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The recent shooting scrape calls to mind some things that have happened in this city in the past. It will be remembered that this paper was unrelenting in fighting a disreputable layout that was established in a respectable neighborhood in this city, and the outfit was prosecuted and forced to leave the city. However, there seemed to be a sentiment here in favor of such people and a popular subscription was raised to pay the fines of the soiled doves so that they would not have to lie in jail. This paper also exposed a woman here who was running a disreputable place and prostituting her own daughter. The exposition did some good, but still there seemed and seems yet to be a disposition among a good many people to condone such things, and look upon such offenses as trivial matters. The recent shooting scrape here is the legitimate outgrowth of such a feeling. When such places are encouraged in a town to the extent that they are located in the residence part of the city, and when the young men of the town are encouraged by public sentiment to patronize such places, unpleasant results are sure to follow, and the town gets a bad name. Such things grow fast enough even when discouraged. The people should cultivate a stronger sentiment against these things. It is time to call a halt. Some of the notoriously bad crowd actually receive social recognition here. They go to the dances, and dance on the floor with respectable people. The town is getting big enough to enable people to choose good society. The mashers and mashees should be made to feel that they are not the best people in the town.

Mr. Charles Bailey, of Bandon, while on his way up the beach one day last week, discovered a monster devil-fish stranded on the beach about five miles below that city. Its longest tentacle measured 25 feet and its body was over four feet in width, giving the monster a spread of 62 feet. It is believed

to be the largest specimen of the species ever found on the Pacific coast.

A maiden of the city tripped lightly mid the trees, she sniffed the pungent odor that floated on the breeze. Pray tell me sturdy farmer, with arms so brown and bare, what is that fragrant flower that scents the balmy air? "Why bless you," said the farmer, with accent low and meek, "that 'ar must be a polecat, I've smelt him for a week."—Ex.

District Judges Burnett and Hewitt have decided to do something which will make legal litigation less expensive to the parties concerned and criminal prosecutions less expensive to the state. They will set trials at positive dates, so that witnesses and others will know when to appear, and continuances will not be allowed on flimsy pretexts.—Dallas Itemizer.

SHRDLUKYQPJ.

The following telegraphic news item appeared in the Oregonian recently:

MONTREAL, Oct. 12—Ex-Premier Mercier is reported to be sinking fast, and is not expected to live SHRDLUKYQPJ is not expected to last another day.

Shrdlupyqpj is a Hebrew word with a Sanskrit root and translated into United States language means kerflouk.

Plain Enough.

The result of the squabble over the Tillamook county school superintendency is that Mrs May and Handley are both out. The county court finds that there is a vacancy and appoints Lester Smith to fill it. Handley's paper, however, indorses Smith strongly, and neither of the papers give any intelligent explanation of the settlement.—Oregonian.

This matter has been explained often enough. The circuit court decided that Mrs. May could not hold the office because the constitution does not permit it. And, since that decision the county court has deemed the office vacant and has at its first opportunity appointed a man to fill it. Of course Mr. Handly endorses the appointment, for it would do him no good to do otherwise. The six women in this state who are holding the office are not entitled to do so according to Judge Burnett's interpretation. The constitution ought to be changed or differently construed.

Wm. Tuhn, a German with a family, consisting of himself and nine children went to the Big Nestucca from Sheridan a year and a half ago and took up a homestead. Mr Tuhn called the other day and told us that he had cleared 25 acres and put it in grass in the meantime. He is also proud of the fact that he this year raised the finest garden between Tillamook and Portland. This shows what pluck and well directed effort will do in the matter of clearing a home in the Oregon woods.—Sheridan Sun.

The South Methodist conference recently in session at Oregon City made R. A. Reagan presiding elder of this district, sent D. C. McFarland to Albany and Tangent, J. L. Futrell to Dallas and Dixie, J. M. Turner to Independence and Lewisville, L. H. Morrison to Tillamook, H. F. Dennis to McMinville, C. U. Cross to Brownsville and J. W. Shreve was made a supernumerary.

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