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## JOSEPHINE WOMAN ALMOST TURNS TO STONE

Body Upon Being Exhumed After Seven Years Found to Be Almost Petrified.

This week J. F. Garlick, a former resident of Josephine county returned to this locality from McMinnville, where he now resides, for the purpose of having the body of his mother, who died some seven years ago, exhumed and shipped to their old home, back in Nebraska. George Cronk, who has had charge of many such undertakings, was engaged to open the grave, which was located out on the old homestead, on Jones Creek and after digging down some five feet, he was astonished to find that the casket had become unsealed and that the body was almost petrified.

Speaking with the Courier man about the strange occurrence, Mr. Cronk took occasion to say: "Yes, it was a very strange find. Why the body was as lifelike as could be, the skin appearing as fresh and solid and lifelike as though the interment had taken place only a few days ago, instead of seven years ago. There was only one slight discoloration. Otherwise the body was very well preserved and we could take hold of the limbs and lift the body up without its bending, showing the body was petrified."

"How do I account for it? Why, simply by the fact that the casket must have been full of cold water all this time and the body was thus kept practically in cold storage, as it were. This is the only instance of the kind I have ever had, although I do recall where the body of a little girl was partially petrified. I have had charge of the removal of a great many dead bodies, too."

The body was shipped to the Nebraska home, Wednesday morning and instead of there only being a few bones and some hair, as the son fully expected to find, it required a good sized casket to contain the remains.

## MORE GRANGES FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

An effort will be made Saturday evening, February 29, to organize a grange out at the Dimick school house. Mrs. N. M. Perham and others in that neighborhood have been busily engaged in securing names for the charter list and they seem to have been quite successful.

District organizer W. J. Dean, of Talent, Jackson county, will be present to conduct the proceedings.

There seems a strong likelihood that granges will also be established at Williams and Missouri Flat, as well as other points in Josephine county, for wherever this organization is known it is liked and found to be very desirable.

The granges out at Holland, Wilderville and Bryden are flourishing and are now accomplishing much good in their respective neighborhoods. Already that one at Holland has over 100 members and is regarded as one of the strongest and most prosperous in Oregon.

The movement is widespread and is meeting with very general approval wherever it appears. The objects of the organization are such as to greatly benefit the entire neighborhood where they are organized and when Oregon has granges all over the state they will exert a very wholesome influence upon matters which have to do with the best interests of the great commonwealth.

## Do You Belong to the "Rooster" Club?

No, I didn't say Roosters Club; I said Roosters' Club, and I meant it. If you don't know what that means, just take a walk along Sixth street, almost any day, and you will see the members in good standing (?) roosting on the park fence, or on piles of lumber near the sidewalk, sucking, chewing, spitting and making irritating or insulting remarks about unprotected ladies who have to pass along down the row—staring at them till the ladies are "almost persuaded" to forsake the new concrete pavements and go away around anywhere, to get away from this unnecessary ordeal of running the gauntlet. Can't this nuisance be abated or abolished?

A VICTIM.

## "ROSE PLANTING" DAY OBSERVED GENERALLY

State Metropolis Had an Interesting Time in This Important Direction.

(Special Correspondence)  
Portland, Ore., February 24th, 1908.  
The Oregon National Guard is very active in its efforts to obtain a suitable and permanent rifle range near this city. Besides being immediately available for the use of six companies, including those stationed at Vancouver, Washington, the range would attract any United States cruisers and other naval vessels to this port, since this practice is required of the Navy as well. The matter has been taken up with the United States War Department and strongest possible endorsement has gone forward from the Portland Commercial Club and other organizations of Portland.

In celebrating the opening of the new electric interurban line between Portland and Salem on February 18th, the latter city entertained numerous delegations from the various cities of the Willamette Valley. Over a hundred business men went from Portland in two special cars. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the speeches of both visitors and Salem men, and all united in emphasizing the necessity for wideawake, aggressive advertising to develop both city and country. Salem contemplates an immediate campaign as a result. Washington's Birthday had twice its usual interest and significance in Portland this year on account of this being also the city's first observance of "Rose Planting Day." Archbishop Christie participated in the exercises in connection with planting the thousands of roses which were borne to the parks by the school children. Vigorous two year old bushes were set out, which will bloom generously by the first of June, for the Rose Festival. A distinctive feature of the grand parade planned for the Festival will be the entry of floats from different cities in the State—several have already designed floats illustrating some particular product of their section. This attractive representation will doubtless attract many visitors to these communities.

