## Commissioners' Court.

There was a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last week, with County Judge H. F. Goodspeed and Commissioners H. V. Alley and Geo. W. Bodyfelt present, when the following business was transacted:

Claim of Beall & Co. for $6,522 for machinery was continued.

In the matter of the S. H. Rock road, the county clerk was ordered to advertise for bids for the clearing of right of way.

In the matter of contracts for bridges, the bid of E. E. Cross for the construction of a bridge across the Little Nestucca river at what is known as the Yack place was accepted in the sum of $760.00; and that of the bridge at what is known as the Rocky Ford was also let to E. E. Cross for $730.00.

In the matter of bids for the construction of the Wilson river bridge at what is known as the Keifer place on the north fork, E. E. Cross was awarded the contract for $3,560.

The bid of Walter D. Wood for the Wilson river bridge and that of T. R. Wilson for the Little Nestucca bridge were rejected.

In the matter of bids for piling, that of James Christensen was accepted at $3.50 per piliug, 16 inches in diameter and 35 feet long.

In the matter of the approval of the plat of Base Line addition to Bay City the same was approved.

In the matter of the approval of Sea View Park, the same was approved.

In the matter of the Wilson River road in regard to the communication from the United Railways Company offering $30,000 for the benefit of that road, which appeared in the Headlight of last week, the same appearing favorable to the court, the matter was continued for further consideration.

In the matter of the incorporation of the town of Bay City, the Whitney Company having filed objections, the boundaries were changed so that there shall be excluded from said corporation all territory included within the boundaries set out in the petition lying south of the line of block 20, Bar View addition to Bay City as the same now appears on record, extending east to the eastern boundary line of said proposed corporation, and also all of said lands lying west of the east side of Adams street and south of the south line of Clay street, extended in said Bar View addition to Bay City, whereupon the Whitney Company withdrew any further objections to said proposed corporation. W. S. Cone having presented objections, the same were overruled.

The petition to incorporate having been granted, the court ordered the election to be held on Monday, July 11.

In the matter of advertising for bids for a bridge across Kelchis river, the county clerk was instructed to advertise for a steel bridge.

Work in R.D. No. 5.

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| John Helmeyer and team | 119.25 |
| Lon Lyster and team | 58.25 |
| Fred Durham | 52.75 |
| Edgar Elkins | 22.75 |
| Ted Lyster and team | 84.75 |
| E. G. Anderson and team | 81.70 |
| Ab Griest | 37.00 |

Work in R.D. No. 2.

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|---|---|
| Wm. Hoskins, team | 11.25 |
| John Cramloff | 39.75 |
| Chas. Cramloff | 27.25 |
| H. Cramloff | 41.00 |
| John Gallagher | 44.50 |
| Robert Kennedy | 53.00 |
| Frank Hobson | 48.50 |
| Paul Jones | 18.50 |
| Chas. Hobson | 45.50 |
| Bob Leslie | 24.75 |
| Grant Marshall | 39.75 |
| Willis Thompson | 39.00 |
| Al Fuhrs and team | 73.50 |
| Warren Hoskins | 15.25 |
| Dept. Johnson and team | 63.00 |
| Dan Walling | 18.00 |
| Henry Mitchell and team | 56.50 |
| L. L. Smith | 7.75 |
| Frank Johnson | 2.75 |
| Wm. Gillum and team | 5.50 |

Work in R.D. No. 2.

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|---|---|
| Pete Hangen | 29.00 |
| Chas. Benson | 42.00 |
| Emil Hellenbuyck | 33.00 |
| Will Sutton | 41.00 |
| Frank Hobson | 47.00 |
| Andy Haugen | 11.40 |
| W. E. Illingworth | 6.00 |
| Wm. Gheen | 29.00 |
| Chas. Kyle | 23.00 |
| Ray Vincent | 13.00 |
| Chas. Kohon | 46.00 |
| Wm. Smith | 8.25 |
| Miss Clara Sutton | 40.00 |
| Will Hicky, team | 50.00 |
| W. E. Illingworth and team | 5.00 |

Work in R. D. No. 3.

