At a meeting of the governors of the option on four acres of land on the race trace for ball grounds.

We the undersigned request parties having hounds to keep them off our lands.

J. W. JENNINGS, T. L. McFalls, AMOS VAUGHN, W. B. VAUGHN VAUGHN, W. B. ELLIOTT, C. ELLIOTT.

BOULDER CREEK.

Mr. Cyrus Randall, of Fairview, came

over to Mr. Borba's last week, Mrs. Lida Brady and Mrs. Jennie their attention to what he describes as Lucas spent Tuesday with Mrs. Mae this "melancholov fact." He directs that Blalock.

Mrs. John Borba was visiting friends on this side the river last Monday.

a short visit with her son, H. L. Jensen and family. Messrs. Oliver Kinnaman and Frank

Dye are busily at work on their ranches these days. Mrs. Chopard and son and Master Ceci! Getchell visited with Mrs. Borba's

family Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson were up

from Beaver last Wednesday. Mr. Fischer and Mr. Grav went to Tillamook Tuesday returning Wednes.

Our new neighbor, Mr. Blalock, is hard at work on his ranch.

Mr. Brady went to Tillamook one day last week.

Mrs. H. A. Chopard has been visiting friends on Upper Boulder recently. Fred Nicklans went to Beaver last

Thursday. Misses Lena, Lillibel and Laura Bays and Master Walter Bays, visited at H.

L. Jensen's the first of the week. Grandpa Brady is building a new wood shed and wash-house on his premises.

Messrs. Forrest Ayres and Maurice Bays were in our neighborhood Sunday. L. E. and C. V. Getchell, of Hebo came up Sunday to visit their sister, Mrs. Chopard.

O. W. Kinnaman and Frank Dye have been hauling timber for the latter's new house, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen and family spent Sunday at Mr. Ike Bays' home.

Many of our citizens are infected by the improvement wave and are hauling lumber, building, clearing up logs and brush, or slashing brush, just as the spirit moves them. Perhaps they mean to outdo Beaver, but if they do, they will have to hustle, as that little village is making rapid strides toward the dignity of a full grown town.

" The alder by the river. Shakes out her powdery curls, The willow buds in silver, For little boys and girls. The little birds fly over, And oh, how sweet they sing!

To tell the happy children nat soon it will be spring." Sunday school teacher: "Why! ought to turn the other to the striker?" Willie : " Yes m, but he hit me on the nose, an' I've only got one."

Claims Over Again.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 24 -A few months ago 27 Easterners arrived in this city and located on timber claim; 35 miles east of this city. After building their cabins, etc., according to law they returned to their homes and have since made the necessary visits to their left this city for their claims, and arriving there, found that a party of people most of their claims, taking possession was sent to the remainder of the party in this city, who armed themselves and left Roseburg Sunday morning with the intention of regaining their claims by force. The people here do not expect any serious trouble between the parties. but it is likely that if Timber Cruiser Thomas Strader is found that both parties will deal rather roughly with him, as he is the cruiser who located the last parties after having built the cabins for the Easterners. He asserts his services have never been paid for, but all the Eastern parties hold receipts for money paid for the construction of their cabins.

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General News.

Naval Governor Seaton Schroeder, of Tillamook Athletic Club on Wednesday the Island of Guam, who has arrived at offer for the sale of its property, subject evening, it was ascertained that the Honolulu, reports the occurrence of a executive committee had made arrange. severe and prolonged series of earth | Persons in a position to know the course ments to secure rooms over the Head quakes which have raised the level of the light office for a club house and also an island some six inches. The shocks were accompanied by loud subterranean rum-

> Under skillful treatment at the New York Zoological Gardens, in Bronx Park a deadly cobra which recently broke his jaw in a fit of violent rage, is on the road to recovery. The dressing on the head of the poisonous creature has been renewed with considerable difficulty. As a sting from the reptile means death, the operation of applying a dressing to the cobra is a most perilous task.

With the object of stemming the wholesale emigration of young girls to America, which is occasioning the Hungarian Government considerable concern, Premier De Szello has a circular letter to the local authorities of Hungary, calling the authorities only permit minors to emigrate when sanctioned to do so by their parents or guardians and when Mrs. Dophia Jensen has been enjoying they travel in charge of adults.

