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DIES WHILE ON VISIT

Mrs. John Spencer of Wallowa Was Here to See Son.

Mrs. Martha Emily Spencer of Wallowa, Ore., died at the home of her son, Ralph Spencer, last Thursday night, aged 60 years. With her husband, John Spencer, she came to Bend October 30. Death was due to cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Spencer is survived by five daughters and two sons, besides her husband. She was born at DeLancey, Ohio.

Ralph was the only child present when the end came. Mrs. Inez Fox of Wallowa, a daughter, arrived on Friday night. The funeral was conducted from the Spencer residence in Deschutes addition Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Newham of the Methodist church, the deceased woman having been a Methodist. The interment was made in Pilot Butte Cemetery. A choir of seven voices sang. The pallbearers were all Odd Fellows, as follows: R. M. Smith, H. J. Eggleston, Clarence Mannheim, O. M. Patterson, W. L. Wing and U. N. Hoffman.

Mr. Spencer and Mrs. Fox returned today to their home at Wallowa, but Mr. Spencer will come back to Bend to make his home with his son.

The Puma and Its Names.

The large American cat known as the puma is very rich in names, which fact leads to no little confusion in the minds of young students of natural history. The early Puritan settlers in New England named the animal the panther, meaning, of course, panther, because in shape and size it strongly resembles this fierce carnivore of the old world. It also received the name catamount, which was shortened down from cat of the mountain. The reddish color of the fur of some of the specimens suggested the name red tiger, while in certain places it was given the more majestic name of mountain lion. In South America one of the native names was caguacura, but we have very sensibly knocked off four of the six syllables and shortened it to cougar. The puma has such a wide range, being found from Canada to Patagonia, that naturally enough it receives a different name in the various countries and localities which it inhabits. Six names for one animal! No wonder readers of books of travel get confused.

The Scorpion of Ceylon.

A more disagreeable object than a scorpion of Ceylon it would be difficult to imagine. Although, as a rule, it does not measure more than seven inches in length, there is a species found in the woods that are longer than a foot. They crawl out of some dried wood and, taking up their position on a convenient rock or stone, look as they hold their great jointed stings curved over their backs and their claws held aloft, the very picture of aggressive warfare. Here they stretch themselves in the broiling sun and await their prey. These are the small, beautiful honeybirds that dart from flower to flower and take the place of the humming birds of the east. As one approaches the scorpion seems to shrink into the stone until it becomes almost imperceptible. Suddenly the great insect will raise its claws and dart at its beautiful victim, which in a moment is destroyed.

Reason For It.

At a debating society some time ago the Irish question was discussed. An English doctor was sustaining the argument that the Irish were naturally a race with right sentiments, but poorly developed. At Liverpool, he said, he had 300 Irish patients on his books and of these only thirty paid him for attendance.

"Sorr," said an Irishman, who rose with flushed cheek to defend his countrymen—"sorr, there is never an effect without a cause. There is never a phenomenon that does not admit of an explanation. How can we explain the astounding phenomenon to which the doctor has called our attention? He finds an explanation in the natural depravity of the Irish nature. I, sorr, have another explanation to give, and it is this—the thirty patients recovered!"—Pearson's Weekly.

Curious Night Wells.

A curious form of water hole is found in the desert of Western Australia, dry by day, but yielding an abundant supply of water by night. The flow of water is preceded by hissing and sounds of rushing air. The phenomenon is discussed by Dr. Malcolm MacLaren, who has located and examined one of these wells. He found that the water supply occurred in a long, narrow trench, at the bottom of which was a thin plate of gneiss, separated by a cavity from the main rock mass beneath. Apparently the heat of the day causes this plate to expand in the form of a depression, into which the water retreats. When it cools and contracts at night it forces first air and then water back into the trench.—Scientific American.

Her Fighting Clothes.

A certain matron alludes to a certain gown of hers as her "quarrel dress." "I always wear it," she explains, "when I have had a quarrel with my husband." "But why do you call it a quarrel dress?" "Because it is the only gown I have that doesn't button in the back. Consequently I don't have to call on the old grouch to help me!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SCHOOL NOTES

(Reported for The Bulletin).

