# THE PLAINS OF YUHA

## SOME OF THE CURIOSITIES OF THE COLORADO DESERT.

**Graves Each of Which Tells a Story of a Tragedy of Heat, Thirst and Death—Odd Stones and Shells That Strew the Barren Region.**

There is a section of the Colorado desert where nature has left some remarkable records. She has visited the region alternately with fire and water and has left it with neither. It is the most desolate, wild, barren, forbidding part of the desert, says the Los Angeles Times, and it is shunned alike by man and beast. That there is good and sufficient reason for avoiding this locality is attested by numbers of graves, nameless for the most part found in the terrible region.

These graves are simple affairs, merely mounds of earth with a border of stones about each and a pile of rocks two or three feet high at the head. Each tells the story of a tragedy of heat, thirst and death. Those items are about all that is ever known of the stories of those who perish. Their mummified bodies or bleached bones are found long after the struggle is over, and the finder, respecting the memory of the unknown, scoops a hole in the earth, lays the ghastly relic within and piles up the only monument available in that waste region.

The plain now lies nearly a hundred feet below the level of the sea, and the rocks of the plain and the bases of the mountains are washed and eroded in a wonderful manner. Mingling with the burnt stones and volcanic debris are rocks worn by the waves and shaped into hundreds of fantastic forms. There are many acres of these stone curiosities, and certain sections of the field seem devoted to certain shapes and figures.

For instance, one passes through a region which he at once names the cabbage patch, for it presents the appearance of a field of those vegetables which have turned to stone. The waves have worn the rocks into round bowlders about the size of the vegetable which they so much resemble and have cut into the globes, laminating them in perfect imitation of the leafy layers of the garden vegetable.

Another locality is devoted almost exclusively to dinner plates. Thousands of rounded, thin disks are scattered over the plain or are piled scores deep in singular piles, each piece shaped exactly like the crockery which adorns our tables and quite as thin and symmetrical.

Another section of this truly wonderful region is given almost wholly to dumbbells. These vary in size from pieces weighing one or two pounds up to those seemingly calculated for exercising the muscles of a giant and weighing thirty or forty pounds each. In almost every instance these natural dumbbells are well balanced, the balls at either end of the connecting piece being of the same size and weight.

There is in this plain an arsenal also. While guns and swords and bayonets and powder were not there to be found, there are thousands of cannon balls varying in size from two and three inch balls to those fit for the big thirteen inch guns of modern warfare. And all are of stone, all formed in nature's workshop.

There are other objects innumerable. There are stone roses, stone lilies, stone tulips, stone leaves, stone birds, stone animals, stone quoits, stone ornaments in varied and unique designs, stone capes—in fact, almost everything conceivable in nature or art imitated in stone on the plain of Yuha.

In one portion of Yuha rise two hills or small mountains. One might mistake them in the distance for ancient craters, but when he approaches the eminences he discovers them to be monuments to an ancient life—the records of species now extinct. They are shell mountains, great beds of prehistoric bivalves which were left stranded when that ancient sea swept back from the region and left a dry and desolate land.

One of these mountains, the large one, is composed wholly of large rough shells, much larger, but less elongated, than the shells of the modern oyster, which in some respects they so much resemble as to lead to the suspicion that they are the remains of the ancestors of our much prized bivalve.

The lesser hill is composed of tiny shells of a prehistoric type of brachiopoda. Like the large shells, they are found except on the surface in an undisturbed state, both valves of nearly every shell being found in position. Although the modern dwellers of these shells vanished several centuries ago, so perfect are the shells one almost expects when he opens the valve of the shell to find the living creature within.

**Resolution.**

Millions of years had passed.

Birds had succeeded to the supremacy formerly held by man.

"What is that you are wearing on your hat?" asked the flamingo.

"It's the scalp of an almost extinct biped called a woman," replied the egret. "A few specimens of the creature still exist, I am told, in the inaccessible fastnesses of the everglades."—Chicago Tribune.

**Filling the Prescription.**

Judge—What were you doing in the henhouse, Sambo? Sambo—Well—er—judge, mah missus wah feelin' pohly, an heh doctah decahded she must have poached eggs. I wah jes' poachin' a few, judge, accordin' to orders.—New York Times.

All the performances of human art at which we look with praise or wonder are instances of the resistless force of perseverance.—Johnson.

