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New white sage honey, pure—White House Grocery.

HOME CAPITALISTS LOSE

Mining Man Thinks They Show Poor Judgment.

L. V. Swiggert, who has spent much of the season in the mining districts in different sections of the state, has returned to Portland for a few days, says the Telegram, and in speaking of the interest in mining matters in general and the greater interest in the mining industry through he parts which he traveled, said:

"My trip has taken me through Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon and it proved a lesson well worth learning by any man. The vast deposits of ore that are within the borders of this state are simply phenomenal.

"Wherever I went I found the greatest evidence of prosperity and more activity than I have ever seen before in the mining matters of the state.

"There is a crying need for better railroad facilities, better smelting advantages and more generous support from local people. I cannot understand why capital will not invest in such wonderful propositions. Were the showings in Utah, Colorado or Montana they would not be idle any length of time. In Portland there are millions of dollars stored and not earning, when if properly invested in mining, this money would bring from 12 to 25 per cent a year and perhaps more.

"What Oregon or Portland needs is a man like D. H. Moffat of Denver, who has put more enthusiasm and money into mining than any half dozen bankers in the west.

"The resources of Oregon are wonderful. The ore will be extracted, railroads built and the country must be given its general outlook pass Colorado from a mining standpoint.

"If local capital will not take the chances afforded, then outside capital will, and Oregon must take her place among her mineral producing sister states. Mining is now a scientific investigation and a business enterprise combined, and as such must be recognized in the future.

Mother

Who would keep their children in good health should watch for the first symptoms of worms and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. It is the children's best tonic. It gets digestion at work so that their food does them good and they grow up healthy and strong. 25c at Slover Drug Co.

PRIZE FOR BEST ESSAY

Offered by Oregon Society Sons of American Revolution.

The Oregon Society of Sons of the American Revolution has several times in the past offered prizes to the school children of the state for essays on subjects connected with Revolutionary History. The results in the past have encouraged the society to renew the offer at this time. Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10, respectively, will therefore be awarded for the three best essays in the order of merit, written by students in the public schools of Oregon, on any of the following subjects:

1. The Arousing of Public Opinion; the Work of Samuel Adams, Thomas Paine, John Dickinson and Patrick Henry.
2. Lexington and Concord.
3. The Battle of King's Mountain.
4. Virginia's part in the American Revolution.

Essays are limited in length to 5,000 words; must be written on one side of the paper in the student's own handwriting and must be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of the school attended by the author, to the effect that the certificate is a bona fide student in the schools and has been in attendance therein not less than four weeks during the school year of 1903-4. Essays must be forwarded to the chairman of the committee in charge, Wallace McCannott, 34 Concord Building, Portland, Ore., so as to reach him not later than February 21, 1904. In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these three considerations:

1. Historical accuracy.
2. Manner of treatment.
3. Orthography, grammar, syntax and punctuation.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished by any member of the committee. The essay which is awarded the first prize will be published in full, with the name of the author, in the public press.

John K. Killock,
Thos. G. Greene,
Wallace McCannott,
Committee.

Do You Want to Yawn?

Feel cold shiverings, aching in bones, lack of energy, headache, and great depression? These symptoms may be followed by violent headache, high fever, extreme nervousness, a condition known as malaria. Herbine cures it. J. A. Hopkins, Manchester, Kan., writes: "I have used your great medicine, Herbine, for several years. There is nothing better for malaria, chills and fever, headache, biliousness, and for a blood-purifying tonic, there is nothing as good. 50c at Slover Drug Co."

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HONEST ENTRYMEN SAFE

Commissioner of General Land Office Issues Statement.

Commissioner Richards, of the General Land Office, has given out the following statement concerning the policy and practice of the land office in the matter of the withdrawal of public lands from settlement:

"There seems to be a misapprehension respecting withdrawals of public lands from entry under certain of the land laws and suspension of final action upon certain classes of entries already made. Generally speaking, land is withdrawn from entry in order to prevent its being appropriated in a manner or for a purpose not contemplated by law.

"In consequence of a proposed forest reserve, a withdrawal is made of all the land that will probably be included in its boundaries in order to guard against speculative entries made for the purpose of obtaining lien land.

"Withdrawals under the irrigation act are for the purpose of reserving the land for homestead entry—the only kind permitted by the act and to prevent speculative entries. Land containing oil or minerals is withdrawn from agricultural entry, as mineral lands are sold in smaller quantities and at higher prices than farming lands.

"Final action is often suspended upon individual entries or a class of entries in certain localities pending an investigation as to whether or not there has been a compliance with the requirements of the law. There is no withdrawal of land in this connection or any suspension of the law nor interference with entries properly made.

"In November, 1902, there was such a suspension of final action upon entries made under the timber and stone act in Washington, Oregon and California. This suspension was made upon evidence of collusive entries in those states whereby individuals and corporations were obtaining title to large areas of valuable timber land, whereas the law provides the entry shall be made for the exclusive use and benefit of the entryman.