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|---|---|
| Hings and team | 87.50 |
| Snyder | 45.00 |
| um aad team | 92.50 |
| ggenbotham and team | 92.50 |
| elledrege | 32.00 |
| elledrege | 24.50 |
| elledrege | 27 50 |
| Dye | 45.00 |
| Lucas and team | 87.50 |
| ngley and team | 52.50 |
| e and team | 52.00 |
| Tillamook Meat Co. and team | 46.00 |
| J. Williams | 11.50 |
| J. Boatman | 10.75 |
| Wm. Jolly | 10.00 |
| E. W. Devall | 7.50 |
| H. Wist | 7.50 |
| T. Lucas | 1.25 |

Work in R.D. No. 3.

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|---|---|
| J. H. Hicks, man and team | 49.00 |
| J. H. Hicks, team | 44.50 |
| Julias Beebehiser | 34.50 |
| Archy Beebehiser | 32.25 |
| R. W. Doughty | 32.00 |
| D. A. Simmons, team | 59.00 |
| A. E. Nichols, team | 55.00 |
| T. Haugen, team | 27.50 |
| W. C. Trombley, team | 32.25 |
| Frank Pike | 12.50 |
| Henry Elington | 10.00 |
| Amos Vaugh, team | 15.00 |
| A. B. Wade | 2.50 |

Work in R.D. No. 1.

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|---|---|
| J. R. Hicks | 37.50 |
| John Hykkel | 32.50 |
| W. S. Linkhart | 35.00 |
| Paul Wabke | 30.00 |
| Joseph Angelo | 10.00 |
| Gilbert Zaddach, team | 15.00 |
| G. Worthington | 2.00 |
| Chas. Easom and team | 6.50 |
| Fred Hill | 5.00 |
| Emil Fagerson | 5.00 |
| G. W. Wilkes | 55.00 |
| Chester Wilkes and team | 102.50 |
| I. H. Deacon | 38.74 |
| Bob Radicar | 22.50 |
| C. V. Preston and team | 10.00 |
| John Larsen | 22.50 |
| Jim Huff and team | 13.75 |
| W. H. Handy | 10.00 |
| M. L. Handy | 10.00 |
| Bert Cownit | 6.00 |
| Arnold Hanson and team | 7.50 |
| E. K. Turpen and team | 15.00 |
| H. K. Thompson and team | 10.00 |
| T. H. Pitts | 68.75 |
| Gordon Pitts | 77.75 |
| Lester Pitts | 81.25 |
| B. Palmer | 17.00 |
| A. Miller | 17.50 |
| J. Vanhove | 50,00 |
| C. L. Alley | 2.25 |
| J. West | 16.25 |
| J. Bishop | 4.75 |
| A. De Bauw | 5.00 |
| A. Seghers | 50.00 |
| W. Zottman | 2.50 |

Work in R. D. No. 4.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bill Smith | 46.50 |
| Willard Johnson | 26.00 |
| Albert Miles | 46.50 |
| J. A. Folks and team | 71.00 |
| H. B. Johnson | 104.00 |
| Joe Blazer and team | 38.00 |
| Roy Maine and team | 41.00 |
| F. W. Berger and team | 34.50 |
| Ike Wells | 19.00 |
| A. M. Myers | 11.50 |
| C. R. Fonk | 48.50 |
| P. Maroff and team | 49.50 |
| Sam Parren and team | 33.50 |
| Riley Simmons and team | 43.50 |
| Beecher Folks | 22.00 |
| Gladys Folks | 5.00 |
| M. Johnson | 3.25 |
| C. Pearson and team | 31.00 |
| B. E. Mason | 23.75 |
| W. R. Lesly | 22.00 |
| A. Brown | 5.75 |
| Loney Imohof | 1.00 |
| Frank Hedeger | 2.00 |
| Rant Markus | 4.50 |
| George Belshart | 1.25 |
| Frank Lanclott | 3.25 |
| B. E. Turner | 27.00 |
| Olvin Bloom and team | 46.00 |
| Ed Bloom | 13.75 |
| Elmer Hall | 17.50 |
| M. Johnson damages in hauling gravel | 25.00 |

Work in R. D. No. 3.

