CHRISTMAS TREE.

In Which All the Churches of Tillamook City Participates.

A union meeting was held at the M. E. church Friday evening for the purpose of having a union Christmas tree, when the following committees were chosen:

Committee to secure a hall: Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. J. E. Tuttle.

Committee to secure the trees: Messrs. F. N. Wilson, J. A. Monroe, John Mann, and Frank Bromley.

Committee on solicitation: Mrs. Olive Todd, Luella Ford and Ruth Cooper.

Committee on decoration: Mrs. Watson, Mr. T. H. Goyne, Mr. Wheeler, Cassie Berry, Mrs. Joseph Todd, Mrs. McNair, Belle Burton, Rev. Dunlap, Rev. Griggs, Dr. Hawke, Mr. McCarger, Mrs. Waldvogal, Nettie Watson. Mrs. Cooper, Ida High and Mrs. Bewely.

Committee on buying: Mrs. J. D. Wiley, Mrs. F. N. Wilson and Mrs. J. E. Tuttle.

Committee for filling sacks: Mrs. Watson, Allie Monroe, Ida High, Mrs. Tuttle, Ruth Cooper, Nettie Watson and Bella Watt.

Committee on calling names: Mr. Cooper and Mr. Joseph Todd.

Committee on taking off presents: Messrs. T. H. Goyne, F. Wheeler, Alex McNair, Henry Alderman, P. W. Todd and Joseph Bromley.

Committee on distrubuting present: Dora High, Allie Monroe, Cassie Berry, Belle Burton, Flossie Letcher, and Blanch McNair.

Committee on program: Mrs. W. B. Alderman, Mrs. McGhee and Nettie Watson.

HOTEL PERSONALS.

Allen House.

Geo. W. Boyington was in from Cape Mears last week.

Bert Biggs and J. R. Harter were in from Barnegat last week.

J. T. Mines and wife, and W. E. Morey and Mrs. E. L. Robins and daughter were over from Bay City last week.

Chas Ray was in from Cloverdale on Friday.

Captain J. J. Dawson was in from Kilchis on Saturday.

Jacob Kamm and wife, from Nehalem, were in the city on Saturday.

Geo. Hunter was round from Astoria on Saturday.

G. Nelson was in from Hobsonville on Sunday.

Jack McDonald was in the city from Grant's Pass on Monday.

Chester D. Ward was in from Trask on Monday.

F. Robson, Grant Marshall and Willie Richardson were in the city on Monday from Garibaldi.

W. E. Morey, Wm. Riefenburg and H. F. Kirry were over from Bay City on Monday.

E. P. Wells, from South Prairie, was in the city on Monday.

Dr. Tatom aud C. R. Osborn came in from Sheridan on Monday.

James M. Fuller was in the city on Monday, from Pleasant Cove.

Miles Warren and wife came in from Bay City on Tuesday.

Dan Bowers, C. Bowers and D. Curtis came in from Trask on Tuesday.

Jack McDonald was in from Grants Pass on Tuesday.

Larsen House.

Walter Staples was in from Hobsonville, also Reinhart Nein.

L. J. Lamb was over from South Prairie.

C. J. Corcoran was in from Portland,

W. Russel was over from Astoria.

THE apple is such a common fruit that few persons are familiar with its remarkable efficacious medicinal properties, says the Humanitarian. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid, in an easily digestible shape, than any other fruit known. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It also agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretion and prevents calculus growth, while it obviates indigestion and is one of the best preventives of diseases of the throat. Next to lemon and orange it is also the best antidote for the thirst and craving of persons addicted to the alcohol and opium habit.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

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TILLAMOOK AND NORTH YAMHILL:—
Leave N. Yamhill daily except Sunday 8 p. m.
Arrive at Tillamook next day by 4 p. m.
Leave Tillamook daily except Sunday 6 p. m.
Arrive N. Yamhill next day 2 p. m.

TILLAMOOK AND HOBSONVILLE:—
L've Tillamook daily except Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Arrive Hobsonville 9:00 a.m.
L've Hobsonville, except Tuesday 10:00 a. m.
Arrive Tillamook 1:00 p. m.
L've Hobsonville Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Arrives in Tillamook 12:00 m.

NETARTS:—
Leaves Tillamook Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 7 a. m.
Arrives Netarts 12 m.
Leaves Netarts, same days, 1 p. m.
Arrives Tillamook by 6 p. m.