A branch of the work of the Portland Commercial Club which many people know nothing about is the maintenance of an Oregon Information Bureau in Los Angeles, which has been wonderfully successful in its efforts to so interest Californian tourists that they may return to their Eastern homes by way of Oregon. Oregon literature is distributed from several of the most centrally located offices in Los Angeles, and it is eagerly taken. The colonist rates, and particularly the \$30 fare from the great middle West to all stations in the Beaver State is emphasized in every publication given out. Eastern lectures are also employed to a limited extent, and Mr. Robert J. Weyh, Jr., of New York City, has just reported a most successful series, with audiences frequently numbering in excess of 1000 adults. "They take in every word about Oregon," he writes, "and then fire questions at me."

## Colonist Rates.

As has been the custom for several years past the Railroads leading to the coast have agreed on a colonist rate, a little higher than in years past, but still a very attractive rate, and it ought to have the effect of bringing a large number of immigrants to Oregon this spring. The rate is effective from March 1st to April 30th and is substantially as follows: from Chicago—\$38; from Missouri river common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, etc., \$30; St. Louis, \$25.50. Usual stopover privileges will be given on these tickets. 1-24 if

## Good Cough Medicine for Children

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. Sold by M. Clemens.

## CITY AUTHORITIES ARE WANTING AN EXPERT

Councilmen Looking Into Municipal Ownership of Water Works Question.

Messrs. Kinney, Coburn and Tuffs, the committee appointed by the city council to take hold of the matter of having the water works problem thoroughly investigated, are alive to the importance of the matter.

One member of said committee informed the Courier that the committee was just now on the lookout for a competent consulting engineer, one who has the ability to pass upon the plant offered by the Rogue River Water Co., and yet one who would be entirely unbiased in the matter.

They have been looking around for such an expert and find that they are none too common. However, they are on track of just such a personage who resides at Los Angeles.

Engineer Chase was thought of, but owing to the fact that he has been more or less identified with the old management of the plant, it was not regarded as proper to call for his services in the matter, besides, judging by a news item to be found elsewhere in today's Courier, from McMinnville. Mr. Chase is a pretty sick man and it may be some time before he can attend to such matters as this. The committee proposes to go ahead and carefully investigate this proposition and one of these days they will be ready to submit their findings for the consideration of the taxpayers of Grants Pass.

The condition of Mrs. E. V. Winch, the aged mother of Mrs. H. C. Kinney, who had the misfortune to trip over a little hassock, while moving about her room, the other day, is regarded as quite serious and it seems doubtful if she will ever again recover complete control of herself. She is now 87 years of age and this breaking of her right hip is a dangerous matter.

## FORESTRY MEN HAD A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

J. E. Gribble, a guide in the forestry service and F. M. McDuff, Forest Assistant are back from a tour of inspection over into Curry county, and they report having had the "time of their lives."

They left Grants Pass early in the month of December and walked almost all the way, encountering all kinds of weather, and they had some decidedly exciting experiences, over in that country which is larger than the state of Rhode Island and yet which has not a single mile of railroad within its boundaries nor has it a single barber-shop, bakery, drugstore, saloon, and but one doctor and one undertaker!

As they attempted to go out to Cape Blanco, the most western point in the United States they encountered a wind that literally swept them off their feet.

All the time they were on the long journey they were either in a rain-storm or had their clothing wet from the damp shrubbery through which they passed. Their journey was impeded by falling trees and the like. At one point, the last three miles from Port Orford, they found nine big trees lying across the public highway.

This delayed the stage a day or so.

There is but one county road and it is none too good, either. The stage is not a Pullman coach experience, for it is said that at times it becomes necessary to tie the passengers in so they will not be thrown out as the vehicle tumbles around the hills.

