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SANDLAKE.

At a special meeting last week our people decided to build a new school-house, and voted to raise \$250 for the purpose, and it is expected that it will be ready for our next term of school, all fitted out with patent seats, etc. This is a commendable move, for our old school building, which was built out of split stuff many years ago and now stands at an angle of 45° is not a safe or healthy place to send our little ones for an education.

Charley Curtis, a brother of Mrs. D. Billing, was a visitor at his sister's last week.

M. Sommer brought home his bride on Monday last. And now Mr. Sommer we take this opportunity of congratulating you. Few indeed are the bachelors of your age, who have been so fortunate as to win so estimable a bride. 'Tis a long lane that has no turning, you have been faithful and won at last. May your married life be long, happy and prosperous. Cigars.

L. A. Hoyt is looking for his daughter home from Africa. The one who the people knew as Miss Alma Lawson. She has been to Africa as a missionary for several years, and was married there.

Will Roenica has gone to Portland to spend the winter.

T. J. Harris and sons are at work on a new road leading from their house to connect with the road near Sommers and Kings.

H. M. Farmer has made a bid to furnish the lumber for our new school house.

The stock around the lake are all looking fine.

EMMA.

The past two weeks has been very rainy.

Joe Attenberger's new barn begins to show up nicely.

Harry Chitwood arrived home from Ballston, where he has been at work since harvest.

Thanksgiving past off quietly here. The day was the stormiest of the season. There are several men in our midst, from Tillamook City, who are looking for homesteads. We have not been able to learn their names.

Mrs. Resch, the German lady who was lost a few weeks ago, who resided in this neighborhood, did not stay out in the mountains over night, as stated by the Oretown correspondent. She came out and was taken to the home of Mr. Nash, at Oretown, the same day she left home.

NETARTS.

Geo. Hodgdon, of Beaver creek, was at Netarts Sunday visiting his parents.

Ben O'Hara went to Tillamook on Sunday last.

John Hodgdon, while cutting a large tree about 6 feet in diameter, had the misfortune to fell it across his barn.

A nephew of Alex Nelson arrived at this place from Iowa last Sunday on a visit for awhile with Mr. Nelson's family.

NEHALEM.

Glad to know the boats got in to Tillamook. We hope Mr. Elmore will send one to Nehalem next.

High waters have been delaying the mails somewhat. Mail got through from Seaside Monday the first time for three days.

The Thanksgiving ball was a well attended affair.

Grandma Scovell is quite sick, and a doctor has been telephoned for.

Don Ellis returned from Tillamook Sunday; only one finger was amputated, and his mutilated hand is getting along as well as can be expected.

The Rev. Howell again lectured on the Philippines Monday eve, and the people showed their appreciation by the way they tugged out and the strict attention paid. He also exhibited a number of curious, among them being a Spanish soldier's uniform, a native broom made of grass and rattan cane, several grades of cloth of native manufacture, pieces of

time of which has not been set, will describe the charge on Malabon, by the 2nd Oregon.

Parties from Seattle are here making arrangements for catching steel-heads.

The various committees on Christmas festivities are working away, perfecting their arrangements.

Harry Sweeney was unfortunate enough to lose a cow in the last wind storm. A tree fell and crushed it.

Judge Jacobs is making preparations to leave us. He will first pay a visit to old Virginia and then return to Athena, Eastern Oregon. Don't forget to say good bye, Judge.

ORETOWN.

Mr. Makinster and family have moved into their new home.

Ida Fletcher was married last month to Mr. Hatch of McCoy.

Mrs. Whiteman and daughter were visiting at Mr. Gardner last week.

Jessie Ley has returned to her home in Clackamas county.

Mr. Bosler, who purchased the Page place, has moved into Mr. Plan's house. He got tired of living in the breakers.

Dr. Richardson, brother of Mrs. Porter, has returned to the state of Washington.