# A GOOD BIG MIRROR.

**Have One In the House and See That It Is Used.**

A mirror large and long enough for the tallest member of the family to see herself from tip to toe is among the most useful articles of furniture in a house.

It is, in fact, more necessary than carpets, which are unnecessary, or window curtains, pictures on the walls, pillow shams, tablecloths, bric-a-brac and endless other things too numerous to mention.

A good mirror helps us to see ourselves as others see us. It shows us that we are ripped in seams, taggy and uneven in skirts, ill fitting in collars and waists, neckties askew, hair unbecomingly arranged, quarreling colors, humped shoulders—in brief, all the faults and shortcomings in dress and carriage of the figure.

A hand mirror should hang beside it, and between the two a fair estimate of one's appearance can be made.

Men not women who look the best make use of the looking glass and value its importance. Instead of breeding vanity the mirror explodes vanity. Between buying new gowns, hats, coats, chairs or chests buy the looking glass and see that it is a good one with a plain solid frame and likely to last forever. Then hang it in a good light accessible to all.—Philadelphia Ledger.

# CHEST DEVELOPMENT.

**Take Exercise and Use a Good Flesh Making Cream.**

Nothing is better for chest development than swinging Indian clubs or using dumbbells. Exercise for ten minutes night and morning. At the same time apply to the skin a flesh making cream made of one and one-quarter ounces of lanolin, one-eighth of an ounce of spermaceti and one-quarter ounce of fresh mutton tallow, one ounce of cocoanut oil, one ounce of sweet almonds, one-quarter dram of tincture of benzoin, one ounce of extract of Portugal and five drops of oil of neroli.

To mix melt the first three ingredients in an earthern dish set in a basin of hot water. When liquid stir in the cocoanut oil with a silver fork and then the almond oil, first removing from the heat. Slowly add the Portugal extract, beating all the time, and then the neroli, putting in the benzoin last.

Use as cold cream, beginning to rub at the middle of the throat, drawing the fingers down to the under arms. Afterward rub from the side of the throat over to the shoulders.

# SEWING HINTS.

Always use double thread for gathering.

Always use as fine a thread and needle as the garment will allow.

When threading your needle make the knot on the end broken from the spool.

The rule for frilling is one and a quarter the length of the edge to be trimmed.

In facing a sleeve turn it and place the facing inside the sleeve before sewing it on.

Gathers should always be set on the right side, but never with a needle. Use a large pin.

When sewing on a button place the knot on the right side of the cloth directly under the button.

In sewing a seam put the stitches closely together, but lightly, into the cloth, being careful not to pull the thread tight, as this causes the seam to draw.

**Bookshelves.**

People have become educated to seeing bookshelves in a library or sitting room in preference to bookcases, for these always seem designed more as showcases for books and their bindings than to hold books ready for intimate use. Fewer bookcases are sold nowadays than formerly, for everybody seems to appreciate the charm of the low bookshelves built in around a room or occupying some special nook or corner in a bay window or alcove. On the top of these shelves one can always have plants, photographs, magazines, all the hundred and one little furnishings that add to the beauty of a room. The high corner bookshelves are always good, for they use space often otherwise wasted, and this is an important factor in these days of apartment houses.

**French Cream Frosting.**

Four cups of white sugar, one cup of hot water; put on fire and boil without stirring for about eight minutes. If it looks thick test by dripping from a spoon, and if it threads remove and rub some against side of cake bowl, and if it will rub into a ball pour all out and beat rapidly with wooden spoon, adding flavoring of rose, vanilla or orange as it cools. It will cut soft for several days. This can also be mixed with nuts and made into nut bonbons and colored with cranberry juice or green made from parsley. Take tender parsley leaves, wash dry and pound in a mortar until juice is extracted. Strain into a cup and put the cup into boiling water to get hot. A few drops will color a pale green.

**Limewater.**

Our grandmothers made great use of limewater, and physicians even today recommend its use in many ailments. It is such a practical remedy to have about the house. A jug of it should stand in every storeroom or cellar. A lump of quicklime about the size of a pint cup will be sufficient to prepare about two quarts. Put in an earthen dish, pour cold water over it and stir occasionally for six hours, then carefully turn off the top, straining through two thicknesses of fine cheesecloth and cork tightly in bottles.

# Lorane Items

Lorane, Jan. 4.—Hiram Gregg, of Cottage Grove, spent New Years here.

