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The fountain of content must spring up in the mind, and he who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition will waste his life in fruitless efforts and multiply the griefs which he purports to remove.—Johnson.

One of the most helpful books to keep upon your table, ready to be consulted as you read other books, is a biographical dictionary. Then, when you come to some historical character about whom your knowledge is a little faded, it will require but a moment to refresh your memory and make your reading more intelligent. You have a right to the acquaintance of these distinguished men and women and should keep up at least friendly relations with them, if for no other reason than in gratitude for what they have done to make your life pleasant.

John A. Sutter, on whose land gold was first discovered in California in 1848, was always loyal to his friends. "During the winter of 1862 Sacramento was a marsh, and drainage ditches had just been dug," says Thomas E. Farish's "Gold Hunters of California." "One evening Sutter and a friend had been indulging a little too freely in the cup, and they were taking a stroll before retiring for the night, when the friend inadvertently fell into one of the newly dug canals. 'I cannot pull you out,' said Sutter regretfully as he looked down at his less lucky friend, 'but I can come down and sit with you.' And he did."

In Cyrus Townsend Brady's "Indian Fights and Fighters" is a tale of two scouts, Trudeau and Schiwee, who carried to General Carpenter through an Indian infested country the news that Major Forsyth was being besieged in the sands of Red Lake by a thousand warriors. Here is one incident of their journey:

"During this day a large party of scouting Indians halted within 100 feet of the wallow where the scouts were hiding. Simultaneously with their arrival a wandering rattlesnake made its appearance in front of the two scouts, who were hugging the earth and expecting every minute to be discovered. 'In his way the rattlesnake was as deadly as the Indian. The scouts could have killed him easily and it had not been for the proximity of the Cheyennes. To make the slightest movement would call attention to their hiding place. Indeed, the sinister rattle of the venomous snake before he struck would probably attract the notice of the alert Indians. Between the savages, reptile and the savage men the scouts were in a frightful predicament, which young Stillwell, a lad of amazing resources, instantly and effectually solved."

"He was chewing tobacco at the time, and as the snake drew near him and made ready to strike Stillwell completely routed him by spitting tobacco juice in his mouth and eyes and all over his head. The rattlesnake died. He could not stand such a dose. The Indians presently moved on, having noticed nothing, and so ended perhaps the most terrible half hour the two men had ever experienced."

Once upon a time there was a man who spent eight of the best years of his life coloring a meerschaum pipe, only to find at the end of that period that he had been nursing a piece of "massakopfe" instead of the genuine "ecume de mer." The "massakopfe" is a composition made of the parings of genuine meerschaum and a mineral clay. The parings are triturated to a fine powder, boiled in water and the aded into blocks, with or without the addition of black. Each block is then cut into a bowl, but as it contracts considerably it must be left some time to dry. These bowls are distinguished from the genuine meerschaum by their greater specific gravity, but there is no absolutely certain test by which the real meerschaum can be told from the composition.

In forming a pipe from "ecume de mer" the silicate of magnesia is prepared for the operation by soaking in a composition of wax, oil and fat. The wax and oil absorbed by the meerschaum are the cause of the color produced by smoking. The heat of the burning tobacco causes the wax and fatty substances to pass through the stages of a dry distillation, and, becoming associated with the products of the distillation of the tobacco, they are diffused through the substances of the bowl, producing those gradations of tint which are so much prized. In some cases the bowls are artificially colored by dipping them, before being soaked in wax, in a solution of sulphate of iron, either alone or mixed with dragon's blood.

Good meerschaum is soft enough to be indented by the thumb nail. It yields readily to the knife, especially after having been wetted. There are various densities. Some kinds sink in water; others float on the surface. Those of medium density are preferred by the pipe maker, for the light varieties are porous and even cavernous. Many judges assume that the heavier kinds are spurious, but there is no absolute proof that such is the case. A negative test may be mentioned. The composition bowls never exhibit those little blemishes which result from the presence of foreign bodies in the natural meerschaum. Therefore if a blemish occurs in a meerschaum bowl, which is very frequently the case, the genuineness of the bowl is rendered most probable. But as blemishes do not show until after the bowl has been used for some time the test is not of much value.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.

