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McAuliff's Will Declared Valid by County Court.

On Friday last, it was decided in the probate court of this county that the will of Dennis McAuliff, deceased, bequeathing his entire property to Harold Clifford, was in all respects duly and legally executed and that there was no fraud in the execution of the will. About three months ago, one Mary Foster from Illinois, claiming to be a cousin and next of kin to Dennis McAuliff, came to this city and filed in this court a petition to contest said will. Wm. Lachner of Baker City was employed as attorney by the contestant, while the executor, G. I. Hazeltine was represented by J. C. Morland of Portland and J. L. Rand of Baker City. Testimony was taken in the case about three months ago, but was continued until the 12th of July. The case has attracted considerable attention throughout the county and the decision will meet with the approval of the entire community.—Canyon News.

Ingersoll Dead.

New York July 21—Robert Ingersoll died at his home in Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., this afternoon of Apoplexy. Mr. Ingersoll went to his home in Dobbs Ferry two days ago apparently in good health. Shortly after his arrival he complained of slight indisposition. He awoke this morning in his room and shortly before he was stricken his wife offered to have his luncheon sent up to him so that he would not have to walk down stairs to the dining room below. He laughingly replied that while he did not feel quite as young as he was he guessed he was not yet an invalid and he would go down with the others. As he finished speaking and was about to rise he fell back into his chair. A physician was immediately summoned, but when he reached the house he found Mr. Ingersoll had died almost instantly. The physician did not give the cause of death but believes it was due to apoplexy. Mrs. Ingersoll and his two daughters were with him when he died.

Cuban Complications.

A Washington dispatch says: some rather perplexing questions have arisen in connection with the proposed order admitting to Cuba free of duty high bred cattle. In drafting the order provision was made that the free admission was to apply only to cattle sent from the United States. It is said that Mexico and Honduras raise a class of cattle specially adapted to Cuba, and that in the interest of the island these cattle should come in on at least equal terms with those from this country. In order that a precedent may be established as to special tariff advantages in Cuba, the order was finally issued, amended so as to submit the cattle to Cuba without discrimination as to the country of origin.

En Route to Stein's Mountain.

The party of young men who left the other day for Stein's mountain Messrs. Will Lane, Joe Nolf and Glenn Bushen, have by this time gone beyond the middle fork of the John Day river and probably have almost arrived in Long Creek. From the middle fork of the John Day one of them wrote to the East Oregonian, saying: "Middle Fork of John Day River July 11. We arrived here safe and sound and have had a very pleasant trip so far. We found the roads in Umatilla county in first class condition all the way through. The

roads here in Grant county are not in as good shape as those in our own county.

"There is plenty of grass, and all the stock we have seen looks finely. Joe Nolf drove down John Day grade. He talked so much about it that we expect to see it mentioned in the history of the Spanish war and the Philippine trouble. It was the first time he ever drove a team."—East Oregonian.

Horses for Meat.

A cayuse "beef" factory is to be opened some time this month at Medora, N. D., which will have a capacity of 100 horses a day to begin with. The projectors will depend largely on a foreign market, as there is a great demand for horse meat in Europe. They believe the Americans will cultivate a taste for the almost extinct Indian pony. If any reliance is to be placed in this presumption they will wait a long time. It is quite possible they will adopt some subterfuge in getting the stuff on the American market, such as a misleading label or something of the sort. The cattlemen of the country have gone to too much expense and labored too hard of late years to bring the beef breeds up to a high standard to permit an "oleo" trick to menace their industry. If horse meat is going to be sold on the market here it must be so labeled.

Stubborn Trout.

Manager Schaeffer of the Hartford City, Ind., Paper Company's mill, has a trout pond, but he is desirous of getting rid of the trout. Five years ago the pond was stocked with trout, and as nobody has ever been able to catch them, they have increased until the pond is one of the wonders of the town. Some of the trout are ten and twelve inches long, but the most expert anglers fail to land them. The fish find plenty of food in the bottom of the pond, and they refuse to be tempted by any of the bait that fishermen can devise. Mr. Schaeffer wants to turn his pond into a bass pond, but is deterred because he can devise no means to dispose of the trout.—Ex.

No Doubt the two names Dallas and The Dalles, have again caused trouble, this time to a little girl, who landed at the Umatilla House yesterday afternoon and now does not seem to know where she is "at." She is but 9 years old and came from Eldorado, Kansas, expecting to find her brother, William McCabe, at the end of her journey. She now says she believes her destination was Dallas. However, her ticket said The Dalles, and her trunk was checked to this place. The proprietors of the hotel and some of the citizens have taken an interest in her and will help her find her relatives. It has been learned that a man by the name of McCabe lives on 5-Mile, and he may be her brother.—The Dalles Chronicle.

The Priville council, at a special meeting held last week, entered into an agreement with S. G. Henson, representing Morris & Whitehead, bankers, of Portland, to sell them the \$10,000 worth of water bonds. Five thousand dollars is to be delivered about August 1 and \$5000 about January 1. The entire issue is to be dated August 1, 1896 and Morris & Whitehead is to pay the accrued interest up to January 1, 1900, on \$5000 of the bonds. They were sold for \$250 premium, and the city will get the accrued interest, which will amount to \$125 more or they will have to pay \$125 less in interest the next six months.