Mrs. Shaw, formerly of Oretown but now of Oregon City, has another young daughter.

Grace McKean, niece of Mrs. Upton, was married a short time ago to a Mr. Buchanan, nephew of Walter Barnhart.

At the school meeting last Monday, Will Christensen was elected director to fill Mr. Shaffer's place.

The Chicago Tribune says: "A new serum, which it is claimed will show the presence of tuberculosis long before it would be possible to detect it by the microscope, the X-ray or other methods now in use, has been invented by Dr. A. J. Jenkens, of this city. He does not claim to have discovered a new cure, but that the use of the serum aids competent physicians to detect the presence of the disease in its earliest stages, and in time to effect a cure by good sanitation and plenty of outdoor exercise. It makes it possible to discover whether or not a case is true consumption, no matter how early or light the attack."

Whether a man has or has not a right to employ and place in a position of trust one who is known to him to have fondness for liquor is a question that has been brought to the public attention by a decision rendered by a Philadelphia judge. Peter Lynch was employed by Stern & Co. as a driver, and it was charged he collected money to the amount of \$19 and spent it on liquor. The charge was embezzlement and Lynch pleaded guilty, but the judge ordered him to withdraw his plea and instructed him to enter one of not guilty. In his decision the judge said: "Where a firm intrusts with money a person whom he has reason to suspect of intemperate habits, and has done not appropriate the money to his own use or make off with it otherwise than to indulge in the gratification of his habit, employers must understand that it is extremely doubtful whether the crime of embezzlement can be made out under such circumstances."

CONTEST NOTICE
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon.
Nov. 27th, 1899.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by GEORGE LAMM, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 1242, made August 15th, 1894, for W. S. & S. E. 1/4, Sec. 14, Township 21, Range 1 S., by ANNA A. STEINER, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Anna A. Steiner during the year 1894, wholly abandoned said premises described in said homestead entry and changed her residence therefrom, and that she has not resided upon nor cultivated said premises since said year 1894, and that said Anna A. Steiner is not now residing upon, nor cultivating said premises in any manner, whatever, and that said alleged abode from the said land was not her employment in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, or as an officer or marine during the war of 1891, or during any other war in which parties and rates may be engaged, and that the said contestee is not entitled to a clock and a watch, and that the County Clerk of Tillamook County, Oregon, will hold a public hearing on the said contest at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 2nd, 1900, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Oregon City, Oregon, and that the said contestee, in a proper case, may be held liable for the costs of the said contest, and that the said contestee is advised that she may be held liable for the costs of the said contest, and that she may be held liable for the costs of the said contest, and that she may be held liable for the costs of the said contest.

BILL'S LAST HOLD-UP.

Smooth Job With Hot Water Cocks.

"Gulch Bill, the once notorious train robber, had been raising Cain with the night express of the Air Line before I took the run some years ago," remarked Steve Williams, a retired western engineer, to a New York Sun correspondent, "but somehow after I was put on the train his hold-ups ceased. He had made several attempts at the game, though, and had succeeded in taking the nerve out of most of the engineers before he stopped operations. None of them wanted the train after Jake Leach got scared out, but I was young and looking for excitement, so I said I'd try my hand on her. After Bill's last appearance the company gave the crew of the train strict orders to go armed and be on the alert always, which had a sort of lock-the-barn-after-the-horse-is-stolen twang to me. But as everything went along swimmingly and no train robbers appeared for a month or so we began to fall back into the old rut of things and leave our ordinance departments home.

"The night express was generally made up of twelve or thirteen blind, or sealed, baggage and express cars with a couple of coaches on the rear for the accommodation of the crew and the few passengers the train carried. All the crew had to do in times of peace was to sleep, as the train made only a couple of stops on the division for water. The way Gulch Bill and his pals usually operated was to secrete themselves in some way on the headend of the train at one of the water plugs and at an out of the way place they'd surprise the engineer and fireman, cut off the head car, which usually was the through San Francisco car, and make the engineer haul it down to some obscure spot where they would crack it open and take out what express packages they thought valuable and make the engineer get the car back to the train as best he could.

