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Circuit Court Proceedings.

State vs Robt Bond; larceny. Verdict of not guilty.

Wadhams & Co vs A C Stanley et ux; confirmation. Sale confirmed.

A W Colver vs W S and Laura Tanner. Same as above.

S P D & L Co vs W S Barnum; to recover money. Verdict for plantiff for $232.86.

Jas Wells vs Levi Morris; to recover money. Verdict for plantiff for $42.19.

Chas Cowles vs L A Shultz and F Winchman; to recover money. Judgement for plantiff for $684.

R F Yocum excused from jury duty.

Chas Henry was admitted to citizenship.

Issie McCully vs J F Gregory to recover money. Confession of Judgement.

Johanna Houck vs Sarah E Ganlard, et al. Sheriff ordered to make deed to plantiff.

W D Hanley et al vs J A Hanley et al; partition of real property. Report of referee approved.

Wm Lyttleton and T Noonan vs Wm M Colvig et al; foreclosure. Judgement by default.

J L Woolridge vs Wm Ulrich et al; Defendants' separate answer struck out.

Mary A Stewart vs J C Corum; foreclosure. Decree granted.

State vs W B Officer; indictment for manslaughter.

Martha Wickman vs A S Barnes; motion ot dft to strike out certain portions of amended complaint and demurer to plff's first cause of action allowed.

In the matter of estate of Myer & Gregory insolvents; final report of E D Briggs, assignee, accepted and approved and assignee discharged.

John E Mark vs A C Helm et al; demurer overruled.

A R Phipps adm estate of M P Phipps; to foreclose mortgage. Decree granted and judgement for $1,720 25.

State vs Saml Geary; indictment for killing an animal not his own.

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CHAUSSE—In Grants Pass, Dec. 21, 1896, to the wife of Editor W. F. Chausse, a son.

PARKER—At Parker's station, Dec. 24, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Squire Parker, a son.

VAN VACTOR—At Hornbrook, Dec. 21, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van Vactor, a son.

HYDE—On Evans creek, Dec. 20, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Hyde, a daughter.

KAHLER—At Tolo, Dec. 20, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Ora Kahler, a son.

EGGERS—In Ashland, Dec. 27, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Eggers, a son.

DIED.

EGGERS—In Ashland, Dec. 27, 1896, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Eggers.

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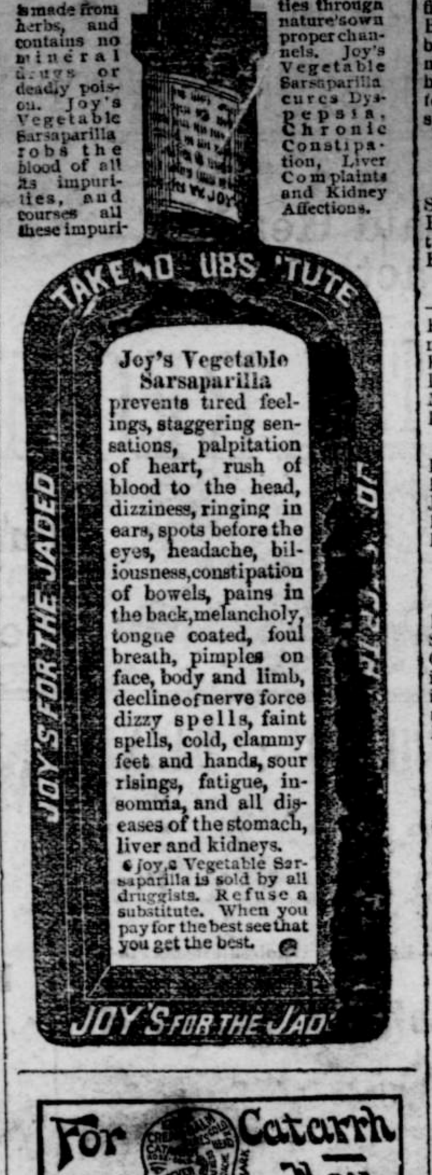

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PRESSED BRICKS.

Dr. Barr, Dentist, I. O. O. F. Block.

Mrs. Packard left Sunday for Redding.