Call up 'phone 16 for job printing or short notice.

Eastern Oregon Weather.

The following is the report of the weather for Eastern Oregon for the past week, as sent out by B. S. Pague, section director:

Fair, pleasant weather, with high temperatures, prevailed during the week. The mean temperature averaged 74 degrees which is 6 higher than for the preceding week and 3 degrees higher than for the corresponding week last year. The maximum temperatures ranged from 84 to 102 over the Columbia River valley and from 80 to 94 over the Palateau region. The minimum temperatures in the valley ranged from 58 to 72, and over the plateau from 50 to 60. No rain fell during the week. The winds were northerly in direction and light in force.

CROPS

The grain crop continues in good condition. The hot north winds have caused some shrivelling, but reports indicate that no serious damage has been done up to the present date. The valley grain is under irrigation and looks fine. Rain would be of benefit. Fall and winter-sown grain are turning yellow and spring sown is heading. The warm weather will prevent filling. The stand is about normal. Harvesting fall-sown wheat has commenced in sections of Umatilla county. Barley is in excellent condition and harvesting has commenced in some localities. Haying continues in some sections, in others it has been completed. The crop was excellent, the quality pure, and a large quantity has been housed.

Continued dry weather affected pastures and they are rapidly drying up. Stock has been moved to the summer ranges in the mountains.

There is no change in the fruit prospects. Prunes will be a short crop. Cherries are ripe and picking has commenced. In some sections of the Columbia and Snake River valleys the fruit crop is good. The apple crop of Union county will not be as good in former years. Peaches continue to ripen.

Sugar beets are making fine growth. Corn and potatoes are advancing rapidly, but rain would be very beneficial.

Stock is doing well. Range food is reported plentiful.

The working of summer fallow continues in many sections.

Jumped His Job.

Miles Riley on a summer day, hired an Irishman to shovel hay; He didn't shovel a little bit—Read the below and why he quit.

Everybody knows Miles Riley, the road supervisor of Still Springs district. Miles was in the city the first of the week in quest of help to place his hay crop in stack and also make additional improvements on the county road. He hired a recent arrival from the Emerald Isle and started for home. Of course, you all know that Miles is a jollier. He started from the county seat with his hired hand, and thinking to make a short cut, drove to the Malheur river ford near the farm of Dan Dixon. The ford was not in condition to suit the laborer, the bank being somewhat high. He said to Miles, "what are you going to do?" Miles said: "Here is where we ford." The Irishman said: "Here is where I jump my job. I was born in Cork but can't swim nor float." And he quit, walked back to Vale, and Miles proceeded on his way home minus a farm hand.—Vale Gazette.

When you find an item of news call up 'phone No. 16. It will be appreciated.

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YEARS IN ROMAN NUMERALS

"Have you noticed," said the pale mathematician, "how much easier it is going to be, after this year, to write the number of the year in Roman numerals?"

"What do I want to write the number of the year in Roman numerals for?" asked the business man. "Maybe you don't," the pale mathematician replied. "But notice the difference. In Arabic figures it has taken just four figures to write the number of the year ever since the year 1000, and it will take no more until the year 9999. But in Roman numerals the year 1000 was written with a single M. We shall never get back to the single letter again. Now for this year it takes nine letters, MDCCCXCIX. And think of 1888, which we can easily remember. Then it took thirteen letters, MDCCCLXXXVIII that was the hardest year of the whole Christian era so far.

"But next year it will drop down to three figures, MCM, and a hundred and one years hence it will go to two letters, MM. And how long do you think it will be before another comes that will be as hard to write as the year 1888?"

"I don't know," said the ruddy business man absently. He was wondering whether he could turn the crank of the messenger call to the word "police" without being noticed.

"Not till the year 2388," said the mathematician. "That will be written in Roman numerals MMCCCLXXXVIII—thirteen letters again. The ruddy business man was getting more and more uneasy. And what—what of it?"

"Why only think," said the pale mathematician, "for how many generations our descendants will never see a year as easy to write as the year 1900 how many and many more will never see one as long to write as 1888."

"And what—what of that?" said the business man.

"Nothing I suppose," said the pale mathematician. "Only these things always impress me."—Ex.

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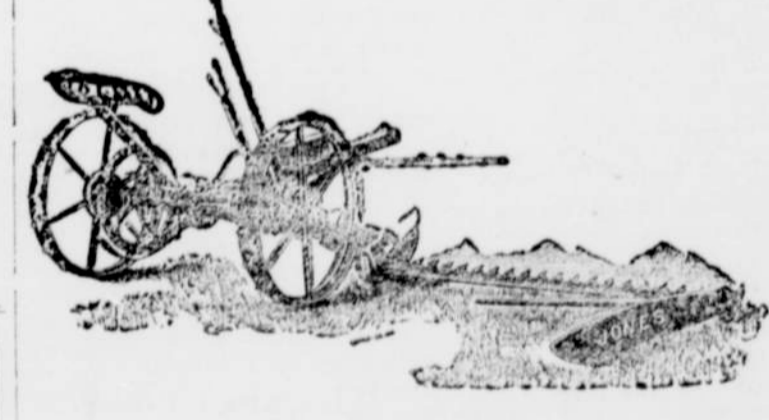
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