A watch meeting was held at the M. E. church New Year's eve.

Lorane and Cartwright schools opened Tuesday after the holiday vacation.

Miss Nettie Addison has gone to Eugene, where she will again pursue the study of music.

Elmer Crow has returned to Corvallis to continue his collegiate course.

Miss Ella Addison is at home for a short vacation.

Mrs. Goodspeed, of Oakland, is the guest of Mrs. Madge Addison.

Miss Edna Ward has returned to Eugene, where she will again attend the business college.

The Rebecaas gave an entertainment and social New Year's night which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The fishpond netted them quite a sum with which to purchase chairs for their hall.

# Greenleaf Items

Greenleaf, Jan. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Peplot have returned to Lake Creek to make it their home, as they have bought property there.

Ira Brown and wife came down from the lake last Sunday to spend New Years at Mrs. Brown's mother's, Mrs. Wolcott, of this place.

Sam Brown went to Junction last week. Gather up all the tin cans and cowbells and we will keep him awake awhile.

Si Woolridge is working for F. M. Parker now.

The logging camp of Brown and Handsaker has shut down now for some time.

# Railroad Land for Lease

Lands of the Oregon & California Railroad Company, in Oregon, will be leased for the year 1906, subject to sale. Owners of farms and ranches adjoining railroad land should file their applications not later than February 1, 1906, after which date application from others will also be considered. Address Charles W. Eberlin, acting land agent, 1035 Merchant's Exchange, San Francisco, Cal.

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# Torture of a Preacher

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies without relief until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, which entirely cured me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of throat and lungs. At W. L. DeLano's, druggist; price, 50c and $1, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.


B.G.W.

When ordering carpenter work done tell your carpenter to use only band sawed lumber. It will not cost you any more and your lumber will last longer and the job will look smoother. To be had at Parker's sawmill, Eugene.


# To the Members of the Oregon Fire Relief Association

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the association will be held at Burns' hall, in McMinnville, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of electing three trustees and attending to such other business as may properly come before the meeting. All members are respectfully invited to attend this meeting.

W. C. HAGERTY,
Secretary.

You will not find beauty in rouge pot or complexion whitewash. True beauty comes to them only that take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It's a wonderful tonic and beautifier. 35 cents, tea or tablets. Linn Drug Co.

# Read This

Weatherford, Texas, Oct. 15, 1901.

Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir: My wife has been affected with kidney and bladder trouble for several teen years, and was confined to her bed for a year, and I tried many physicians without benefit. Two bottles of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cured her, and I consider it the grandest medicine on earth. Very respectfully, J. C. PILAND

A TEXAS WONDER.

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's great discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and

Hall's Drug Store

# Around the Courthouse

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

H S Tuthill, trustee, to N J Bergman; certain lands in sec 9, tp 17, s r 6 w. $650.

N F and Mary J Woodcock to Hans P N Bodtker; half lot in 20 acres in sec 3, tp 16, s r 4 w. $100.

George and Fannie Fresher to Christ Austed; 80 acres in sec 4, tp 16, s r 4 w. $1800.

W M and Lucy J Ritney to Hans P N Bodtker; 20 acres in sec 3, tp 16, s r 4 w. $80.

Reuben and Melissa O Stimet to J W and Cora Ransom; 54 acres in sec 10, tp 23, s r 3 w. $430.

Wm F and Jane Lyons to Tracer B Lyons; certain land in tp 18, s r 7 w. $1.

Jennie Miller to Fred E Raymond; lot 54, blk 7, Miller's ad to Florence. $10.

Benjamin Scott to Benjamin J Watts; 63 acres in sec 24, tp 19, s r 8 w. $1.

B and Elizabeth Pinard to Chas H and Bertha M Wall; certain land in sec 34, tp 20, s r 3 w. $350.

State of Oregon to Frank Oscar Peterson and J Albert Karlson; 650 acres, being sec 36, tp 23, s r 2 w. $300.

S N Fenne to Lillie A Hadley; west 40 feet of lot 4, blk 36, extended survey of Springfield. $50.

W H and M Josephine Hathaway to S N Fenne; west 40 feet of lot 4, blk 36, extended survey of Springfield. $500.

Tillie and Oscar Edwards to Booth-Kelly Lumber Co; 101.44 acres in sec 18, tp 23, s r 1 w. $700.

U S to Tillie Edwards; 101.44 acres in sec 18, tp 23, s r 1 w. Patent.