"That this action did not hinder or interfere with entries under this act is shown by the fact that while there were 2197 timber and stone entries made in the states named during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, there were 6145 such entries made in those states during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, and of this latter number, 3544 entries were made after January 1, 1903, while the order of suspension was in force, while but 2197 such entries were made in the entire fiscal year 1902.

"As fast as the entries in these states can be examined, all of those which have been properly made are passed to patent while the suspension continues as to the others, pending a hearing in the local land office. No cancellation is made upon report of a special agent until opportunity for hearing has been afforded the entryman."

A QUEER LEGAL TANGLE

Negro Who Was Hung Has Another Chance.

A remarkable story comes from the Belgian Congo. A native of the Basoko tribe was to have been hanged for cannibalism, and during his imprisonment was so worked upon by the representations of the missionary chaplain as to the happiness of the world into which he was about to enter that the negro offered to hang himself out of hand to get there. This surprising offer was not accepted, and the negro was hanged by ordinary procedure. After hanging about 10 minutes the doctor pronounced the culprit to be dead, and the body was being carried to the cemetery by four natives when, almost at the gate, it sat bolt upright and began decussing of heaven to the bearers, who fled, dropping their burden. The man then walked into the cemetery, sat on a grave, and when elders came to see him again he inquired whether they also belonged to heaven, and when he could obtain something to eat. He is now in jail again, while the question of his re-execution is being considered at Boma.

Beautiful Complexions

Are spoiled by using any kind of preparations that fill the pores of the skin. The best way to secure a clear complexion, free from pimples, pimples, blotches, etc., is to keep the liver in good order. An occasional dose of Herbine will cleanse the bowels, regulate the liver, and so establish a clear healthy complexion. 50c at Slover Drug Co.

The jubilee gifts of the late Pope Leo XIII will be exhibited at the World's Fair. W. E. Curtis, the author and correspondent, now making a tour of Europe, is in Rome to arrange for the transfer of the treasures from the Vatican to St. Louis. The intrinsic value of the gifts is incalculable, nearly every crowned head in Europe being represented in the list of donors.

Olwell Brock, the Central Point orchard man, has finished picking their apples. They had over 100 men at work picking. Packing will now follow, the work being done mostly by girls. They expect to have 50 car loads.

TOILET SOAP, lots of it largest 5-cent bars in the city—White House Grocery.

ARE WE LOSING FREEDOM?

New York Paper Thinks "Man on Horseback" Is Coming.

Are we losing our freedom of speech and action? The Independent thinks we are, and that moral freedom generally in this country is wanting. "The law permits freedom almost to the extent of license; but the thousands of organizations which have sprung up to foster 'causes' innumerable have created a law outside of the law which is becoming more tyrannical than courts or legislatures would in those days dare to be. * * * What politician dares to say what he thinks of the machine and the boss? What teacher in the public school dares to express his opinion of the text-books in history that are forced upon him by temperance inebriates?"

"Have we freedom of conduct? Do men and women in America show as much vigorous independence in their domestic arrangements, their social relationships and their moral example as our kinsmen in England do, where we were wont to imagine, the reverence for tradition and the fear of Mrs. Grundy are serious barriers to individual independence? The question is at least a fair one.

There is certainly an increasing tendency towards intolerance in this country. The spirit of our constitution allows every man to have his say and do as he pleases so long as he does not transgress the law. But majorities are becoming more and more tyrannical. They are not so willing to submit to criticism as formerly they were. Moral pressure is brought to bear on minorities to reduce them to silence. Associations of various kinds exert a coercive force against those who express opinions or advocate action hostile to the views held by the several associations. A man in public life can hardly afford to take a decided stand on many important questions lest there rise up a horde of enemies against him. As the Independent says, the mob spirit, culminating in lynching, is only the extreme manifestation of mass tyranny.

This is a tendency which leads straight to despotism. The tyranny of the mob is anarchy. Anarchy is intolerable. Out of anarchy emerges another Man on Horseback, who restores order by force and rules the nation by the right of power. We are yet a long way from the condition in which a despot would be welcomed, but it is well to stop evil tendencies in their small beginnings.

DEATH OF G. S. PERSONS

Particulars of His Sudden Taking Off.

Fuller particulars have been received concerning the death of G. S. Persons, which occurred in Greeley, Colo., on October 7. Mr. Persons was formerly one of our best known and esteemed citizens and had a great many friends in this city.

During the latter part of his residence here, Mr. Persons suffered at times from epilepsy and heart trouble and these attacks have continued since his removal to Greeley. For a few months preceding his death they occurred with alarming frequency. On the forenoon of the day of his death, he seemed quite well, worked in the garden and came to the dinner table as usual, but complained of a pain in his stomach and declined eating. On the suggestion that he would be more comfortable in his easy chair, he rose unassisted, walked to the chair, seated himself, and almost immediately fell toward the floor. He was quickly supported by ready hands but breathed only a few times after dropping from his chair. Mr. and Mrs. Persons were living in Greeley at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. O. Woburn.