Fred Martin went to Portland Sunday to locate.

Gus Landers has returned from a trip to Baker City.

Mrs. Eva Harth of Grants Pass spent the holidays with Ashland relatives.

Misses Ella Hanley and Jennie Reams spent Christmas afternoon in this city.

Miss Elva Galloway, the Medford teacher spent Christmas with Ashland friends.

Miss Bessie Martin of Yreka was married last week to Richard L. Sandwick of Pacific Grove, Cal.

Harry Barbour and Will Lindsey, of the railroad carpenters, spent Christmas with the folks in Ashland.

The Misses Gloor were up from the Convent at Jacksonville Christmas week visiting the folks at the Depot hotel.

The assessment work on R L Dunn's Black Jack mine near Henley is being done by I. W. Letner and W. H. Richie.

Miss Theresa Bryant, of the county clerks office, returned to Jacksonville Sunday from a visit at home in Ashland.

Nat Yokum, indicted for burglarizing a store at Riddle with Bob Hinman, was acquited at his trial in Roseburg Friday.

Misses Gertie and Mamie Smith, daughters of F. W. Smith, came over from Hornbrook Sunday to visit relatives and friends.

Don Williams and W. Rawlings, who have been serving as jurors in the U. S. court at Portland for several weeks, returned home Friday.

Miss Ivy Purdin, deputy postmistress of Medford, celebrated Christmas and two days more with Miss Claudia Virgin and Ashland friends.

The North Yamhill labor exchange is going to buy 500 cords of wood and put the members at work cutting the wood up into stove lengths.

Miss Grace Foster of Medford, Miss Bernice Cameron and Warren Cameron of Uniontown were up Friday looking on at the masquerade ball.

Wm. Flackus, formerly with the bridge carpenters of the Mt. Shasta division, has just completed three new county bridges in Klamath county, where he is located.

Work has been suspended for the winter on the Rogue River Water & Milling Co's big canal and dam enterprise at Gold Hill and the superintendent, R. Rowlands, has gone to San Francisco.

State Senator E. C. Harmon of Josephine county wants to be postmaster of Grants Pass under the new administration, and his "pull" on the senatorial situation will give him a big lift if his man gets there.

Asa Watters, who died near Yreka this summer, was a member of the Woodmen of the World order and his folks received the $1000 insurance from the order last week. The family formerly lived at Medford.

H. B. Payton, formerly with the railroad carpenters for many years and who assisted in the construction of the railroad depot at this place, in a contractor and builder and has put up some fine residences in Dunsmuir this summer, including one for himself and family.

Siskiyou county has in operation 54 quartz mills, with 255 stamps; 12 arastas and 8 concentrators. Fourteen mills are run by steam and 50 by water power. El Dorado, Calaveras and Nevada counties are the only ones operating more quartz mills than Siskiyou.

The construction of the new flume for the Little Klamath ditch is under way. The flume will be a large one as can be imagined when it is considered that it will be put together with 8000 pounds of nails and bolts which were hauled there from Montague Saturday.—Klamath Falls Republican.

Klamath Falls Republican:—B. E. Peterman has just completed the last of the fifteen row and sail boats for the Pelican Bay resort. There are seven of them beauties, in his workshop which he is ornamenting with paint and brush. After the holidays Mr. Peterman expects to leave for California to spend the winter and spring.

Secret Society Elections.

Ashland lodge No. 45 I O O F.—N G, Thos Simpson; V G, D F Fox; P S, E J Farlow; R S, H S Evans; Treas, Robt Taylor; trustees, E J Farlow, F M Drake, H S Evans.

Manzanita Lodge No 45 Degree of Honor —Chief of Honor, Mrs C F Hasty; Lady of Honor, Mrs Robt Taylor; Chief of Ceremonies, Mrs I W Burris; Recorder, Miss Elsie Patterson; Financer, Mrs J P Dodge; Receiver, Mrs J R Tozer; Usher, Mrs H Norton; O Watchman, Mrs F McDonald; I Watchman, M R Moore.

