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" " " .20 " Socks " " " 25

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GRANTS PASS

### MAKES STEEL CUT STEEL

Oregon Man Discovers New Tempering Process

An Oregon toolmaker has rediscovered the lost art of tempering steel, and yesterday astonished many beholders by the feats he performed in his shop in the Suburban Coal & Ice Company's yard at Fourth and Everett streets. His name is B. J. Casterline, and he has just returned to Portland from Corvallis, where he has been working for some time to perfect his secret process.

By what means Mr. Casterline gives steel the wonderful hardness and toughness which makes his tools rival the famous Damascus blade with which Saladin cut in two a feather cushion he had tossed in the air, he alone knows, and he will not tell. When the Oregonian reporter called at his shop yesterday afternoon he put three razors in an ordinary forge, brought them to a red heat, then opened a box standing beside him, in which was a small tank full of liquid, and dashed them into it. After again heating them, he dipped them in water, then ground them, honed them on an oilstone, and shaved some hair off his wrist with them. One blade was so thin at the edge that the heat curled it up like a shaving and he ground it down by holding the edge at right angles to the grindstone. An ordinary blade treated thus would have flown to pieces, but he brought this to an even edge, then ground and honed it.

Then he showed what can be done with steel tempered by this process. He has made a drawing knife, and, fastening a 16-penny steel spike in a vice, with this tool he took a shaving off it. He handed the knife to the reporter, who felt the edge and found that it had not been turned in the slightest degree; in fact, it was impossible to tell with which part of the blade the shaving had been made. To further prove that the edge was not affected, he took the same knife and, without having sharpened it, shaved some hair off his arm with the greatest ease. All over his arms and the backs of his hands are bare spots which he has shaved in testing his tool.

Then he took a pocket knife having a blade tempered by himself and cut a shaving from the nail with it. He drew it three times across the nail, with the edge at right angles, making a distinct cut each time, and immediately shaved a little bunch of hair from his arm or hand with the same blade. He repeated this test four times making in all 12 notches in the nail, but the knife shaved his hand as easily the last as the first time.

He has an ax which was taken to him with the edge chipped all the way along, so that it would hardly cut wood. He has tempered it so that it cuts steel and is still a better ax than it ever was before he tempered it. He took a bar of tool steel, secured it in the vice and then brought down the edge of the ax upon it with all the power of both his brawny arms. He made a cut in the steel at least a sixteenth of an inch deep. The reporter felt the edge of the ax, and it had not been turned in the slightest degree. It is safe to say that he could go on chopping that steel bar with that ax until it was cut through, and the ax would still split wood better than any ax that was ever made.

Having seen these things, the reporter's incredulity was dismissed when he was told that Mr. Casterline had made a coldchisel with which he could cut a saw to pieces, and that he could make a bit which would bore a hole through a saw. He showed a set of horseshorn's nippers which was brought to him with the edges all chipped and jagged, but he has put such a fine edge on them that the same pair can be used for cutting nails or hoofs. He showed a letter from the Benton County Flouring Mills of Corvallis testifying to the good work he had done in tempering sick needles. He said that at this mill 11 sick needles had been broken in one week in sewing flour sacks, but one needle which he had tempered had been in use for nearly two months and was as good as ever.

He now undertakes to temper any kind of steel tools, but will not stop at that. He will undertake to make such struts that they will never break, and will next apply his discovery to armor-plate. He proposes to apply it to a small piece of armor-plate and endeavor to render it impervious to shot and shell. If successful, and he has no doubt, after the success he has had with other things, he will try it on a larger scale.

There is only one secret in the process, and that is in the chemical in which he dips the steel after bringing it to a red heat. After that is done, he again puts the steel in the fire and draws it to the hardness required for different kinds of work. There are three of these degrees of hardness, of which he judges by the color of the heated metal. For this purpose a good light is needed, in order that he may judge accurately of color.

In what manner Mr. Casterline will apply his invention he has not yet determined, but he will give a demonstration of his power at 2:30 p. m. every day this week at the shop at Fourth and Everett streets, and has invited every man interested in the subject to go and see for himself. He has not patented his invention and may not do so, for, if the secret were once known, the patent would be so easily infringed as to be valueless.—Oregonian.

