# The Observer

MORO, OREGON.

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**Personal Talk With You.**

At any time when requested to do so, the paper will be discontinued. But we expect that all arrears will be paid before such request is made. It is easy to ask us for a statement, which will be cheerfully rendered at any time.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Baseball fans in Yamhill, Washington and Polk counties are planning to form a tri-county baseball league.

Logging operations in the Lower Columbia river district are tied up as a result of the snow.

Mrs. Sarah J. Grant, one of the pioneers of Polk county, died at her home in Kings Valley at the age of 86 years.

Representative Hawley has recommended the appointment of F. B. Southwick as postmaster at Salem to succeed Squire Farrow.

Frank W. Osburn, 60 years old, a prominent citizen and banker of Eugene, died at his home there after several months' illness of paralysis.

W. McCormack of Eugene, with the percentage of .9511 ranks as the top notch amateur trap shooter of the state of Oregon for the season of 1912.

Governor West has granted a stay of execution in the case of Bob Morgan, who was to have been hanged for the murder of Miss Virgie Hart at Condon on October 17.

At a rate of 200 a month letters are pouring in on the Portland commercial club from people who want to learn more about Oregon and who contemplate building homes here.

C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, have purchased the $300,000 bond issue of the Port of Coos Bay commission for $289,975. The money is to be used in harbor improvements.

Governor West and all the members of the legislature were invited by Samuel Hill to be his guest at his expense on a visit to Maryhill, Wash., to inspect his seven varieties of good roads.

Judge Woods of Huntington, deposed by Governor West and twice rejected on petition for reinstatement by the county court, is back on the job as a result of the election last November.

Astoria is planning suitable memento for each member of the life-saving crews for services rendered at the wreck of the Rosecrans and on various occasions when life and property was in danger.

When the democratic presidential electors met at Salem to cast the unanimous ballot for Wilson and Marshall, Hugh McLain of Coos county, was delegated to convey the official vote to Washington.

Senator-elect Lane has filed his final statement of campaign expenses with the secretary of the senate, showing that $887.89 was contributed to his campaign fund and his expenditures aggregated $922.89.

With the conferring of the thirty-second degree on forty-seven candidates, the twenty-seventh semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of Oregon came to an end in Portland. Over 500 of the higher degree Masons were present at the ceremony.

A coyote with two tails is the latest animal freak to be discovered in Umatilla county. Chris Stambill, a prominent farmer of Coe, killed the animal with the double caudal appendage and brought the pelt with the two tails attached to the county clerk to collect the bounty.

John Torgersen, wanted at Vina, Cal., for the murder of James Miller, while shooting up a store and saloon, is under arrest at Roseburg. Torgersen confesses to having burglarized four postoffices, three railroad stations and eight stores in southern Oregon between December 27 and January 8.

For attempting to save Ray S. Utter, a machinist, from burning at Hood River on May 18, 1910, Ernest E. Boggess of that city has been announced as one of the winners in the Carnegie fund distribution. Mr. Boggess was awarded a bronze hero medal, $425 disablement benefits and $1000 in deeded.

For the first time in ten years an election was held Monday in the town of Clatsop, Clatsop county, in which five trustees, a recorder and marshal were elected. Outside of Portland, Clatsop probably covers more ground than any city in the state, the town limits extending from Seaside to Warrenton.

President Taft has sent to the senate the list of Oregon nominations prepared and endorsed by Ralph Williams, national committeeman. Among them are John H. Burgard to be collector of customs at Portland; Thomas McCusker postmaster, and E. C. Kirkpatrick, United States marshal, and L. H. Arnson, receiver, The Dalles land office.

It is understood that the proposition of Coos Bay to place $150,000 at the disposal of the government to assist in the work of enlarging Miner harbor has been accepted by the board of army engineers. The board of army engineers has concluded to recommend practically everything asked for the improvement of Coos Bay by the delegation from Marshfield.

