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STOLEN PROPERTY FOUND.

More Developments in the Case of H. A. Gill.

Some time in July, or immediately subsequent to the disappearance of Elmer Lieb's bicycle, Frank Gorrell, living near the Umpqua ferry, or ten miles west of Oakland, missed a horse, saddle and bridle from his barn. The matter was reported to the various officers throughout the valley. Following as it did so closely upon the heels of the bicycle incident, Sheriff Withers suspected that one and the same party committed both acts. Other developments confirmed this belief.

After diligent inquiries and a good deal of hard work, Sheriff Withers ascertained that an outfit answering the description of that stolen from Gorrell had been sold to C. E. Seeley, who resides north of Independence. Armed with the necessary papers Mr. Withers visited that locality last Saturday returning to this city Monday with the stolen property in his possession.

Mr. Gorrell has been notified that his horse, saddle and bridle are here in the keeping of the sheriff, and will arrive in Eugene at an early date to claim his property.

From the description given by Mr. Seeley of the party who sold him the horse, Mr. Withers is confident that H. A. Gill, who purchased the bicycle, also sold the horse to Seeley. Such being the case Mr. Gill will also have to answer to the Douglas county court for the latter offense.—Eugene Record.

Oregon Girl in Alaska.

Miss Frances Mann is the name of an Oregon girl who finds life in the far-away Unalaska, while perhaps not one continuous round of pleasure, still very interesting, pleasant and even profitable, says the Juneau, Alaska, Dispatch. She is in the government service, and for four years has been connected with the Government Indian School.

Miss Mann reports that the attendance at this school has been increasing, notwithstanding the fact that the natives, who are largely dominated by the Russians and the Russian Greek church, are prejudiced against American institutions, and what they consider outside interference. As the Indian population is decreasing, however, it is only a question of time when the school attendance will decrease also, and the need of a school will be no more. At the time Miss Mann left Unalaska there were 96 pupils in school and two teachers employed. Prior to the past year the attendance has not exceeded from 20 to 25. The Indian population of Unalaska has for some time been about 350, but August last a visit from measles and whooping cough reduced the number by about one-third. The Indian, according to Miss Mann's observations, is passing, not only on the Aleutian Islands, but in all parts of Alaska. At many points, where some years ago there were large villages, there is scarcely an Indian left to recite the heroic

deeds of his fathers. Either civilization or disease is slowly but surely exterminating the race.

In speaking of the characteristics and customs of the native Aleutians, Miss Mann said: "The Aleutians are not a very bright people, and are better imitators than originators. The Eskimaux, on the other hand, are bright and make much more rapid progress in the schools than their larger cousins. When it comes to music, the Indians are right at home. They have a good ear for music, and the Unalaska cornet band of natives is one of the attractions at nearly all the celebrations. The Fourth of July, by the way, was celebrated in grand style at Unalaska this year, the crew of the United States gunboat Concord, which happened in the harbor at the time, assisting in the presentation of a creditable program.

"The principal food of the natives is a sun-dried fish, known as ukla, and tea. They practically live on fish. A brew of dried fruits and sugar gives the natives a good substitute for whiskey. This concoction is called sour dough, and the best evidence that it is effective is the fact that it usually knocks them out. One good set-to with this brew, which is the 'court' beverage upon all state occasions, puts the imbiber hors du combat. There are some 200 holidays observed by the Russians and likewise by the natives. The natives observe these holidays by going to church in the morning and then filling up on sour dough. No one can do any business with them while they are drinking, and usually they are not fit for business until the following morning. The Aleutians are not treacherous, even when drinking, and the most serious consequences from these drinking bees are black eyes. They seldom cut, slash or shoot, and killings are very few and far between. The principal avocations of the natives are fishing, hunting and basket-making.

"The best baskets come from Attu Island, the last in the Aleutian group, and these are really works of art and command a high price. The grasses are obtained at some distance, and the workmanship is the very best. Attu baskets bring from \$2.50 to \$40 each on the island and frequently sell for \$100 or more in the states. They are woven tightly and worked in silk.

A Record Breaker.

A Record Breaker for New Subscribers With the Enterprise took place from April 11, to July 31.

The number of new subscriptions received during that time was seventy-eight names sent in by correspondents, thirty-five new names that just came to the office and subscribed and twenty renewals. This makes one hundred and thirteen new subscribers. We believe that we can truly say that not another paper in the state has taken one-fourth this number and our subscriptions are all paid in advance. No trouble from bad bills. We would be pleased to have your name on our list if the cash accompanies the order and you want your money's worth, but we don't want it if we have to credit you. The cash plan is the right plan and it's a winner.

"In consequence of the long association with Russians, the natives are losing their natural ways and customs. Even their primitive sod huts, which are as comfortable as they are picturesque, are giving way to more modern and probably less comfortable shacks.