The German bark Alsternixe, which was stranded on the lower end of Sand Island on the Columbia bar the night of February 9, was kedged off into deep water at high tide Monday, and is now anchored in the lower harbor. She had been moving gradually for seveaal days in answer to the strain which had been kept on the four steel hawsers laid out to the big kedge anchors. It is believed that the big bark is entirely uninjured, except perhaps that a few rivets through her bottom plates have been broken off, which causes her to leak slightly.

The discovery of oil near Mount Iov Square, has created great interest and has raised hopes that the old bogland throughout Ireland may prove similarly productive. A sample of the Dublin oil, which has been examined by experts, was pronounced to be of good, clear quality. It was discovered in the basement of an ordinary house, built on reclaimed bogland, and it was said that a copious flow has continued since the find was made five weeks ago. Experts attach much importance to the matter.

The corpse of Ira W. Dawkins with a bullet through the top of the head was found in his cabin in the Walla Walla River bottom below Freewater. J. A. Rogers, who was found in an adjoining room, stated that Dawkins had committed suicide. It looks like a case of murder. A jury was empanneled Monday, and after viewing the scene gave a verdict that Dawkins came to his death at the hands of a party or parties not known. Considerable mystery surrounds the case, and no arrests had been made. Dawkins was an elderly man, who did not enjoy good health. A shotgun was found near the body, but as the head was not powder-burned the witnesses did not think he could have shot himself.

Two members of a party of four have met death from cold in the Tensas River swamps, and it is feared that the remaining members of the party have met a similar fate. W. H. Noble, a planter of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, accompanied by two negro men and a negro steadily from the mouth of one of the woman as servants, left Monroe, La., Willie Wilson! Fighting again? Didn't last Sunday for a hunting trip in the last Sunday's lesson teach you that swamps. On Friday a dog belonging to when you are struck on one cheek you the planter returned home and searching parties were at once dispatched. The frozen bodies of one of the negroes and the woman were found huddled beneath a clump of bushes. Noble and the second Timber Cruiser Located Same negro man have not been found, although search has been made.

Maurice Edgerton, a young English nobleman, is believed to be lost in the Yukon wilds. He left Dawson in October with a party of hunters after big game near the source of the White River. The party has not been heard from since. though Edgerton expected to return to Dawson by Christmas. Prospectors rerespective claims. Saturday they again turning from the region where they intended to hunt saw nothing of Edgerton's party. He belongs to a wealthy family, from Brownsville, Or., had jumped his father being a baronet and owning a towmhouse in Mayfair, London. The and breaking into their cabins. Word Dawson police are making a thorough search at the request of Edgerton's relatives, who wired from Chicago.

> Judge Newburger of New York has sentenced Frank Polina, an Italian, to six years in Sing Sing Prison, for forg. ery. The court, lawyers and others interested in the case say that Folina is a second "Jim the Penman," and one of second "Jim the Penman," and one of the eleverest forgers ever sentenced in the court. There were several complaints whose names had been forged to checks the cause of his own loss. Nelson's sheep for various sums, the forger, by the use of a pane of glass, making correct imitations. L. W. Simmons, the teller who cashed the checks, wrote Judge Newburger as follows: "I hope that you will take into consideration the fact that I have lost nearly all the savings of a life. time, as I was obliged to make good to my employers for the checks. The forgeries would deceive any teller, no mat ter how long experienced."

The officials of the Panama Canal Company are maintaining a rigid reserve concerning their plans. One of the chief officers said it was considered delicate stage of the negotiations, not to Heavy Teaming is a Specialty with us. throw anything into the discussion dred more were either fatally burned, sults. At the company's headquarters

great activity has been shown since the receipt of the advices from Attorney-General Knox accepting the company's to the ratification of the United States. of the negotiations do not consider the attitude of the company antagonistic to the position of the United States. The officials continue to take an optimistic view of the successful close of the transaction, as they consider that the position of the company is such that the purchase can be consummated by an extra session of the Senate, in case no action is taken before March 4.