Miss Annie Oll, of Portland is at home with her parents again spending the holidays after an absence of several months.

Everybody including "Dad" Carter was made happy, the latter's friends, remembering him in the way of substantial presents Christmas eve.

Jack Hess, our local "V. S." is afflicted with a "spavin" located on his right knee joint, according to his diagnosis of the case.

Luther Smith returned to this locality recently after a two years' absence in the mining regions of Southern Oregon.

Mrs. Della Hall and daughter Amy, of Portland, came out Saturday evening on a visit to relatives and friends in Sherwood.

All day long Sundays the constant crack of shot guns are heard on the flat near town in trap shooting. This appears to be a progressive age wherein the courtesy due others opposed to such practice is ignored.

George Schneller, late of Sherwood livery stables has purchased a similar business in Dallas, Polk county and is reported to be succeeding finely in his new location.

It is a singular coincidence that where an advertised estate is concerned how many expectant heirs come to the front. The streets of San Francisco are full of people of this description anxiously inquiring in reference to the late Pat Cain estate.

The Middleton Christmas entertainment was held Monday evening and conducted by the Farmer's Alliance of that place, a new organization lately formed there.

John J. Sax, an onion farmer living near town assisted his hired man in removing a heavy box from his wagon a few days ago since which time he has had hemorrhage of the lungs, to a considerable extent, the result being problematical.

Mrs. Foster, a widow with a small family has leased and moved into the Slater house adjoining the district school grounds, having leased her own property in Portland for a number of years.

Mrs. Haynes, and daughter Elsie attended court in Hillsboro during the week as witnesses. A ride across the country to reach the county seat at this season of the year is a pastime not craved by many in this locality.

Beaverton.

Regular Correspondent.

Miss Zora Rolfe and John Richardson were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Monday, December 25th.

The Christmas tree Sunday evening was much enjoyed by the large crowd which attended.

Many people from Portland spent Christmas in Beaverton. Among them were, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilmet, Mrs. Marquet and son, Bert Cady, Miss Lois Vincent, Albert Badley, Mrs. S. N. Hills, Misses Winifred, Frances, Daphne, and Hilla, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.

Miss Hazel Squires is home from Monmouth to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Morton and family and Geo. Davies and family spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.

Geo. Monish and family have moved to Portland to reside.

The Christmas dance given by the Beaverton Grange on Monday night was a financial success as well as a very enjoyable affair.

Mrs. J. D. Neuman died on Monday night and was buried on Thursday in the Evangelical cemetery on Cooper Mountain.

Our rural carriers celebrated Christmas by serving the patrons on their routes, the same as on any other day. However they were enabled to forget about the folks at home (eating turkey while they ate mud,) by the small presents which they received from appreciative patrons. The following is a partial list of what the carriers found in the boxes for themselves: One complete Christmas dinner, one silver dollar, four handkerchiefs, pop corn and candy and two Christmas calendars.

More Anon.

Carnation.

Regular Correspondent.

F. J. Miller and family of Portland are spending the holidays on their farm here.

The talk of the electric line to connect Forest Grove with the S. P. railroad is now something more than gas. A stock company is being formed and arrangements are being made as fast as possible to begin the work. The company will ask for six months' time to complete their work, but will expect to have the cars running within three months from the time the first shovel of dirt is turned over.

Mr. Patton, of Cornelius and three of his men have been stopping at the Colonial Hotel the past few days. They are putting in logs that were left on the banks and sand-bars the last drive.

The Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co., had 350 pounds of nuts, a case of oranges and a big case of bon bons, which they distributed out among their employees at Christmas present.

Miss Loretta Morrell has been sick the past few days, but is now enjoying

her usual good health.

Christmas eve was very appropriately celebrated in Carnation. There being two Christmas trees, Old Santa was kept quite busy for awhile.

