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'Smatter With The Dalles'

The Business Mens' Association of The Dalles, if it is what the name implies, should sit up and take notice of their business opportunities. As an association, as individuals, and collectively, they should impress upon the Wasco county court the practical business need of better road conditions leading from Sherman county into The Dalles by way of the Miller bridge. Each year there is more good, big, round, hard, business dollars rolling into Wasco county over the Miller bridge road from an outside source than any other two roads they have. This Miller bridge road is always being shamefully neglected and generally is an invitation to Sherman county people to stay away; one auto load took the hint Wednesday and ferried at Biggs to the North Bank and were in Portland five hours after they left Moro. It would have taken them half that to go to The Dalles. There is no sense having such a time consuming highway; the business men should try it now, with the mud holes and mire, rocks and narrow roadway, we believe there is no hurry as it will probably be that way for some time.

A business man in The Dalles last week sold a mule to a Sherman county farmer, but the roads of Wasco county were so bad it had to be shipped by rail into Sherman county for delivery.

The Observer management is not particularly addicted to bragadocio vapors; we rely each week upon presenting our readers with the best news-paper possible, under the attendant circumstances affecting that week. The list of subscribers to the Observer has been steadily growing for some time, but when we are ordered to increase our now large list of readers by several a week it spells appreciation. The last week we added six new names to our list, four to Grass Valley and two to Wasco and Rufus.

R. C. Byers has been grinding barley at his farm for the past week, using his straw burning threshing engine for motive power. Wednesday noon, while at dinner, fire was discovered in the straw around the engine. By quick work the fire was soon extinguished and damage confined to a wagon with a wood rack full of straw, one side of the rack and a spring seat being burned. At one time the fire had caught in the straw under the separator stored in a nearby shed, but was quickly raked away.

Simple Arithmetic.
"How do you account for the passing of the after dinner speaker?"
"On business principles. A good talker can get enough money for a lecture to buy his own dinner and then have some cash left over."—Washington.

Severe Attack of Colic Cured.
E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States, was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

IN MEMORIAM.

Hall of Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 I.O.O.F. Moro, Oregon, March 12, 1915. We your committee appointed to draft resolutions of condolence on the death of Lambert Wheelodon, father of our esteemed sister Mrs. W. C. Bryant, submit the following:

Whereas an All Wise Providence has thought well to remove from our midst the beloved father of Sister Bryant, therefore be it Resolved: That we extend to the bereaved family our sincerest sympathy in their hour of affliction, therefore be it Resolved: That we extend to Sister Bryant our Friendship and Love, our Consolation and Sympathy in this, her dark and dreary hour; be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent Sister Bryant, a copy to the Pacific Odd Fellow and one to The Observer for publication. Fraternally submitted, Margarette B. Stewart, Lila Bull, Committee.

Hall of Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 I.O.O.F. Moro, Oregon, March 12, 1915. To the officers and members of Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 we, your committee on resolutions, most respectfully submit the following:

Whereas William J. Lewellen, father of our esteemed brother George E. Lewellen, has been called by the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to the world beyond where care, sickness and trouble are unknown; therefore, be it

Resolved: That in the death of Mr. Lewellen our beloved brother has sustained the loss of a faithful and loving father and that, as a lodge, we tender our brother our heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of grief and sorrow and may the Heavenly Father in His loving kindness remember those who mourn and with mercy lift the clouds of sorrow from their hearts; be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions, under seal of the lodge, be sent to Brother Lewellen and a copy each to the Pacific Odd Fellow and Observer for publication. Fraternally submitted, Margarette B. Stewart, Lila Bull, Committee.

M.C. Davis, who is taming the old Tom Callahan place east of Grass Valley, was in town Saturday. Mr. Davis had unusual experiences while moving last month by auto from The Dalles to his farm which he likens to the story of the Good Samaritan. The bad condition of the roads put his lamps out of commission and punctured his tires; as night came on he lost his direction; the first two farm houses refused shelter to his family and just as he had determined to camp out in the wintry night the party came to a 3d house where they were treated to the best of accommodation.

J. P. O'Meara, of the O'Meara Supply and Implement Co. at Wasco, was a visitor this week at this office. He reports the Holt company has this year put on the market a new caterpillar called the Midget, with a rating of 18 hp on the belt and 10 hp on the bar; it is built the same as their standard engine, except smaller, and will pull three 14-inch plows nicely and go as deep as they want; it is made to suit the average farm. It was also said that the 45-hp caterpillar is an altogether new type of machine; it has no front wheel and the track is full length; it is capable of 45 hp on the belt and 22 hp on the bar.

HIDING THE TRUTH.

No good can come from a policy of hiding the truth. Be sure your sins will find you out, but there is no need to have sins. If you begin by hiding small things you will develop cowardice and dishonesty in almost everything you do.

Napoleon's Bible.

An Italian Journalist has the copy of the Bible which Napoleon used during his compulsory sojourn in the Isle of Elba. It is a copy of a cheap popular edition, illustrated with rough woodcuts, with the initial "N." and the imperial crown stamped upon its back. A number of texts are underlined, and the inference is that the exiled emperor searched the Scriptures for passages appropriate to his misfortune and his hopes. "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered," is perhaps the most significant of them. The Bible was discovered in the sanctuary of the Madonna del Monte, in Elba.

