

Local and Personal

A. L. Jackson of Parker was in the city Sunday.

J. W. Chandler and wife of Suver were in Monmouth Sunday.

Rev. W. Erskine, of Halsey, had business in Monmouth, last Tuesday.

Georfe La France of Missouri Flat was trading in the city yesterday.

S. N. Guillems is contemplating a trip to Southern California in a few days.

J. Clark of Shedd, Oregon, is visiting his sister Mrs. J. W. Sullivan and other relatives in this locality.

Miss Blanche Stitt, the HERALD typo, gave her sister, Mrs. Kathryn Lenhart, of Springfield, a visit last Saturday, returning home Wednesday.

Ed Huber says he will disappear from Monmouth society, some of these days, and that we will not see him for seven or eight years. Good by Ed we'll miss you when your gone.

"Star of Bethlehem" "Cast into the Flames" "Samson's Betrayal"

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT NOVEMBER TERM.

County Commissioners' court met in regular session for the November term last week. County Judge Ed. F. Coad, and Commissioners William Riddell and S. H. Petre were in attendance. Various petitions were passed upon and audited. Herewith is a copy of the orders made by the court, followed by a list of the claims allowed.

Ordered that the sum of \$50 be transferred from the general fund to road district No. 5.

Ordered that Tracy Staats, treasurer, be credited as follows:

General fund	\$ 2.00
County school fund	8166.67
Institute fund	21.15
Game protection fund	50.00
Library fund	456.51
Road warrants	1328.37
General road warrants	68.54

Total \$10,093.24

In the matter of the application of the electric light and power distribution lines in Kingwood Park and Kingwood Heights plat-lands of Polk County, for a franchise. Ordered that said company be permitted to use the roads, streets and alleys mentioned on condition that the poles be so placed at the extreme sides thereof and of a sufficient height so that the same will not interfere with public travel thereon or with the proper working of such highways, streets and alleys.

In the matter of the application of Henry Conner, of Black Rock, for a liquor license. Order-

ed that the application be granted.

Ordered that \$6 per month be allowed to Emily Chamberlain for keeping C. G. Munson, a pauper, until further ordered by the court. The amount allowed is to be a credit of that amount at some store. The clerk shall forward to Yamhill County court a bill for above amount each month, with a certified copy of affidavit of said party for asking aid.

In regard to the petition of Falls City for road tax money levied upon property within the limits of Falls City, assessed during year of 1910 and collected in 1911, ordered that the prayer of the petition be denied.

In the matter of the petition of Frank Byerly for balance due on work done for county during the year 1911, ordered, on consent of Frank Byerly, in open court, that the sum of \$11.25 be paid in full of satisfaction of said claim and that he receive said sum in full satisfaction thereof.

In the matter of the sale of the old fruit jars exhibited at State Fair at Salem for the sum of \$75, freight and fruit at \$17.50, aggregating \$92.50, less \$20.80 expense and \$4.78 freight, approved—sale made by J. B. Nunn, under direction of the court, is approved. The net amount secured therefor being \$66.92 which has been paid to the county treasurer.

In the matter of the request of Mattie Davis for aid. It appearing that this party has three small children and is in need of immediate aid, it is therefore ordered that an allowance not to exceed \$6 per month be allowed her—that is a credit at the general store at Eola, owned by F. H. Begun, until further order of the court.

A GRIM VISITOR

By F. A. MITCHEL

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I was sitting in a restaurant in Naples with several American friends talking about the cholera.

"This cholera business is merely a scare," said one. "Besides, why fear death? We must all die some time."

"That for death?" said young Thornton, snapping his fingers. "I'm going to live to be a hundred."

A singular looking fellow came into the restaurant and sat down at an adjoining table. I could not make out that he was of any especial age; he might have been thirty or fifty or a hundred and fifty. Yet there was something about him that made him look prematurely aged. His eyes were set very deep in his head and glistened like those of a wild animal in the dark. He was so thin that one could almost see the junctions of the bones of his face, and his clothes hung about him in huge folds. He had evidently heard Thornton's boast, for he fixed his eyes on him in a way that made my blood run cold. Other of the younger members of the party who sat with their backs to the newcomer perpetrated jokes about death. Every word on that subject seemed to excite the stranger's ire until he was lashed into a fury.

"My friends," he said presently, "you who condemn death do not realize what you are talking about. You should have seen such sights as I have seen. Were any of you in a battle?"

We all stared at the stranger, tongue tied. No one of us claimed to have seen anything of war.

"I was at the battle of Gravelotte," he said, "and advanced with an attacking party of Prussians. If you had seen that white pall that I threw over the faces of those who were struck you would not laugh at death."

"You threw over their faces?" I asked, puzzled.