Of course the travelers are glad to get "out of the woods" again, although they report having had a fine time of it and say they found the most optimistic class of citizens they have encountered in this or any other country. The people are happy and feel sure that a new railroad will be built in that way "next week," and are as happy in their ignorance as though they were out in the bounds of civilization.

The pulpit of the Bethany Presbyterian church will be filled during the month of March by Rev. W. G. Smith, at one time pastor of a flourishing church at Lima, Ohio, and later at Klamath Falls, where he built up a strong, self-supporting church by his earnest, effective labors.

## STAMP MILL PLANNED FOR COMSTOCK MINE

Owners of this Property Contemplate Making Many Improvements.

J. Monroe Layman arrived from Urbana, Ill., last week, to look after his mining holdings in Josephine county.

He is owner of the Lewis & Clarke mines, located near Kerby, as well as of the "Comstock," situated some three miles from Grants Pass. He also has what is known as the Felix group over the line in Jackson county. Mr. Layman is a member of the Amalgamated Metal Co., which owns and operates rich copper properties adjoining the famous "Clarke's United Verde," copper mines at Jerome, Arizona.

In conversation with the Courier reporter Mr. Layman talked very interestingly regarding the properties which he owns in this region. He plans to put a stamp mill in operation on the "Comstock," in the near future, where a rich strike has recently been made.

They have over 1200 feet of development work done on this claim, tunneling in 85 feet and drifting some 40 feet. All along they have had an abundance of low grade ore, but recently they struck a six-foot vein that assays \$128 to the ton. This is a nice "find," and encourages the owner to go ahead and put in the proposed stamp mill.

This will give Grants Pass a new mining property right here near the city, as the Comstock is only three miles away. Owing to its being only three-quarters of a mile from the railroad and one-half mile from the county road, Mr. Layman believes that it is by far the best mining property hereabouts and thinks its showings will surpass those of any other mine in this region.

Here will be a practical demonstration of successful mining, in operation at the city's gate and will prove to be quite an interesting object lesson for the newcomers.

Mr. Layman incidentally remarked that he had visited many countries and had been all over the United States, but that he had failed to find a finer climate than this and he likes Grants Pass, very much. Since he was last here, about one year ago, he notices many valuable and substantial improvements in the city, such as the nice walks, crossings, big arches, new residences and business houses and a general air of prosperity pervades the community.

He says that this country is well advertised throughout the east and as regards the mining interests, he predicts great things for this section. "If the people can produce the goods, they will find plenty of money back east, waiting to be invested out here. All the people want is to be shown that the properties are sure to pay, and then they will come forward with the necessary cash," said Mr. Layman.

Word comes from McMinnville to the effect that the condition of Engineer W. B. Chase, of Portland, is much improved the last two or three days. He can talk so as to be understood at times and seems to recognize anyone with whom he is acquainted. He is being cared for at the Hotel Yamhill in that city. He was attacked with paralysis there last week.

G. P. Atchison, custodian of the mineral exhibit in the Commercial Club rooms is of an inventive turn of mind. Just now he has perfected a rowboat, the cars being reversed from the ordinary ones, permitting the occupants to look in front of the boat and hunters, especially, will greatly appreciate this convenience. The car locks are so arranged that they will not fall out but they can be detached in a half minute time. He has applied for a patent and will manufacture the boats somewhere on the coast. Recently, while ill and kept in this house he devised a new idea in the shape of a star wheel revolving sulkey harrow and has found that a large one made from his pattern has proved to be a great success. His sons, G. P., Jr., Arlow and Otto take very much after their father and have evolved very striking new ideas along these lines. Arlow has a miniature automobile on exhibition at the Commercial Club rooms which has attracted much attention and elicited favorable comment.

## THIS SECTION EXCELLENT FOR GROWING WALNUTS

Both Soil and Climate Are Admirably Adapted for This Profitable Industry.

That this section of country is, by reason of its rich soil and mild climate admirably adapted for the cultivation and growing of walnuts, is being clearly demonstrated right along.