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|---|---|
| K. Kummerlle | 2.00 |
| D. D. West | 3.25 |
| Russel Brooks | 8.25 |
| Chester Hunter | 8.00 |
| C. J. Kuper | 11.70 |
| John Redders | 3.75 |
| Frank Paul | 5.00 |
| J. H. Kuper | 1.25 |
| C. Randall | 18.80 |

Work in R. D. No. 6.

| | |
|---|---|
| H. P. Ollis | 15.00 |
| Henry Mathews | 51.75 |
| A. Arstill, team | 48.75 |
| A. Arstill and team | 67.50 |
| John Imlah | 42.50 |
| James Imlah | 5.00 |
| Bert Ray | 36.25 |
| Ole Lane | 21.25 |
| Lucious Lane | 26.25 |
| David Imlah | 23.50 |
| James Bodyfelt | 36.25 |
| E. H. Cross | 15.00 |
| Cliff Mattoon | 28.75 |
| Orley Kellow | 7.50 |
| Chas. Gannon | 7.50 |
| H. Foster | 7.50 |
| Lee Afolter | 14.00 |
| A. Resch | 2.00 |
| Dell Winters | 9.50 |
| Ed Green | 9.50 |
| Arnold Afolter | 24.00 |
| Oscar Taggart | 26.50 |
| Thomas Augustine | 15.50 |
| John Afolter | 14.25 |
| James Sutton | 5.50 |
| Carl Casper | 14.50 |
| Ward Sappington | 24.25 |
| Tom McKnight | 17.50 |
| St. Baur | 15.50 |

Cost bill State vs. Jacob Hill.

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|---|---|
| Joe Effenberger | 5.25 |
| Pleasent Allen | 18.50 |

Cost bill State vs. W. Kopeiske.

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| E. W. Stanley | 4.95 |
| Miss Owens, interperter | 2.50 |
| W. G. Harris " | 5.00 |

Cost bill State vs. George Regan.