Croquet sets at Cramer Bros.

### CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

Southern Oregon Towns Where the Day Will Be Observed

Grants Pass will hold no Fourth of July celebration this year, in accordance with the understanding when the carnival was undertaken. Ample opportunity, however, will be given those who wish to observe the day, in the celebrations which will be held at other Southern Oregon points.

Gold Hill is making the most extensive preparations for a grand celebration and it is expected that a large crowd of people will be in attendance there from this city. The entertaining features will be many and varied and a lively time will be in progress during the whole time of the celebration. The Grants Pass and Medford ball teams will contest for the supremacy which the carnival series of games left in doubt, and the game is sure to be a lively one, full of vim and desperate determination to win. In the evening, a grand ball will be given at which the music will be furnished by the Demaree and "Six" orchestras of Grants Pass.

Quite a number of people will probably attend the celebration at Kerby. The committee at this place has prepared a most entertaining program and it is promised that there will be something doing every minute of the day. There will be all sorts of races, games and amusements and a grand ball will be given in the evening. The people of Kerby and vicinity are peculiarly successful in the conduct of enjoyable events of this character and there is no doubt that all who attend the Kerby celebration will have a lively and enjoyable time.

Glendale has arranged quite an elaborate celebration and has come forward with an excellent program. Rev. Geo. H. Bennett of Roseburg will deliver the oration, and an interesting musical and literary program will be given. There will be a base ball game between the Glendale and Merlin teams and a display of fireworks will be given in the evening. A grand ball will be given, to follow the display of fireworks, at a huge platform in the grove.

At Jacksonville, a ball game between the Jacksonville and Roseburg teams will be played in the afternoon and a special train will be run from Medford. In the evening a grand ball will be given at Orth's hall with music by Signor Boffa's orchestra, of Medford. On July 6th, it is expected that the winner of the ball game will meet the winner of the Grants Pass-Medford game, to be played at Gold Hill on the Fourth.

The people of Wilderville and vicinity will hold a unique celebration at the Cheney creek caves. It has been announced that a celebration would be held at those grove near the mouth of Applegate, but the plans have been changed, and the people of that neighborhood will participate in the Cheney creek celebration. The start for the caves will be made from the home of Ben Ball, Jr., at 10:30 a. m. On arriving at the caves on Little Cheney, dinner will be the first thing on the program and all are requested to bring their baskets well filled. After dinner an oration will be delivered by J. B. Borough and the Declaration of Independence will be read by Miss Lily Age. There will be a musical and literary program and the caves will be explored. A general invitation is extended to all. The people of Merlin will observe the day in appropriate exercises. A picnic dinner will be given and the patriotic Fourth of July festivities will be held. Rev. W. T. Golder of Grants Pass will deliver the oration and a good program has been arranged.

Kuhl announces a celebration, with a picnic dinner and quite an elaborate program. A grand ball will be given in the evening.

### THEY ARE PLAYING BALL

The Grants Pass Team is Not Slow on the Diamond.

The Grants Pass base ball team went to Gold Hill Sunday and played with the Gold Hill team, the game resulting in a score of 17 to 7 in favor of Grants Pass. The Grants Pass base ball team is playing first class ball and is constantly strengthening with practice. Welch is showing himself to be a very able pitcher and, with Harry Smith behind the bat, the battery is a very strong one. On the Fourth, the boys will meet the Medford team at Gold Hill and work off the tie which was the result of the carnival series.

### A WRECK IN THE CANYON

Traffic Is Delayed 12 Hours by Derailed Freight Train.

A freight wreck in the Cow creek canyon last Wednesday night delayed the night passenger train about 12 hours. The train was the north bound freight under the charge of Conductor Gilvin and the accident is said to have been caused by the breaking of a flange on an oil car. Six cars were wrecked, but fortunately no one was injured. The disaster occurred at Tunnel 3, near West Fork.

Phil Simpkins, who owns a splendid piece of land near of Central Point, during the past weeks cut 51 tons of hay from 17 acres, an average of three tons per acre. He expects to double this when he cuts the second crop. This is an item certainly worth printing.—Southern Oregonian.

### THE OREGON GAME LAWS

Brief Statement of the More Important Regulations.

