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The Medford lady will not even give Miss Lamson a trial. Her husband it not old.—Mail.

### INSANE ITALIAN SHOTS HIMSELF AT ASHLAND

Ashland, Or., Dec. 27.—Giuseppe Pazio, an Italian who was a passenger out of Portland last night on the Southern Pacific train No. 15, and ticketed to Sacramento, shot and killed himself in the toilet of the depot waiting room here at 2 o'clock this afternoon.  
He got off the train here on its arrival shortly after 11 o'clock, and there observed to act queerly, and there seems no doubt that the man was insane when he committed the act of self-destruction. He was about 40 years old.

### GLIENENA ITEMS

(Special Correspondence.)  
Glienena, Dec. 28.—Ellis Richardson and Coombs Boldon are home from the Taylor logging camp on Lake Creek to spend the holidays.  
Shooting matches are held often in this part of the country, mostly for beef, and there are some very good scores made. We hear there is a match for turkeys at Elmira today.  
School was out here in the district last Friday. Miss Puncheda, of Montana, was our teacher. She taught a very good school, and no one hated to see her leave as bad as Warr's. Boring did—he wanted the directors to employ her to teach the spring term.  
There was an Xmas tree at the Meadow school house and a social ball at L. Boring's Christmas night.  
Ben Jones, of Indian Creek, made a trip to Eugene last week. He reports the roads in pretty bad condition on the Wild Cat creek and other places. The only thing for the Sunlaw road from Hale to Mapleton is a

planked road, and there is all kinds of timber to make the plank if the county would furnish a sawmill.  
Salmon have been less plentiful this fall than usual and many predict that the longer they run that salmon or fish hatchery on Lake Creek the more scarce they will become.  
We hear that some parties up the Wild Cat have been arrested for killing deer out of season. They are not residents of this section of the county and came in here and were killing too many. Perhaps, had they killed one for home use there would never have been anything said about it. Most of the old settlers in the mountains are game wardens, and they won't allow the game abused, and were the first to make a complaint.  
We like to read the "Alma Items." They are the ones that tell us of the 1000-lb. bear, etc. We have been in Oregon since September, 1858, and have seen many Oregon bears, but have never seen such a "whole of a bear" as the Alma people talk of. Of course we cannot doubt the weight of this bear, as this is a fast and heavy age.

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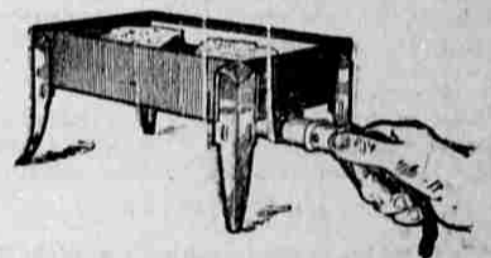
Halsey, Or., Dec. 26.—At a family Christmas tree at the home of David Downing, the host's brother was impersonating Santa Claus, when his long, flowing beard became ignited from a candle on the tree, and before his disguise could be removed his face was burned to a blister. He can barely see today. His hands are so badly burned that all the cuticle has peeled off. It is reported that he is resting easy.  
At the same time at a union tree at the city hall, in which the Sunday school of town took part, and while all available standing room was taken, a handkerchief caught fire and for a moment a ripple of excitement ran through the audience. Some one on the stage had presence of mind enough to remove the handkerchief and extinguish the blaze. The article was high up on the tree and might have caused a big fire.

### ALMA ITEMS

(Special Correspondence.)  
Alma, Dec. 27.—"Lucy" Pettit, Jack Johnson, John Howell and Geo. Luce returned from their hunting trip last Wednesday. They report having seen lots of wildcat signs, cougar and bear, but returned with little luck.  
Jack Johnson caught a large wildcat a few days ago. It had previously been caught by Chas. Hinkson, but had escaped with the trap, it being found near by.  
The school entertainment and dance given at Mound turned out a grand success. All present enjoyed themselves immensely, and there was a large crowd present.  
Mrs. Pierce and Ethel Sallee called upon Mrs. Luce yesterday. Mrs. Pierce will spend a few days with Mrs. Luce.  
"Lucy" Pettit's canoe arrived but were sent to Mound via stage line. He has a large boil coming on his foot and looks rather comical walking around on broom sticks.  
Bert Allegar has gone down to Harvey Sallee's to work on the road for a few days.  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson expect to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sallee unless the river takes a sudden rise.  
Earl Parsons was on the river last Friday.  
Charlie Lane and C. M. Lowry stopped at W. H. Combs' for dinner yesterday. They were doing a little cruising in the neighborhood.  
"Lucy" Pettit is still waiting for his hat to come from Frisco, but as a number eight was sent for he will have to wait until it can be made.  
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