GRAND ROND:—
Leaves Grand Ronde daily except Sundwy at 6 p. m., or on arrival of mail from McMinnville.
Arrives at Tillamook at 1:45.
Leaves Tillamook Daily except Sunday at 6 p. m. or on arrival of mail from N. Yamhill, which is usually 4:30.
Arrives at Grand Ronde at 1:45.

BARNEGAT.

Mr. D. R. Hulbert and wife made a trip to the city Monday and returned Tuesday.

J. W. Boyington, J. R. Harter and Bert Biggs went to Tillamook Thursday and returned Friday.

Josiah Biggs, who has been quite sick the past few weeks, is somewhat improved in health and we hope he will soon be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Shanahan and and Larence Olds and Miss Ruth Moreland, all of Tillamook City, were callers at Barnegat Sunday.

J. R. Harter went to Garibaldi Friday eve and returned home again Sunday.

Barnegat district wants a teacher for a month to teach school.

WILSON RIVER.

The ranchers are taking advantage of the beautiful weather.

Chas. Hunter has completed the fenee bounding the north line of Co. Clerk Mason's ranch, but as yet, the road remains unfinished.

Mr. Jno. Svenson, with his winning ways and polite manners, is quite successful in his earnest efforts for securing subscriptions for the U. B. church edifice. He already has over $200 subscribed. We understand there is about $550 subscribed in all.

For the sake of those who have valuable timber in close proximity to the raging conflagration which is now spreading so rapidly in the adjacent hills, it is to be hoped we will soon receive a copious supply of Tillamook mist.

The appearance of couples in their rambles these lovely starry night is indeed inviting. We have no room for bachelors. However, it might be wise for individnals of these couples to be cautious. Knots are more easily tied than untied—take it moderate.

NESTOCTON.

There was a school meeting here last Saturday for the purpose of voting a tax to pay debts and repairing the school house.

Toothache and boils are the prevailing epidemic around this place.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Moor were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schlotter, Sunday.

Mrs. Nancy Simmons went to town to day to prove up on her homestead.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. E. W. Mills, formerly of this place, for she was universally esteemed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wells have moved on their homestead near here.

Mr. Hall is busy making a sleigh. He seems to think we will have enough snow to have a sleigh ride this winter. Well, we would be glad for a change. Anything but mud.

WOODS.

(These items miscarried in the mail last week).

Mr. Bewley's team came in from Sheridan Sunday, bringing Mrs. Phelps and her brother from Horton, Iowa. They expect to reside on Mrs. Phelps' homestead at Sand Lake.

Mrs. T. J. Lucy has returned from her visit at Little Nestucca.

Mr. Bud Pollard has been quite sick the last week and Louie Fletcher has been carrying the mail.

Buttermilk Bill and the contractor have been up on the lake for a day's duck shooting and report that they bagged 37.

Miss Clony Cox was subpœnaed to appear before the Polk county grand jury on the 5th, and went out a horse back last Friday.

Mr. T. J. Lucy contemplates building a small creamery here in the spring.

A. C. Dimick went to the county seat Sunday and returned Tuesday. He reports the roads in bad condition.

Darwin Shaw and Miss Della Butts were visiting at G. T. Shaw's last Sunday.

The Woods literary society met last Thursday night and elected officers as follows: President, Mr. Wm. Scott; vice, T. J. Lucy; secretary, Chas. Williams; treasurer, Miss Belle Booth; editor, G. T. Shaw. The subject for debate at its next meeting was: "Resolved, that the annexation of the Philippine Islands are a detriment to the United States."

There is considerable freight at Sheridan for merchants at Woods waiting transportation.

Mr. Wm. Plank is foreman on Andy Heater's and J. F. Weatherley's new houses, and when completed will be fine residences.

Mr. Arstell started for Sheridan on Wednesday with Mr. A. C. Southmayd and family, and will bring back a load of merchandise for W. R. Robedee.

Grandpa and Grandma Ray have moved up to Chas. Ray's to look after the farm while Charley is gone to San Francisco with his wife for medical treatment.

A. E. Lucy went to the Hub, Tuesday, after holiday goods.

Heater's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music for the mask ball here on the 26th of December.

COULSONBURG.

