

HAPPENINGS IN OREGON

Hobo a Human Ostrich.

Marshfield—In order to satisfy a craving for drink, Frank Durga, a tramp, has been amusing the frequenters of saloons by eating glass and swallowing small articles when his audience would give him a glass of whiskey. He is now paying the score for his unnatural trick and the surgical operation to which he submitted at Mercy Hospital, in North Bend, resulted in a discovery which the local physicians say surpasses anything they ever saw or heard of. The man was sick and it was decided that some foreign substance had lodged in his stomach. Physicians opened the man's stomach and after several hours' work removed the following collection of articles: Three jack knives, one end of knife handle, three door keys, one small key, three five-cent pieces, 15 pennies, one end of metal fishing rod, large loaded rifle shells, three small shells, 17 horseshoe nails, one fish hook, two finishing nails, one shingle nail, one eight-penny nail, 175 pieces of glass, some of which were larger than the finger nail.

Some of the glass had penetrated the membrane of the stomach and the most delicate dissection was necessary for its removal. The man is apparently getting along very well and unless some unexpected complications arise he will get well. Soon after the operation he said he was hungry and asked for substantial food, the light fare usually given the hospital patients not satisfying him.

Court Declares Tax Law Invalid.

McMinnville—That the law prescribing the apportionment of state taxes conflicts with the Oregon constitution and is therefore invalid is the gist of a decision rendered in the Circuit Court here last week in the circuit court by Judge Galloway.

The case at hand was the suit brought by Yamhill county to prevent payment of alleged excessive taxes to the state treasurer. The suit read, "County of Yamhill vs. County Treasurer Foster and State Treasurer Steel," wherein the former is enjoined from paying and the latter from collecting the sum of \$22,482 excessive state tax for 1907, alleged to have been wrongfully and arbitrarily apportioned to this county by the state board.

The state law which Judge Galloway has held unconstitutional requires each county to pay a specified proportion of the total tax. The proportion which each county must pay was fixed by the act of 1901 and was determined by taking an average of the assessments of each of the counties for a period of five years prior thereto. It was originally intended that this plan should remain in operation for five years only and that thereafter each county should pay state taxes in proportion to its county expenditures, but subsequent legislative sessions postponed until 1912 the time when the new system of apportionment would go into effect.

TERRIBLE WRECK AT OAKLAND.

Engine Dashes Into Smoking Car—Seven Killed and 30 Injured.

Oakland, Cal. July 7.—The narrow-gauge local, bound from the Alameda Mole into Oakland, crashed into the Santa Cruz train No. 57 bound for the Oakland Mole at 7:10 o'clock July 4, killing or injuring all of the passengers in the Santa Cruz train smoking-car.

Seven were killed and over 30 injured. The collision was on the crossing of the Narrow Gauge and main lines, opposite the Webster-street bridge. The engine of the Alameda train, which was running with tender ahead, cut into the Santa Cruz train smoking-car about 10 feet from the front.

The wreck of the coach containing its dead and screaming wounded was hauled on its side, with the Alameda local tender buried in the wreckage. The baggage coach of the Santa Cruz train, which was in front of the smoker, was derailed and half-way upset. Both locomotives were derailed.

Practically all those in the smoker were pinned in the wreck and their cries for help followed the terrific crash of the trains coming together. Some were able to dig themselves out of the wreck, but the majority had to be cut out. Several of the dead were badly crushed. The police and fire department were called out and were soon at work carrying the wounded and dead from the wreck.

Engineer Everett J. Barry, of the Santa Cruz train, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter. This action was taken by Chief of Police Wilson of Oakland after a committee of high Southern Pacific officials, police and city officials and prominent business men had conducted a thorough investigation of the accident and reached the unanimous conclusion that the main line engineer was to blame for the catastrophe.

Examinations for Civil Service.

Washington, D. C., July 7.—The Civil Service Commission announces that the fall examinations for places in the department service in Washington will be held at the following places: Portland, Astoria, Eugene, Baker City, Walla Walla, Tacoma, Spokane, Seattle and Bellingham, September 9 and October 14; Grants Pass and Pendleton, October 5; North Yakima, September 29; Port Townsend, September 4 and October

14; Boise, September 9 and October 8; Moscow, September 9 and October 14; Pocatello, October 9.

Expelled Student Sues Prof. Clark.

San Francisco, July 7.—Claudius Raymond, a Stanford College student whose home is in Denver and who was expelled from the college last May by the students' affairs committee on a charge of writing obscene letters, has instructed a firm of lawyers to bring suit for heavy damages against Professor A. B. Clark, chairman of the committee. Raymond's father is now on his way from Denver to assist in the prosecution of the case. Handwriting experts have been retained in Raymond's behalf.

SELECTED AT RANDOM.

Bed Bugs.

These bugs will get back of wall paper, and no difference how much one may clean a room they will get into the furniture. It takes heroic measures to get rid of them. Often the paper around the doors and windows will be the haunts of these pests. The best way to do is to re-paper the house, first washing the walls with a solution of crude carbolic acid in water. Carbolic acid mixed with turpentine and sprayed through an atomizer will destroy the bugs. Corrosive sublimate, a deadly poison, can be poured into an old tin cup and the springs and bed railings scrubbed with a small paint brush dipped into the fluid. Wear heavy kid gloves or rubber ones when working with this deadly poison and do not leave it where the children can reach it. Iron beds can be scalded, and so can the springs. A lighted taper or candle will kill eggs in small crevices and drive out the bugs where it is impossible to reach them. The hardest beds to clean are folding beds and couches. The latter should be taken into the yard and saturated with gasoline. It soon evaporates. All bed-clothing should be thoroughly washed, for they are often the means of keeping pests in the house, as eggs are hatched in some of the folds and cannot be seen. Old bunk mattresses are certain to be filled with eggs and bugs, so a bonfire for the filling is the only sure result of killing them in the mattress. Wash the cover and fill with new husks or clean straw.