Carnation postmaster received a telegram from Washington, D. C., that they were to continue until February 28. That will give the department time to look into business and see if it is justifiable that the office still continue. The office now receives as much mail as Beaverton and sends out more and the patrons see no reason why they should lose it. At least they think it would be a great hardship to go back to the old way of getting the mail once a day and not then if the roads are very bad. While now they get the mail four times a day.

Miss Templeton is home from school at Monmouth, until the next term begins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bump gave a very pleasant dinner party on the evening of December 24. Just a round dozen sat down to the table. After dinner was served, Santa Claus and a Christmas tree and music were the next on the programme. Each one receiving many pretty and useful presents.

Miss Zula Shorb is visiting Miss Fern and Zerna Haney.

Mrs. Cora Edmons spent Christmas at Centerville, where her little 6-year-old daughter, Helen, took part in the Christmas entertainment.

For Sale.

Several tons of fine carrots at \$6 per ton; also several thousand Carrot Seedling and Magoon strawberry plants, a \$4 per 1,000. Inquire of C. Rhodes, Seventh street, between Fir and Oak.

Too! Too! Grand masquerade ball at the opera house, Saturday evening, December 30. Music by Walker's orchestra. Prizes given.

An old time quack compounded his "sympathetic ointment" according to the following prescription: "Take moose of a dead man's head, two; man's grease, one; mummia, man's blood, of each half an ounce; linseed oil, twenty-two; oil of roses, bolegarmick, of each an ounce. Bet them together in a mortar till it be fine like an ointment; keep it in a box." Then all the sick person needed was the weapon with which a man had been stricken. This he anointed with the ointment, pressed to the wound and was well again, or should have been.

"Do you know, one of the most difficult things in this business," said the barber as he ran the comb through the hairbrush, "is in the matter of combing a customer's hair? It is a rather singular fact that you will find few barbers who have succeeded in solving the problem of combing a customer's hair just as he wants it, no matter how long the man may have been a patron of his chair. Of course there are a few exceptions to this rule. There are a few men in the world who do not care whether their hair is combed at all. With this class of men of course it doesn't make much difference how the barber combs the hair. But at least ninety out of every hundred men who patronize barber shops are very particular about the way you comb their hair unless you have inspired them with an extraordinary confidence. Unless, in fact, they have a better opinion of the barber's judgment than they have of their own the barber will miss the mark when he comes to put the finishing touches on the hair. The reason for this is not altogether a matter of vanity. There are a great many men whose looks are completely altered by a change in the way the hair is combed. Take the man, for instance, who is in the habit of parting his hair on the side and part it in the middle, or the man who is in the habit of combing his hair down and parting it on one side—suppose you reach or pompadour the hair—can you not see what changes would follow in the general appearance of the man? This fact has much to do with making the combing of a man's hair a matter of much difficulty, and I do not exaggerate when I say it is one of the barber's hardest tasks."

There was a time when Rome was the world's art center. No artist's education was considered complete unless he spent some time in that city. There was always to be found there a coterie of strong men, many of them famous, in whose society the tyro might mingle and gain much by the companionship. That day has gone by, however, and a change has taken place. Paris has usurped the prerogative of the old city, and it is to her that the world now turns for new ideas of art. The Italian galleries remain, the masterpieces hang in their accustomed places, the sky is as blue, the air as soft and the outlook as lovely, but the glory of Roman art life has departed. The humanity that gave the art impetus, the interest to the student, has betaken itself from the Seven Hills to the peaceful Seine, where it flourishes in the wilder, more luxuriant growth, nurtured by the hot-house forcing of the decadent ideas, untrammelled by convention or tradition. For good or bad—the fact remains that the Parisian artist is the fact remains that today Paris is the hub about which the wheel of art revolves.

Yet from Paris there go annually to the Italian capital a number of young men, winners of the annual competitions for the prize of Rome, to spend four years in the most idyllic manner as guests of the French republic at the Villa Medici, a beautiful palace owned by the government and specially arranged for their reception. These men have not won their spurs without hard work, without great preliminary training and many struggles.

"I suppose your friend Tittlebat stutters as badly as ever?"
"Oh, no; he's quite an adept at it now."—Philadelphia Press.