HUNTING LICENSES.

H Whitney, Irving; Darwin Yoran, Jas L Furnish, B A Edmonson, Dell Kirkpatrick, Eugene; Loyal E Scott, Creswell.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

John Robert Herbert and Mrs Maude Elma Jenkins; James H Herbert, witness.

# Personal.

Fred Lemley is up from Portland for a visit.

Jerry Horn went to Portland yesterday on business.

Clifford Brown came up from Salem this afternoon.

Jerry Dammer, of Cottage Grove was in Eugene today.

H. L. Benson, of Klamath Falls, was in Eugene yesterday.

Mrs. C. H. Atwood has returned to Beaverton after a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Mateer have left for Ontario, Or., to reside.

Miss Susie Hayes is back from a visit with Woodburn friends.

Miss Ella Dobie is back for school from her home in Portland.

E. P. Williams is in the city from the upper Willamette country.

Bruce Walker is very ill at his home at 22 East Seventh street.

Miss Winnie Hadley is back from a visit with her parents at Hadleyville.

Miss Alice Bretherton, varsity student, is back to resume her studies.

Miss Grace Edmunson went to Goshen this afternoon for a short stay.

Earl Church and Sam R. Thurston are here from San Francisco on a visit.

Misses Juanita Miller and Venita Henderson have returned from Lebanon.

Miss Jean Gray came up from Portland this afternoon to continue her studies.

Chas. Gilyeu, the ball player, of Albany, passed through the city today for California.

Seth Kerron is back from Portland, where he played football with Multnomah yesterday.

Mrs. E. C. Gay has arrived here to join her husband, who is organizer for the Order of Washington.

Jesse Inman has resigned as day clerk at The Hoffman, and left this morning for his home at Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlagel, of Portland, who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Cheshire, returned home yesterday.

Charles Miller, of Portland, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. A. Miller, west of Eugene.

J. W. Holeman, of Walnut, Kansas, is here on a visit to his brother, U. C. Holeman, and incidentally looking over the country.

Dr. I. Bartlett is in Portland.

C. D. Gabrielson, of Salem, was in Eugene today.

Raleigh Roney, of Goshen, was in Eugene today.

A. J. Babb arrived from San Francisco this morning on a visit to relatives.

J. M. Cook arrived up from Junction this afternoon.

Dr. A. Sharples was down from his Pleasant Hill farm today.

Miss Alicia McElory came home from Junction this afternoon.

Attorney and Mrs. D. V. Kuykendall have left for Klamath Falls, after a visit here.

Thomas Lotwell, of Independence, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Poyes, in Eugene.

J. Miller, of Milwaukie, Or., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Frank in Eugene.

Joe Kahn, advance agent of the Jolly Tramp Co., which appears here soon, is in the city.

A. B. Wood, of the Oregon Securities Co., was in the city from Cottage Grove yesterday.

G. D. Linn and family are home from Jacksonville, where they attended the Linn family's annual reunion.

M. Levinger is here from Spokane. He recently sold his bakery business there, and will reside here in the future.

F. W. Vaille, superintendent of U S star mail routes on the Pacific coast, is in Eugene looking after the renewal of contracts on routes in this vicinity.

# FLORENCE WILL HAVE LIBRARY

A press dispatch from Salem says: The people of Florence, Lane county, have raised $50 to purchase a circulating library, and have forwarded the amount to the state library commission. This entitles Florence to the use of a circulating library as long as the state continues this work.

It will give it the use of about 120 books a year. Quite a number of the smaller towns have signified their intention of purchasing libraries. Dallas has already done so. By this means the number of libraries can be rapidly increased.

Most interior towns can, the authorities say, by means of public entertainments, raise sufficient means to purchase the libraries, and when it is understood that this will entitle them to the use of the circulating libraries, particularly it is expected many more towns will join in the movement.

# Unity Items

Unity, Jan. 4.—R. C. Edwards visited the county seat last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Drury moved to Marcola last week. They will reside there for some time, as Oscar will superintend the logging camp for the Hyland Bros. mill.

M. O. Warner, the piano tuner, was in this section this week doing some piano tuning. He tuned one for R. C. Edwards, also one for Mr. Stewart a Fall Creek.

R. C. Edwards started up his logging camp this week with a small crew.

Miss Grace Hyland, who has been at Ashland attending school, visited her home at Lowell during the holidays.