Already the experiments have been so entirely satisfactory that many persons are becoming interested in this new industry and all indications point to the fact that ere long English walnuts will have become quite an output of this valley.

P. B. M. Burrows, who has a choice tract of orchard land at New Hope, on the Applegate is going to plant no less than 10 acres, using the nuts from the Major Britt nursery, of Jacksonville, which are pronounced extra fine seedlings.

C. H. Sampson, the well known S. P. engineer and who also poses as a successful horticulturist, has three acres of English walnuts already in bearing, and he has sent to Mr. Britt, for some of the seedlings, but finds that the demand has been greater than Mr. Britt could supply, reserving all his output for the persons planting the groves.

There is said to be but one objection to these walnuts, and that is the fact that they are rather hard shelled. But inasmuch as they are very thrifty and hardy and have never missed bearing in the past 32 years and are otherwise perfect, this slight defect can easily be overlooked, when the fact that the kernel is pronounced superb and far superior to that of the thin, paper shelled nuts.

Many other growers in Josephine county have either begun to put in walnuts or will soon do so and ere long this will become one of the staple products of this region.

## DEBATERS DECIDE FIRE WORSE THAN WATER

Tuesday evening the members of the Bethany Fraternal Club indulged in a big joint debate of their own and judging from reports they must have had an interesting time of it.

They settled forever that old and heretofore unsettled question, "Resolved, That Fire is More Destructive than Water," and the facts upon which they came to their conclusions must have been very conclusive, for the judges were unanimously in favor of the "Fire Side," as one member expressed it.

Messrs. Perry Gunning and Ernest Fetach had the affirmative, while their opponents were Henry Ahlf and Grover Heringer and all the speakers acquitted themselves in fine style.

One debater advanced the argument in favor of water being most destructive by contending that the flood in Noah's time swept all the people and living creatures, except those fortunate enough to be in the ark, off the face of the earth, causing great destruction. But his opponent

## TIMBER LOCATORS AND MINERS MAY CLASH

Latter Declare That Many People Are Being Fooled in This Matter.

As the demand for more timber lands increases, naturally enough choice claims become all the scarcer and cruisers are having to scour the woods for any tracts of land that may have been overlooked in former days. Quite naturally enough this condition of affairs has led to some friction between the owners of mineral claims and the hunters after untaken lands.

I. R. Sheaffer, who has two promising mining properties, the "Apex" and "Tenderfoot," both situated in the Dry Diggings district, and showing good gold and copper ore, informed the Courier scribe that already timber cruisers were bringing and locating strangers on the mineral lands and he predicts that there is going to be considerable trouble over this very matter.

Mr. Sheaffer states that in many instances the mining claims have been located for the past eight or 10 years and that in many instances they have been successfully worked and now the timber men would force them out and have the newcomers file on the same.

"But," said Mr. Sheaffer, "they find that they are tackling a mighty big undertaking and soon there will be something doing and somebody will wish that they hadn't meddled in these matters. But I am not going to mention names, although I could do so, if I so desired. We are merely waiting to see how far this thing is going to spread before we take a decided stand and put the intruders to route."

stoutly contended that it was indeed a great benefit to humanity to have all those wicked people swept away. The arguments brought forth the fact that the speakers had been studying the history of all the great floods and conflagrations of every age of the world and proved to be interesting and highly entertaining.

Vocal selections by Mrs. W. E. Willis and recitations by Miss Helen Love added very materially to the pleasure of the evening.

The program for the evening's entertainment was concluded by a four-round boxing bout by Messrs. "Ted" Field and Alfred Leigh, which proved to be quite a drawing card. The men were very evenly matched and there was a generous rivalry for the mastery and after they had tried conclusions for some time, it was seen that they were about even in honors.

On the whole the "B. F. C." members covered themselves with more glory by demonstrating that they can entertain in a most lively and fascinating manner.

While clearing some of his grape land, the other day, Herman Horning had the misfortune to have one of his optics come too closely in touch with some of the shrubbery and ever since he has been nursing the injured member, although it is getting much better right along.

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