The following is a brief resume of the fish and game laws as pertains to Josephine county, being taken from a synopsis prepared by A. E. Gebhardt, secretary of the Oregon Fish and Game Association. The complete laws will soon be issued by the association in a neat folder for distribution among sportsmen and others throughout the state, so that all may have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the law without consulting the statute books.

Trout—May be caught only with hook and line. Limit of size, not less than five inches. Limit of catch, 125 in one day. Night fishing prohibited, except within tide waters of Coquille river, but only hook and line may be used. Sale prohibited.

Eastern brook trout, Loch Leven trout and grayling—Closed until April 1, 1904.

Salmon trout—Open at all times, except that fishing for salmon trout is restricted to tidewaters during the months of November, December, January, February and March of each year.

All other species of trout—Closed during the months of November, December, January, February and March of each year.

Use of dynamite, powder, gas, lime, cocculus indicus, poison, etc., prohibited.

Dynamiting trout and other food or game fish is made a penitentiary offense.

The law also prohibits the dumping of sawdust, planer shavings and lumber waste into trout or salmon streams.

Beaver—Closed for 18 years. Spotted fawn—Closed at all times.

Antelope, buck deer, moose, mountain sheep (except in the counties of Grant, Harney, Malheur and Baker), closed from November 1 each year to August 15 of the following year.

In the counties of Grant, Harney, Malheur and Baker, deer and antelope closed from October 15 of each year to October 1 of the following year.

Night hunting and the use of dogs in hunting deer, antelope or moose are prohibited within the state at all times.

Limit—Five deer in any one open season.

Eik—Closed until September 15, 1904; there closed between October 15 of each year and September 15 of the following year. Limit: One eik during each open season.

It is unlawful to sell, or have in possession for sale, any elk meat at any time.

It is unlawful at any time to hunt, pursue, take, kill, injure, destroy or have in possession and deer, elk, moose, mountain sheep or spotted fawn, for the purpose of obtaining the skin, hide, horns, hams or other flesh of such animal, for the purpose of sale, barter, exchange or trade, except upon permission from the state game warden and forestry warden.

Silver gray squirrel—Closed from January 1 to October 1 of each year.

Ducks, geese, swan—Limit, 100 in one day for one man.

The law prohibits the use of sink boxes, sink boats, snipe boats, skiffs, batteries, swivel guns, fire, flashlights and blinds, but the provisions of the law differ for particular sections of the state.

Counties of Josephine, Jackson, Coos, Curry and Clatsop—Ring-necked or China tortoise prohibited—Closed until September 15, 1904; then closed between December 1 of each year and September 15 of the following year.

### \$5 Reward.

The above amount will be paid to any person returning to me the following letter lost between Galesville and Glendale, Douglas Co., Oregon: Addressed to G. W. Dinnick, Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon, and marked returned to G. W. Marvin, Galesville, Douglas county, Ore.

### WOMEN IN CONVENTION

Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Met in Astoria.

Baker City was chosen as the next place of meeting by the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs at the recent session in Astoria. The following officers were chosen to serve during the coming year: Mrs. T. T. Gear, Salem, president; Mrs. Samuel Elmore, Astoria, first vice-president; Mrs. M. A. Barnstein, Portland, second vice-president; Mrs. Hattie Young, Grants Pass, recording secretary; Mrs. Samuel White, Baker City, corresponding secretary; Miss Olive Slater, La Grande, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Sheldon, Eugene, auditor; Mrs. C. E. Wade, Pendleton, and Mrs. M. I. Spaulding, The Dalles, directors.

Delegates to the National Biennial Convention: Mrs. C. B. Wade, Pendleton; Mrs. Samuel White, Baker City; Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Portland; and Miss Astella Goodin, Grants Pass; alternates, Mrs. M. L. Spaulding, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. A. H. Dodd.

Dr. W. Goulay Connell delivered a lecture at the Chautauque building last night on "Oak and Character," which is spoken of by those who heard it as one of great merit. It is regrettable that the appointment for the lecture should have fallen on the same evening as the entertainment arranged for the benefit of the Ashland Library at the opera house, as many who would have liked to hear Dr. Connell felt it a duty to attend the latter.—Ashland Tribune.