Mr. N. Coulson and Mrs. E. T. Coulson who have been on the sick list, are some better at this writing.

Mr. D. F. Coulson and wife and Mr. P. R. Coulson and family, of Blaine, visited at their father's, Mr. N. Coulson, a few days last week.

Miss Minta and Dora Swabb visited friends and relatives at Blaine last week.

Mr. L. G. Freeman and Rev. F. H. Neff, of Tillamook, and Rev. Armstrong, of Beaver, called on friends at this place on Wednesday.

Mr. E. T. Coulson made a trip to Tillamook on Tuesday of last week.

Rev. Armstrong will preach at the Wolf creek school house next Sunday at 3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. E. T. Coulson is doing some work on the Hughey ranch.

Mr. M. D. Swabb called on N. Coulson Monday.

NEHALEM.

The Elmore sailed on Friday for Astoria with a load of salmon from the Kinney cannery.

Hans Larsen and Herb Thompson are scowing fir bark from Blackburn camp for firewood.

The schooner Free Trade was towed to sea on Friday.

Wm. Schilling is building a smoke house and will catch and smoke steelheads this winter. He is an experienced hand at the business and puts up an excellent article.

One of the best of hunting ground for wild foul is being ruined by parties pothunting for ducks at night. Besides being a violation of the game laws is very unsportsman like.

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and the M. E. Sunday school is preparing for a Christmas tree. There will probable be one or more dances also.

Gilbert Dean has a position in the lifesaving station at Grays Harbor, Wash.

EMMA.

The weather the past week has been fine.

Mrs. Myra Sloan was the guest of Mrs. Mary Bauer on Wednesday.

Miss Mattie Harris arrived home last week from McMinnville, where she has been staying with her brother.

Mr. Hardy's neighbors gave him assistance, after his burn out. And now he gone to work on his place with renewed zeal to make him a home.

J. D. Chitwood is getting out the necessary material to put up an addition to his house.

Mr. E. H. Sloam has been doing some freighting for the merchant on the Little Nestucca the past week.

Mr. Dave Bradley went to Dallas this week.

We hope the county court will see that the Slab creek road is opened the coming spring. This road should be opened by all means, for it has been six years since it was layed out. A little help from the county would go a long way in opening it.

BEAVER.

Rev. F. H. Neff, of Tillamook, preached for the people Wednesday and Thursday nights of last week. All who heard him were impressed that an excellent spirit was in him.

Mr. and Mrs. Getchel, of Cederville, are pleasent and helpful guests at C. Mill's.

The dry cool weather which has continued for more than a week is making us good roads again.

Mr. Freeman and his two daughters, Misses Lottie and Amelia, of Tillamook, were pleasant callers at their friends of this town last week. Come again.

The protacted meeting, conducted by Rev. Armstrong, of the United Brethren church, which has been going on the past week, is continually growing in interest. It will continue over this coming Sunday.

The manufacture of charcoal is going on at this place, with W. A. Saling, superintendent.

Beaver is blessed by having an excellent organist and music teacher, and several of our young ladies in and around Beaver are making use of the opportunity, and have made such rapid progress in music that it makes Mrs. Alvia Finley popular as a teacher.

Real Estate Transfers.

Dec. 8.—F. R. and B. L. Beals to C. E. Hawke, lots 1 and 3 in block 4 McDermott addition to Tillamook.

Dec. 8.—G. Himes to E. A. Maxwell all his interests iu E ½ of Se ¼ of sec. 21 tp. 1 S. R. 9.

Dec. 8.—W. I. Randall to Cyrus Randall, 65 acres in sec. 36 tp. 1 S. R. 9 W. and sec. 1 tp. 2 S. R. 9 W.

Dec. 8.—C. Johnson to O. J. Nolan timber on lands Bewley creek.

Dec. 10.—F. Ray and H. Tohl to J. Kamm lots 1 and 2 in block 9 in Tohl's add to Nehalem city.

Dec. 12.—E. E. Jenkins to J. J. McCoy, several tracts in Tillamook county.

Dec. 13.—L. E. Malaney to R. C. Magarrel, 8 acres in sec. 19 tp. 4 S. R. 10 W.

Dec. 13.—U. S. to Adeline M. Miles, patent, E ½ of Nw ¼ and W ½ of Ne ¼ of sec. 18 tp. 4 S. R. 10 W.

