

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Observer.) Dr. W. S. Cary, of Nebraska, has located in Dallas for the practice of his profession.

Is anyone going to run the Dallas warehouse? If it is going to be started up, it is time the people were knowing it.

Our sister town of Independence is forging right ahead in the way of improvements this season.

M. B. Hendricks has leased the Derry warehouse, and we understand that Hon. E. T. Hatch, of McCoy, will be in charge.

Track laying between here and Smithfield is being pushed right along. An extra force of forty men has been added to the gang.

The insurance war in Dallas has been quite lively. The amazingly low rates given by the different companies demonstrate how bitter the fight is.

Our very efficient county clerk, B. F. Mulkey, is coming to the front as a public speaker. He delivered the oration at Woods last Thursday, and the people pronounced it the finest ever delivered in that section.

Mrs. Tom Graves, of McCoy, had quite an accident befall her last week while going along a steep hill side. One of the cart wheels broke throwing her out on the ground, the horse dragging her quite a distance and bruising her considerably.

The county court has just finished a full and complete settlement with the various county officers, and have placed the delinquent tax lists in the hands of the sheriff, who will proceed to collect as rapidly as possible. Since January 1 the sheriff has paid to the treasurer the sum of \$38,835. The delinquent roll amounts to \$14,000.

Wm. Townsend, aged 36 years, died at his home near Perrydale last Friday afternoon of cancer of the stomach. His funeral took place Saturday, and his remains were laid to rest in the Brown graveyard north of Dallas. Mr. Townsend was an exemplary young man and a prosperous farmer, and was married to a daughter of Mr. E. C. Heyt. He leaves many relatives and friends who mourn on account of his early demise.

(Itemizer.) Judge Daly and C. W. Smith go to Portland next week to attend the A. O. U. W. grand lodge.

The county clerk said that Walter Kimsey and Emma Gross might be one and the preacher made them so.

O. P. Beardsley, of Eola, has about an acre of Royal Ann cherry trees and expects to get about 10,000 pounds from them.

C. H. Chapman is building a fruit dryer at his large prune orchard north of town. It will be a steam dryer 30x50 feet in size and with a capacity of 100 bushels per day.

Andrew Mfir started Monday afternoon with a force of thirteen men to their tan bark camp where they will in the next four weeks cut bark for their next winter's use.

Tale bearers and scandal bearers are dangerous persons in any community, and should be shunned, for while adding blackness to the reputation of others, they are almost sure to spread some on you.

John Birks is lying very low at his home near here, having had a stroke of paralysis more than a week ago. The left side of his face and right side of body affected, and there has been no visible change since the first. He cannot speak.

While himself and family were away from home visiting friends on the Fourth of July some one entered the house of John R. Robbins in Pioneer district, and purchased about \$15 worth of groceries, among which was a 100-pound sack of sugar that had not been opened.

One of the needs of Polk county is more population and a greater development of its resources. We have enough untilled land to support several hundred more families. There are too many big farms only half utilized. If they were divided up and better cultivated it would be better for the owners and the country at large.

Woman's Noblest Sphere. The relation which exercises the greatest influence over mankind, whether for good or evil, is un-

doubtedly the domestic. So strong is the attraction of the sexes for each other that where it is not satisfied there must always exist a measure of discontentment, which is sure to be an impediment in the struggle of life, resulting too often in a lowering of mental and moral qualities, and a lessening of the energy and resolution which are needed in the severe contests of the world. Sentiment waived, the man who is happily married finds a degree of comfort, contentment, peace of mind and stimulus to exertion which makes it comparatively easy to do his best.

Could the story of human life be told it would be found that these influences have been powerful factors in producing the best achievements of the world, and that unsuspected numbers of men who have been most honored, have owed the largest part of their work to the happy condition of their domestic life. This is the best explanation of that increasing deference that has been paid to woman as civilization has developed. It has not arisen from a mercenary instinct, leading to a delicate consideration of the weaker sex, but it has been due to the growing recognition of woman's power to help in the battle of life, not by actual conflict herself, but by inspiring man to bear himself bravely, and by creating the conditions under which he can do his work well. This, notwithstanding efforts to broaden her sphere, will always be woman's noblest work.