Forest rangers of the Shasta, Klamath, Siskiyou and Crater National forests, in northern California, and southern Oregon, have been summoned to a convention to be held at Medford, February 18 to 21. The convention is not an annual affair, but one of several that have been held periodically to discuss new ways and ideas of fighting fires, building trails and telephone lines, and the like.

# A TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT

### A Story of New Year's Day in Old New York

By F. A. MITCHEL

In the good old Dutch town of New Amsterdam, now New York, the custom of New Year's calling had its birth in America.

On New Year's day, 165--, the parlor of Olaffe Van Buskirk, having been thus cleaned, was opened to the citizens of New Amsterdam. In a corner was set a table laden with bread, cheese, cakes and such other eatables as had been made by Frau Van Buskirk herself, while bottles of Schiedam schnapps stood guard over the viands, intimating that no guest should partake of them without first paying his respects to the schnapps.

Now, Lena Van Buskirk, only child of this worthy couple, was at this time the belle of the town, though this was partly due to her being the daughter of (for that time and place) wealthy parents. Her father possessed several acres of ground, being adjacent to the fort and protected from the Indians by its guns. And, as for the possessions of Lena herself, she owned more petticoats than any young woman on Manhattan Island.

As is to be supposed, this wealthy girl was a mark for the matrimonial intentions of every unmarried Dutchman in the place who had not been in jail of otherwise degraded. She had nothing to say as to whom she would marry, her parents retaining that prerogative in themselves. Indeed, among the great number of applicants it was found impossible for either her father or her mother or herself to decide unaided, and it was determined that the three heads should in concert name the acceptable man.

Singularly enough, this plan only complicated matters. The father named Wouter Ten Eyck, the mother Winant

SHE SAW THE MAN OF HER CHOICE ABOUT TO THROW A BALL.

Van Zandt, while Lena had set her heart on Jacobus Hardenbroek. Him the father and mother agreed there is no doubt that Lena would have been obliged to accept the man of their choice. There is also no doubt that the disagreement would have made a life widower of her had not the approach of New Year's day afforded the mighty genius of Olaffe Van Buskirk an opportunity to solve the problem. With a spark of triumph in his eye he declared that whichever of the three suitors, Jacobus Hardenbrock, Winant Van Zandt or Wouter Ten Eyck, should first call on New Year's day should be his son-in-law.

No New Amsterdam Dutchman ever came to a decision who was ever talked out of that decision. Lena knew this and submitted without a word, and so perfect was her training that there can be no doubt she would have submitted had not her father unfairly attempted to give an advantage to the man of his own choice. This set his wife to try to beat him at his own game, and, the family authority being weakened, Lena herself took a hand in the proceedings.

New Year's day opened bright and beautiful. Olaffe Van Buskirk's house stood exactly where is now the southwest corner of the New York Produce Exchange. The sun shone into the kitchen, glistening on the polished cooking utensils of Frau Van Buskirk and when risen higher circling in the south on the brass headed andirons, poker, tongs and fender which had been polished so highly as to reflect the guns of the fort frowning without. Friends began to call early in the day, and since the distances between the dwellings were but a few steps and there was plenty to eat and drink no one hurried. The calls were long and the eating and drinking, especially the latter, deep.

Olaffe Van Buskirk, when he got out of bed in the morning, put on several extra pairs of breeches in honor of the day, his Sunday doublet and a clean collar twelve inches broad and starched so stiff that it might have served for a pillory as well as a collar. Having polished the buckles of his shoes and sword belt, he breakfasted and sallied forth to make his calls. Frau Van Buskirk having noticed a speck on a metal platter, removed it and got herself ready to receive visitors, while Lena sat up stiff as a ramrod, her petticoats protecting her from any near approach on the part of any Dutchman who might have imbibed too much schnapps. Whether or no her heart was fluttering with the hope that Jacobus Hardenbroek, the suitor of her choice, would call before the other two, there is no record; for in those days no Dutch girl ever was known to show emotion. The only sign of interest in the matter apparent was her sitting in a window that gave her vision a clean sweep of the north face of the fort, the windmill and the Hudson river. There she sat watching those who approached the house.