"Then at New Orleans," the man went on without noticing my remark, "you should have seen the British coming up in perfect formation against the Kentucky hunters. Here, there, everywhere the redcoats sank down in their tracks."

"Do you refer to the battle of New Orleans, sir?" interrupted one of our

party.

"Yes, sir, I do. But battles are nothing. Like the great plague that swept London. Two men were walking before me on Cheapside. I touched one by way of attracting his attention. He paled and sank down in his tracks. A party were drinking in an ale house without the town limits. As I looked at one of them he threw up his hands, with a groan. I went out into the street and saw the people burning barrels of tar. I laughed at them."

"Do you mean, sir," I asked, "that you were in London at that time?"

"My friend, where have I not been when men and women and children were struck down by this something you call death? In the days of ancient Rome whole communities of Gauls who rebelled against the Roman authority were butchered. They had been; they were not."

It was evident to most of us that the man was a lunatic. But we did not communicate the thought to one another. Each of us was spellbound no less by his strange talk than his weird personality.

"But even these stricken barbarians, so far as numbers are concerned, were but few in comparison with those this thing you sometimes call the reaper has cut down at one time. There have been portions of the earth that have sunk into the sea swallowing up a hundred times the number of the greatest butchery."

"When?" I asked.

"When? What knowledge have you of the little planet on which you live beyond a few thousand years? The time of which I speak was forgotten 10,000 years ago."

"Tell us," I asked, "your nationality. You speak English as if you are Anglo-Saxon."

"English! I speak every living and every dead language. I am a citizen of the world. I am always busy. At this moment I am resting preparatory to a great work."

"When did you come to Naples?"

"Yesterday at noon."

We all shuddered. At 12 o'clock the day before the first cholera patient had died.

"Will you remain long?"

"My stays no human being knows. I go into a place, do what work I find for me to do there and go elsewhere. Then I stop often by the wayside. During my journey here I stopped at a cottage. There was one less in the family when I left. On entering this city I made several calls before resting from my journey. But I must be going. I am pleased to have met you gentlemen."

He rose, and as he did so I thought I heard a grating, rattling sound under his long cloak. Paying no further attention to any of us except Thornton, whose remark he had heard on entering and which had started him on his gruesome talk, the stranger as he passed him stopped and offered his hand. Thornton looked up at him in terror, withholding his hand, but the man kept his eyes fixed on him, and slowly the hand was lifted and drawn toward the man whose own was outstretched. The moment Thornton's was clasped a change came over his face.

The stranger passed out. That very night Thornton died of cholera.

Gretna Green.

Gretna Green, Scotland, became famous for its celebration of irregular marriages. For many years the average number was 500. The ceremony consisted only of an admission, before witnesses, by the couple that they were husband and wife, this being sufficient to constitute a valid marriage. After this the officiating functionary (for many years a blacksmith), together with two witnesses, signed the marriage certificate.

How Cossacks Catch Fish.

The Cossacks on some of the rivers in Russia have a singular method of catching the finny tribe in winter. They cut a long trench across a river when frozen and run a net from one bank to the other; then, riding several miles up the stream, they form a line across the frozen surface and gallop their horses down toward the nets. The fish, hearing the noise and clatter of hoofs, become frightened, dart with a rush down stream and are thus entangled in the net.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK.

In the matter of the
estate of
Samuel H. Peterson } CITATION.

To Rhoda Peterson, John W. Peterson, Charles A. Peterson, George M. Peterson, Mary A. Starr and Grove A. Peterson, greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk at the Court Room thereof, at Dallas in the County of Polk, State of Oregon on Saturday, the 11th day of November 1911, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why the following described lands should not be sold, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 590 feet South and 200 feet East of the Northwest corner of Out Lot No. Twelve (12) in the town of Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, running thence South 184 feet, thence West 75 feet; thence North 184 feet; thence East 75 feet to the place of beginning.

WITNESS: The Hon. Ed F. Coad, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk with the Seal of said Court affixed, this 7th day of October, A. D., 1911.

[SEAL] Attest:
E. M. SMITH, Clerk.

SIBLEY & EAKIN, Attorneys.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. (Water-Works-System).

Monmouth, Oregon, Oct. 28, 1911.
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Recorder, Monmouth, Oregon, until 7:30 P. M. thereof, on the 28th day of November 1911, for furnishing the material and labor and constructing a system of water-works for Monmouth, Oregon. That plans and specifications thereof may be seen and examined at the office of the City Recorder of said City. Forms for contract proposals may be obtained at said City Recorder's office. That no proposals will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of said city of Monmouth, Oregon; for an amount equal to five per cent of the aggregate proposal, and this check is to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages in case the bidder neglects or refuses to enter into a contract and furnish a suitable bond for the faithful performance of the said work, in event the contract is awarded to him or them. The right is expressly reserved to reject any or all bids received.

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