A suit for damages for \$20,000 or account of a whipping administered in St. Louis was brought in Kansas City, Kan., against James Cochran by the man now serving a sentence in the St. Louis workhouse, and known as Lieutenant-Colonel F. Seymour Bassington" member of the nobility. Bassington, who was identified as a noted criminal, married Cochran's sister on what she later ascertained were false claims of wealth and position, and as the result of a scuffle with her brother, Bassington was sent to the workhouse. The suit was filed by Colonel John I. Martin, sergeant-at-arms of the last Democratic National Convention.

Behind a decision handed down by the United States Court of Appeals in the case of R. D. McDougall against the Northwest Commercial Company, there is a pathetic story of suffering. The case was brought by McDougall, who re covered judgment in the second district of Alaska. The appeal was taken to the Appeliate Court. All the papers were sealed in a box and given in charge of Charles Low who started from Nome overland for Seattle. In the party were Low, Dr. Miller and a man named Griswold. When Illiamna Bay was reached. Dr. Miller perished from the cold. The others decided that their only hope to reach Scattle was to leave all their incumbrances behind, so they pushed on, after burying the box containing the records of the case. An effort was made to perfect the records from memory, but it was ineffectual, and the court was forced to dismiss the appeal, because of

the incompleteness of the record. The body of William McKay, a trapper well known in Trinity County, was found on South Fork Mountain, four miles west of Hyampom, last Monday.
The discovery was due to the trapper's faithful dog. McKay and his dog were inseparable companions. On Monday. when the dog appeared at A. S. Fltch. It seemed to him the dog's actions meant that he wished the man to follow him, and he decided to do so. The delighted animal led the way to his master's cabin but the dog did not wish to stop there, and Fletcher continued on behind him tramping two miles further through the deep snow, where, sitting by the base of tree, was McKay, cold and stiff in eath. The dog licked the trappers face and showed almost human intelligence Fletcher went to Hyampom to help to remove the body, and later message was sent to Weaverville to who summoned a jury. It is Cornor, believed that McKay became exhausted or sick, and, sitting down by the tree, dropped to sleep and was frozen to death.

Struck Artesian Water.

CASTLE ROCK. Or., Feb. 33 .- A flow of arcesian water, estimated to be suffifirst successful artesian wells in Eastern The stream does not rise so Oregon. high as at first on account of changes the surface, but the quantity is said to be about the same. The operations near the mouth of Dead Canyon are being carried on by about ten men.

The strike, has caused a boom all over the arid country on both sides of the Every available claim on the Klickitat side for miles has been staked and double-staked first as desert claims and again as oil or natural gas claims. A rush has also began on the Morrow County side. Fifty men it is reported have just filed desert claims in a body along the Columbia between Coyote and Stokes Station, with the intention of bringing a drilling outfit immediately starting boring for artesian water. For the first time in its history there is a demand for the sage and sand of North-ern Morrow for purposes other than

Winter sheep range. Ritzville men were in Walla Walla vesterday filing on claims on the Wash ington side of the river.

600 Sheep Perish in Burning Shed

HEPPNER, Or., Feb. 24 -A horrible rolocaust in were consumed occurred about 75 mile of Wheeler County. The ghastly affair took place about two weeks ago, but there has been little communication between Heppner and that district since, and word of the cruel disaster has just reached here.

were running on winter range his home ranch, and during the colder spells were sheltered under a large shed. This particularly cold day, Nelson, while tending the sheep, accompanied by his children, built a fire in the shed. He thought he put it out when they all when home at night. Later that night Nelson's sheepherder

appeared, and found the fire reviving. The herder thought he, too, had extinguished it when he went home.

Then a gale blew up and fanned the

dving embers to a blaze. The shed caught fire and there was no one near. Nelson's house was far removed, and not a soul heard the struggling and crying of the

burning sheep.

A scene of desolation with hundreds of to 107, and in Russia, to 81. of the utmost importance, owing to the crisp and blistered carcasses awaited the wher when he reappeared. Four hundred were dead,

The loss is \$1600.

SEEING FOOTBALL BY PROXY.

Blind Enthusiast in England Who Rever Misses a Match When He Can Get There.

