz and Greulich for a lot at the rear of the W. & C. R. station, Webb street, from Peter West has been filed. The consideration was \$1,250. This is the site on which the Empire meat company is erecting a cold storage plant.

SURVEY IN HARNEY VALLEY.

Whistler's Party Investigating Proposed Reservoir Sites.

Harney—The field party of the geological survey in Oregon, under the direction of John T. Whistler, district engineer, consisting of M. D. Williams and Frederick C. Huber, is continuing the development of topography of irrigable lands in Harney valley. Something over one-half of the valley north of Malheur Lake has now been covered. It is estimated that the work can be completed by December 1.

Another field party, consisting of Herbert D. Newell and Edmund I. Davis, is investigating an additional reservoir site on lower Bully creek and one on upper Willow creek. The Willow creek reservoir site is being studied with a view of ascertaining the possibility of covering certain lands on the west side of upper Willow creek valley.

The work on the Umatilla project has been in charge of Thomas B. White and a party of four assistants. After a full examination of the reservoir site, the canal line to Umatilla river will be taken up, topographic work being carried on at the same time.

A representative body of citizens of Union county, has presented to the chief engineer of the United States geological survey a statement of the existing conditions in that county, accompanied with a request that investigations and surveys be made of certain reservoir sites and of the possibilities of developing an underground water supply by means of artesian wells. The petition asserts that Union county contains more than 100,000 acres of fertile irrigable land, and that the present water supply during the two months of low water suffices to irrigate only about 1,000 acres.

WARNER SETTLERS WILL SUE.

Will Test Validity of Deeds Issued to the Stock Company.

Salem—Attorney John Hall, of Portland, is preparing papers for the commencement of a suit in behalf of the settlers of Warner valley, Lake county, in their contest with the Warner valley stock company. When Mr. Hall was in Salem a few days ago he said that a suit will be filed in Lake county to test the validity of the deeds issued by the state for the lands which are in dispute.

The proceedings heretofore have been conducted in the general land office and the department of the interior. The decision in the department was adverse to the settlers, who are homesteaders, and claimed title from the United States.

May Move Fibre Factory.

La Grande—It is rumored here that the main factory of the Oregon Pine Needle Fibre company, now operating at Grant's Pass, is to be established at Summerville, a small town a short distance from here. Attorney Turner Oliver of this city has secured a controlling interest in the plant, and it is said he intends to bring the institution here. The factory will have a capacity of 2,500 pounds of fibre per day. If the understanding is carried out successfully, it may mean the establishment of a mattress factory in this city.

Would Cut the Insurance Rate.

La Grande—Fire Chief J. H. Pierce, who has been to Portland to ask insurance men if a reduction in insurance would be given if a fire alarm system is installed here, has returned home. He brought with him a letter to the city council offering a 10 per cent reduction. It is estimated that by a 10 per cent reduction about \$2,600 will be thrown off premiums paid in La Grande per year. The new system would cost about \$4,500.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 74c; blue-stem, 78c; valley, 76@77c.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.75@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; Graham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4; rye wheat, \$4.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.10; gray, \$1 @1.05 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; linseed dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$10; cheat, \$10.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27½¢ per pound; dairy, 16¼@20¢; store, 15@16¢.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15@16c; factory prices, 1@1½¢ less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10@10½¢ per pound; spring, 10¢; hens, 11@11½¢; broilers, \$1.75 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16¢ per pound; dressed, 16@18¢; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, \$7@10.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27½¢; Eastern, fresh, 26¢.

Potatoes—Oregon, 65@75¢ per sack; west potatoes, 2@2½¢.

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