A Very Naughty Girl

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

Mrs. Ferguson was John Ferguson's second wife. Lucy Ferguson was her stepdaughter. The former was also stepmother to a son of John Ferguson, who had been wild, had quarreled with his father and left home. Since his departure he had never been heard from.

John Ferguson had brought his daughter Lucy up with the understanding that she should marry a wealthy man. Lucy had her own notions about that, but said nothing. Her father communicated his idea on this subject to his wife and charged her to keep an eye on his daughter's associates, seeing that she did not become involved with some poverty stricken young fellow who would give her a life of hardship.

Mrs. Ferguson was a very busy man and was much away from home. This made it especially essential that his wife should look after Lucy. One day before starting on a long trip he charged Mrs. Ferguson not to permit Lucy to receive any one young man at the house often than once a month during his absence and not to allow her to go out with any young man at all. Lucy was in an adjoining room during the giving of these instructions with her ear to the keyhole in a connecting door.

For a couple of weeks after her father's departure Lucy appeared to be perfectly contented at home. No men called on her, and she never went out in the evening. There had been no more sympathy between her and Mrs. Ferguson than there usually is between stepmother and daughter, but during this period of her father's absence Lucy evinced so much feeling for her father's wife as to quite win her heart. "Lucy," she wrote her husband, "is much changed. She seems content with me only for a companion and has taken to calling me 'mamma.' You have no need to worry about her. There is no one at all attentive to her."

One afternoon when Mrs. Ferguson and Lucy were in the sewing room the doorbell rang. Lucy went downstairs and opened the door. Then Mrs. Ferguson heard the following dialogue: Lucy—Oh, my goodness gracious! Man's Voice—Do you know me, Lucy? Lucy—Know you? Indeed I do. The Voice—Who am I? Lucy—Why, Tom, of course. Oh, Tom, how could you be so cruel as to go away as you did?

The Voice—I deserved to be shot. But I've changed. I've come home repentant and will try to make up for my misdeeds. Do you think father will forgive me?

Lucy seemed hopeful as to this, but said that much would depend upon how the matter would be broken to their father. He was away at the time, and if he knew that his son had returned she believed he would write to have him sent away. But if they waited till he had returned and Lucy should announce the arrival of the prodigal at the same time imploring for him her father's forgiveness, she believed she could obtain it.

"But you must meet our new mamma," she added. "She's perfectly lovely, and I'm sure she will help us." So Lucy took Tom up into the sewing room and introduced him to the stepmother. He was dressed very shabbily and seemed to have had a hard time of it. Mrs. Ferguson, who was a kind hearted woman, pitied him. Besides, she knew that her husband had grieved over the conviction could only son, and if he would be pleasant for all effected it would be pleasant for all concerned. She invited her stepson to take up his quarters in his former home, but Tom declared that he would on no account do that till after he had received his father's forgiveness.

So it was agreed among the three that Tom should make himself at home in the house during the day, but should occupy a room elsewhere. Mrs. Ferguson acceded to Lucy's plan that the husband and father should not be notified of his son's return till Lucy broke the news to him after his arrival.

Never were there more affectionate brother and sister. Mrs. Ferguson several times surprised them sitting in close proximity, and every time Tom came in or went out they kissed. This continued till the evening of Mr. Ferguson's arrival. He came unexpectedly and was received by his wife, Lucy and Tom. Lucy said pleadingly "Papa, forgive me. This is my husband. We were married a week ago."

What Mr. Ferguson said in reply is not necessary to this story. What Mrs. Ferguson said was: "Oh, heavens, what have I done?" Mr. Ferguson regarded his wife sternly. He had relied upon her to keep his daughter from an alliance of her own choosing. He asked some questions as to how the young man had effected an entrance to the family circle, whereupon Lucy confessed the trap she had laid for her stepmother in introducing her lover as her brother and took all the responsibility upon herself.

The couple were finally forgiven—in deed, there is nothing else to do in such cases—and all ended happily. The real Tom came back later on, but it took a good deal of time to convince this stepmother that he was not an impostor. It must be acknowledged that Lucy was a very naughty girl, but how can a girl choose a husband for herself in opposition to her parents without being naughty?

Prejudices.
Drive prejudices out by the door, they will re-enter by the window.—Frederick the Great.

Cured of Indigestion.

Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted on my trying them. They helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Sherman County Realty Transfers.

Dating to March 20, 1915.

C. B. Olds to H. Hansen; tract of land near Grass Valley, \$600.

H. B. Stout to Q. E. Gwynne; w 1/2 of e 1/4 sec 24, e 1/2 of sw 1/4 sec 25, se 1/4 sec 26, all in tp 2n r 18e; also e 1/2 of sw 1/4, se 1/4 of nw 1/4 and lots 2, 3, 4 sec 30 tp 2n r 19e, \$10.