A O U W:—Master Workman, C F Hasty; Foreman, R A Minkler; Overser, H C Myer; Recorder, J R Casey: Financer, J R Tozer; Receiver, F M Drake; Guide, H C Messenger; I W, M R Moore; O W, Frank McDonald; Trustee, C F Hasty.

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Real Estate Transfers.

W J Virgin to Arestra C Virgin—lots 1 and 2, blk 5, Ashland; $700

I J Phillips to Mrs A E Cornum—3.13 acres in tp 3½ s, r 1 w; $80.

C B Matney to T G Reams and J F White —100 acres in tp 38 s. r 3 w; $1173.

Heaton Fox to Mrs Hattie Garrettson—20 acres in tp 39 s, r 1 e; $478.38.

Jennie Hardy to Maggie P Drumhill—lot 10 blk 1 Cottage add to Medford; $175.

A Crabtree to J F Davis—40 acres in tp 36 s, r 2 w; $300.

J C Hall to J M Ray—q c d to placer claim in Whiskey gulch; $25.

Ann E Corum to Wm J Prall—land in tp 37 s, r 1 w; $600,

John E Pelton to W J Virgin and W E Jacobs—sheriff's deed to land in Ashland; $2400.

B F Reeser to G N Anderson—7½ acres in tp 39 s, r 1 e; $1.

H Shipley to J Noonan—183 acres in tp 35 s, r 3 w; $3296.

W H Holt et al to Ethel P Chapin—q c d to mining ground in Applegate district; $500.

MINING LOCATIONS.

F E Shearer. Dec 8, 1896, located a placer claim of 20 acres in the Steamboat district. Recorded Dec. 23, 1896.

H. H. McCarthy, Dec. 24, 1896, located and recorded a quartz claim in Uniontown district.

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The Masquerade Ball.

The mask ball given Christmas night by Ashland Hose Co. No. 1 at opera house was well attended and proved an interesting event. Helman's orchestra furnished the music and Hotel Oregon the supper. The following are among the list of maskers:

LADIES:

Mrs. Lee Minkler, Woman in Black.
Mrs. C. H. Veghte, Night.
Lottie Pracht, Venus.
Eunice Evans, Morning Glory.
Mrs. J. H. Cooke, June.
Mrs. J. J. Meehan, Diamond Queen.
Annie Miller, Eastern Princess.
Mattie Cole, A Mystery.
Myrtle Wells, Summer.
Belle Pankey, Pop Corn Girl.
Mrs. M. Tucker, Night.
Minnie Ross, Spangle.
Mollie High, School Girl.
Mrs. G. P. Van Riper, Lady in Black.
Myrtle Morgan, Pop Corn Girl.
Dora Sonnickson, Mistletoe.
Mrs. A. Helman, Goldbug's Daughter.
Minnie Rockfellow, Lady in Blue.
Mrs. Dustin High, Lady in Black.
Alice Crowson, Chrysanthemum Belle.
Mrs. S. F. Thornton, Domino.
Mrs. Nora Hicks, Cherries.
Blanch Hicks, Domino.
Mollie Barneburg, Medford Belle.
Mrs. Ray Minkler, School Girl.
Clara Hurst, Good Girl.
Ella Yokum, Flower Girl.
Mrs. H. C. Myer, School Girl.
Mrs. Jesse Houck, Jolly Joker.
Cosette Frisell, Flower Girl.
Mrs. Maud Clute, Snow Flake.
Ennie Salstrom, Domino.
Miss Etta Gall,

GENTLEMEN:

Lee Minkler, Pride of the Ball.
Ed. Miller, Little Daisy.
Thad. McHatton, Mystery.
Ray Minkler, Double Clown.
J. A. Coy, Narragansett.
W. W. Peed, Davenport's Mark Hanna.
Fred Martin, Belle of the Ball.
Geo. Schroder, Irish.
J. W. Guffs, Irish.
Fred Ahlstrom, Clown.
Homer Barron, Domino.
D. High, Mohammet.
H. C. Myer, Red Warrier.
C. E. Donnelly, Domino.
Hum. Pracht, Bunting.
W. W. Bates, Gent.
Capt. J. L. May, Cuba Libre.
C. E. Ingram, Clown.
Tom Scribner, Clown.
A. W. Storey, Priest.
W. M. Potter, Cavalier.
H. H. Gillette, Face.
C. Lane, Phoenix Dude.
H. S. Evans, Japanese.
Geo. Stockton, Satan.
B. Scribner, Ballet Dancer.
Robt. Purvis, Domino.
M. H. Higgins, Pick Nick Girl.
W. A. Williams, Clown.
M. Tucker, Facey.
H. S. Lynch, Domino.
Otto Miller, Red, White and Blue.
Mr. Inlow, Domino.
Paul Van Scoy, Virgin & Co.
Geo. Barron, Turk.
G. P. Van Riper, Talent Dude.
H. M. Hicks, Green Thing.
J. J. Meehan, Fighting Editor, "Valley Record."
J. De Pangher, Father Time.
Ralph Hutch, Sailor.
J. Taylor, French Footman.

There were many others present and dancing that did not mask, among whom were Misses Myrtle Gill, Fannie Ralph, Lillie High, Kittie Million, Kate DePeatt, Cora Kist, Lillie Walrad, Maud Gallant, Eva Taylor, Ollie Brunk, Misses Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, and Messrs. J. A. Whitman, J. E. Enyart, Fred Welch, Brace Skeel, Al Reynolds, Dr. Fred McCullough, Ralph Bunch, Geo. Parker, all hot tomales from Medford, C. W. Sherman, Portland, Horace Mitchell of Gazelle, Hall Barclay of Talent, Emil Peil, Sherman Powell and others.

Spent the County's Money.

Bills allowed at December term of county commissioner's court:

Bill of judges, clerks and messengers of election	$ 541 80
Bill of canvassors of election	7 90
Bill for salaries of county officers	924 28
Bill of janitor and ferryman	41 50
Claim of J D Matney bounty on 2 panther scalp	5 00
Geo W Heckathorn bounty on panther scalp	2 50
G A Briner, for bridge lumber	5 85
Jerry Nunan, coal oil and lantern	3 80
E DeRoboam, keeper of hospital	560 57
INDIGENT LIST.	
J H Whitman for Mrs Robinson	8 00
Ella Randalls	6 09
L C Rodenberger for Mrs Morgan	10 00
Anna Jordan for self and family	6 00
Harriot Johnson	8 00
Mrs E C Gale	8 00
Mrs S M Root	5 00
Jacob Thompson for Mrs R Miller	4 00
Mrs C I Courtney	6 00
Mrs K Fleming	6 00
S G Netherland for Mrs Crosby	4 09
G H Haskins, med. for Courtney	7 80
G H Haskins, stationery	9 65
D H Miller for repairs on court house and materials	17 50
J Nunan, sundries for Henry fmly.	8 00
Norris & Co, bridge lumber	85 19
Angle & Plymale, sundries for Mrs Cable	19 45
A M Ford, for 1 buck saw	90
Frank Towne for rent ot hall for election purposes	2 50
Otto Biede, for 2¾ pounds of sheet zinc	2 90
G R Lindley, interest calculator	1 00
Wilber Ashpole for putting up election booths at Eagle Point	1 00
Glass & Prudhomme for two blank books for treasurer	22 00
Grace Skeeters for boarding Mrs Poe	8 00
G P Lindley, express on package	1 00
J W Morris for preparing election booth	1 00
G N Lewis, for hauling for county	1 75
A S Barnes for boarding prisoners	22 14
W S Crowell, transportation for indigent to Hornbrook	6 60
W S Crowell, expressage on package	1 50
Mrs S R Taylor, supplies for Strothoff family	1 00
Central Point Grocer Co, supplies for Mrs Sullivan	6 00
C W Wolters, supplies for Mrs Penwell	5 20
W R Wimans R R fare for Alice R Lichtenberger, a deaf mute	16 00
I A Webb, coffin for Mrs Randles' boy	10 00
Justice court, Woodville, state vs J Woods—	
J A Jeffrey, district attorney	7 10
J C Williams, justice	1 95
John Owens, constable	3 30
Geary & Pickel, examination of John O'Brien, insane	5 00
Central Point, justice court, state vs Herrington—	
J A Jeffrey, district attorney	11 00
A S Jacobs, justice of the peace	7 10
L H Newton, constable	6 55
Witness fees	15 20
N H Clayton, 5 days' service as examiner of teachers	15 00
Gus Newbury 5 days' service as examiner of teachers	15 00
White & Jacobs, supplies for county	7 25
R S Dunlap, digging grave for T J Henry	3 00
W S Crowell, expressage on pkg	1 63
Glass & Prudhomme, envelopes and type writer paper	11 90
W S Gall for putting up election booths in Table Rock	2 88
J H Whitman for land entries per Geo A Jackson	1 25
D Linn, 2 days' viewing road on Applegate	6 00
Angle & Plymale, supplies to J H Mayfield	21 90
D Linn, coffin for T J Henry	8 00
John Clements, carpenter work on county bridges	19 15
Inquest over body of J J McCord—	
G W White dept dist atty	7 80
F M Parker, constable	1 75
E Kirchgessner, coroner	9 15
Jurors' fees	6 00
Witneses' fees	3 00
I E DeBoy, room for holding inquest, lights, fuel and damage to bedding	5 00
J W Robinson for book and stationery	11 70
Lumsden & Berlin, supplies for Chas Bowman	8 00
Rogue River Telephone Co for messages	2 50
W H Bradshaw, services per diem	19 00
Martin Perry, services per diem	16 20
Martin Perry, seeing to repairs on county bridges	2 00