"Business at Unalaska has not been so good this year as it was last. The Alaska Commercial Company has a large trading post here, while the N. A. C. is at Dutch Harbor, only a short distance away. This is due to the fact that coaling facilities for vessels going to Nome are better this year. Last year vessels had to remain two or three weeks at a time, whereas this year they are making but short stops. Still a great many people pass through. There were as high as 3000 people at Dutch Harbor the latter part of June. Last year there were as high as 10,000 people there at one time.

"Mining is receiving some attention even at Unalaska. At Huntsville, about two miles distant, there is a quartz mine with a three-stamp mill, employing from eight to ten men."

Miss Mann, who is a handsome brunette with an intelligent face, furnishes a striking example of the self-made woman. She is enthusiastic in her work, and therefore successful. She likes the government service, but probably will not return to it at Unalaska. After visiting Salem a short time, she intends to go East and probably spend the winter in New York. Next year she hopes to go to the Philippines, being impressed with the opportunities that must await energy and ambition in the reconstruction era that is dawning for those islands.

The tabulated statement prepared by Register C. B. Moores, showing the amount and character of business transacted by the Oregon City land office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, has just been completed, and forwarded to the general land office. This statement shows that the total number of acres of government lands located in the district, during the past fiscal year, was 183,916.13, or 23,321.1 acres less than were located during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900. However, there has been an actual increase in the acreage located by actual settlers. During

the first year, the Forest Reserve lieu land selections amounted to 92,601.65 acres, about 81,000 acres being taken by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, while during the past year the lieu land selections will not aggregate more than 12,000 acres. During the past year, however, the homestead locations far exceed that of any former like period in the history of the land office. Following is a summary of the land entries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900:

Homesteads, 56,597.56 acres.
Indemnity school selections, 13,381.84.
Northern Pacific Railway Forest Reserve lieu land selections, 81,584.03.
Oregon & California Railroad Company selections, 1797 acres.
Timber applications, 34,649.32 acres.
Private Forest Reserve lieu land selections, 19,256.62 acres.
Isolated tracts sold, 57 acres.
Total acreage disposed of, 207,237.37.

Disposals should also be credited with lieu land selections of the Northern Pacific Railroad as follows:

Tillamook county, 1118.49 acres;
Washington county, 1947.63; total, 6093.12 acres.

Trout Law at a Glance.

As few sportsmen have a copy of the Oregon game laws, and as these laws covered so many pages that few care to search them thoroughly, the Oregon Fish and Game Association has had a brief synopsis of the laws in regard to trout-fishing printed on cloth to be placarded in every section of this state for the information of the public. These read:

It is unlawful, under penalty by fine, of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment in the county jail, or by both fine and imprisonment—

To fish for any trout by any means whatever, except with hook and line.

To take, catch or kill, by any means whatever, any Eastern brook trout, Loch Leven trout, or grayling before April 4, 1901.

To take, catch, kill or have in possession any trout, char or salmon less than five inches in length, or to take, kill or capture more than 125 trout in one day.

To take, catch, kill or have in possession any trout, except salmon trout, during the months of November, December, January, February or March, or to fish for salmon trout in any other than tide waters during said months.

To fish for any trout between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

To sell, offer for sale or have in possession for sale or exchange, any species of trout at any time.

It is also unlawful, under penalty of fine of not less than \$200, and imprisonment in the county jail, and for a second offense, by fine not less than \$1000 and imprisonment in penitentiary, to explode or cause to be exploded any giant powder, dynamite or other explosive substance whatever, for the purpose of catching, killing or destroying any trout, salmon or any food fish, or for causing or permitting any sawdust, lime, medicated bait or other substance deleterious to fish, in any of the waters of this state in which food fishes are wont to be in.

Warning is given that any person violating any of the foregoing provisions will be prosecuted according to law.

OUR NEW LIST OF PRIZES.

Correspondents Are Well Paid For Their Time and Trouble.

On account of being delayed the prizes for the correspondents that commenced on August 1st, have been delayed until this week. But we now present the list in full which amounts to some \$112, which will be given away in premiums for just the little items that go to make the ENTERPRISE the best county paper in the state. You should read the list. We want every correspondent to try and do their best this time and not let a single item pass. It's very easy to win a prize if you keep everlastingly at it and look after the odds and ends that the other fellow overlooks. Just try it and see if we are not right.

And, correspondents, you will be simply surprised how everyone in your neighborhood will assist you when they find out that you mean to work and help yourself, especially when you have something that interests every member of Polk county. If a person leaves the county or makes any kind of a change, what do they do first? Get the paper and see if their name is in the paper and see what is said. If it is not there then they say: "Well, I wish the ENTERPRISE would get a good correspondent from our place." Now, is this not only too true? But if you get the item and it appears, then what happens—well, she or he, as the case may be, are all right. Now, we wish you would not forget these little points as they will help you in a number of ways.

Now in starting this time commence right away and do not miss an opportunity to get in a good list of items. Remember, that while you may hold back until the last, there are others that may do the same and you are just ahead the amount of items sent in.