Dec. 14.—G. Luce to W. Crawford, E. ½ of lots 5 and 6 in block 6 in town of Nehalem.

At a trial at Laraine, O., between two Hungarians the interesting information comes to light that $65 changed hands for the purpose of purchasing a wife. John Lupek had bargained with Fredrick Stockish to have the latter's sister-in-law come in this country from Hungary to become his wife. Lupek advanced money for the girl's passage. She came but upon her arrival she fell in love with another man, who paid Stockish $65 for the girl. Now Lupek brings suit against Stockish to get back the money he had paid to get the girl here from Hungary.

Poison!

"Adulterated teas are dangerous to health. Some of them are actually poisonous—especially green teas which contain copperas and prussian blue."—*New York Herald.*

A Schilling & Company San Francisco

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—That by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Tillamook, sitting in probate, made and entered in the records of said Court on the 20th day of May, 1898, the administrator of the estate of J. C. HALL, deceased, will, from and after the 20th day of January, 1899, proceed to sell at private sale for cash, the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit:

The W ½ of the Sw ¼ of sec. 27 and the Ne ¼ of the Se ¼, and the Se ¼ of the Ne ¼ of sec. 28, containing 160 acres in Tp. 3 S. R. 9 W of the Willamette Meridian in Oreg n, save and except all of that portion of the Se ¼ of the Ne ¼ of sec. 28 lying North of the Big Nestucca River and containing 15 acres more or less, deeded by W. A. Hanor and wife to R. O. Richards, November 11th, 1891, also saving and excepting all of that portion of the Nw ¼ of the Sw ¼ of sec. 27, said Tp. and Range heretofore deeded by W. A. Hanor and wife to James Hughey and wife, leaving a balance conveyed herein of 140 acres more or less.

Dated at Tillamook, in Tillamook county, Oregon, this 12th day of December A.D., 1898.

CHARLES E. HALL,
Administrator of the Estate of J. C. Hall, deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Oregon City, Ore., December 9th, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Tillamook co., at Tillamook, Oregon, on February 1st, 1898, viz:

JOHN WILLIAM STEINMETZ;
H. E. 11,734, for the Lot 3, Se ¼ of Nw ¼ and E ½ of Sw ¼ of sec. 4, Tp. 2 N, R. 8 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Conklin, James Wiley, Gustav Kunze, Edward G. E. West, of Tillamook, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
United States Land Office,
Oregon City, Oregon,
October 24th, 1898.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by JOHN E. ERICKSON, contestant, against homestead entry No. 9537, made September 25, 1891, for S ½ of Nw ¼ and N ½ of Sw ¼, section 27, Township 1 S, Range 10 W, by BENTON NEWTON, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said Benton Newton has wholly abandoned his said entry for over three years prior to the date of said contest affidavit; that he has not resided on his said claim at any time during the past three years, nor any one acting for him; that during said time he has made no improvements of any kind whatever, nor has he in any way cultivated said claim, nor any one acting for him; that there is no house on the claim, nor any evidence of residence, cultivation, or improvements having been made for six or seven years; that entryman's absence is not due to his employment in the military or naval service of the United States in time of war, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a.m. on December 19th, 1898, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Oregon City, Oregon.

The said contest having, in a proper affidavit, filed October 22nd, 1898, set forth facts which show that due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.
W. M. GALLOWAY, Receiver.

DIRECTORY.

COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Judge	G. W. SAPPINGTON
Commissioner	CHARLES RAY
	C. H. WHEELER
Clerk	HOMER MASON
Sheriff	H. H. ALDERMAN
Treasurer	W. H. CARY
Assessor	J. S. STEPHENS
Surveyor	A. M. AUSTIN
School Superintendent	GEO. B. LAMB
Coroner	J. E. TUTTLE
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	CLAUDE THAYER

Circuit Court convenes the 4th Mon in August, and an adjourned term is generally held in the spring.

County Court meets the first Mondays of January March, May, July, September and November. Commissioners court on the Wednesday following.

PRECINCT:

Justice of the Peace	T. H. GOYNE
Constable	A. A. FORD

PIG WITH A BROKEN LEG.

An Indiana Woman's Effort to Have Her Queer Pet's Injured Member Set.