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It was nearing the Christmas holidays, and as my stay in these beautiful islands was limited to two months I determined to see the natives in "the king's country," as their great reservation is called, the famous hot springs to the east and the grand avalanches and mountain lakes of the middle island without regard to the season.

I had a letter from Sir George Grey to the Maori chief Ontonga, and a half breed Maori named Mahkah was engaged to act as my guide into "the king's country."

The American consul came to my hotel to bid me goodby, and during the conversation he told me of a countryman of ours who had reached the city that day from Sydney.

"His name is Baldwin," said the consul, "and he is now sick in this hotel. He is well to do, but his is a very sad case, and I incline to think that, from dwelling on his troubles, his mind is unhinged."

Then the consul went on to tell me that Mr. Baldwin was from Boston. Some six years before this he was the owner of a number of New Bedford whalers that came to collect whale oil and bone in these southern waters.

The shipowner had a son, a spirited but rather delicate boy, who, like most wholesome youths brought up near the sea, had an intense yearning to become a sailor.

After much pleading on the boy's part —his mother was dead—Mr. Baldwin intrusted him to the care of Captain Wellman of the whaler Albatross, with instructions to send Clifford—that was the boy's name—home on some steamer as soon as he became tired of a sailor's life, which he expected would be the case by the time the ship reached the south Pacific.

But the Albatross never came back, and, except once, was never heard of again. Six months after she left New Bedford she touched at Norfolk island, where Clifford was reported well and still enamored of the sea.

The manner of the loss of the Albatross could be only a matter for speculation, but that she was lost was settled beyond doubt, for the insurance companies had paid the claim and the widows and orphans of the missing sailors had discarded their mourning years ago.

"Still Mr. Baldwin believes his son is alive," said the consul, "and he spends most of his time traveling along the coasts of Australasia in his vain search. He is now much exhausted, and I fear he will not see the year out."

Together we called on Mr. Baldwin, a thin, careworn man, prematurely old, although he was only 45.

He told me his sad story, as he had told it for years to every one he met, and in obedience to his request I promised to look out for the lost Clifford, as every one had done, but it is unnecessary to state that there was never a hope behind any of these promises.

The next day, with my guide, I left Auckland. It was the 14th of December, and a more beautiful summer day never came down from the blue skies for the delight of man. The woods were shimmering emerald billows. The train ran through broad sheep pastures and past farms and orchards as beautiful and rich in color as are the hills of Devonshire in June.

Unnecessary here to tell of our reaching the end of the railroad, of the long but cheery stage journeys, of our visit to the geysers and the scene of the recent earthquake or of our long horseback ride into the forbidden land of "the king's country."