Blind since he was four years old, a well-known Blackburn (England) man is a self-taught musician, playing the piano and other instruments by ear and earning his living by that accomplishment. Many blind people, however, are musicians, and that is not the curious thing about Mike, says Golden Penny. His penchant is not only for music but for football. If you ask him on Saturday night where he has been in the afternoon, he will invariably tell you he has been to "see" a football A blind man going to see a football match-Nonsense! not nonsense. Mike is so fond of football-especially of his own pet team. the Blackburn Rovers-that he never misses a match if he can possibly help it in the season, frequently traveling with the team to matches out of town -not for the purpose of playing music or coppers. as some may suppose; no. he goes purely and simply to "see the game."

True, he sees it by proxy. He stands among the crowd, and as the shouts go up and the remarks and criticisms of those about him are expressed, he can follow the game as keenly as any man. and when time is called he will tell you more about the details of the match than anyone else. Mike is proud of the fact that he has scarcely missed seeing a match on a Saturday afternoon for the last 20 years-to say nothing of extra games on other days.

HOW ERMINES ARE CAPTURED. An Ingenious Method Is Employed by the Trapper to Save the

Fur from Harm, Perfect fur, of the delicate ermine at least, would be marred by the ordinary snare, so the trapper devises as cunning a death for the ermine as the ermine devises when it darts up through the snow with its spear teeth clutched in the throat of a poor rabbit, writes Agnes C. Laut, in Leslie's Monthly. Semaring his hunting knife with grease, he lays it across the track. The little ermine comes trotting in dots and dashes and gallops and dives to the That greasy smell of meat it knows, but that frost-silvered bit of steel is something new. The knife is frosted like ice. Ice, the ermine has licked, so he licks the knife. But alas for the resemblance between ice and Ice turns to water under the warm tongue; steel turns to fire that blisters and holds the foolish little stoat by his inquisitive tongue, a hopeless prisoner till the trapper comes. And, lest marauding wolverine or lynx should come first and gobble up price less ermine, the trapper comes soon. And that is the end for the ermine.

MISFORTUNE OF AN HEIRESS. The Owner of Arran Isle Misses Ducal Title Because She Was Not Born & Boy.

The recent visit of King Edward to the Island of Arran, on the coast of Scotland, recalls the extraordinary luck of the present duke of Hamilton and the misfortune of the owner of Arran in not being born a boy, ob serves the Chicago Record-Herald present duke succeeded to the title in he most roundabout way. He is decentred from the fourth duke, and his one pranched off in 1742 when Lord Anne Hamilton (who had been named after Queen Anne) married. The senior branch of the Hamiltons from the fifth to the twelfth dukes, after reigning 173 years, became extinct in the male line, leaving plain Alfred Douglas Hamilton the dukedom. The late duke, whose mother was a princess of Baden, and whose sister be came princess of Monaca, left an only daughter, who is now 18. She owns almost the whole of Arran, which is one of the most beautiful spots in the United Kingdom and has not become

TO PRESERVE OUR FORESTS.

vulgarized by holiday makers.

Clubwomen of Many States Are Interesting Themselves in the Work of Saving the Trees.

Clubwomen are working in many states for forest preservation. They have taken an active part in the agita tion in Pennsylvania, which has resulted in the proservation of 700,000 acres of forest lands, placing that state at the head of all in this matter. Woman's club at Wilkesbarre has been especially interested, securing the appointment of a forester to care for forests in the vicinity.

The Maine federation has a committee on forest preservation. Maryland and Delaware are trying to save their evergreens, of which the states are being denuded at Christmas time. Now Jersey wants to raise a fund of \$100,000 for forestry parks along the palisades. Clubwomen of Wisconsin have planted hundreds of trees during the last few years. Minnesota women, says the Detroit Free Press, have labored unceasingly to secure a permanent forest reservation at the headwaters of the

In Europe's Armies.

Out of every thousand men from the ages of 21 to 60 there are in service in France 58.4; in Germany, 48; in Russia, 43; in Austria, 34, and in Italy, 30. In case of war these figures are increased in Germany to 139; tria, to 96; in France, to 171; in Italy,

Great Gold Tears.

The last five years of the nineteenth century produced more gold than the entire output of the seventeenth cenTRADING IN FURS TO-DAY.

Some Interesting Particulars of the Business in the Hudson Bay Country.