It was about 11 o'clock that Cornelius Van Kortlandt appeared. Van Kortlandt's height measured exactly five feet four inches and his girth four feet five inches, as in the case of Governor Van Twiller. He came up the road way that is now a street between the custom house and the Bowling Green, looking like a humming top standing upright on its peg and hammered with the huge brass knocker on the Van Buskirks' front door. A rosy red induced by Holland gin decorated his nose and cheeks, and he was very garrulous. He said that he had been calling at the Onderdonks', where he had met Van Buskirk, who was drinking with Van Zandt, whom it was evident he was trying to put under the table. This information brought a scowl to the brow of Frau Van Buskirk, and Lena gave evidence of being interested. Van Kortlandt passed on to other calls and young Peter Van Corlear took his place at the refreshment table, where he and the lady of the house were alone together. Frau Van Buskirk said to him in a low voice:

"Peter, if you will go to the Onderdonks' and bring Winant Van Zandt here I will throw all my influence to you that you may have our daughter to wife."

Peter put the forefinger of his right hand against his nose to indicate that it was a bargain and left the house.

At the time of this agreement Lena was receiving the call of Carolus Vandergrieft, and she, too, made a bargain. She agreed that if he would find Wouter Ten Eyck and keep him away from the house till set of sun she would marry Carolus, provided her parents would give their consent.

Thus it fell out that Van Buskirk by trying to delay his wife's favorite for their daughter's hand started a contest between himself and his wife and their daughter, each in behalf of the suitor favored. While the father and mother were playing the one to delay, the other to hasten Van Zant's coming, the daughter was scheming to delay Ten Eyck. Lena knew that so long as her father would continue to put schnapps before Van Zant the young man would yield to no other persuasion. If, therefore, she could delay Ten Eyck quite likely her own choice, Jacobus Hardenbroek, might come along in good time and win her.

Unfortunately for the success of her plan Jacobus took it into his head to have a game of bowls on the bowling green. There was an inn directly opposite, and after every game either beer or schnapps was served, and, though Jacobus was a temperate man, he was exceedingly fond of bowls, and since it was New Year's day was not averse to a small celebration. It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon when Lena, looking out through a window, saw the man of her choice just about to roll a ball on the bowling green. Throwing up the sash she cried out to him:

"Jacobus, are you not making calls today?"

"Yes," replied Jacobus. "I am going to begin when I have finished this game of bowls."

"You had better hurry. Our last bottle is on the refreshment table and there is no more in the cellar."

"I don't care for schnapps," he replied, polishing another ball to roll it. "I prefer bowls."

Lena shut down the window, much put out with her lover, whom she did not wish to tell openly of the tripartite agreement between herself and her parents.

It was soon after this that Peter Van Corlear returned and admitted that Van Zant was not to be withdrawn from the Onderdonks, and Carolus Vandergrieft sent word by a negro slave that while he was doing his best to keep Ten Eyck away he feared every moment that he would resume the list of calls he was making and might reach the Van Buskirks at any moment.

From 4 o'clock, when the message came, till sunset the poor girl was doomed to see the man she wanted and who wanted her wasting precious time on the bowling green. When 8 o'clock came she went up to her room and to bed. At half past 8 Jacobus arrived, and in time to win the prize, for neither of the other suitors had appeared. Finding that Lena had gone to bed he was much disappointed and went away, leaving word that he would make his New Year's call the next evening.

When the next evening came round and he called at the Van Buskirks he was received by Frau Van Buskirk, who told him of the agreement for the previous day and that he had won Lena. But Lena was so angry with him for keeping her in a state of disquietude that she would not have him.

Jacobus pleaded in vain to be forgiven for not leaving the game of bowls when Lena called for him, but it was no use. A Dutch girl is slow to anger, but when aroused is not easily placated. A few years later she married Derrick Van Schommerhorn.