"Not even the queen of England," said my guide, with a show of pride, "could enter 'the king's country' without permission of the chief. But few white men have ever been there, nor could you go if you were not the friend of Sir George Grey, whom the Maoris call their father."

Ontonga, the Maori chief, a tall, magnificently formed man, with a tattooed face, treated me with a hospitality that was at once princely and barbaric.

These people in appearance and manners reminded me very much of our own Navajo Indians. They cultivate the ground after a fashion, but have great flocks of sheep, herds of cattle and pigs and poultry without end, while every stream teems with fish.

Rather reluctantly the chief gave me permission to go to the coast. The reason for his opposition was the danger "on the islands of Hankan," explained the guide. "There is still a band of man eaters. That's why our people keep away from the coast and do not wish white visitors to go there."

I reasoned that if these people had been really dangerous the English would have cleared them out long before, and the fact that they were unheard of if not unknown outside "the king's country" argued that they were not important. But the prospect of seeing real cannibals, even at a distance, increased my desire to go.

We carried provisions on a pack horse, for the west coast was wild and uninhabited. We were armed with shotguns and pistols, not so much for self protection as to secure game if need be.

It was the evening of Dec. 20, and we had made a camp in a beautiful valley, near the shore, where there were fuel, grass and water.

We needed no shelter, for the air was as soothing and balmy as in the land of the lotus eaters, where, the poet says, it is one perpetual afternoon.

We had an early supper, and just at sunset the guide, who seemed unusually nervous, went to the top of an adjoining hill to "spy out the land," as he put it, for he had been educated at a missionary school and was full of Biblical expressions.

After being absent so long that I began to feel impatient he came running breathlessly into camp.

"What's up?" I asked.

Pointing over the hill, the guide gasped:

"People from the Hankan islands in camp over there! And there's a white man with them!"

"But is that surprising?" I inquired.

"Yes, sir. I should say it was," he answered. Then he added: "We mustn't stay here. It's dangerous."

To the surprise of the guide I announced my purpose to have a look at these people, and, fearing to remain alone rather than because he approved of the undertaking, the guide accompanied me.

We reached the top of the hill, from which we could see a fire in the valley not more than 150 yards below us. About this fire four men stood, two of them unmistakably natives and two of them as unmistakably white men, though the slight attire of all was the same.

"There are two white men down there," I said to the guide. "No matter how the others feel, these will be friends. Come with me." And, making sure that my pistols were smooth in the holsters, I threw the shotgun into the hollow of my arm and strode down.

Like a man under hypnotic influence, the guide obeyed me, and in a few minutes we were at the fire.

The natives were the first to hear us, and, without seizing their spears, which were on the ground, they uttered a yell of alarm and fled.

The older of the two bronzed white men—the younger was about one and twenty—reached out his hands, and in a voice trembling with emotion shouted:

"Friends! Friends! At last, friends!"

When the younger man could command his tongue, after he had shaken hands with us, he cried out: "Get back from the fire! There's danger here!" He and his companion picked up the spears, and, at a run, they followed the guide and myself to our camp.

There was no time for explanation. Clearly these men had been captives and were as anxious to escape as we were to help them.

We saddled up quickly, placed the older man on the pack horse, while the younger sprang up beside me, and then, guided by the stars, we started eastward.

During the night march the young man behind me told me his story. His name was Clifford Baldwin; that of his companion was George Wellman, mate of the lost ship Albatross and the brother of the captain.

The ship foundered in a cyclone after most of the crew, including the captain, had been swept from her decks. This was nine months after she had left New Bedford.

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"Take me to my father in Boston," said the young man in conclusion, "or send me to him, and he will repay you for your trouble."

I told him that his father was then at Auckland, whereat he was so much affected that the poor fellow burst into tears.

The Maoris were astonished at our discovery, and they gladly furnished us with fresh horses to get to the nearest stage line.

We had provided clothing for our nearly naked companions, and a barber at the geysers had made them more presentable.

It was now Christmas day when we reached Auckland, and to two men at least it was the happiest Christmas day in all the world.

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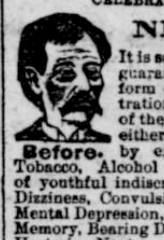

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