Deceased was born in Vermont, March 29, 1833, was married in 1853, to Martha L. Bolster, who survives him, and during the Civil War served in Company A, 12th Vermont volunteers. He went to Greeley, Colo., with his family in 1871, removing the next year to Denver where he resided about four years. Returning to Greeley he resided on his farm near that place until 1892 when he removed to Grants Pass. After some years here, his health failed and he returned to Greeley in 1898, making his home since with his son-in-law.

Besides his widow he leaves three children living, Mrs. Jennie L. Woodbury, and Fred Person of Greeley, Colo., and Fred Person of Boulder.

Saved Two From Death

Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. Haviland of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece who had consumption in an advanced stage also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Infallible for coughs and colds. 25c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy. Trial bottles free.

This is a story that is told in Kansas: His hair raised and he lit out at a greyhound gait. After running two miles he sat down on a log and to his surprise he found the ghost beside him. The ghost remarked "We were going some weren't we?" The man replied: "You bet, and as soon as I catch my breath, we are going some more."

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HEINZE GETS RICH MINE

Result of Adverse Decision Rendered by Judge Clancy.

As a result of the handing down of decisions by Judge William Clancy, of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Montana, at Butte Thursday awarding the Minnie Hooley mine, one of the richest properties in Butte and valued at \$10,000,000 to F. August Heinze and the granting of an injunction against the Boston & Montana Company, the principal property of the Amalgamated Copper company in Montana, all the properties of the Amalgamated Company in Montana were ordered closed for indefinite period.

It is estimated by officials of the company that at least 15,000 men will be made idle and perhaps 20,000. The shut down is the most complete and extensive ever known in Montana. It includes the great Anaconda, St. Lawrence, Never Sweat, Mountain View, Leonard, East and West Combs, Parrot, Gagnon, Colusa Parrot, Diamond, High Ore, Mountain Ore, No. 1 and No. 2, Comanche, Silver Bow Nos. 1 and 2, Blue Jay and many other smaller mines, as well as a large number of mines that are being worked under lease.

It is expected that the fires will be drawn from the Boston & Montana, Blue & Boston, Colorado and Washoe smelters. The Washoe smelters at Anaconda are the largest in the world and employ 3000 men.

The Amalgamated mines produced 9400 tons of ore every day. All the night shifts in the mines were called off and men notified that the properties had been closed down. Much excitement in Butte and the city is thronged with idle miners blocking street corners discussing the situation.

Makes Mark in Government Service on Islands.

Wm. Johnston, the 24-year old son of Conductor W. B. Johnston, of Ashland, is making his mark in the government service in the Philippine Islands. Enlisting as private in Co. F., Second Oregon, at the age of 18, he has without a "pull" or influential connections of any kind, but of sheer force of merit and capacity, won for himself the position of inspector in the treasury bureau maintained by our government on the island at a monthly salary of \$300 in gold. In the late scandals and speculations which the press briefly reported as having been discovered in the constabulary of the islands a few months ago, young Johnston distinguished himself by running down and furnishing evidence to convict several of the criminals.

Rasa Ten Penny Nail Through His Hand.

While opening a box, J. C. Mount, of Three Mile Bay, N. Y., ran a ten penny nail through the fleshy part of his hand. "I thought at once of all the pain and soreness this would mean," he says, "and immediately applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and occasionally afterwards. To my surprise it removed all pain and soreness. The injured parts were soon healed." For sale by all druggists.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox of Wako, Ark., writes: "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for 12 years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble stomach disorder or general debility get Electric Bitters. Its guaranteed by National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy. Only 50c.

ASHLAND BOY'S SUCCESS


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Johnston is well known among the members of the famous Second Oregon regiment. Before enlisting at Portland he lived in Ashland for some time and at one time was a clerk in Geo. W. Vaupel's cigar store. Before leaving Portland for Manila he was made a corporal by Capt. Case and when mustered out on the island had become a sergeant. Following this, he became chief clerk in the quartermaster's department. Shortly after he was taken with illness and started for his native shores on the steamer Belgian King, and was on board that vessel when she foundered off Nagasaki. His health improving he went back to Manila and soon after was appointed assistant treasurer of the Island of Negros, which position he held for some time, and then passed a brilliant civil service examination, making him eligible to the position he now holds as an inspector in the treasury bureau.


Shakespeare Told About

"—the whining school-boy with his satchel And shining morning face, creeping like snail Unwillingly to school."



But O, What a Difference Now:

The laughing school-boy with his satchel And shining morning face, speaking like wind Most happily to school.



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