**California Woman Seriously Alarmed**

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have bad coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

**Odd Proposal of Marriage.**

That celebrated painter of flower and figure subjects, William Hunt, was on one occasion commissioned by a gentleman to paint his portrait in the attitude of kneeling and holding in his hand an open scroll whereon were written a declaration of love and an offer of marriage. The lady to whom this unusual proposal of marriage was sent replied with a chalk drawing of herself with a sheet of paper in her hand, on which was inscribed a laconic "Yes."

# OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

**Life Crews Are Lauded**

Astoria.—Captain J. H. Quinan, inspector of the Lifesaving Revenue Cutter service, has completed his official investigation of the wreck of the steamer Rosecrans, and the circumstances attending the loss of the power lifeboats, the "Tenacious," of Cape Disappointment, and the "Dreadnought," of Point Adams.

He finds no blame attached to either crew in the matter, and speaks in the highest terms of the work done in their attempts to save the survivors of the wreck.

**Josephine Poultry Show Success**

Grants Pass.—The Josephine County Poultry association has just concluded the most remarkable exhibition of blue-blooded fowls ever held here. Visitors and poultry-raisers acknowledge that this was the best show held in Grants Pass since the organization of the association. Numerous prizes were awarded.

## BUILDING REPORT IS MADE.

**Status of State Work Described by Officers**

Salem.—Report of the progress made on the various public buildings of the state is in the hands of the state printer being prepared for submission to the legislative assembly.

The public building commissioners, consisting of the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, report the general progress made on the state projects, commend the policy of employing a state architect and strongly praise the work of W. C. Knighton, state architect, in the past two years.

This report refers to the new Eastern Oregon insane hospital as the best and most modern plant of its kind west of Chicago.

In noting the progress made on the new supreme court and state library, now nearing completion, just east of the capitol, it is shown that the board has looked to the future and has provided for the inevitable enlargement of these departments, but that additional appropriation will be needed for completion.

Mr. Knighton's estimates show that the girl's dormitory at the feeble minded institute will require an additional appropriation of $4146.98) and also sets out in detail the expenditures of the state funds on the new insane hospital. By this, the buildings and equipment cost the state $457,881.08, and the land including litigation and improvements $75,896.39.

**H. M. Crooks Is Honored**

Albany.—In recognition and celebration of his success in obtaining a $250,000 endowment fund for Albany college, H. M. Crooks, president of the college, was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Albany Commercial club in the banquet room of the First Presbyterian church. Almost 200 persons attended the banquet.

## STUMP TESTS TO BE MADE

**Forest Service to Conserve Wealth From Wood Waste**

Portland.—The United States forest service, in co-operation with various local interests, is planning to make an investigation of the merits of wood distillation as a means toward reducing the cost of clearing logged-off lands and creating a revenue from the wood waste on timberland and in sawmills. The government has appropriated $5000 for this work and expects to show conclusively the adaptability of Douglas fir for yielding the various products of distillation.

The plan is to obtain a quantity of stumpwood from a characteristic section of logged-off land along the Columbia river and also in the vicinity of Tacoma, Wash., since these regions represent the two distinct soil formations of the Douglas fir belt. This stumpwood will be distilled in the retorts of the Oregon Wood Distilling company near Linnton, and an exact record kept of the yield of the products of distillation, such as turpentine, tar oils, tar, pyroligneous acid and charcoal.

**Employs Agricultural Teacher**

McMinnville.—J. C. Gibbs, of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, has been obtained as instructor in agriculture in the McMinnville schools. McMinnville is among the first towns in the state to incorporate agriculture in the school curriculum.

**Nyssa Has Cheese Plant**

Nyssa.—Newberg men are starting a cheese factory here. A commodious brick building which was erected in 1910 and used for a time as a creamery has been secured and will be put into immediate service. Milk from 300 cows has been promised.

**The Poor Girl.**

"The woman I marry," he said, "must be glad to take me with all my faults."

"Oh, she will be," the girl replied. "She'll be so desperate that faults won't cut any figure with her."

