

TEST WATER FROM WELLS AT SCHOOLS

County health officers are making an investigation of all well water used at the district schools in this county and a number of the wells are being thoroughly cleaned in consequence, and treated to a solution of lime.

Of six samples of water taken from the school wells of as many school districts, and submitted for analysis to the state board of health but one sample escaped condemnation, and that by reason of the fact that the bottle was broken and the contents spilled before reaching the laboratory. The remaining five varied only in the degree of filth present, and were all pronounced to be alike dangerous to health and utterly unfit for drinking purposes. All contained colon bacilli, the dreaded little micro-organism which indicates the possible presence of typhoid.

While it is not probable that this condition of foul water is general, the occasional cleansing and thorough disinfecting of every well used for drinking purposes cannot be too strongly urged. The most inappropriate time to test drinking water is after the plague of typhoid has been loosed through neglect of ordinary precaution.

COURTESY PAYS MAN \$500,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Courtesy extended an aged fellow passenger on the steamship Yale to whom he gave his stateroom on the trip from Los Angeles to San Francisco today netted Harry G. Raymond, a young Englishman, \$500,000, or payment at the rate of \$27,778 an hour for eighteen hours, the time consumed in making the trip here from the southern port.

Raymond Harrison, elderly but active, rushed aboard the steamer as it was about to leave and questioned the purser concerning a stateroom. He was thoroughly disappointed when told all were taken. Raymond volunteered to let Harrison have his accommodations and the latter accepted.

When Harrison extended Raymond his card the latter casually remarked that he had an uncle by that name. Harrison pounced upon the young man and dragged him to a better light to get a good look at him.

"Yes, yes," Harrison shouted, "you are my sister's boy. I have been looking for you and your mother for five years."

Harrison explained to Raymond how he and his brother, Henry Harrison, migrated to northwest Canada, near Calgary, years ago, both being particularly successful in business ventures. Henry died five years ago leaving a fortune of \$500,000 in trust for his sister, Mrs. Raymond, but as she is dead, young Raymond falls heir to the entire sum.

BASKET MAKER IS DOWN FROM HILLS

William Anderson, sage of Sardine creek and master basket maker, is in the valley, bent upon his annual distribution of basketware to the ranchers and fruit growers of the valley. His wagon piled high with neatly woven baskets of all sizes and varieties. The baskets are all hand woven by Mr. Anderson who employs willow, oak and hazel splints in their construction, and have a reputation for practical indestructibility. For fifteen years the basketmaker, who is closely approaching the fourscore mark, has piled his novel trade at the little cabin on Sardine creek, working a small placer claim in the winter and devoting the summer to weaving the wares which find so much favor with folks in the valley.

STIRRING PICTURE IS SHOWN AT THE STAR

Manager Sather of the Star theatre, who has been making a great hit with moving picture patrons in the city recently by showing excellent "features" has scored another ten strike by securing "The Power of Destruction" an Eclair Feature, which is a notably strong picture with many stirring dramatic scenes. The picture was shown last night to a crowded house and will be repeated tonight.

BABY MINE AT THE MEDFORD



No more diverting comedy has ever been offered upon the English speaking stage than "Baby Mine" from the pen of Margaret Mayo, and which comes to the Medford Theater Friday, Sept. 20.

"Baby Mine" ran for one solid year at Daly's Theater, New York, to record breaking business, and reached its second year at Sir Charles Wyndham's Criterion Theater, London. The production which is sending a gale of laughter around the world, is made by Wm. A. Brady Ltd.

Seats now on sale Haskin's Drug Store.

ATTEMPT MADE TO RUIN THRESHER

Hanging on the wall in The Argus office at Rogue River is a queer collection of bolts, horse shoes, broken clevises and what not; hung there by a crowd of indignant men for the inspection of the public.

While threshing near Rogue River last week the Oden brother's threshing machine attempted to obtain the grain from a fourteen inch bolt and found it had bitten off more than it could chew and as a result lost several teeth.

After this incident and finding several other pieces of iron in the same stack the boys became suspicious and shook up the whole stack, the result being the collection that is now hanging on the wall in The Argus office, there being fourteen pieces in all. How this queer collection of scrap iron came to be scattered through a stack of grain is left for the reader to surmise. Now whoever fixed up such a scheme the success of which would not only have cost the Oden Bros. much expense but also those who were depending upon them for the threshing of their grain certainly showed considerable nerve when they came out and sat on the fence to watch the boys feed destruction to their machine, but they also showed a great lack of courage when they left as soon as trouble began.

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ENTHUSIASM FOR WILSON IS GREAT

CLINTON, Iowa, Sept. 17.—The enthusiasm shown for Governor Woodrow Wilson, the democratic presidential nominee, surpasses that of any candidate he has ever waited on, according to Alexander Manning, a negro, for twenty years the servant of democratic presidential candidates during campaign trips.

"I have been with them all," said Manning today, "starting with Grover Cleveland in 1892. I have been with Bryan, but I have never seen such big crowds nor such great enthusiasm as prevails on this trip. The crowds that Bryan drew in 1906 did not surpass those coming to hear Wilson."

Governor Wilson was scheduled to speak at Sioux City, Iowa, in the morning and at Sioux Falls, S. D., this afternoon. From Sioux Falls he will go to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

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PEANUT GROWERS MEET SUCCESS

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