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**EDITOR.**

**HAPPY HOME.**

Mr. Kether has sold out to Mr. Williams, of near Shedd Station. The latter will move into their new Home sometime in the near future.

Whither Mr. Kether and family intend going we know not, but as good true neighbors and most estimable people, we do not wish to part with them, and hope they will locate near; at the same time we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Wittie Pepplewell is at present assisting W. H. Creamings in cutting a fine lot of wood.

Mr. French is clearing an acre of ground, which he intends putting in pumpkins the coming season.

Mrs. Mary Gee is suffering from an attack of rheumatism and is carrying one arm in a sling in order to get any relief.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Caldwell, with their daughter Birdie, spent Friday with parents and grand parents at Spring Farm.

Deputy assessor Williams has again visited this place.

Rev. Norton, of Christa Church, is in the neighborhood again and consummated two marriages here this week.

F. H. Winkler is grubbing the west arm of his place.

Mr. French is having a piece of land grubbed and cleared on the south east part of the place he bought of B. B. Burtenshaw.

Mr. Whiting, of Lebanon, is again circulating a petition for a road, which all will do well to sign as it shortens the distance from here to Lebanon about two miles.

Mrs. Chas. Scott and Mrs. Gee visited at Mountain View Monday.

Grandpa Cummings went to Waterloo Sunday and went to Lebanon Monday.

Mrs. Edwards and daughter spent Wednesday afternoon at Spring Farm, visiting Grandpa Cummings.

Thursday the smiling face of Doc South was seen here.

Wm. G. Brown went to Lebanon Wednesday.

Mrs. Nellie Gatts is home again after a two months stay with Mrs. Bowers of Hamilton Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fitzwater and family, who have been visiting the former parents, and other relatives returned to their home Monday.

A fine jersey cow left the Mountain View ranch in a very mysterious manner last summer. Several days thorough search threw no light upon her whereabouts. The morning of the 26th inst the same cow stood at the east gate opening into the road, after an absence of 6 months and 8 days, seemingly glad to get home again.

J. S. Caldwell has his carrots all dug and says he will dig no more carrots in the mud, this year at least.

We are snowed in, only venturing out to do chores, feed the stock and fowls, get fire wood &c. Mr. Editor, how are you off for wood? Just come out and we will give you all the wood you want.

February was ushered in like a roaring lion, snarling and growling. It can't go out too soon, like a little lamb either.

Mother earth wears her mantle of white very beamingly and seems intent on a continuation of the same, which does not suit us a bit.

We are rejoiced to learn that Mrs. Grant Lindley is improving and we hope to hear finally of her complete restoration to health. She has had a severe time. Rex.

G. Loveloe, the tailor has a large lot of samples to select from, and can surely suit you.

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**The End of Two Lives.**

[From Albany Herald.]  
 A tragedy that resulted in two deaths took place near Thomas Creek, about twelve miles east of this city Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. Otto Serfling shot and killed his wife instantly; Lydia Serfling, and then sent a bullet crashing through his own brain.

They had been married only about a year and their home was not a happy one. Some time ago Mrs. Serfling packed her trunk and went to Portland. Serfling followed and induced her to return with him, presumably to adjust some matters in regard to the property. Friday evening they went to a dance at Fred Mespelt's, a neighbor near by. They quarrelled and he went home early in the evening. He did not return, however, but made all arrangements for the killing. He wrote a long letter, which was dated Feb. 4, 1893, in which he said it had become necessary for him to take his own life, and that he hoped his friends would forgive. He gave directions as to his burial and disposal of his property, he also referred to a will he had made and left in the hands of an attorney. The letter was written in a very forcible manner and contained numerous vulgar passages, which preclude its publication. Mrs. Serfling came home about 3 a. m., and immediately repaired to the bedroom, where Serfling was waiting, and what took place there is better told in the testimony of his daughter, Clara Serfling, who was the only person in the house at the time. "The first thing he (Serfling) done was to lock the door, and all I heard her say to him was 'Aint you gone to bed yet?' He said it was none of her damn business. She did not say anything. Then he said, 'Come in here! I want to speak to you!' (the bedroom was divided by a curtain into two rooms.) That is all I heard either of them say. Then I heard her scream after which I went to the barn. I heard two or three shots. They had both been away during the evening. He came home about 7:30 o'clock Friday night, and she came home about 8 Saturday morning. She is my stepmother. I heard some scuffling. I do not know whether he struck her or not. They had some trouble on Thursday. I never heard him make any threats against her, but have heard him say that he would kill himself. It was his third wife.

Coroner Farrell went out yesterday morning and found matters substantially as stated above. He shot her three times, all taking effect in the head, causing instant death, and then turned the revolver on himself firing one shot, the ball going through his brain. A jury was summoned and the following verdict rendered: THOMAS CREEK, LINN CO., OR., FEB. 4, 1893.

We, the undersigned coroner's jury, empaneled to inquire into the death of Otto Serfling and his wife, Lydia Serfling, do find that they came to their death by Otto Serfling shooting his wife and then himself.

J. A. BILYEU,  
 J. S. MORRIS,  
 WM. BILYEU,  
 A. SOMMER,  
 WM. F. MESPALT,  
 J. S. CHASTREE.

This was Mr. Serfling's third wife, while she had been married the fifth time. They were both about fifty years of age. She was a handsome woman while he was a well to do farmer. In the room where the double murder was committed was found an ax and shotgun, besides the revolver with which the shooting.

Until Feb. 16th you can get the best grade of cabinet photographs at Ribelin's gallery for \$2.50 per dozen.

