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The amicable trade between the English and Germans, in which the latter gets a third interest in the Samoan islands, is a sad blow to the Transvaal Republic. The Boers had all along some hopes of outside interference, but the amicable arrangements now come to between England and Germany indicates that Oom Paul will be left to fight his battles alone. France is not in a position to ruin her hope of gain from the great exposition of 1900; and Russia, taking the recent complications with Japan into consideration, does not wish to bring on herself the might of England, and perhaps that of the United States. With Germany neutral, America, England and Japan would be too hard a nut for Russia and France to crack, and this last diplomatic masterpiece on the part of the British leaves them in a position to settle South African affairs without interference, and undoubtedly goes a long way towards preserving the peace of Europe.

The supreme court on Monday, the 13th, affirmed the judgment of the lower court, practically condemning W. G. Magers to death for the murder of Ray Sink in September, 1897. Now it seems that a last effort is being made by the defense or friends of the condemned man to secure from him an admission that he had an accomplice in the crime, and to procure the name of such accomplice. The object of the move, it is understood, is to save Magers' neck, if possible, through executive clemency or otherwise. A petition for re-hearing will be filed in the supreme court by Mr. Holmes, Magers' attorney, within the next 20 days. Twice has Magers been found guilty by a jury of his countrymen for one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in the state, and it is scarcely probable that evidence can be brought forward, at the eleventh hour, that will shield him from undergoing the last penalty of the law and expiating his dastardly crime on the gallows.

In the war of 1879-80 the Boers displayed deadly accuracy with the rifle, but their weapon then was very different from the arm used recently at Dundee. The rifle of 20 years ago was built on the lines of the British Martini. It was a hammerless arm of about nine pounds weight, with a 30-inch half-octagon barrel and a shotgun butt stock. The caliber was .45, with a bullet weighing from 405 to 450 grains. The powder charge was 90 grains in a brass drawn cartridge case. The rifle was sighted up to 2000 yards. Besides the usual stationary sight it had a reversible front—that is, a sight cable of being used as an ordinary front sight, and by a single motion, it was changed into a fine pin-head sight covered with a ring to keep it from being knocked off. On an occasion where particularly fine shooting was demanded this front globe was further covered with a thimble-shaped hood, shading it perfectly. The usual standing rear or fixed sights were on the barrel, while on the gun's grip was a turn-down peep that was regulated by a side screw to an elevation of 2000 yards. The peep and globe were never used under 700 or 800 yards.

DeMoss Springs Items.

Prof. and Mrs. J. M. DeMoss are on a visit to friends at Dufur.

Rev. J. W. Jewell preached an interesting sermon in the school house last Sunday afternoon.

Chas. Diekmann, Jr., late of Salem, has become a resident of our town, occupying a house on Milton avenue.

W. H. Lee, the genial superintendent of the Union Warehouse Co. here made a pleasure trip to Moro on Saturday evening.

Our school is progressing finely under the management of Miss Wheeling. The present term will end the first week of December.

Nearly 32,000 sacks of wheat have been received at the warehouse this season. The farmers continue to haul. Over 400 sacks are received some days.

J. H. DeMoss, the DeMoss Springs merchant, is kept quite busy lately, not only with his business interests, but his bachelor quarters are receiving much attention.

Your correspondent took a stroll into the DeMoss Publishing Co's building on Monday. He found the manager busy, as usual, but failed to see the smiling face of his late assistant.

The roads hereabouts are in fine condition for driving now. The recent rains laying the dust, and industrious hands removing the loose rock, some of our bright young people are improving the opportunity to buggy-ride.

That was quite a jolly party that went down the canyon one evening last week, judging from the noise of voices, rattle of wagon, and the unusual activity displayed by various members of the party changing places in the wagon. It reminded one of children playing "Passy Wants a Corner."

A showman at a fair, after a long yarn descriptive of what was "to be seen inside," wound up by saying:

"Step in, gentlemen; step in! Take my word for it, you will be highly delighted when you come out."

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

It is reported that the Royal Bengal Tiger in Walter L. Main's Menagerie has killed two men. The tiger is a hard animal to domesticate, and come to think of it, the name Tiger will be all the go in Sherman county this fall. The Tiger Grain Drill is what we refer to. Having ordered two carloads of these celebrated drills, made before the price of material went up, we are able to sell them from 10 to 15 per cent. less than any other drill can be sold. They are to-day, without question, the best drill on the market. Call and see the drill and get our prices before buying. MOORE BROS. & GINN.

W. H. Moore drove to Grants on Monday evening to catch the night train for Portland.

Page & Parry made a shipment of 60 hogs yesterday to the Union Meat Co., Portland. They averaged 260 lbs. and were as nice a lot of hogs as ever left the county.

W. P. Keady, Capt. C. W. Hosford, J. McQueen and Geo. H. Stevenson, all of Portland, passed through this city Tuesday en route to the Ochoco country, where they have large mining interests to look after.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.