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### W. C. U. Column

#### Culture of the Heart

The Humane Society of Lewis and Clark county formed in Helena last fall, has been working along very quietly during the winter. Several cases of alleged cruelty have been investigated and wrong practices or conditions stopped by friendly words of advice or warning or by invoking official authority. The province of an Humane Society is not only to see that the laws of the state and municipality are enforced and public opinion educated to a higher plane of activity, but to engage in active endeavors to find and relieve suffering and more especially to prevent cruelty and its consequent misery and crime.

But cruelty is due to ignorance of the usefulness of animals and of proper care required for them more than to any inherent brutality. Hence arises the need of specific instructions in regard to the rights and needs of animals.

The object of these Bands of Mercy is to teach the blessed privilege of seeing every opportunity to say a kind word to or do a kind act to some humane or dumb creature.

We believe that the true education of a child is the most effective remedy for all ills. Feeling assured of the sympathy of the whole community in the matter of humane education, as far as the matter has been considered, our main idea has been to unite all the people of Helena into one vast Humane society—to bring all our people, adults and children, into a larger, deeper sympathy.

It was planned to do this through existing organizations, but a large amount of preliminary but fundamental work had to be done. As a consequence small progress has been made. "The public schools of the city are in sympathy with the movement and, in addition to the humane instruction given regularly in the nature lessons and by means of picture song and story and 'community life' and industrial life work and play, will devote a special hour once a month to humane instruction and will co-operate with the committee of the Humane society in outside meetings and work.

"Of course humane education can be carried on as well without Bands of Mercy as with, still organization is power in itself and the thought of being linked with nearly 4,000,000 individuals by the chain of kindness into an organization whose members work unitedly for the suppression of cruelty is an inspiration. There are many boys and girls in the city who wish to become links in this great chain. They are already impatient at the delay in forming a band. One little band was partially organized last month.

"The pastors of the city have been asked to co-operate with the society by preaching at least one sermon a year on humaneness and kindness to animals. "Other plans are maturing with that aim in view of creating a sentiment which shall impress the child on every hand—from street and school, as well as pulpit and home—with the beauty of kindness and loving service, which can but result in a higher patriotism. To wish that every individual and institution might extend the message of brotherly love to all creatures, dumb and human, may be a large hope, but not too high an aim.

"Were school instruction ideal, home life normal, and community life all that could be desired, there would be no need of Bands of Mercy. Kindness need not be emphasized for there

would be nothing else. But unfortunately pathological conditions surround the lives of even favored ones. The community life touches the individual life and it behooves those who wish to impress the children.

"To wake at early dawn and sow Good seeds before the world has sown its tares."

"A thousand cases of cruelty can be prevented by humane education for every one that can be prevented by prosecution."—Mary Lang Alderson.

### THE STEAMBOAT PLACERS

A Mammoth Property of South-eastern Josephine.

The Medford correspondent of the Telegram says the store of gold which has been lying for countless years along the bedrock of Steve's Fork of Steamboat, is to be at last taken from mother earth. The Oro Grande Mining Company, consisting of J. A. Whitman, J. D. Heard and their associates, now have 45 men at work constructing a ditch 240 rods long, which will give a pressure of 250 feet, and which they expect to have completed about the 7th or 8th of July.

As soon as the ditch is completed panning will commence and the majority of the men employed on the ditch will be transferred to similar work for the Missouri Mining Company consisting of Dr. Shearer, C. J. Lawrence, A. M. Scott and W. H. Riekey, whose property adjoins that of the Oro Grand.

The property of the last named company lies above that of the Oro Grand, and reaches well up on the slope of the famous Grayhack Mountain, whose stores of treasure have fed many of the gold bearing streams of southwestern Oregon and northern California. Croppings of an extensive quartz ledge have been discovered on the Missouri property, which are rich in free gold and copper. A goodly supply of specimens were brought in Saturday and sent to San Francisco to be assayed. Outside of the propositions, however the company has a large area of placer ground and at present the quartz is merely considered a side issue.

The fact that Steve's Fork is rich has been well known to miners in Southern Oregon but the immense difficulty to be encountered in getting in and out has heretofore deterred its development. The two companies now working the creek have constructed a good trail thereto and it is comparatively an easy matter to reach the mines.

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