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MRS. MEDDER BLUEGRASS

Relates Some of the Incidents in
Making Tillamook Streams
Toll Water Ways.

Won't Allow the County Court to
Milk the Hind Teat of Her
Spotted Cow.

[TO EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.]

MISTER EDITOR,—There's a devil of a
reuction up in our naberhood with the
men folk. At first I thought it was a hen
on, but the atmosphere became so tropical
that I thought, sure, that some of them
darn'd fools of men had slept on a
hornet's nest and they would never quit
jabbering about those pesky things tor-
mentin' 'em. This went on for several
weeks, so I decided to haul my man over
and give him a rub of my tongue. I'll let
him know who's bossin' this ranch, for
he's takin' to gossipin' too much with
the men about payin' toll on timber and
cussin' the court for barterin' away their
inalienable rights to a pack of suckers, and
at a time 'o day when they should be
down on their marrow bones prayin' to
be forgiven for their meanness to we
womin folks.

"You've got to pay toll on all timber
floated down the streams to those fel-
lers," one of my nabers would keep re-
minding the crowd.

"Darn'd if I'll pay toll to those fellers;
and I'll see the county court to blazes
first," came from one of those big wire-
pullin' politicians, and then the crowd
cheered him to the echo and I'm sure he
felt as big as Roosevelt when he carried
New York for governor on the back of the
Rough Riders.

Mr. Editor, I never saw such a lot of
disgruntled men folk afore in all my born
days. My man was as mad as a turkey
cock when he came home that night. My
dauder was up and I was loaded for him.
The first thing he did was to tread on the
cat's tail, and this caused a cat and dog
fight. My man caught hold of the dog's
tail and he told me to catch hold of the
cat's tail. This parted them as slick as
a whistle and there was peace in the
family once more. I could see that my
man was woefully worked up, so I did
not allow my dauder to escape but shut
down on the safety valve. I'd heard the
men folk talkin' lots about toll, it
suddenly dawned on me that some poor
critter was goin' to die and a happy
thought had flittered through the men's
mind to toll the school bell the day of
the funeral, when we womin always put
on our best bib and tucker and crowd all
the finery and flowers onto our head
gear.

"Did you ever know such a brazen
effrontery in your life?" my man com-
menced, with his eyes buggin' out of
their sockets.

I had to admit I hadn't made that per-
son's acquaintance, for she didn't live in
our naberhood.

"That there court has leased all the
streams without the people knowin' a
syllable about it, and they're going to
make 'em pay toll to beat the band."

I asked my man if it was the court over
in China he was referin' to, for all that
I had ever read about the Empress I had
not seen the European powers were try-
ing to collect toll when the court returns
to Pekin.

Just then Bill Jones, who's sparkin'
with my Mary Jane, came in all a-puffin'
and a-blowin', just as he did when my
Susan had her first baby, so anxious was
he to proclaim to the wide world that I
would, in a few minutes, become a grand-
ma.

"Have you heard the latest news?" he
gasped.

"No; do tell. Is there another hen
on?" I replied, before my man had time
to collect his senses.

"Don't this jar you?" Bill Jones com-
menced. "It's rumord up in our burg
that the fellers to whom the county court
leased all the streams to be goin' to ap-
ply to the county court again for more
of the people rights, and we're not to
know anythin' about it until then there
fellers are over in our meadows sucking
the hind teats of every cow in the darn'd
country."

"I'll be sorry for the county court or
any of them there other fellers if I ketch
'em milkin' the hind teat of my spotted
cow." I chimed in when I found an op-
portunity to wedge in my ideas.

"Yes," said Jones, "and it's rumored up

in our burg that the county court will
allow these fellers to put up their own
bonds. One of them swore sixteen times
that he was worth over two thousand
dollars."

"Lore, a-mercy; if I'd only know'd a-
fore this that that there feller was worth
sixteen times two thousand gold dollars
you'd not be sparkin' so lively with my
Mary Jane. It's doin' her an injustice to
engage her to you when she could just as
well have had the dude with all that
dough." Then I felt exasperated and
got so rattled and excited like that my
brand new store teeth fell out, then gold
plated ones which I had bought from the
proceeds of the hen fruit I had sold in
Tillamook City. I couldn't hold my
dauder down with the safety valve any
longer, so stormed like a good-tempered
womin would under the circumstance and
vowed if them there fellers, to whom the
county court leased the streams to with-
out we womin knowin' a blessed word
about it, didn't present we with another
set of store teeth I'd sue 'em, sure. Be-
sides, I'll do a Carrie Nation act upon
them and make 'em hunt their holes, for
it was all their fault I got so excited that
my grinding machine flew out. Through
sheer exhaustion venting my mind I sud-
denly collapsed. My man went to the
family medicine chest and revived me with
a drop of the "critter" to tone down my
wrought up temper. It had a good effect
for a while and there was a lull in the
atmosphere.

"Yes," began Bill Jones again, "they
want to perpetuate this toll business in
Tillamook and tag it onto every darn'd
thing we've got, and we're simpletons to
allow the county court to give away our
rights because these here fellers hold the
court by the leg. There's toll roads
aglore. The court has given a monopoly
on sixteen streams to make them toll
water ways. If these here fellers can
find a law to make as pay toll for milkin'
our cows you bet your bottom dollar
they will do so, just as they intend doing
with those who own timber."

Fearin', perhaps, they might put a toll
on marriages, I advised Bill Jones to wed
my Mary Jane and save bein' bled by
them there fellers who would suck the
blood out of a turnip.

My man had been meditat' for several
minutes, when all on a sudden his mel-
odious voice, which is pitched in a key
between that of a fog horn and that of a
syrain on board one of those big battle
ships, exclaimed:

"What tarnation fools we politicians
were."

