

THE MAKING OF MUMMIES.

In Los Angeles, at the present moment, in Spring street, everyone who doubts this statement may convince himself of its truth, and get for ten cents and in fifteen minutes more knowledge and experience in certain matters than he would otherwise have accumulated perhaps in a lifetime. For there he will find a shop wherein he can see mummies made—made to order, in any size and quantity—in all stages of "evolution," and besides get all the explanation he wants concerning the matter.

Mr. Fisher—this is the able craftsman's name—exposes his whole process, from the beginning to the end, without making the least secrecy about it. He shows you anything of his implements and methods you want to see, and answers all your questions. Why? Because he is going to retire from the trade pretty soon, making now his last few "orders," and after having kept his art hidden from the public for more than a quarter of a century, has chosen, with exquisite cynicism, to give a practical lesson to those who have ears and eyes and will hear and see.

The whole factory outfit consists of a great rough table and one or two smaller ones, upon which several mummies are lying in different stages of development. You will find one that is quite finished another just begun, and a few in an intermediate state.

The first step taken in the manufacture is the preparation of a simple plank, the "vertebral column," which gives a stay to head, body, legs and all, and to the end of which are nailed one or two short boards representing the feet. Then a bag of sacking, corresponding in form to shape the body, is produced around the plank and stuffed with excelsior. The ribs are produced by bamboo straps, the arms and fingers consist of several big and some smaller sticks.

All these things are attached to the outside of the bag. The rough body thus produced is covered with a thin coat of plaster to the extent of the chest and abdomen, or where ever else any part of the body is intended to show. On top of this plaster a coating of glue is put, and a fluffy tissue pasted on, which is again covered with glue. The body at this stage is of a yellowish color, and in touch and appearance resembles almost exactly a fresh human carcass.

The head is next placed in position and covered with glue and tissue in the same way as the body. The eye-holes are painted dark-brown inside and covered with a piece or two of the same material, with a small slit in the middle, which gives a marvelously good representation of the sunken, dried-out eyes of the real mummy. A hairs are pasted on top of the head, the teeth are made out of small bits of horn, and the head and neck, with the exception of the

face, are wrapped with several layers of thin, ragged cotton, held together by bands. The whole body is treated likewise, leaving such spots as is desirable to show the skin and bones underneath. Then the form, which has partly been painted before the outer covering was put on, is dyed once more, together with all the rags and bandages, and when perfectly dry, presents the exact appearance of the real old Egyptian mummy. Finally, the body is strewn all over with grey dust, or powder, which partly fills all the holes, and, if there was the slightest ground for scepticism left before, removes that entirely.—Henry Simon is The Pacific for June.

Born—To the wife of Tom Eaton a daughter, on Sunday, June 24th.

Wm. Barzee is moving this week to the suburbs of Portland.

Grant Kellogg went North on the train Monday morning.

Miss Fannie Martin returned Sunday from a short visit to Centerville.

J. A. Ellis was in Portland a few days the last of last week.

The base ball game Sunday was a bum one, the score standing 4 to 17 in favor of Goldendale. Wasco ball tossers went all to pieces and the visitors had a walk over from the start.

An east wind the first of the week made some people look scared, but we think from what we hear they were nervous.

The Methodists are holding revival meeting as a celebration of the recent Prohibition victory and the close of the conference year.

Jess Eaton was in Portland the first of the week with a car-load of beef cattle.

Roy Atwood and wife and Wm. Walker and wife are rusticated south of Bend on the Deschutes this week.

Harleigh Dutton, Dutch Barnett, Miss Richeldorfer and Mr. and Mrs. McKean returned last Wednesday week from an outing in the Washington mountains.

Dick Dingle brought a sample of some wheat he raised on his place near Rufus into this office Saturday. It is about four feet high and while the heads are not fully developed they are large and healthy. Mr. Dingle tells us he has about three hundred acres that most all as good as this. It is full wheat of which part of the stand was frozen out, but not so much as to prevent a good crop.