**No Deductions.**

The senate chamber was packed with visitors at 2 p. m. Monday when the session was resumed. The assessment taxation bill of Lawton, as it passed the house, was the special order. Willis proposed an amendment to repeal certain sections of the codes; making the law conform throughout with the present bill, and providing that the assessment shall be made as on March 1st of each year. Weatherford moved to table the amendment, which would have carried the bill to the table with it. The motion was lost and the senate adopted the resolution. Vanderburg proposed an amendment, which had for its object the prevention of double taxation by reason of indebtedness. Lawton's bill, as it passed the house and came up in the senate Monday on third reading, allowed no deductions for indebtedness and repealed the mortgage tax law. In other particulars the bill makes no changes in the present laws on the subject of assessment and taxation. The senate refused to adopt the Vanderberg resolution and the measure then came up for final passage. Many senators favored the clause permitting deductions for indebtedness; they also wanted mortgages to be taxed. But in order to accomplish the one they were willing to vote both, fearing that unless this measure was adopted there would be no legislation this session on this all-absorbing topic. On taking the vote 15 voted in favor of the bill, 10 against, while two were absent. So the bill passed and with its amendment was hurried to the house. The house promptly concurred in the amendment and very soon Oregon will have a new assessment law—one that allows no deduction for indebtedness and that does not tax mortgages. The governor will not interfere, as he favors the first clause and to see enforced is willing to waive his preference relating to the assessment of mortgages.—Statesman.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February, 1893, the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly licensed and empowered me as the Administrator of the estate of Peter Welt, deceased, to sell the following real property belonging to said estate:

Beginning 58 chains and 35 links North of the south-east corner of G. W. Klum's donation land claim No. 39, notification No. 2522, Township 12, South Range one West of the Willamette Meridian; thence West 11 chains; thence North 30 chains and 18 links; thence East 11 chains; thence South 34 chains and 18 links to the place of beginning, containing 37.60 acres; the above described land being and lying in Linn County, Oregon.

I will in pursuance of said license and power sell said land on the 11th day of March, 1893, at the court house door in the city of Albany, Linn County, Oregon at the hour of 1 p. m. of said day to the highest and best bidder therefor at public auction for cash in hand. The title of said decedent, Peter Welt, being a fee simple in said land.

A. J. WELT,  
 Administrator of said estate.  
 W. R. BILYEU,  
 Attorney for Administrator.

In and around Portland great interest is being taken over the abduction from her husband, La Wing, of a Chinese woman who is his wife. The abduction was brought about by Ah Lule, another Chinaman, and a U. S. Marshal named West, from Seattle under a pretended warrant, and the supposition is that another Chinaman intended to run her off. She was brought back by a writ of habeas corpus, and Ah Lule and Marshal West will have to stand trial for abduction. So much interest was taken in the case that the members of the Evening Star Grange petitioned the governor to interfere and see that justice was done to the poor Chinaman and wife.

**Council Proceedings.**

Council met last Tuesday in regular meeting the Mayor and all the Councilmen were present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. A. B. Nickerson was present and read a report from a committee from the fire department which was referred to the committee on health and police.

Mr. J. J. Dubrulle of the Electric Light and Water Co. was present and stated that they would like to know what the city would do about taking water hydrants as they were ready to order pipe if satisfactory arrangements could be made. The council decided to meet next Tuesday night with the company in joint meeting.

The Mayor then presented a certified copy of the amendment to the city charter in regard to extending the incorporation which was read and placed on file.

The bills of the Lebanon Electric Light Co. for \$50, B. E. Mackey for \$27.50, and Smith & Westfall for \$1.50 were allowed and an order drawn on the treasurer for the same.

Council then adjourned to meet next Tuesday night.

In Oregon people in politics and out of politics scheme to see how much free advertising they can get out of the newspapers. It is different in San Francisco. After the recent election the board of election commissioners audited and allowed the following bills for printing the nominations. Examiner, \$13,200; Chronicle, \$13,200; Call, \$13,194; Post, \$11,850; Report, \$11,000.

Senator Meyers has introduced a bill, probably suggested by a case recently occurring in this county, which explains itself. Section 1. Whenever any individual, while lawfully traveling upon any public highway of this state, the same being a legal county road, shall, without contributory negligence on his part, and not having been warned of the defect or danger by notice or otherwise, sustain any loss, damage or injury in consequence of the defective and dangerous character of such road or bridge, either to his property or person, he shall be entitled to recover compensatory damage therefor off the county in which such loss, damage or injury occurred, by an action in the Circuit Court of such county, or in a justice court therein if the amount of damages sued for be less than \$1,000.

**A Bargain.**

W. C. Peterson, the rustling real estate agent, will sell you a choice 10 acre tract of land for hops, garden or fruit, adjoining the city on the east, at a special bargain. Call on him at once and look the land over and price on same. Do not miss a fine chance to get yourself a fine tract of land at a bargain.

**A Fatal Blow.**

Several days ago, so says a Hillsboro paper, a Chinaman who lived at Beaverton, met a sudden and tragic death through his own thoughtlessness. The Chinaman was the owner of a team, and, having occasion to enter the stable where he has been keeping his horses, he passed very near the heels of one of the animals without taking the precaution to speak first. The horse was frightened by the sudden and unexpected appearance of the Chinaman, and the animal gave a vicious kick, striking the poor Mongolian in the back between the shoulders. The blow was so powerful that it killed the Chinaman almost instantly. Beaverton is along the line of the West Side railroad, 11 miles from Portland, and as the station is located in Washington county. Coroner Holman was not notified of the fatal accident, as it was out of his jurisdiction.