Bill Jones puckered up his face like a
laughin' hyena and jerked out:

"You're gettin' plenty of your own
medicine, boss."

"Hold your darn'd whist, will you;
you impudent little puppy. We've had
to take too much of our own medicine,
but we've made up our minds it won't
happen that way again."

My man, he's what they call a blue
blooded republican, and all he knows
about it is what them there politicians
tell him when they comes round so per-
litlely and friendly shakin' hands election
time. He gets so befuddled I vow he
don't know a scheemin' boss politician
from our jack mule. I do, for they kinder
puts me in mind of my man before we
were hitched up double. They are so
perlite to we womin and make all kinds
of promises when they woo us into mar-
rying them. A lot of 'em are base de-
ceivers, so are some of these politicians
when they get into power and then mon-
key with people's rights.

Bill Jones is a straight demerocrat and
he never failed to vote the populist ticket
from top to bottom, and lore a mercy,
to hear my man and Bill Jones scarpin'
over polities you'd think they could run
and had the responsibility of the whole
state upon their shoulders, when actually
they don't know how to run their own
farms if we womin didn't tell them what
to do. Bill Jones, he makes my man real
mad lots of times, and he even told him
if the convention put up a stock hog for
office, like ours which is expectin' a litter
next month, he'd whoop her up and vote
as the boss politicians told him. Then
my man, to get even, calls Bill Jones a
red flag demerocratic anarchist who'd pull
the flag down in the Philippines, while I
have to step in and settle the ash by
holdin' the rollin' pin over their heads.

Let's know, Mr. Editor, if them fellers
are goin' to get the right from the county
court to milk the hind teat of my spotted
cow, so that I can be loaded for those

politicians who don't respect people's
rights.

Yours, for free roads and streams,
MRS. MEDDER BLUEGRASS.

Nordstrom Was Hanged.

SEATTLE, Aug. 23.—Charles W. Nord-
strom was hanged this morning at 9:45
o'clock for the murder, on November 27,
1891, of William Mason.

From early morning the condemned
man had seemed to fully realize his posi-
tion, and while ministers and members
of the Salvation Army prayed with him
he cried continually. Shortly after 9:30
Nordstrom was brought from the room
in which he had been, just adjoining the
execution room. It required the assist-
ance of four men to keep him on his feet.

When he was taken into the presence
of the scaffold, he broke down entirely.
Crying in a childish voice, and praying
that his life be spared him, he collapsed
entirely and fell to the floor. Efforts to
raise him and keep him on his feet were
fruitless, and at last Sheriff Codihee or-
dered that a board be brought. To this
Nordstrom was tied. It required six men
to hold him while this was being done.
While being tied to the board, Nordstrom
continued to cry in a loud voice. Several
times he seemed to speak, but his words
were unintelligible. The six men who had
held him raised his body on the board
and, with great effort, succeeded in get-
ting him onto the gallows and onto the
fatal trap. Here he was stood upright,
four of the men standing on the four
sides of the trap and holding him.

Within two seconds after the condem-
ned man was in place the trap was sprung
and Nordstrom had paid the penalty of
his crime. The trap was sprung at 9:49
and Nordstrom was pronounced dead at
10:02.

The crime for which Nordstrom was
hanged was one of the most cold-blooded
and unmitigated in the criminal history
of the Northwest, and was committed
nearly 10 years ago, the victim being
Willie Mason, one of two sons of Thomas
Mason, a wealthy farmer living in the
vicinity of Cedar Mountain. At the
time of the murder the young man was
21 years of age, and was unmarried.

Jordan Talks on Problems.

DENVER, Aug.—President David Starr
Jordan, of Leland Stanford University,
is here on his way to California, after
having spent several weeks in Estes Park
with Professors Kellogg and Campbell, of
the Leland Stanford University. In an
interview he said there were three great
questions now prominently before the
country, the labor problem, the Chinese
exclusion question and the problem of the
Philippines.

"The questions of the trusts and the
unions," he said, "must be settled by bal-
lot. If the laboring men have not the
common sense and the judgment to vote
rightly they will suffer the consequences.
They have it in their power to solve the
problem. If force or bloodshed are re-
sorted to, it is a mistake. I do not believe
in sympathetic strikes, as they oblige
many innocent individuals to suffer.
Why should a fruitraiser lose his crops
because the freight handlers are on a
sympathetic strike? The strike of freight
handlers on the Pacific Coast has cost an
immense amount of inconvenience and
loss to travelers and members of the
community who know nothing about the
grievances, but are made to suffer.

"As to the Chinese exclusion," said
the doctor, "it is not all one-sided. I
am not in sympathy with the sentiment
that would exclude all Chinamen from
our country. I am in favor of admitting
a Chinaman who comes to these shores
accompanied by his family. If he brings
his family he will have something to
anchor to. I would exclude all paupers
and Chinamen who came alone. We
should bear in mind that if China is
opened to the trade of America, we can-
not afford to antagonize that great
nation by a rigid law of exclusion."

Dr. Jordan said his travels in the Phi-
lippines had not caused him to change
his views regarding expansion. He said:
"I do not believe in expansion, and
did not, but as we have put our shoulders
to the wheel, we can't possibly back out.
We must see the thing through som-how.
But the Philippine Commission is a very
able body of men, and the country should
have the greatest confidence in their
ability."

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th
day of August, 1901, CHARLES L.
THOMPSON, of Tillamook, Oregon,
was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and
that the first meeting of his creditors will
be held at Room 600, Chamber of Com-
merce Building, Portland, Oregon, on
the 18th day of September, 1901, at ten
o'clock a.m., at which time the said cre-
ditors may attend, prove their claims, ap-
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