The physicians at the city dispensary have all sorts of patients, but a new record was made the other day says the Indianapolis News, when a woman brought a pig there to have its leg set. She drove up in a carriage and exhibited a five-weeks-old pig, with a broken leg, and entered into negotiations to have the injured member repaired. While she was talking she paused ever and anon to hold a milk bottle to the little sufferer's mouth, to stop its pitiful cries.

Dr. Kennedy informed her that it was not in their regular line to practice on pigs, but the case might be taken—for a consideration. Dr. Pink asked her why she did not go to a veterinary surgeon and she said he would charge too much for the work. Dr. Pink offered to set the limb for 50 cents.

"Oh, you're awful high," the woman almost screamed. "I studied medicine myself, and have an idea of what you ough. to charge. I'll give you a quarter."

But Dr. Pink would not come down, and the woman finally consented to pay the price. The doctor was about to begin the operation, and had given the pig's leg a preliminary pull, which made the bottle again necessary, when the woman was struck with an idea.

"I suppose you guarantee your work," she said. "I think so much of the little fellow, and I want to know that his leg won't be crooked when he gets well."

Dr. Pink would not agree to guarantee the job without additional pay. He informed the woman that it would cost an additional dollar to guarantee it. This almost caused the woman to faint, and as soon as she could recover from the shock, she grabbed the reins and drove away.

EMANCIPATED WOMAN.

She Is Found in Italy as Well as in the United States—How She Works There.

Though in Italy the so-called "emancipation" of women is by no means so far advanced as in England or the United States, there are few countries in Europe where the political influence of women is greater than in Italy. The influence, though great, is not, however, always apparent, for it is chiefly exercised indirectly and privately by the women of the upper classes. Instead of forming themselves into associations and leagues and international unions and organizations and competing with political orators, the Italian women interested in political work quietly, and certainly not less efficaciously than their more "emancipated" sisters.

As a rule, Italian women work by means of the old French expedient, the salon. In Rome alone there are no fewer than a dozen salons devoted almost entirely to the discussion of political topics. Each salon has it own political "color," which is generally that of the husband or father or friends of the mistress of the house; but while the thread and web of the politics carried on in a salon is spun and woven by the men who frequent it, the personal influence of the mistress of the house acts on each one of her guests, modifying views, and softening, or it may be accentuating, the roughness of ambition. As long as they remain in their salon Italian political women are in every way admirable.

BEES IN HIS HUNTING COAT.

Pockets Full of Honey for a Soldier When He Came Home from the War.

Asa Witham, a farmer of Blanchard, Me., has been a member of the Dover company, Maine volunteer militia, for two years, and is counted one of the best marksmen in his regiment. Last May when he was waiting for the government to call the troops to Augusta he went out one afternoon and shot six rabbits. On his return a messenger met him in the doorway and told him he must take the next train for the state capital. As his canvas hunting coat was wet with the blood of the rabbits he hung it up on the limb of an apple tree, remarking that it would be well washed by the time he returned from the war.

Witham was mustered in and went to Chickamauga, where he was on duty every day until a month ago, when his regiment was ordered back to Augusta.

He was sent home on a month's furlough. Being somewhat exhausted from a continuous diet of hardtack and bacon, he thought he would try his luck at partridge shooting before setting down to farmwork. The canvas coat was hanging from the limb in the orchard, but when Witham went to put it on he found that it was already occupied by a swarm of bees, which had taken possession of the garment during his absence. With the aid of a sulphur smudge fire he expelled the insects, and secured 22 pounds of white comb honey.

A Queer Verdict.

Upon the Isle of Man, where sheep-stealing is evidently a serious offense, John Dixon was recently sentenced to three years' imprisonment for it. The exact words of the jury were: "Not having satisfactorily accounted to the minds of the jury for the possession of the sheep, we find the prisoner guilty." What puzzles the lawyers is this: Can a man be legally jailed on such a verdict?

Otter Is a Speedy Swimmer.

The otter is the fastest swimming quadruped known. In the water it exhibits an astonishing agility, swimming in a nearly horizontal position with the greatest ease, diving and darting along beneath the surface with a speed equal, if not superior, to that of many fishes.

SHIPS' MASCOTS IN BATTLE.

The Detroit's Goat Particularly Distinguished Himself While Under Fire.