Miss Grace Sailor, who has been at Portland working in a candy factory, came up last week to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs Sailor. She returned to Portland Saturday.

The school district at this place voted a ten-mill tax for the purpose of repairing the schoolhouse, with the understanding that if the district thought best they use the money on a new one next summer. The school is progressing nicely with Miss Amanda Moreuouse as teacher.

# Brevities

B. B. McKinney has purchased H. M. Manville's second-hand store on East Ninth street.

Mrs. Fred Ross is confined to her home on account of a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Alva, the little son of T. K. Lockwood, died at Irving Monday, January 1, 1905, from croup. He was aged 8 years.

The S. P. Co.'s water tank at the depot is practically completed. The standpipe east of the depot has been erected and one will be placed west of the depot later on.

Samuel Watson, Jr., and Geo. W. Watson were this afternoon appointed administrators of the estate of their father, the late Samuel Watson. Joseph H. Watson, J. M. Martin and John Conger were appointed appraisers of the property of the estate, the value of which is estimated at $1300.

Three little babes were nestled in bed,
I'll name William, Willie and Bill," mother said;
Wide was her smile, for triplets they be,
She lays her good luck to Rocky Mountain Tea.
(Great baby medicine.) Linn Drug Co

# EXCURSION TO CALIFORNIA

## Under Auspices of the Oregon Development League Leaves Portland on Special Train January 13

Secretary Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, is desirous that the state at large shall be well represented on this excursion. The party, which will be composed of ladies and gentlemen, leaves Portland at midnight January 13, stops being made at Sacramento, San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose, Surf, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Special entertainment will be accorded the party at these places. The rate from Portland will be $50 for one person, which includes meals to be served on diner between Portland and Sacramento, and berth to Los Angeles. A berth for $58 will be charged where two persons occupy a double berth. A deposit of $25 is necessary on each ticket to secure reservation. Section reservations will be held until December 1. This is an excellent opportunity to visit California under the auspices under which it is given insures a most enjoyable outing.

The excursion is to be run only provided that not less than 125 people make the trip. All communications in reference to reservations, and the trip in general, should be addressed to Tom Richardson, secretary Portland Commercial Club, Portland, Oregon.

# EAGLES INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Eugene Aerie, No. 275, Fraternal Order of Eagles, installed new officers last night and after the ceremony members enjoyed a banquet, pronounced the best ever given by local aerie. The new officers are as follows:

President, A. Lombard; vice president, Joseph Pironi; chaplain, Jonathan Brear; secretary, E. W. Hatfield; treasurer, F. C. Tuttle; inside watch, W. Newsbaum; outside watch, Frank Woods; outside guard, W. G. Day; trustees, L. M. Tuttle, J. J. Rude, Geo. W. Hunter; delegate, F. E. Selover.

Joe. Pironi, who until now has been secretary of the aerie since it was organized, was presented with a beautiful charm in appreciation of his work.

# LONG TERM OF COUNTY COURT

The January term of the Lane county commissioners' court convened this morning and will remain in session perhaps ten days or two weeks. The reason for the extra length of this session is the large amount of work which has to be done. It includes the appointment of road supervisors for each district, the judges and clerks of election, five for each of the fifty precincts, and the county court jurors for the year.

# Died

C. H. Lowry died at his home, miles north of Eugene, on the road, this forenoon at 9:45 o'clock after a lingering illness extending over two years, the last three months being confined to his bed, [illegible] years. He was married to [illegible] Harwood in Iowa in 1880, and came to Lane county in 1885. A [illegible] three sisters and his mother survive him.

The interment will take place in the Eugene I. O. O. F. cemetery tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock, J. S. McCallum officiating.

Mrs Effie Harden, wife of [illegible] Harden, died at her home at [illegible] today at 11 a. m. from consumption. She was aged 28 years. Besides husband she leaves two small children. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m.

# Announcement

I will fill my regular appointment at Elmira Saturday and Sunday, also at Crow Sunday evening. There will be our regular communion service. The church is requested to be present. All invited.

D. E. BAKER, Pastor.

BERRY PLANTS FOR SALE—Forty varieties. Strawberries $3 to $4 per 1000. Red and black Raspberries, $1 to $1.50 per 100. Logans, $3. Special prices on large quantities. J. O. Holt, 2[illegible] Fourteenth street, Eugene, Or.

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