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|---|---|
| E. W. Stanley | 7.90 |
| D. E. Dawson | 1.70 |
| Mrs. F. Leitheiser | 1.70 |
| Frank Leitheiser | 1.70 |
| A. S. Lane, building fence | 10.00 |
| E. W. Stanley, cost bill State vs. F. J. Smith | 4.35 |
| E. W. Stanley, cost bill State vs. M. T. Rickard | 6.70 |
| E. W. Stanley, cost bill State vs. L. H. Kenney | 10.40 |
| Joe Effenberger, cost bill State vs. A. Ruatsataintan | 3.75 |
| W. S. Edwards, road work | 7.50 |
| Rosenberg Bros., mch | 125.07 |
| Plasker Bros., mch | 31.41 |
| W. C. Thun, road work | 11.24 |
| Tillamook Lumber Mfg. Co., Lumber | 262.55 |
| F. Dye, et al, work | 31.50 |
| H. V. Alley, salary | 50.20 |
| Geo. W. Bodyfelt, salary | 29.00 |
| F. J. Ayer, salary | 101.20 |
| J. H. Hicks, road work | 47.60 |
| J. M. Baker, road work | 64.50 |
| Henry Allington, burning carcas | 5.00 |
| Walter Baker, stamps | 5.00 |
| Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co | 14.60 |
| A. M. Commons, damages | 200.76 |
| Fred Scherzinger, damages | 127.76 |
| A. W. Fetcher, damages | 41.50 |
| A. M. Hare, salary | 100.00 |
| J. H. Johnson, salary | 50.00 |
| J. C. Holden, salary | 133.33 |
| K. Mills, salary | 50.00 |
| Pearl Phelps, salary | 50.00 |
| H. Crenshaw, salary | 133.33 |
| John Aschim, salary | 50.00 |
| W. D Bodyfelt, salary | 39.00 |
| W. D. Bodyfelt, board of prisoners | 83.25 |
| W. S. Buel, salary | 83.33 |
| J. E. Reedy, salary as county veterinarian | 50.00 |
| J. C. Holden, incidentals | 9.25 |
| Chas Pike, witness fees | 3.40 |
| H. M. Todd, witness fees | 3.40 |
| Emmett Jenkins, witness fees | 2.20 |
| Ed Snodgrass, repairs | 1.50 |
| Glass & Prudhomme Co., mch | 88.05 |
| Irwin Hodson Co., mch | 31.50 |
| R. T. Boals, prof. attendance | 8.00 |
| King & Smith, mch | 8.60 |
| Alex McNair, mch | 1.35 |
| W. H. Hoskins, salary | 39.00 |
| A. Arstill, salary | 58.50 |
| H. B. Johnson, salary | 66.00 |
| Fred Zaddach, salary | 54.00 |
| L. M. Buel, 8th grade examination | 9.00 |
| Bertha Hanson, do | 9.00 |
| Nelson & Co., mch | 1.60 |
| R. F. Zachmann, mch | 164.95 |
| C. M. Vidito, board | 7.00 |
| Herald, printing | 2.75 |
| J. J. Spencer, watching insane | 22.00 |
| J. J. Spencer, expenses insane case | 30.00 |
| J. C. Bewley, truant officer | 7.02 |
| John Hickey, salary | 75.00 |
| W. S. Randall, salary | 57.00 |
| I. M. Smith, insane | 6.50 |
| P. W. Todd, salary | 45.83 |
| P. B. Vainciel, expense account on booklet | 91.45 |
| Wheeler Lumber Co. lumber | 20.00 |
| J. M. Potter, wood | 28.00 |
| W. D. Gladwell, lumber | 298.46 |
| E. E. Cross, Jackson bridge | 1100.00 |
| Reierson Machinery Co., mch | 59.63 |
| D. W. Gilbert & Sons, mch | 51.01 |
| Wood & Stillwell, Netarts road | 750.00 |
| F. C. Skomp, et al road work | 35.00 |
| King & Smith, mch | 386.80 |
| I. F. Larsen, mch | 15.00 |
| W. R. Illingworth, board | 8.00 |

Work in R.D. No. 5.

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|---|---|
| Frank Simeral | 77.70 |
| Frank Greist | 86.10 |
| Elmer Davis | 17.25 |
| R. Huston | 62.00 |
| Ira Spencer | 2.50 |
| Alvis Curl | 57.00 |
| Roy Sailing | 3.50 |
| George Hielmyer | 56.00 |
| Arthur Coffee | 48.00 |
| Fred Lyster | 4.75 |
| W. Warnell | 43.25 |
| Fritz Drebert | 39.25 |
| Jake Huston | 42.00 |
| Lee Lyster | 6.00 |
| Harley Curl | 28.00 |
| Elmer Davis and team | 76.50 |
| C. Wooley and team | 72.00 |
| A. Davison | 28.00 |
| J. C. Creecy and team | 69.00 |
| Roy Blanchard and team | 59.50 |
| O. J. Johnson | 22.25 |
| Henry Smith and team | 46.00 |
| Wesley Lawyer | 18.50 |
| Carl Percetti | 14.50 |
| G. W. Hielmyer | 12.25 |
| Amel Wooley | 37.25 |
| Edward Elkins | 8.50 |

Work in R.D. No. 5.

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|---|---|
| R. O. Richards | 40.50 |
| Adam Lipen | 5.00 |
| John Moon | 40.75 |
| Jim Woods | 8.75 |
| Eddie Creecy | 24.75 |
| Wesley Lawyer | 18.75 |
| E. E. Rowland | 7.50 |
| Hans Jensen | 40.00 |

**Stomach Troubles.**

Many remarkable cures of stomach have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Lamar's drug store.

**Sore Nipples.**

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale at Lamar's drug store.