First of all, when an Indian arrives to trade at a Hudson bay post, then, furs in the pack must be sorted, silver fcx worth \$500 separated from cross fox and blue and white worth from ten dollars down, secording to quality, and from common red fox, worth less. Twenty years ago, says an article on Hudson Bay company, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, it was no unusual thing for the Hudson Bay company to send to England yearly 10. 000 cross fox skins, 7,000 blue, 100,000 red, half a dozen silver. Few wolf skins are in the trapper's pack, unless particularly fine specimens of brown aretie and white arctic, bought as a curiosity, and not for value as skins. Against the wolf the trapper wages war as against a pest that destroys other game, and not for its skin. Next to muskrat, the most plentiful fur will that of the rabbit or varying hare. Buffalo was once the staple of the hunter. What the buffalo was, the white rabbit is to-day. From it the Indian gets clothing, tepee covers, blankets, thongs, food. From it. the white man who is a manufacturer of furs gets gray fox and chinchilla, and seal in imitation. Except one year in seven. when a rabbit plague spares the land by cutting down their prolific numbers, the varying hare is plentiful enough to sustain the Indian.

MEMORIAL BELL FOR AUTHOR.

Maine Pastor Who Wrote Memorable Lines Remembered in a Unique Manner.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," said the poet most truly. It is an immortality which comes in larger measure to but a chosen few. One of these lives in the heart of every school boy who has declaimed from the rostrum on Friday afternoon the stirring words of "Spartacus."

He may not know whose brain fathered the lines he is making embryotic oratory out of, but the author lives or, nevertheless. The late Rev. Elijah Kellogg, for 50 years pastor of the Congregational church in Hauswell, Me., was the writer of those oft spoken verses, says the New York Herald.

In recognition of his writings, as well as his long pastorate, a memorial bell to his memory has been recently hung in the belfry of the house of worship whose pulpit he filled so long with his kindly presence. His ministry extended over a wide field in the pastorate along the shore of Casco Bay. and many out on the deep, as well as those safe in the harbor of refuge, will hear the far sounding deep tones of the new bell and glow with remembrance of a good man gone to a well earned rest from his labors.

COSTLIEST DRINK ON RECORD.

That Queen Victoria Took When She Conferred the Title of Dake on the Earl of Fife.

What is probably the costliest drink on record, cost its recipient \$1,750, says Philadelphia Press.

When the earl of Fife-as he was then-became the husband of Princess Louise of Wales, Queen Victoria, at the wedding breakfast which followed the happy ceremony, drank to the "health of the duke of Fife."

The drink cost the semi-royal bridecoom the amos his letters patent confirming the dukedom. Letters patent accompany the con-

ferring of a title on an individual. They take the form of a royal mandamus, and the issuing of the documents is a costly matter, which has to be borne by the ennobled; \$500 is practically the amount of the fee a new knight has to pay for the letters patent conveying the royal authority. baronet's liabilities are about the

When a "Mr." or "Sir" is advised of the royal intention to elevate either to the dignity of baron, the letters patent conveying the royal authority carries with it a fee of \$750; of a vis count, \$1,000, an earl, \$1,250, a marquis, \$1,500 and a duke, \$1,750.

The New Field Gus

It has been decided by Sesretary Root that the new field gun to be supplied to the artillery of the army will be a combination of the best points of the field guns designed by Herr Erhardt, the German expert, and Capt Wheeler, of the ordnance department. The chief feature of the Erhardt gun which will be incorporated in the new gun to be manufac tured is the breech mechanism. The chief distinguishing characteristic of the new gun from the old is the three foot long recoil. This prevents the kicking of the gun carriage from its riginal position when the gun is

A Trick of Sailors. Sailors have a very simple, and what

is said to be a very effective way of determining the edible or nonedible qualities of any new varieties of fish they may happen to run across. In the water in which the fish is boiled is placed a bright silver coin. If the in retains its natural color during the boiling process the fish is good to eat. But if it turns dark, the food is

Scotland's Wedding Day. A favorite wedding day in Scotland

is December 1, so that the young couple can leave their old life with the old year and begin their married life

Jews at Brooklyn Bridge.

Twenty thousand Jews visited the Brooklyn bridge recently, where, Tesament in hand, they prayed over the water that their sins be forgiven.

