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## Death of T. C. Thorp.

Honored Polk county pioneer away in the death of Theo. Thorp, Sunday at 12:30 A. M. He had been a sufferer of Bright's disease, but about Friday he was extremely ill and grew worse during the final summons. The funeral services were held at 1:00 P. M. Sunday, under the auspices of Lodge No. 42, I. O. O. F., of which he was a charter member. Thorp was born in Clay County, Missouri, March 9, 1829, at the early age of 15 years, or thereabouts, he crossed the plains to Oregon. He was married December 1850, to Miss Sarah C. Hedges, with a daughter, Mrs. Goodrich of Cottage Grove, survives. On arriving in Polk county he secured a donation land claim, the present site of Falls City is on his homestead. His life was spent in seeking a fortune in yellow metal, seeking his fortune in both California and Columbia. Later he entered the flouring mill business in Falls City and Rickreall. Until his death he was a man of influence in affairs was quite successful. He was a good man, his death is a loss to the community in which he lived so long and so honorably.

## A Pleasant Affair.

Yesterday afternoon, August 27, at the beautiful home of Mrs. John Hedges had been tastefully decorated for the reception of a number of friends to 3 o'clock tea. All had assembled, the refreshments were provided with small pieces of wood and required to be carried for a pretty little jug which occupied the center of the parlor. The ladies whittled and each had taken, delectable music and some pleasing remarks were rendered. A committee of young ladies had the design and fitness of the work and awarded first prize to Mrs. O. D. Butler and a second to Mrs. W. H. Walker. The ladies were ushered into the dining room where an elegant feast awaited the merry company. Mrs. Dickinson and her daughters are delightful hostesses. So fortunate enough to be here: Mesdames Locke, Fitchard, Owen, Stark, Butcher, Collins, Patterson, Goff, Fryer, Chas. Huff, W. Cressy, Mollie Cressy, Simpson, Mott, I. Dickinson, Trusdie, of Vancouver, and Misses Patterson, Vena Goff, and Ollie Will-

## About That Place for Tired Mothers?

As suggested in last week's issue. It is no passing fancy neither is it a temporary remedy every day witnesses our coming in from the country and the children come also and they get and hot or cold according to the weather. The bawling and mothers' heads. This often before the children visited, and then again their husbands are finishing business. It is no use ne-

## We Invite Comparison.

All we ask is a comparison—a perusal of our columns and those of other county periodicals. If then you deem it worthy of your patronage, we shall be pleased to handle it. Remember, our policy is strictly cash-in-advance, and discontinuance on expiration of subscription. The cash plan is the only satisfactory one. No publisher has a right to run a man in debt against his own will, and on the other hand he is entitled to his pay. The cash plan has been eminently successful with us, and our list has grown from the day of its installation as a part of our business methods. Nowadays a man doesn't want a paper about him which will run along for years and then sends bills for several dollars back subscriptions—in other words for a paper you can't stop.

glecting or acting indifferent to this matter. If it is taken up and attended to ever enlarging prosperity will come to us, and mothers will not dread the visit to town. Salem has a place conducted by the W. C. T. U. The writer and family found it very convenient, and the children who need a wee sleep were provided for. It is a great blessing to many who go in and rest. This can be done for Independence with very little effort and at a small cost. Men can go with their pipes or cigars and sit around in the store or at the store stove, but the mothers, where shall they go? No sir, merchants take this up, do the justifiable thing, provide this necessary accommodation and win the sincere gratitude of a boundless number of mothers. BY ONE WHO HAS INTEREST OF CITY AT HEART.

## "Uncle Original."

"Say, uncle," said inquisitive little Freddy, who never tired of asking questions and especially of uncle "Original," as all the nieces and nephews playfully called him, "tell us about, well about the 'original' of some things, do uncle, there, now, do." This was said so pleadingly uncle could not resist. "Well, there you is again, you young'uns is the everlastingist young'uns I ever seed. Alas asking questions and there's no getting away from you either. Well, well, that's how it comes, all I ever knowed I got by asking questions." This he said half aloud for he was thinking. "See here, youngsters, what was that you all were singing just now out yonder in the orchard?"

"Why, uncle," answered Clara, "that was 'The Old Oaken Bucket,' and we like it uncle."

"Now listen while I'll tell 'er all about how it came to be wrote. It was back East and one Sam Woodworth, a printer in New York, wrote it, Woodworth was drinking in a saloon kept by a man named Mallory. Woodworth was indulging freely in brandy. He lifted up a glass newly filled and said: "This brandy is superior to any drink on earth." "Well, I'll bet you," answered Mallory. He was interested, he was thinking, he was youngsters, 'I'll

bet you that there's a drink we both thought much more of once upon a time and it refreshed us quicker. That's the clear cold water we used to get from the old oaken bucket that hung in the well, after returning from the field on a sultry day.' This sent Woodworth home and he wrote:—

The moss covered bucket I hail as a treasure, For often at noon, when returned from the field,

I found it the source of an exquisite pleasure, The purest and sweetest that nature can yield"—

"Now run off and sing it again." And off they ran knowing full well that uncle would tell them other stories full of information and interest. W. W. E.