Girls who desire to make a good impression, who desire men to respect and admire, must pay attention to the smallest details. Carefully mended gloves, tidy shoe laces, scrupulously clean lace—even if it bears evidence of mending—are all indicative of neatness and self respect. A girl who looks after her personal appearance will see that the home is scrupulously tidy and orderly.

There is an old proverb that "it's bad to be poor, but it's doubly bad to look poor." The girl who is tidy and neat in the little details of her dress will not show the empty state of her purse nearly so much as she who allows her clothes to become dragged and unkempt, and the tidy girl will certainly be far more likely to meet a good and worthy man, whose honest, strong hands will labor for her.

"Well," said the cheerful wife, who thought she had a soprano voice, "if the worst comes to the worst I could keep the wolf from the door by slaying."

"I don't doubt that would do it," replied her pessimistic husband, "but suppose the wolf should happen to be deaf?"

Water which has been purified by boiling should be placed instantly in bottles and sealed. When cool the bottles should be placed on ice. None but the most carefully hygienic ice should be placed directly in drinking water.

Prunes should be steamed very slowly for some two and a half hours; then add a little sugar and allow them to cook for half an hour longer.

A little milk added to the water in which silver is washed will help to keep it bright.

Wouldn't you trust it? "You reckon you'd make de trip ter heaven ef dar wuz a elevator gwine dar?"

"No, suh! Kaze I well knows ef I wuz in dat elevator de devil would be sho' ter be pullin' de rope!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A PERSIAN SERVANT.

He Was Poetical Even if Useless and Dishonest.

In one way Persia reminds one dimly of England, for there are such things as difficulties with servants even in Teheran. The author dismissed one of his servants, who, as he had been a tailor, was incompetent to do anything but sew on buttons. The man protested, "What will become of me now that I have been eating your salt for such a long time and am driven out into the streets?" He was reminded that he had only been employed for a fortnight. He answered that he felt it had been for years. He was told that he was no good, but his volubility only increased. "How can I be no good if I have stayed with you? Can you not see what I did for you? A piece of cloth having fallen into the Hammam (bath) may have been my hand into mine, I might have got you musk or ambergris. Did I not drink with thy perfume, did I not eat at the heart?" It answered, "I was but a worthless piece of cloth. I was in company with a diamond. This companion-ship transformed me or else I should still be the same piece of clay that I was."

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Musulman Law Against Painting.

"Do you paint?" I asked, going toward the easel, disguising my surprise at meeting with such disregard of Musulman customs in this orthodox household.

"No, not painting, just playing. It is only an impression, not a reproduction, of one of Allah's realities." Good Musulmans do not believe in "reproducing Allah's realities," yet there stood on the easel a charming pastel. Even orthodox Moslems I saw were not above beating the devil round the stump.

"How very beautiful!" I exclaimed. "Alas! Hanum, you are an artist." "Pray, pray, young Hanum," she protested, a little frightened. I thought, "pray do not say such things. I am not an artist. I only play with the colors."

"Let me see some more of your playing," I persisted. Rather reluctantly, though wishing to comply with her guest's desires she brought out a large portfolio containing several pastels and water colors, and we sat down on a rug to examine them. Whether they were well done or not I cannot tell, but they were full of life and happiness. The curious part was that whenever she painted any outdoor life she painted it from her window, and on the canvas first was the window and then through it you saw the landscape as she saw it.—Demetra Vaska Brown in Appleton's.

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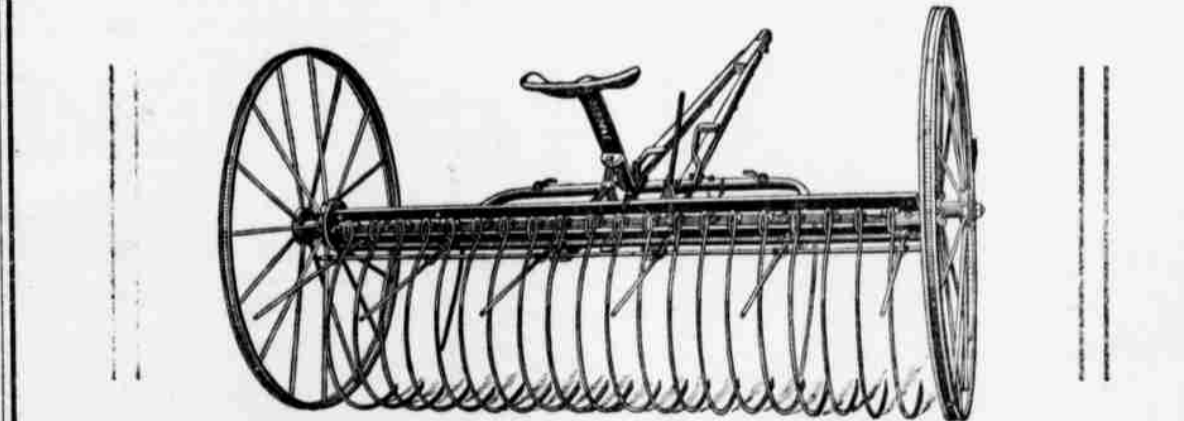
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