"After I had been on the run about six months and no robbers appeared, the older men on the road began to get sorry at being so chicken-hearted and made big kicks for the train, as it was a snap—few hours on the road and big money. But the superintendent said that as I had taken the train in troublesome times when all the rest were afraid, I could stay on there, and he'd stick by me. One night as we were leaving 'St. Loo,' Sam McCracken, my fireman, says to me:

"'Felt kinder shaky.'"

"'It feels kinder like train robbers to me to-night. Shouldn't wonder if we'd have a visit from Gulch Bill somewhere on the division. He must have blown in about all the swag he got from his last haul by this time.'"

"'Ah, gowan,' I says, 'he's far out of this country by this time. I heard the other day that he'd been seen in Chicago.'"

"'You just mark my words,' says Sam, 'he's jest layin' low so throw us off the scent. He'll show up soon.'"

"Sam's guess didn't come true that night, but a couple of nights later I felt a crawly feeling down my spine a few minutes after we had pulled away from Stony Hollow water plug, and turned to see three tough looking customers drop over the coal boards in the front end of the tank and cover Sam and me quicker'n a wink.

"'Whoa, there, Leach, or I'll make you look like the top of your mother's pepper box,' said a not unpleasant voice that I knew right away belonged to Gulch Bill.

"'Don't happen to be Leach,' I said, sparring for time with him.

"'Makes no difference. You just choke off that steam and stop. I've been appointed chaperone of this train. Halt, I say!'

"There was nothing to do but halt, so I brought her to gradually, and while doing so Bill continued walking.

"'Now, Hank,' he said to one of his pals, 'you just cover this gent here and his pard, so they don't run away with us, and Gin and I'll go out the swag car off. Now look here, young feller,' addressing me, 'don't you try any funny dibble business on your family will be pricing funeral layrets to-morrow. When you get the word to go ahead you just teter right down to Hankins swamp and stay there. Hank, if he don't obey

pounder into action. See? With that he and his other chum dropped off the running board.

Touched Off the Watercock.

"All the while he had been shooting off his mouth I had been forming a plan of battle. In those days the engines weren't fitted up with the modern waterglass to let engineer know how much water he carried in his boiler. Instead they were equipped with water gauges. These had four little stopcocks in a vertical line on the back of the boiler. When you wanted to see how much water you had in the boiler you just turned one of those stopcocks. When there was enough water in the boiler the two lower stopcocks would throw hot water and the two upper ones steam.

"I fingered out of the tail of my eye that Bill's partner, Hank, stood just so that a stream of water from the lower stopcock would catch him between the eyes. I could get my hand on the stopcock without Hank's seeing me as I leaned up against the boiler. So, when I thought I had given Bill about time enough to reach the end of the first express car I turned the lower stopcock on full tilt and Hank caught it between the eyes. At the same time I pulled the throttle wide open and the train gave a lurch and began to move.

"The hot water striking Hank so suddenly in the face keeled him right over out of range of the jet of hot water and with a jump, I landed on top of him. Then I heard a screech like the cry of a dying man followed by a couple of pistol shots and some cursing. We were moving quite rapidly now and Sam and I bound Hank with some bell-rope after taking his pistol away from him. When we got to the end of the division and the galvanizers were looking the train over they found a man's leg and a lot of blood on the front truck of the second express car and the first train in after daylight brought the rest of the man's body, which was identified as that of Gulch Bill. My plan had worked better than I expected, for evidently I had pulled the throttle and started the train just as Gulch Bill was crawling under to cut off the head car, cutting him in two and putting him out of business forever. Hank got a long sentence, but the third man escaped."

ROBERTS EXCLUDED.