A French conjurer many years ago during a performance at the court of Madagascar asked the queen through an interpreter if she would taste a glass of wine. On her refusal the conjurer, with simulated anger, emptied the glass over her, and the contents dropped in the shape of a rose into her majesty's lap. The court functionaries were so indignant at this proceeding that they jumped up from their seats, insisted upon the queen leaving the apartment and charged the performer with high treason. The unfortunate man had to be protected by the native troops from the fury of the populace and was compelled to leave the capital before dawn.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice of Guardian's Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of, and in pursuance of a license and order of sale duly made and entered by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, on the 14th day of November, 1905, I will from and after the 22d day of January, 1906, sell, at private sale to the highest bidder therefor, for cash in hand on day of sale, an undivided 5/8 of the following described real estate, situated in Washington County, Oregon, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at point 31 rods north of section corner sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, in T. 28 R. 1 W. Will. Mer., and running thence north on section line between sections 22 and 23, 12 1/4 rods; thence on an angle of 5° 30' south of rock thence on an angle 10° 30' south of southwest, 27 rods to the place of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less, said 5/8 being subject to the dower right of the undersigned. I will also, for a proportionate sum, convey to the purchaser of said 5/8 interest in said real estate, the other 1/8 thereof, and also my dower right therein. Bids will be received at the law office of W. N. Barrett in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 14th day of December, 1905.

KATIE MILLER,

Formerly Katie Niemann, guardian of Sophia J. Niemann and Mercy L. Niemann, minors.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have been appointed executor of the estate of Anna Eliza Williams, deceased, and have duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, with proper vouchers, at the law office of W. N. Barrett in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this November 16, 1905.

Executor of the Estate of Anna Eliza Williams, deceased.

W. N. BARRETT, Attorney for Estate.

Administratrix Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Hattie C. Norman, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administratrix.

Now therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers, at the office of the County Clerk of said County, at Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 13th day of December 1905.

Administratrix of the Estate of Hattie C. Norman, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor has filed in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, his final report and account in the matter of the last will and testament of Hannah Olson, deceased, and that the same has been set for final hearing and settlement be-

fore said court on Monday, January 8, 1906, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.
Dated this December 7, 1905.
ELIAS OLSON,
Executor of the last will and testament of Hannah Olson, deceased.
S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Estate.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah.
Alfred Nibbs, Plaintiff,
vs.
Samuel Swanson, C. C. Linnell, C. A. Flock, and E. S. Bristol, defendants.
To E. S. Bristol, one of above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 17th day of January, 1906. This summons is ordered to be published for six successive weeks and the first day of publication is December 1st, 1905, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The relief demanded is the foreclosure of a certain mortgage, executed and delivered to plaintiff by Samuel Swanson on or about July 28, 1900, said mortgage being given by said defendant, Swanson, to secure payment of a certain promissory note of said Swanson for \$500 with interest at 7 percent per annum, which said mortgage conveyed to plaintiff for said purpose, certain real property described as follows, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section 24, Township 1, North range 5 west of the W. M. in Washington County, Oregon, ALMO, the Southeast quarter of section 22, Township 18 south, range 5 west of the W. M. in Lane County, Oregon, and by said foreclosure, hereby and the other defendants from any and all right, title or interest in or to said real property and every part and parcel thereof.

This summons is published by order of Hon. Thomas A. McBride, Judge of the above entitled court, made November 24, 1905.

Date of first insertion, December 1, 1905.

W. N. BARRETT, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Executrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that I, the undersigned, have been appointed executrix of the estate of H. R. O'Neal, deceased, and have duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers, at the law office of W. N. Barrett in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this November 16, 1905.

Executrix of the Estate of H. R. O'Neal, deceased.

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"Ideas of beauty are peculiarly developed in the heathen Eskimos. He regards beauty solely from the standpoint of utility. For instance, a rock projecting out of water only appears beautiful to him when it is glistened in summer by water birds which breed there. A foaming torrent is only beautiful if it contains many salmon. Clothes are not put together with any idea of regularity of color, only their practical utility being considered. Huts are made of snow and stones, with domed tops, but without any architectural design.

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