

Killed a Big Cougar.

Charlie Jeffers returned Saturday evening from a cougar hunt in the Butte creek mountains, bringing back with him about the biggest cougar skin ever brought into Central Point. He measures almost ten feet in length and Mr. Jeffers estimated that he would weigh over 200 pounds. He will have a fine rug made from the skin, which will be big enough to carpet an ordinary sized room. Mr. Jeffers' hunting dog treed the varmint and the first shot from Charlie's 30-30 finished him. Every cougar disposed of means a good many more deer left alive, as it is probable these animals destroy more deer every year than most of the expert human hunters do.

There Was Money in Ashland.

The Ashland Tidings tells this story indicative of the large number of E. Z. Marks who reside in that city:

"The 'old horse sale' held by Wells, Fargo Express Co. in this city last Saturday shows that the officials of that company believe there is still some money left in Ashland, as they shipped here all kinds of old packages and unclaimed goods from Portland, Astoria and the four corners of the state and auctioned them off to the highest bidders. Several hundreds of packages in all were sold and it is said that the express officials were not in the least disappointed in the popularity which their goods developed.

"Under the persuasive influence of the local auctioneer, D. King, tightly wrapped packages of 1905 and 1906 almanacs, advertising blotters and the like, were pictured as possible treasure boxes of lost wealth and many bidders competed for their possession only to have dreams of wealth rudely shattered. Old grips and trunks brought remarkably good prices—the purchasers taking the chance of finding a reward in their mysterious contents. A man was awarded for \$17 a large and likely looking box which might have held a half-dozen rifles or shotguns. When he opened it he found himself possessed of a beer pump. And so on down the line, until the sale was over. The express company is said to be well satisfied with the results of the sale, but as much cannot be said of those who patronized it."

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Her Conversion.

When preparing his parishioners for the solemn ordinance of confirmation an old clergyman found among them one old woman so excessively ignorant and stupid that for some weeks prior to the time he was obliged to have her come to his house every day in order to instruct and catechise her. At length he began to hope that his time, patience and zeal had not been entirely bestowed in vain, a few bright flashes of understanding having burst from the old dame's clouded intellect. "Now, my good friend," said the worthy pastor just previous to the commencement of the ceremony, "as this is the last moment in which I shall have an opportunity of conversing with you, let me ask, do you thoroughly understand and believe all the articles of your Christian faith?" "Aye, yes, sir, thank'ee," replied his venerable pupil, with a simper and dropping one of her best courtesies. "I does indeed now, and, thank God, I heartily renounces them all."

The Clock Struck 1.

It was just two minutes to 1 when John Ludlam entered the house and, unwrapping a paper parcel, said to his wife that he had brought her a present of a clock. It was her birthday, and she had expected a brooch or a ring at least, and so she said tartly, "You liked the look of that clock." His face flushed. "A nice way to speak about a present!" said he hotly. "Well, it's the truth. I wouldn't have given a couple of shillings for it," said she in an exasperating tone. John Ludlam was a quick tempered man. The veins in his temples swelled, and— Just then the clock struck 1. What did it signify—that the clock was running all right? It did not. The ambulance surgeon said a few minutes later that if the clock had struck one inch nearer her temple John Ludlam would have been a widower.—Pearson's Weekly.

Many Color Lines In Cuba.

There are social distinctions in Cuba based upon color. There is not one but several color lines, though these are not eternal, hard, fast and unchangeable, as in the United States. In Cuba social life is run largely by social clubs. There are in almost every town and village negro clubs, two or three grades of mulatto clubs and white clubs. In one and at its functions may appear the husband, excluding the wife; in another, the wife, but not the husband; in a third, their children, but neither the father nor mother. To the world this will appear incredible, almost incomprehensible. Here it is convention, fixed, settled, accepted and operative. These distinctions, however, run but for a lifetime.—Army and Navy Life.

Pen Portrait of Grieg.

Here is as vivid a picture of Grieg the man as any that has yet been drawn. A correspondent who saw the noted Scandinavian composer when he received his honorary degree at Cambridge, in England, in 1894, makes it for the Manchester Guardian: "It was a sad and a strong face that we saw, one might almost have said a grim face, but that there was nothing of hardness in it, a face which must have inspired both respect and affection in all who met him. Yet as the little, old looking man stood there in the red and yellow gown of a doctor of music there was something incongruous about his appearance, the head, encircled with long, straight, white hair, appearing above the still stiffer, straighter lines of gaudy brocaded silk, which descended to the ground in the form of a regular cone, and the smile of one visitor, who remarked that they made him look just like a penwiper, was irresistibly accurate."

Beer Capacity of a Munich Porter.