## HE WON THE CROWN.

**The Ancient Story of the "Bloody Hand of Ulster."**

The emblem of the Ulster steamship line is a huge red hand, from the wrist of which is flowing drops of blood. An official of one of the vessels of the line gave this explanation of the queer device:

"It was in the early days of Ireland, when James I. was king and when Ireland was divided into four provinces, that the king of Ulster died. He had two sons, who were devoted to each other and who at the time of their father's death were on the isle of Aaron, Scotland. In those days the eldest son did not always succeed the father on the throne.

"They were brave lads, these two sons of the old king, and upon learning of the death of their father each planned to race across the channel and be the first to place his hand upon the soil of Antrim and thus become king of all the north.

"With eight men each they started off from Mullcantry. On nearing the shores of the isles the youngest prince, whose name was Neill, seeing that his brother was in a fair way to become king, drew his sword, placed his left hand on the side of the boat and cut it off at the wrist.

"Quickly seizing the dripping hand, he threw it on shore and thus won the crown. Since that time, it is told, the bloody hand of Uister has led to victory on many a hard fought field as emblem on the shields of the young king and his followers. Ulster's name, whether in trade or war or sport or on a steamship line, is known by this sign."—Philadelphia North American.

## PROVED HIS WORDS.

**Still, the Philosopher Didn't Like It When Death Called.**

A certain philosopher was in the habit of saying whenever he heard that an old friend had passed away: "Ah, well, death comes to us all! It is no new thing. It is what we must expect. Pass me the butter, my dear. Yes, death comes to all, and my friend's time had come."

Now, Death overheard these philosophical remarks at different times, and one day he showed himself to the philosopher.

"I am Death," said he simply.

"Go away!" said the man in a panic. "I am not ready for you."

"Yes, but it is one of your favorite truisms that Death comes to all, and I am but proving your words."

"Go away! You are dreadful!"

"No more dreadful than I always am. But why have you changed so? You have never feared the death that has come to your friends. I never heard you sigh when I carried off your old companions. You have always said, 'It is the way of all flesh.' Shall I make an exception in favor of your flesh?"

"Yes, for I am not ready."

"But I am. Your time has come. Do not repine. Your friends will go on buttering their toast. They will take it as philosophically as you have taken every other death."

And the philosopher and Death departed on a long journey together.—Charles Battell Loomis.

**About Sneezing.**

Hospital nurses when assisting at a delicate operation have their own way of suppressing a cough or a sneeze. The operator's attention must not be distracted for a moment. Coughs and sneezes, too, spread germs on surfaces carefully rendered antiseptic. So every nurse soon learns to press her finger hard on the upper lip immediately below the nose when she feels a cough or a sneeze coming on. A pressure in the neighborhood of the ear, too, or a hard pressure on the roof of the mouth will nip a cough in the bud. And the will has great power to control a cough or a sneeze.

There was a French surgeon who used to say whenever he entered the wards of the hospital, "The first patient who coughs gets no food today." This method was usually successful.—Chicago News.

**What Came Up.**

A young man wishing to have a bit of fun at a farmer's expense passed a few remarks about his cattle and his garden and then said he had set some lettuce and cabbage which had not grown up.

Then the farmer said:

"Oh, that's nothing! I set some carrot seeds, and what do you think came up?"

"Don't know," replied the young man.

Farmer—Why, old Brown's donkey, and ate the lot.—Newark Star.

**The Turnip.**

The turnip is supposed to be a native of Asia and Europe. It has been cultivated for centuries. The wild East Indian turnip is said to be remotely kin to the edible turnip. It is the size of a walnut and first tasted is sweetish, but in a moment the taster's tongue feels as though it were pricked by a hundred hot needles, and he feels like expectorating for hours after. It is the country boy's favorite medium for a joke on the visiting town boy.

**Work and Worry.**

"So you think worry kills more people than work?"

"I'm sure of it," replied the sarcastic scientist.

"Why?"

"Because so many people find it easier than work and devote their time to it."—Washington Star.

For who knows most, him loss of time most grieves.—Dante.