It seldom falls to the lot of our citizens to have the opportunity of attending a pleasanter or more enjoyable entertainment than that given by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church at the opera house on Saturday evening. It is always the custom in our town when a movement of this kind is on foot, for the residents to give it their universal support, and there was no exception to this rule on Saturday night. The spacious hall was packed to the doors with an appreciative audience, ready to applaud the efforts made for their amusement.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mrs. W. H. Moore had charge of the proceedings, and at about 8 o'clock announced the first number on the programme, "An Instrumental Duet on the Violin and Organ," by the Misses Addie and Myrtle Lewis, which was well received. Mrs. F. C. Ireland then gave a very pleasing recitation, "How He Saved St. Michael," after which Prof. Peery charmed the audience with a solo, "Just As The Sun Went Down," accompanied by Mrs. Peery on the guitar. Next came a recitation, "The Cripple's Prayer," by Mrs. McCaleb, who is to be complimented on her elocutionary powers. Next in order came an instrumental duet by Mrs. Bolton and Miss Lulu Bolton, which was heartily applauded. Miss Nellie Holder then recited "The Lost Babies" in a manner worthy of much praise. At this stage of the proceedings a bevy of young ladies, dressed in the costume of the early christians, took part in a very imposing tableau entitled, "Nearer My God To Thee." Mrs. Fillion followed with a reminiscence of Old Glory, which was highly appreciated, after which Mr. Bressler sang a solo, with a pleasing accompaniment on the guitar. Miss Pearl Dean, with Messrs. Parry, Idleman and Barnum, then gave a very pleasing recitation and tableau, after which G. M. Frost excelled himself in the solo, "A Beautiful Prayer." A very creditable recitation by Miss Bessie Van Pelt was next in order, followed by a solo by Glenn Junkin, who played his own accompaniment on the mandolin, and was obliged to respond to two vigorous encores. Mrs. Dr. Smith then gave a comic recitation, "A Woman's Rights," ending with how old maids get left. Mrs. Fillion then appeared in the one-act tragedy entitled, "Miss Arabella Spasm's Dear Departed," which literally brought down the house. Miss Jennie Williams then sang "Just as The Day Was Breaking," with much feeling and expression. Mrs. Hickson came next with that beautiful song, "Alice, Where Art Thou," which was received by her audience with genuine pleasure. The appearance of twelve ghosts then reminded the assemblage that it was the hour when church-yards yawn and graves give up their dead. This last ended the entertainment, which was highly interesting and amusing from beginning to end, and a credit to our local talent. The receipts of the evening amounted to \$13.75, which goes for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

The new court house will be turned over to the county to-day by the contractor, A. F. Peterson, of Albany. This beautiful brick structure is an ornament to our town, and fills a long-felt want in Sherman county. The total cost of the building does not exceed \$8000, and it is the consensus of opinion that it is the handsomest piece of architecture in the state for the money. On entering the building we find on the ground floor the treasurer's, sheriff's and county clerk's offices, together with the jail vault and county court room. On the second floor is the main court room, a commodious apartment capable of seating three or four hundred persons, the jury room, judge's room, counsel's room, school superintendent's office and grand jury room, all of spacious dimensions, and well adapted for the purposes that are required. County Commissioner R. P. Orr deserves no little credit for his close attention to every detail in the construction of the building from foundation to cupola, while Mr. Peterson, the contractor, has the confidence and respect of his employers as a man of ability and integrity.

IF YOU WANT BLANK DEEDS, MORTGAGES, NOTES, LEGAL BLANK COVERS, ETC., CALL AT THE LEADER JOB OFFICE AND INSPECT OUR BLANKS AND PRICES. WE WILL SHOW THE NEATEST BLANKS AT MOST REASONABLE PRICES.

FOR SALE, OR WILL TRADE FOR STOCK OR SHERMAN COUNTY FARM LAND, A 6 ROOM HOUSE AND THREE RESIDENCE LOTS, 50 BY 100, IN THE SUBURBS OF OREGON CITY. A fine spring of water, never goes dry, some small fruit, good chicken yard and house. Two lots entirely sub-irrigated. Inquire at this office.

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TIMBER CULTURE, FINAL PROOF.—Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. The Dalles, Oregon, October 31, 1899. Notice is hereby given that James Stewart, one of and for the heirs of Stewart, deceased, of Monkland, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Wm. Henrichs, county clerk, at his office in Moro, Oregon, on Thursday, the 14th day of December, 1899, on timber culture application No. 3347, for the N 1/2 S E 1/4 and N 1/2 S W 1/4 of Section No. 10, in Township No. 2 S, Range No. 18 E, W. M.

He names as witnesses: William Currie, Walter Fraser, Edward Mack, of Rutledge, Oregon, and Dallas Wilder, of Monkland, Oregon.

JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of J. J. Eaton, deceased.

To all whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that by order of the county court in and for said county and state, duly made and entered of record, the undersigned has been appointed executor of the estate of J. J. Eaton, deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers therefor to said executor at the law office of J. B. Hosford, in the city of Moro, in said Sherman county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 10th day of November, 1899.

Henry Jackson, a wealthy Klamath Indian, charged with being an accessory before the fact in the case of the murder of Dr. George, an Indian medicine man, is said to have an abundance of ready cash—over \$12,000. How much of this he will have when the lawyers get through with the case is a matter for conjecture.

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Mrs. W. H. Moore had charge of the proceedings, and at about 8 o'clock announced the first number on the programme, "An Instrumental Duet on the Violin and Organ," by the Misses Addie and Myrtle Lewis, which was well received. Mrs. F. C. Ireland then gave a very pleasing recitation, "How He Saved St. Michael," after which Prof. Peery charmed the audience with a solo, "Just As The Sun Went Down," accompanied by Mrs. Peery on the guitar. Next came a recitation, "The Cripple's Prayer," by Mrs. McCaleb, who is to be complimented on her elocutionary powers. Next in order came an instrumental duet by Mrs. Bolton and Miss Lulu Bolton, which was heartily applauded. Miss Nellie Holder then recited "The Lost Babies" in a manner worthy of much praise. At this stage of the proceedings a bevy of young ladies, dressed in the costume of the early christians, took part in a very imposing tableau entitled, "Nearer My God To Thee." Mrs. Fillion followed with a reminiscence of Old Glory, which was highly appreciated, after which Mr. Bressler sang a solo, with a