An English family touring in Bavaria called at the world famous Hofbrauhaus, the pride of Munich, writes our correspondent. To the waitress serving them the head of the family in a matter of fact way simply held up his five fingers. To the family's astonishment, the waitress came back with five quart pots filled to the brim with beer. The visitors bravely struggled with the beer, but managed to dispose of only about a quart between them. Knowing that it would be considered an insult to leave beer, they called a porter and ordered him to finish it. In less time than it takes to relate it the Bavarian accomplished the task. Wiping his mustache, he demanded sixpence for the "job" and, having obtained the money, instantly ordered and emptied yet another quart pot.—London Mail.

A Waiter's Amazing Wail.

The waiter spoke indignantly. "Men go about," he said, "complaining of being mistook for waiters, but it is on the other foot really that the shoe rests. Us waiters are the real complainers in these cases of mistake. The others' ring false. For at dances and balls and such like crushes many a young man makes money by being mistook for a waiter. How does he make money? Why, he is tipped, and all them tips he pockets, never thinking of handing them over to their rightful owners. At every big affair we count on a loss of 5 per cent through the dishonest advantage that impetuous young swells take of being mistook for waiters."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

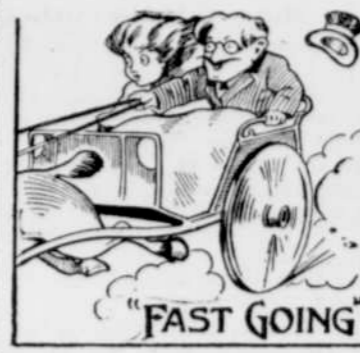
How He Grew Young.

One satisfied man returned from a two weeks' holiday. He spent it on a farm owned by an old aunt, and the royal way in which she fed him, to use his own description, formed the chief delight of his holiday.

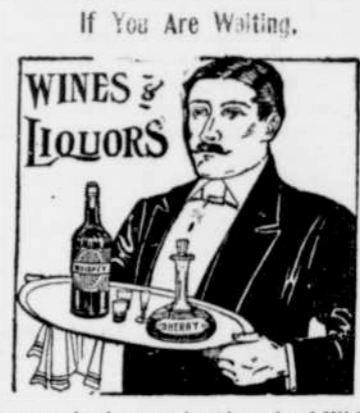
"You see," he remarked confidentially, "my wife is a graduate of a diet and cooking school of the most up to date sort. She sees that we never have a meal which isn't perfectly balanced as to food values. The things we eat are chosen with reference to that and not with regard to whether we like them especially. Well, I can tell you, old Aunt Laura, with her table just groaning with forbidden, indigestible articles, was a mighty welcome change to me. She never heard of carbohydrates or phosphates or cellulose, and she wouldn't know a protoid if she met one in a bean porridge, where, by the way, I believe they largely congregate. But I tell you her fried chicken and fresh pork and biscuits were the finest things I've had for years. My wife actually turned pale when she saw me eat, and I know she was worried, because we were six miles from a doctor. I was never ill for a minute, though, and those two weeks of old fashioned, unscientific cooking have made me feel like a new man—or, rather, like a boy again."—London M. A. P.

Terrapin.

Terrapin begin laying about the middle of May and hatch in about thirty days. The female terrapin scratches a hole in the sand with her fore paws, deposits her eggs, from thirteen to nineteen, in it and then covers them up and leaves the heat of the sun on the sand to hatch out the young terrapins. They are not much bigger when hatched than a man's thumb nail and are as soft as dough. They crawl around pretty lively and begin to hunt for their food, consisting of small fish, crabs, etc. The first summer they are quite small, and about the first of the middle of November they go into their winter quarters. These consist of some soft mudhole in the marsh or on the bottom of some stream. Here they sleep until about the middle of April or later, when they come out and are of quite respectable size, say four inches in breadth. The next year they are six inches and the third seven inches in breadth. It is undoubtedly while the terrapin slumbers in the mud that he acquires the peculiar qualities for which we admire him. It is the only flesh known which one can crush in his mouth with his tongue without the aid of his teeth. The other animals run about, sleeping only at night. The terrapin sleeps night and day for six or seven months of the year and takes his night naps, too, for the balance of the year.—Baltimore Sun.



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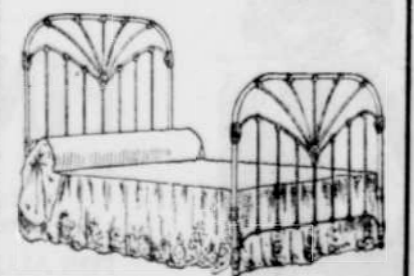
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