## MARCO POLO'S BOOK.

**It Gave Columbus the Idea For His Voyage of Discovery.**

Mediaeval Europe knew but very little of eastern and northeastern Asia. Many of the most learned cosmographers of the time taught that Asia stretched eastward indefinitely, and no one imagined that it had an eastern coast washed by the ocean. It was seriously taught that eastern Asia was a land of vast swamps, inhabited by monster serpents and dragons. This was the opinion that still prevailed up to within 200 years of the time of Columbus.

At this time two Venetian merchants of the name of Polo went on a vast trading expedition to the uttermost parts of Asia. They were gone many years. Upon their return the son of one of them, a young man named Marco Polo, wrote out a full account of their travels, described the empire of the grand khan (the Chinese emperor) and revealed the fact that Asia was bounded on the east by a vast ocean. He described this eastern coast minutely, with all its vast cities and its wealth of precious stones and spices.

It was from reading this book that the imagination of Columbus was fired, and he conceived the bold idea of reaching this eastern coast of Asia by sailing toward the west around the earth.

So when he discovered Cuba he had not a doubt that he had landed upon the coast of Asia and that he looked upon the same scenes that Marco Polo had gazed upon 200 years before.

## HEIGHT OF ELEPHANTS.

**In the Majority of Cases It Is Under Eight Feet.**

The average term of an elephant's life, although there is no precise information on the point, is seventy or eighty years. The elephant is not in full vigor and strength till thirty-five. The most ready way of forming an approximate idea of the age is by the amount of turnover of the upper edge of the ear. In young animals, sometimes up to the age of eight or nine years, the edge is quite straight. It, however, then begins to turn over, and by the time the animal is thirty the edges lap over to the extent of an inch, and between this age and sixty this increases to two inches or slightly more.

Extravagant ideas are held as to the height of an elephant. Such a thing as an elephant measuring ten feet at the shoulder does not exist in India or Burma. Sanderson, an admitted authority on the subject, said the largest male he ever met with measured nine feet ten inches and the tallest female eight feet five inches. The majority of elephants, however, are below eight feet, and an animal rarely reaches nine feet, the female being slightly shorter than the male. The carcass of an elephant seven feet four inches tall weighed in portions gave a total weight of 3,000 pounds, so an elephant weighing two tons should be common enough. The skin was about three-fourths of an inch thick.

**Kind Words Mean Much.**

Cultivate kindness of heart; think well of your fellow men; look with charity upon the shortcomings in their lives. Do a good turn for them as opportunity offers and, finally, don't forget the kind word at the right time. How much a word of kindness, encouragement or appreciation means to others sometimes and how little it costs us to give it. We do not need to wait for some special occasion. When calamity overtakes a friend words of sympathy and encouragement are offered sincerely enough, yet in certain respects as a matter of course. Such an occasion calls for expression on our part, and we naturally respond. But why wait for occasion? Why not speak the kind word when there is no special occasion?

**The Roman Senate.**

The Roman senate had for many centuries but 300 members, selected from the patricians, or aristocrats. The office of senator was for life. The body was practically supreme in matters of legislation and administration. The majority of votes decided a question, and the order in which the voting took place was invariably determined by rank, beginning with the president and ending with the quastors. The senators wore on their tunics a broad purple stripe—a badge of distinction, like a modern decoration—and they had the exclusive right of precedence at theaters, the amphitheater and all other public gatherings.

**What She Wanted.**

"Are you fond of etchings?" asked the young man who had taken the hostess' pretty niece down to supper.

"As a general thing, yes," she answered, looking up into his eyes with an engaging frankness that threatened havoc to his heart, "but," she added hastily as he started to say something pretty, "not any tonight, thank you; it is rather late. A small piece of cake will be sufficient."

**Prima Facie Evidence.**

The late Lord Morris on one occasion gave a characteristic illustration of the meaning of "prima facie evidence."

"If," he said to the jury, "you saw a man coming out of a public house wiping his mouth, that would be prima facie evidence that he had been having a drink."

**Friendship.**

False friendship, like the ivy, decays and ruins the walls it embraces, but true friendship gives new life and animation to the object it supports.