## What Is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at A. S. Locke's Drug Store.

## Buttons Grow on Bushes.

The ivory buttons you wear do not present the death of an elephant in the wilds of Africa; your pearl buttons were probably never nearer than you took them to the shell of a bivalve mollusk, and the probabilities are that no rubber tree was ever tapped to produce the hard rubber buttons that adorn your overcoat. Down in Central America there is a fruit producing palm that has quite metamorphosed the button business that formed the nucleus for one of the most important industries in the United States. The seed of this fruit contains a milk that is sweet to the taste and relished by the natives. The milk when allowed to remain in the nut long enough becomes indurated and turns into a substance as brittle and hard as the ivory from the elephant's tusk. The plant that produces these nuts is called ivory plant. Most of the buttons used in America, whether termed ivory, pearl, rubber, horn or bone, come from this ivory plant.

Thus the probabilities are that our buttons are made of a vegetable milk, and they grow on the bushes.

The ivory plant is one of the marvels of the age and is rewarding its growers with vast fortunes. The nuts are brought to the United States by the ship load and hauled across the continent to the big button factories, from which they issue forth in every conceivable design, color, grade and classification of buttons.

The ivory plant has recently been discovered in California, but the nut it produces in its wild state is of inferior quality and will not make good buttons. It is believed, though, that with the proper cultivation the fruit would be as valuable as the Central America. If so the growing of buttons in America will become an industry of importance centered only to the growing of corn, wheat and cotton, for everybody wears buttons.—Popular Mechanics.

## Dr. A. T. Roberts Has Returned to Salem.

Dr. A. T. Roberts, the eye specialist, who was here two years ago and through the perfection of his work gained a reputation second to none in Oregon, has returned to Salem and has a fine suite of offices over Dalrymple's store, where he would be pleased to meet all his old friends and patients, and others who need his services. Over Dalrymple's store. Examination free.

## Protection From Pests.

Special from Parker. We read of any number of remedies for the prevention of destruction of plants, gardens, trees, etc., by the many different species of hemipterous insects that infest our mundane sphere, and while these various remedies are not without their merits, and while we are willing to extol their virtues in laudable eulogies, we would like to offer for inspection this original remedy that has been duly tested and approved by Mr. Critchlow, of Airlie. A short time ago the Misses Maggie and Lura Critchlow had some stamp photos finished in accordance to the latest model, and were very proud of their possessions. But one day the pictures

mysteriously disappeared much to the chagrin of these young ladies. Imagine the surprise in store for them when the pictures were discovered pasted around on the cucumbers in the garden. We are informed by one of the young ladies that the result was effectual.

## An Independence Boy.

Edward Rosendorf leaves Corvallis tomorrow for the East by way of the Canadian Pacific, to enter the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. The course in this college covers a period of four years, after which our young friend purposes to spend two years in the hospitals of Philadelphia, and one year in Europe. He graduated from the O. A. C. in pharmacy, in the class of 1902. After a visit in Independence and Portland he will leave the latter place on Wednesday next. —Corvallis Gazette.

## Cigars At \$4 Apiece.

Says the New York Tribune: Those who have attended the big banquets at Delmonico's, such, for instance, as the one given to Cyrus Field upon the completion of the Atlantic Cable, and which cost \$50 a plate, had the privilege of smoking the choicest Havana cigars, costing, perhaps, 50 cents each. But what would the dinner cost with cigars at \$4 apiece? Yet there are such cigars being made in Havana today, and some have arrived at New York. Francisco E. Fonseca, a friend of President Palma, and who was born near where he lived in Cuba, received one of these a few days ago. It was wrapped in an imported piece of Japanese rice paper and enclosed in a handsomely decorated box. In fact, only one comes in a box, and each is 16 inches long and an inch and a quarter in diameter at the middle. It is said that the tobacco can only be grown on one plantation in Cuba, and the duty on each is 68 cents.

## Bought A Fine Ram.

C. H. Davidson, of Shedd, returned from Monmouth, Polk county, where he purchased a fine yearling registered Cotswold ram from J. B. Stump, the well known breeder. Mr. Davidson has a good sized band of sheep at his farm and finds them a very profitable investment. —Albany Herald.

Mrs. I. Dickinson returned from Vancouver, Wash., Wednesday evening.

## His Life Saved By Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief," says B. T. Little, merchant, Hancock, Md. For sale by Kirkland Drug Co.