**Cured of Liver Complaint.**

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

# ARMED UTES DEFY SHERIFF AND POSSE

### Dispute Arises Between Mexican and Indians; Battle Is Expected.

Cortez, Colo.—Fifty Ute Indians, enraged by the killing of one of their members by a Mexican sheepherder, are off the reservation, fortified in the Ute mountains in southwestern Colorado and defying the sheriff of Montezuma county and Indian Agent Spear to take from them Big Rabbit, an Indian who shot and seriously wounded the herder.

Without leaving any trace of their whereabouts, the 50 Ute Indians who left the Ute reservation Saturday rather than deliver one of their tribesmen, Big Rabbit, to the civil authorities, or the Indian agent, have abandoned their stronghold in the Ute mountains.

So threatening has the attitude of the Utes become that the white citizens of southwestern Colorado, in the immediate vicinity of the reservation, have armed themselves and are momentarily looking for a desperate outbreak. The Utes who have remained on the reservation are becoming greatly excited and it is believed they are arming themselves.

All are armed with repeating rifles and are said to be amply supplied with ammunition.

The trouble with the Utes started a few days ago when Joseph Vichel, a Mexican sheepherder, refused to allow two Indian hunters to camp near his herd.

A dispute arose, and the herder, according to his story, was attacked by the Utes. He was shot and seriously wounded, after he had killed one of his assailants.

**How to Bankrupt the Doctors**

A prominent New York physician says: "If it were not for the thin stockings and high soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

## OVERWEACHED HIMSELF.

**Napoleon and the Causes That Led Up to Waterloo.**

In one way Napoleon possessed a defect similar to that of Frederick the Great. He provided no adequate staff to relieve himself of details.

It is likely that his intense desire to stand alone, in order to receive all the credit for what was done, as the secret of his action.

Although undoubtedly the greatest military genius that ever lived, he overweached himself. This is shown in a single enterprise like the Russian campaign, but it is shown in the life as a whole. He could probably have accomplished the atrocity, with the mercurial French, of founding a personal dynasty upon the French revolution which beheaded royalty and announced the rights of man, but when he attempted to remake the map of Europe he reckoned beyond his power.

He realized that the armies of the republic had been animated by a passion for liberty, equality and fraternity, but he could not understand that his aggressions upon other countries deprived his armies of this moral force and implanted it in his enemies and that no skill in strategy and tactics could long withstand it. He would not permit a group of great administrators and military leaders to share his honors and form about him a cabinet which might have protected him against himself. And so he plunged forward, undivided and taking of his state and destiny to his Waterloo.—Edward D. Jones in Engineering Magazine.

**Peculiarity of Bats**

A century ago Abbe Spallanzani proved that bats could pursue and catch insects without seeing them. The vibrations or waves from a bat's wings, though of too low frequency to produce sound, are reflected back from obstacles they strike, and it is supposed that the bat is able to detect the reflections and thus to guide its flight.

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX SALE.**

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order from the County Court of the state of Oregon for Sherman county, made and entered of record on the 6th day of September, 1904, in the matter of the estate of Charles N. McCaleb, deceased, the undersigned administratrix of said estate, will from and after the 21st day of February, 1913, proceed to sell all of the estate, right, title, and interest which the said Charles N. McCaleb, deceased, had at the time of his death in and to lot eight (8), in block three (3), in the city of Moro, Sherman county, state of Oregon, said lot being 50 by 100 feet in size, and having a wooden building thereon, formerly occupied and used as a store, together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of sale: At private sale, for cash or upon credit; the entire tract of land herein described to be sold as a whole on the following terms, to-wit: Not less than $100 of the purchase price to be paid in cash, and a term of credit not exceeding two years on the remainder; purchaser to execute and deliver a promissory note or notes of approved form, and secure same by a first mortgage on the said premises. All of said deferred payments shall bear interest at not less than seven per cent per annum. Said sale shall be subject to vendue and confirmation by the court in the same manner as other sales of real property by administrators or executors.

Dated at Moro, Sherman county, Oregon, this 21st day of January, 1913.

THOMAS O. McCALEB DeMOSS,
Administratrix of the estate of
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