The woman who has found the man to whom she can be an inspiration, making him toil easily and happily for her sake, has found the widest possible sphere. The instincts of every woman lead her to seek this; whatever else women seek is probably sought because they have been denied or disappointed in this direction.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

Capt. Brown, of Josephine County, has a curiosity in the shape of a live oak stump about 19 inches in diameter, in which there is imbedded the left half of the antlers of a six-year-old elk, which had been deposited over 70 years ago, as shown by the rings marking the growth of the tree. The two lower spikes of the horn project through the stump.

Kattlesnakes are numerous in the upper Rogue river and Big Butte sections. W. F. Wilkinson killed a large one at his kitchen door last week, and Mrs. Henry Sutton a few days ago found one on her bedroom floor, and her infant was crawling toward it.

The Albany Democrat says its readers will remember a shooting affair that occurred in Schmeer's livery stable two or three years ago. Charles Denny obtained a license for his marriage with Miss Nelie Smith, but she refused to marry him at the time. They met at Mr. Schmeer's where the shooting occurred. As a result Mr. Denny was sentenced to the penitentiary for a year. A few days ago another license was issued by County Clerk Needham for the marriage of the same couple, and the wedding took place July 5, at the home of H. J. Zercher.

We learn that on Tuesday a lady went to look for blackberries, north of town, says the McMinville Transcript. She met three boys, one of them a young man, and not knowing the exact location of the berries, the lady asked them if they could tell her where they were. The young man told her he knew where they were and started to guide her, and when some distance from the boys, assaulted her with criminal intent. She fought him off until he became frightened and left. It is a very pass when a lady dare not venture away from her door without a body guard, and that in a christian community. The lady assaulted says she would be able to recognize her assailant if she can see him, in such event the young ruffian had best have his hide insured.

David Landles, proprietor of the Marshfield dye works, while temporarily insane, attempted suicide by stabbing himself with a pocket-knife in the abdomen last week. He inflicted a dangerous wound. Petty thieves have been operating about St. Helens of late. During the past week a number of ar-

ticles of more or less value have been stolen. Mr. Thomas Cooper lost a set of harness from his livery stable and George Lemont mourns the loss of a set of double harness from his barn during the past ten days. Other articles have been taken from different persons.

William Dunn has returned to Prineville from a trip on the desert ninety miles south of that place. He thinks he has discovered an immense salt bed at a point due south of Prineville, and about seventy-five miles distant, and brought home with him as evidence of his find some very good stock salt and some bottled brine from a pool near the beds.

Miss May Trasher's case is an unusual one. She was thrown from a horse in Meacham about a week ago, but no bones were broken, and no evidence of internal injury exists, still the young lady lingers in a comatose state, alternated with a few hours of consciousness daily, during which she expresses herself as not feeling hurt and jokes about the accident. Her recovery seems doubtful.

Mr. Wesley on Holiness.

Below we give a letter from Mr. Wesley to Mr. Maxfield on the subject of holiness:

Without any preface or ceremony, which is useless between you and me, I will simply and plainly tell you what I dislike in your doctrine, spirit or outward behavior.

1. I like your doctrine of perfection, or pure love—love excluding sin; your insisting that it is merely by faith; that consequently it is instantaneous (though preceded and followed by a gradual work), and that it may be now at this instant. But I dislike your saying a man may be as perfect as an angel; that he can be infallible, or above being tempted; or the moment he is pure in heart he cannot fall from it.

I dislike your directly or indirectly depreciating justification, saying a justified person is not in Christ, is not born of God, is not sanctified, not a temple of the Holy Ghost, or that he cannot please God, or cannot grow in grace.