A QUEER COMBINATION.

Corset Maker and Doctor in Pag Join Forces and Do Thriving

One of the shrewdest business con binations on record has been forme in Paris by two sisters, one of who a doctor and the other a corse

maker. Since they have joined forces the have been receiving more busines than they can comfortably attend to Customers calling are first ushere

into the doctor's consulting-room. There they undergo a regular med ical examination. They have to an swer the usual practitioner's ques-tions, the pulse is felt, lungs sounded heart listened to and so on. The doctor then writes out a pre

scription-in other words an exact de scription of the kind of corset which the build or state of health of each cus tomer requires that she shall wear.

They are then ushered into the room where the sister presides ove

her branch of the business and take the measurements in strict accordance with the medical instructions. The partnership of stay-maker and physician has proved so successful that, although the charges made are on the highest scale of the corse

CHOOSING A WIFE BY MUSIC

trade, consulting-room and fitting

shop are always crowded.

Novel Scheme of a German Professo for Ascertaining the Feminine Temperament,

A German professor proposes to solve the difficulty some people seen to have in choosing a wife by "trial by music." reports the London Express Everything depends on the taste of the subject under study. If she prefers waltz music, and above all Strauss intoxicating strains, she is certainly frivolous. If she loves Beethoven she is artistic, but not practical. Does she prefer Liszt? Then she is ambi tions; while a devotee of Mozart would be rather prudish. Why an admire of Offenbach should be cunning is no very clear; but remembering the op era of "Faust" it is easy to understand that any girl preferring Gounod mus

be romantic and tender hearted. It is hard upon Flotow that because his music is out of fashion a taste for it denotes a vulgar soul; while Gott schalk fares little better, pleasing according to the German professor only the superficial. Massenet is sup posed to attract the timid; while a de rotion to Wagner's music is a distinct proof of egotism. Saint Saens, how ever, is a composer the admiration for whom denotes a girl of intelligence and well balanced character

EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS TO COOL

Lava Streams from Mexican Volenne Joralio, Still Hot Beneath the Surface.

It is scientifically reported that the lava streams from Vesuvius in 1850 were so bot 12 years later that steam was issuing from the cracks and erer ices, while the lava oeds from the erup tion of Etna in 1787 were found to be steaming hot just below the top crust

as late as 1840, says Stray Stories. But still more remarkable are the scientific reports of the volcane Jorullo, in Mexico. This sent forth immense streams of lava in 1759. It 1780 the lava beds were examined by party of scientists and that a stick thrust into the crevices in stantly ignited, although there was no discomfort experienced in walking on the hardened crust.

Again, some 40 years after the erup tion, it was visited by scientists and reported to be steaming in many places, and even 87 years after the eruption two columns of steaming vapor were found to be issuing from the crevices. Sometimes the upper crus of such a stream of lava cools so that plants and lichens make a precariou growth on the surface, while a few feet beneath the lava is almost red

ANTI-DYSPEPSIA DIET.

Swedes and Norwegians Know Nothing About the Indigestible Foods of Americans.

"Dyspepsia would no longer be the national disease in America if the pe ple of this country would adopt a plain diet similar to that of Norway and Sweden. Gout is unknown among Swedes and Norwegians, and the rost cheeks and clear complexions of the young people of those countries are the result of the simple food the chil dren eat," the United States consul si Bergon, Norway, says. "Hot rolls and white bread are rarely seen in Sweden Knackbrode or hard bread is the stand ard article of food. It is made of ground oats and rye. There is no yeast in the brend, and it is rolled into this wafers, which are baked and hung up where they will keep perfectly dry Swedes eat this bread and drink milk for two meals a day and have one mea at which they eat meat and potatoes Sweets are almost unknown. Children are allowed to eat candy only on state occasions."

Cholera in East Indies.

The latest reports state that more than 16.000 people have died of cheera in Egypt in the last two months and the same disease is making great inroads in the East Indies. If con weather sets in there will be no date ger, but if it does not then the healts boards and quarantine authorites had better keep a watch on the poru

Boers in the Transvasi. It is estimated that already 9,000 Boer families have been settled on the farms in the Transvaal.