"Scared?" said an engineer of the Terror, speaking of San Juan. "Well, I guess I was. It was awfully hot below, and we couldn't see a thing, and the concussion of the guns and the knowledge that we were in a rain of shells were mighty unpleasant. The cat and I were very badly frightened. I guess the cat was worse than I. But, then, you know, the cat and I were the only folks on board that minded it."

He had evidently forgotten the celebrated goat, William Terror, who excited so much interest when the monitor was in New York last winter, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Billy is very young. They call him an apprentice goat. It was his first time under fire, and he behaved very badly. When the action opened he was on the upper deck, and at the first broadside became panic-stricken. He tore about the deck. A sailor had to carry him below, and in the depth of the ship, alone and uncomforted, he trembled and bleated till the last gun was silent.

The Detroit's goat was braver. He had a station on the gundeck, and while the firing was going on and the shells were whirring over him he remained absolutely quiet. But whenever there came a lull he capered madly about. There is a difference of opinion as to why he was so composed during all the confusion. His friends among the crew say he was interested, and was watching the battle with a critical eye, and that his subsequent capers were but an expression of satisfaction at its results. His detractors contend that he was paralyzed with fear, and that when the noise ceased the spell was broken, and he gave vent to his feelings of terror by his wild antics.

EMPRESS ELIZABETH.

The Ill-Fated Lady Positively Declined to Submit Herself to X-Ray Photography.

An interesting picture is drawn by Miss Emma Penther, a nurse who waited upon the ill-fated Elizabeth, empress of Austria, during the time when the victim of the assassin's knife was recuperating at Nauheim. In a letter to the Frankfurter Finanz Herald she says among other things:

"To assist in making a proper diagnosis of the heart trouble of the royal lady, Dr. Schott, her attending physisian, made an X-ray photograph of her. When a second attempt was made to use the X-rays her majesty said: 'No, no, professor; I'll not tolerate it agin.' 'But, your majesty, it is absolutely necessary.' 'Perhaps for you and my brother, but not for me. I will not be dissected alive. Take a photograph of one of the peasant boys about here, and send it to my brother as a picture of my heart.' To me the empress said afterward: 'I do not like to be photographed. Every time I have had by photograph taken some misfortune has happened to me.' Otherwise the empress was a most obedient patient. Her nature was naturally refined. She scorned artificial means to add to her natural beauty. Her figure was faultless, and her beautiful hair lay like a crown upon her head. She never wore any jewels, and the only thing of value she carried was a watch with a Greek inscription. An active correspondence was kept up between her and the emperor during her sojourn at Nauheim."

USE OF HASHEESH.

It Is Said to Be the Cause of Much Insanity Among the Natives of India.

The reports of the asylum at Cairo, Egypt, as to the native patients there exhibiting the nature of the mental disturbance associated with the excessive use of hasheesh are said to show some remarkable facts, it appearing that in 41 per cent. of all the male patients hasheesh alone, or in combination with alcohol, caused the mental symptoms, while this was the case with only seven per cent. of the females. As to whether there is a special recognizable form of mental disturbance produced by hasheesh, authorities conclude that in a considerable number of cases in Egypt the hasheesh is the chief if not the only cause of such mental disease. The usual types of the disease are hasheesh intoxication—that is, an elated and reckless swaggering state, with optical delusions and hallucinations. Acute mania is another form of hasheesh insanity, incoherence and exhaustion; again, there is exhibited a weak-mindedness, the patients, though well behaved, being excitable about small things and unconcerned as to the future.

Five Dollars Postage for Letters.

W. F. Bailey contributes an article to Century on "The Pony Express," from St. Joseph, Mo., to San Francisco. Mr. Bailey says: "The letters, before being placed in the pockets, were wrapped in oiled silk to preserve them from moisture. The maximum weight of any one mail was 20 pounds; but this was rarely reached. The charges were originally $5 for each letter of one-half ounce or less; but afterward this was reduced to $2.50 for each letter not exceeding one-half ounce, this being in addition to the regular United States postage. Specially made light-weight paper was generally used to reduce the expense. Special editions of the eastern newspapers were printed on tissue-paper to enable them to reach subscribers on the Pacific coast. This, however, was more as an advertisement, there being little demand for them at their necessarily large price."

Watch Ticks.

If kept continuously running a watch will tick 160,144,000 times in a year.