The House Ordered an Investigation of His Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—After an interesting debate of three hours, the house today, by a vote of 302 to 30, adopted the resolution offered by Taylor, of Ohio, yesterday, for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative elect from Utah. Previously the house had rejected a substitute resolution offered by Richardson, the leader of the minority, to allow Roberts to be sworn in and to send the whole case to the judiciary committee. This substitute resolution, however, by no means commended the full democratic strength. Only 57 members voted for it. Of the 30 who then voted against the Taylor resolution, all were democrats except two—Loud, a California republican, and Newlands, a silverite from Nevada.

FRENCH CHARITY.

Any Act of Public Benefaction Has to Be Licensed by Act of Parliament.

Among the things which are managed differently on the two sides of the channel there is one in which we in England may fairly claim to have the advantage of a better method. This is in the matter of public benefactions. Here, rich men like Lord Iveagh may give out of their plenty to any society they please, old or new, with restrictions, except, of course, the usual technicalities when the benefaction takes the form of clearing open spaces of dealing with property. But in France the Journal des Debats complains that would-be benefactors have no such free hand, and the restrictions of red tape stifle a good many charitable impulses, says the Westminster Gazette.

The patriotic Frenchman, according to the Journal des Debats, if he wishes to devote some of his wealth to the public weal, must first apply to parliament for leave in case his gift is to increase the funds of any charitable society already existing. But if he desires to initiate a scheme of his own he must go to the minister of the interior for permission. In neither case will he have any voice in the organization or working of the committee formed to control his gift. In addition to these restrictions, it seems that the minister of finance steps in and takes about ten per cent. of the sum for the exchequer. This is certainly not the way to encourage the public benefactor, whose path of generosity should be made as smooth as possible.

SECOND-HAND SHOES.

Extensive Repairs May Be Made and Yet They May Be Had for Very Little Money.

A sign hanging in front of a shoemaker's shop where second-hand shoes were sold had upon it these words: "Second-Hand Shoes with New Uppers." It seemed almost that a pair of second-hand shoes with new uppers would be practically new shoes, but inquiry showed that this impression was not warranted by the facts. There is a good deal of fresh material in a pair of shoes thus repaired, but there is also left a good deal of the old, says the New York Sun.

The new upper thus put in is a new vamp, the front part of the upper; the old counter, or back part of the shoe, still remains. It is a familiar fact that while the counter may break down or wear out or get a hole in it somehow, it is much more likely to stay sound and good; it is the front that cracks and breaks. And so in putting second-hand shoes in order new vamps are sometimes put in. But while such a shoe, which has also been soled and heeled, might easily be described as having undergone extensive repairs, it would be far from wholly new. There would remain, besides the old counter, the shank and the inner sole, and the general shape and framework of the shoe, and upon these the repairs could be made. Second-hand shoes bring various prices, depending on their original quality and their condition; a pair of second-hand shoes, soled and re-heeled and with new uppers, can be bought for as little as a dollar.

A SPANISH CABALLERO.

An Instance Which Shows There That Not All Spaniards Lack a Sense of Honor.

An incident, told by a correspondent of Harper's Weekly, who writes from Manila, shows that there are Spaniards who possess what Burke calls "the chastity of honor."

In the middle of the grounds stand Gen. Anderson's headquarters. As we went up the steps a tall man, rather shabbily dressed, preceded us. We noticed his military bearing, and were told that he was the captain of one of the Spanish men-of-war, which lay with projecting spars at the bottom of Cavite harbor. Following his footsteps, we of necessity overheard what he said to the general's aid:

"Senor, I borrowed some time ago \$200 from Admiral Dewey to pay off my men. I have come to repay the debt."

He turned his profile toward us, and we noticed how thin he looked. He must have starved himself to collect the money. With a very straight back, he counted out the Spanish bills, and turned to go.

"Will you not give a receipt?" asked the aid of the general. The Spaniard answered the question with a



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