Dick Ogle presented this office, a few days ago, with three of the finest heads of lettuce we have ever seen, and the flavor was equal to the very best. And what is just as much to the point it was grown on the dry hills of Sherman county. Mr. Ogle is making a fine success of raising vegetables, berries etc., all of his produce being for ahead of any thing shipped into the county.

Have you had your last drink? Well it won't be long until it will be risky business to drink any thing in the hilarious line in Sherman county.

Postmaster Tate continues to improve the post office. Mr. Tate is to be congratulated on his management of the Wasco office. His salary was recently increased to \$1400 per year, his being the only one in-

crease in the county, Moro having the salary reduced \$100. We are glad of the not only because Mr. Tate is an efficient and accommodating officer but it also speaks well for Wasco.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday next, July 1st, there will be Divine services in the Catholic church, at Wasco, Mass. and sermon at ten o'clock a. m.

Rev. Father Hickey has recently made some very important and necessary improvements in the church and altar ornamentation.

The fine large pews are now in permanent position painted and varnished; a beautiful rug ornaments the altar platform and several new rich vestments have been added. Father Hickey goes right along with his good work, steadily and cheerily though he has many severe and discouraging drawbacks to contend with.

On Monday, July 2nd, the Father starts on a two weeks visitation of his Southern missions. He will visit Antelope, Willow Creek, Prineville, and Bend reaching the last mentioned place for Sunday, July 8th. Rev. Father Hickey desires that all Catholics scattered throughout the county districts in, Sherman, Wasco, Crook and Wheeler counties would communicate with him, that he may be better able to arrange for their attendance. He especially desires to hear from the scattered Catholics of Sherman county. Their exact location, number in family, their ages, and facilities for reaching them.

It has been suggested by an old and successful house that it doesn't pay to buy of too many houses. We think this is really worth more space than it has had in the past. Dividing the orders too much does not gain the regard of any one house, and the man who is seeking bargains by doing so is apt to, long prices and few favors. Of course, there are exceptions, but the rule holds good in the main.

The railways of the country have enough rails ordered this year and next to lay a single track of 90-pound steel 27,930 miles long. Contracts both official and unofficial, for the two years estimated at 4,423,630 tons of steel rails, never before have there been such heavy advance orders placed with the mills. Building in the West accounts for them. Some millmen are inclined to think that many of the rails ordered for delivery this year will not be ready before April, 1907.

The government surveying party which have been at work at the mouth of the Columbia reports that a new channel has been found within a few yards of the one which has been in use. It is said to be deeper and in most ways more satisfactory than the old one. It has been marked out by buoys. The work at the mouth of the river has been delayed considerably by unfavorable weather, but much has been done in spite of this and with the prospects of pleasant weather the tasks ahead of the body of men chosen for this work will be performed more speedily.

A Minneapolis man who has returned from a trip to the Orient says that with in the next ten years Manchuria will be raising enough wheat to supply that part of the world. Manchuria has been raising enough other things to supply the whole world in the past, but they have been those things that a healthy world could along best without. A rotation of crops from international war to wheat will be welcomed.

SPOKANE MAN URGES REASONS WHY SACKS ARE ESSENTIAL IN BUSINESS.

H. Schlaefler, Spokane agent of Kerr, Gifford & Co. grain exporters, was in Kiona this week conferring with the company's local representatives, the J. W. Kennedy company, relative to handling this year's crop. Mr. Schlaefler, in speaking of the agitation in favor of the elevator system states that, while he is himself in favor of it, the farmers do not generally understand the difficulties in the way of its adoption. The coast is practically dependent on water transportation via the Horn to get grain to market. The vessels engaged in the traffic are general cargo ships, not equipped for handling grain in bulk. Nor could the owners of the vessels afford to equip with tanks and bins necessary for carrying wheat in bulk, as the return cargo might be general merchandise, or cement, or something else, and the present arrangement of the holds is necessary.

Another thing: In the long sea voyage around Cap Horn, twice crossing the equator, the grain is apt to heat if in bulk. This the sacks prevent. The completion of the Panama canal will largely do away with this difficulty. If the elevator system is adopted, says Mr. Schlaefler, the farmers will be obliged to exercise greater care in cleaning