## HOW IT HAPPENED.

**The Explanation of the Automobile Driver and a Climax.**

After the victim of the accident was carried to the sidewalk the automobile driver turned his machine and came back and explained how it happened with considerable warmth.

"This woman," he volubly remarked to the policeman, "was entirely to blame. She ran around from ahead of the street car and deliberately put herself in my way. After she had dodged the coal cart it was too late for me to stop. I couldn't tell which way she was going, and when I saw that she was dazed and foolish I jammed on the brakes and tried to pass to the left, but of course she had to run the same way, and the consequence was that in endeavoring to avoid a baby carriage with twins in it and an old man who was walking with a crutch I suppose I must have hit her. But I wasn't going more than two miles an hour, and any woman who would dodge around in that foolish way and lose her head shouldn't be permitted to go on the streets without a bunch of guardians."

The policeman nodded.

"Come over to the sidewalk," he said, "and take a look at her."

So the driver went to the curb with the officer and looked at the unfortunate creature who had so actively contributed to her own disaster.

And, lo, it was only a dressmaker's dummy that had fallen off the rear of a delivery wagon! — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## HIS ONLY REGRET.

**The Sorrow That Consumed Bichat When He Was Dying.**

Over a century ago died Xavier Bichat, the famous physician and anatomist, author of "L'Anatomie Generale." He probably dissected more human corpses than any other man in the world's history. He established a record when he opened 625 bodies during one winter.

Of his nerve a tale is told. When he lay on his deathbed he called his colleagues to him and said: "Dear friends, I am done, but what comforts me is the fact that my case is a remarkable one. I have had unusual symptoms for some days which I have analyzed. They have greatly surprised me." The doctors sought to reassure him. He answered that he was under no illusion with regard to himself. "I shall die fairly satisfied with my life and go to the grave with only one regret, one great sorrow."

"What is that?" he was asked. "I am distressed that after death I cannot dissect my own body. I could, I am certain, have made some beautiful scientific discoveries." Then he sank back, murmuring: "I must not think about it. It won't bear thinking of."—Westminster Gazette.

**The Pearl Hunters' Superstition.**

The pearl hunters of Borneo and the adjacent islands have a peculiar superstition. When they open shells in search of pearls they take every ninth find, whether it be large or small, and put it into a bottle, which is kept corked with a dead man's finger. The pearls in the vial are known as "seed pearls" or "breeding pearls," and the native Borneose firmly believes that they will reproduce their kind. For every pearl put into the vial two grains of rice are thrown in for the pearls to "feed upon." Some whites in Borneo believe as firmly in the superstition as the natives do, and almost every hut along the coast has its "dead finger" bottle, with from nine to fifty seed pearls and twice that number of rice grains carefully and evenly stowed away among them. That no results follow does not dim the superstition.

**The Wonderful Toad Bone.**

All early writers attribute wonderful qualities to toads and frogs and the various parts of their bodies. Pliny believed, for instance, that if a toad was brought into the midst of a mob or other large and unruly concourse of people "silence would instantly prevail." A small bone found in the right side of toads "of the proper age" was also believed to have powers over the various elements. "By throwing this bone into a vessel of boiling water," says Pliny, "it will immediately cool it, the water refusing to boil again until the bone has been removed. To find this bone, expose the dead toad on an ant hill. When the ants have eaten her all away except the bones, take each bone separately and drop it into boiling water. Thus may the wondrous toad bone be discovered."

**An Ancient Astronomer.**

About 500 B. C. Anaxagoras of Ionia was born. When he "grew up in wisdom" he was the first to teach the course and cause of both solar and lunar eclipses and to give his followers rules whereby they could distinguish planets from fixed stars. He was punished for declaring that the sun was not a god.

**Another Way.**

Student—I want some information about the bronzes. I suppose I had better write to the keeper? Attendant—Yes, miss, or you might see him verbally!—London Punch.

**The Degrees.**

"What are the degrees of a stingy man's married life?"

"I suppose they are matrimony, parsimony, testimony and alimony."—Baltimore American.

A crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures and talk but a tinkling cymbal where there is no love.—Bacon.