I dislike your saying that one saved from sin needs nothing more than looking to Jesus, needs not to hear or think of anything else; believe, believe, is enough; that he needs no self-examination, no times of private prayer; needs not mind little or outward things; and that he cannot be taught by any person who is not in the same state.

I dislike your affirming that justified persons in general persecute them that are saved from sin, and that they have persecuted you on this account.

2. As to your spirit, I like your confidence in God and your zeal for the salvation of souls.

I dislike something which has the appearance of pride, of overvaluing yourself and undervaluing others, particularly the preachers, thinking not only they are blind and that they are not sent of God, but even that they are dead—dead to God, and walking in the way to hell; that they are going one way, you another; that they have no life in them, your speaking of yourselves as though you were the only men who knew and taught the Gospel; and as if not only all clergy, but all the Methodists besides, were in utter darkness.

I dislike something that has the appearance of enthusiasm: overvaluing feeling and inward impressions; mistaking the mere work of imagination for the voice of the Spirit; accepting the means, and undervaluing reason, knowledge and wisdom in general.

I dislike something that has the appearance of antinomianism; not magnifying the law and making it honorable; not enough valuing tenderness of conscience and exact watchfulness in order thereto; using faith rather as contradistinguished from holiness than as productive of.

But what I most dislike is your littleness of love to your brethren; your want of meekness, gentleness, long-suffering; your impatience of contradiction, counting every man your enemy that reproves or admonishes you in love; your bigotry and narrowness of spirit, loving in manner only those that love you; censoriousness, proneness to think hard of all that do not earnestly agree with you; in one word your divisive spirit. Indeed, I do not believe that any of you design or

desire a separation. But you do not enough fear, abhor and detest it, shuddering at the very thought. All the preceding tempers tend to it, and gradually prepare you for it.

3. As to your outward behavior I like the general tenor of your life, devoted to God and spent in good doing.

I dislike your appointing such meetings as hinder others from attending either the public preaching or their class or band.

I dislike your spending so much time in several meetings, as many that attend can ill spare it from other duties of their calling unless they omit either their preaching or their class or band. This naturally tends to dissolve our society by cutting the sinews of it.

As to your more public meetings, I like the praying fervently and largely for all the blessings of God, I know much good has been done hereby and I hope much more will be done. But I dislike several things therein. The using improper expressions in prayer, sometimes too pompous and magnificent, extolling yourselves rather than God, and telling Him what you are, not what you want. Your affirming people will be justified or sanctified just now. Your affirming they are when they are not. The bidding them say "I believe." The bitterly condemning any that oppose, calling them wolves, etc., and pronouncing them hypocrites or not justified.

Read this calmly and impartially before the Lord in prayer. So shall the evil cease and the good remain. And you will then be more than ever united to your affectionate brother.

J. WESLEY, Canterbury.

The Without Stage Held Up.

OREGON CITY July 13.—Word was brought to town this evening that the outgoing Without stage was held up by two highwaymen at the Howard hill, about nine miles from this city, at 11 o'clock this morning. Henry Mattoon, the driver, and one passenger, a Portland man, were robbed of a very cent they had, said to have been about \$20. The robbers are described as one short, heavy-set fellow, and one taller man, both wearing workmen's clothes, and having their faces covered with white masks. The incoming stage had passed that point but 15 minutes before, but it had three passengers, two of whom had been out hunting and had shot guns in plain sight, which is thought to have prevented a repetition of the recent Ager-Klamath Falls double robbery.

Mixed the Husband, Hit the Wife.

ASTORIA, July 15.—Mrs. Thomas Eccles, wife of a farmer residing near Vesper, this county, was shot Saturday afternoon by Thomas Hopkins. The shooting grew out of trouble over stook, repeated quarrels having occurred between the men. Saturday Eccles sent word to Hopkins to come and take one of the cattle out of his (Eccles') pasture. The message was promptly responded to, Hopkins coming armed with a rifle. Approaching Eccles, he drew a bead on him, but the intended victim jumped just as the shooter pulled the trigger, and the ball struck Mrs. Eccles on the forehead. The wound is not serious.

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