Genevieve H. R. Holmes to Paul C. Bates Investment Co; se 1/4 sec 8, n 1/2 sec 17, ne 1/4 sec 18 tp 1n r 18e, \$10.

Tirpin Hill to R. H. Guthrie; nw 1/4 sec 26 tp 3s r 17e, \$1.

R. H. McKean to Melvin D. Beer; lots 1 and 2 block 4 Biggs 2d addition to Wasco, \$250.

Herbert W. Goff to Clinton C. Deyo; se 1/4 of nw 1/4 and ne 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 5 tp 2n r 17e, \$320.

Blanche S. Kohal to George La Home; se 1/4 sec 27 tp 2s r 18e, \$1.

O. B. Messenger to Sarah A. Messenger; lots 3 and 4 block 6 in Mowrys addition to Moro, \$1.

Eye Specialists.

Saturday and Monday, April 3d and 5th, Dr. Freeze, the well known eye specialist of Portland, will be at Hotel Moro. The most difficult cases invited to call. Free consultation.

Two Families Celebrate Birthdays.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at the J. T. Ashby farm home, southwest of Grass Valley, Sunday March 21st, when Mr. and Mrs. Bucholtz and Mr. and Mrs. Ashby entertained in honor of the first anniversary of Eunice Isabelle Bucholtz and Joseph Boyd Ashby, each being one year old. A bounteous birthday dinner was served at two o'clock.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lemmon, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Lemmon and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Kent, Mr. and Mrs. John Engstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ragsdale and baby, Miss Schwartz, Miss Helen Hellinbeck, Miss Ida May Johnston.

Early Oxford Coffee Drinking.

Curiously enough, coffee was first drunk with us not in London, but at Balliol college, Oxford. John Evelyn writes in his diary: "There came in my time to the college one Nathaniel Conopios out of Greece from Cyril the patriarch of Constantinople, who, returning many years after, was made bishop of Smyrna. He was the first I ever saw drink coffee, which custom came into England till thirty years after." Evelyn apparently considered the coming of coffee to have been the most important event of his university career—next to the quarrels between his tutor and the master.—London Express.

Superstition.

"What worries me about my wife," said Mr. Meekton confidentially, "is that she is getting superstitious."

"What about?"

"Me. Whenever anything goes wrong she always assumes to figure it out that I'm the person who brought bad luck into the family."—Washington Star.

Common Stock.

"Father, what is common stock?" "Sh-h-h! Your mother's family."—Buffalo Express.

Headache and Nervousness Cured.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are entitled to all the praise I can give them," writes Mr. Richard Olp, Spencerport, N. Y. They have cured me of headache and nervousness and restored me to my normal health." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company

of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commission of the State of Oregon pursuant to law:

Capital. Amount of capital stock paid up. Purely mutual. Income. Total premium income. \$11,497,147.87

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year. \$4,442,730.54

Income from other sources received during the year. \$60,051.25

Total income. \$15,939,878.27

Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrenders during the year. \$5,216,597.85

Dividends paid to policy holders during the year. \$2,326,048.50

Commissions and salaries paid during the year. \$1,132,508.90

Taxes, license and fees paid during the year. \$23,617.84

Amount of all other expenditures during the year. \$1,416,809.92

Total expenditures. \$10,127,583.94

Assets. Market value of real estate owned. \$922,760.00

Market value of stocks and bonds owned. \$3,254,767.00

Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. \$3,539,526.92

Premium notes and policy loans. \$12,936,526.23

Cash in banks and on hand. \$1,400,136.46

Not collected and deferred premiums. \$427,674.82

Other assets (net). \$1,232,529.08

Total assets. \$19,810,400.10

Total assets admitted in Oregon. \$19,810,400.10

Net reserve. \$7,307,130.00

Gross premium received during the year. \$1,400,136.46

Net premium received during the year. \$1,232,529.08

Losses incurred during the year. \$12,936,526.23

Total amount in funds outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914. \$3,539,526.92

By WHEELER H. HALL, Sec. Statutory general agent and attorney for service.

H. G. COLTON, Portland, Or.

Lincoln's Companions.
When Abraham Lincoln in 1860 sought solitude that he might write his inaugural address he asked his friend Herndon for a copy of the constitution. For Webster's reply to Hayne, for Jackson's proclamation against nullification and for Henry Clay's speech on the compromise of 1850.

He Balked.
Skinny—I want to integrate you in a mining proposition. It's a good thing Flubdub—Perhaps it is, but I'm not—Judge.

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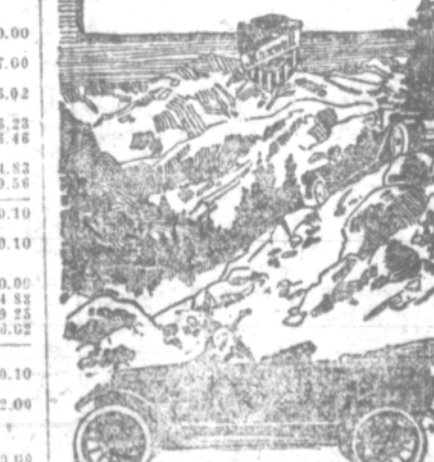
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