The geology and physical geography classes of the High School made a trip to Lava Butte and the caves near there last Saturday. A few other classes were invited to go along. Miss Borden and Miss Schoolcraft accompanied them. Everyone in the party went through the cave and afterward a number climbed the butte. They took their lunch along and made a day of it.

This week is census week for the school. Everybody in the district between 4 and 20 years of age is to be enumerated.

The school library has received a very useful set of books, a gift from C. S. Hudson. It is called the "Book of Knowledge." There are 20 volumes in the set. They are written in simple language and contain a great deal of information of use to the pupils of the school.

Saturday night Miss Borden and Miss Schoolcraft gave a dinner to the football boys at the F. O. Minor residence. After a hearty meal, the rest of the evening was spent in singing and other amusements.

Several of the grades are having Thanksgiving exercises in their room today.

When Harry Copeland moved away recently he presented to the school library a set of the "Messages and Papers of the Presidents, 1789-1902" ten volumes bound in half leather.

The following experiments have been worked out by the physics class during the past month:

1. Law of the pendulum.
2. Hooke's law of elasticity in stretching, bending, torsion.
3. The lever principle of moments.
4. Mechanical advantage of inclined plane.
5. Mechanical advantage of the pulley.
6. Cohesion and adhesion; capillary attraction.
7. Temperature effects of evaporation.
8. Determination of dewpoint and humidity of atmosphere.
9. Comparison of Fahrenheit and centrifugal thermometers.
10. Coefficient of expansion of brass.
11. Same of air.
12. Law of mixtures for heated substances.
13. Water equivalent in matter of heat of a metal vessel.
14. Specific heat of lead.
15. Mechanical equivalent of a calorie of heat.
16. Variation of the boiling point with variation of pressure.
17. Same for freezing point.
18. Calories of heat required to vaporize a gram of water.
19. Calories required to melt a gram of ice.
20. Relative conductivity values of copper and iron wires of same diameter.
21. Freezing mixtures, ice and salt; ice and calcium chloride.

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Right of Way Purchased Lies Between Odell Lake and Klamath Indian Reservation, Forming Last Link Proposed Route.

(Portland Oregonian).

With the closing of a deal yesterday by the Southern Pacific for 30 miles of right of way through the Hunter Land Company's holdings in Southern Oregon, the last foot of ground for that purpose between Eugene and Klamath Falls has been secured for the Natron-Weed Cutoff.

The right of way just secured extends on a part of the old Oregon military road grant from Odell Lake to the northern boundary of the Klamath Indian Reservation. This section of the land grant was taken over by the Hunter Land Company, in which Portland, and St. Paul capitalists are interested. One of the terms of the deal stipulates that the railroad company shall set aside five station grounds, comprising an area of 30x400 each.

With the construction of the cut-off an immense territory will be served with transportation facilities. Since work was started on the road thousands of homesteaders and settlers have established themselves in that district.

The Natron cutoff between Eugene and Klamath Falls is now about one half completed. Contractors are at work on the remaining units and it is expected that the line will be completed for traffic between Portland and San Francisco before the opening of the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915.

LAND CASE RULINGS

Decisions by Secretary of Interior of Interest.

The following is a digest of recent land-rulings made by the Secretary of the Interior:

Homesteads.

A mere settlement upon public land unaccompanied by an assertion of claim in the land department, does

not appropriate the land from settlement or entry.

After complete abandonment of an entry, subjecting it to cancellation on contest or governmental proceedings, the former entryman does not forfeit benefits of the act of February 3, 1911, simply by sale of such of his improvements as are in fact movable, at a sum less than cost and

well within the reasonable value.

Desert Lands.

Where, on account of ill health and advanced age of the applicant, annual proof on a desert land entry was executed before an officer residing outside of the land district, such technical violation of the law may, upon proper showing, be submitted to the board of equitable adjudication.

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