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## THE OSHKOSH TURNS TURTLE ON BAR.

(Continued from first page.) capsize house was torn completely off.

Captain Thomas Latham, master of the schooner Oshkosh, was for many years one of the best known mariners engaged in the coasting trade. He was a native of Wales, 58 years of age, and came to Astoria in 1872 as an apprentice on the British bark Channel Light. He worked for the late Captain George Flavel, as a deck hand in the tug boat service, and in 1878 became mate of the old tug B. I. Brenham. One year later he was appointed a pilot on the bar and served in that capacity for 11 years. He was also employed for a time on the steamer General Miles, plying between this port and Gray's Harbor. In 1880 he went to Alaska, as master of the steamer Columbia, and ran for about five years on the mail route between Juneau and Skagway. Returning to Astoria, he joined the Elmore fleet of coasting vessels, and took command of the ill-fated Oshkosh, when she was built in 1880. Captain Latham left a widow, but no children. William K. Deane was about 45 years of age and came here a few years ago from Coos Bay. He was part owner in the craft as was his brother Charles Deane, who is now in San Francisco arranging for the construction of another vessel. Mr. Deane left a widow and two young sons. The Oshkosh was built at North Bend in 1889. She was a craft of 123 tons net and was equipped with 200 horse-power engines.

### High School Flashes.

Sickness is still holding her own in the school, and although a few of those who have been sick returned the first of the week, there are at present about one-third of the seats which are vacant.

The inter-class and society basketball games which were played at the Opera House Friday night were interesting in the extreme. In the inter-society game the Emersonians with the aid of an old player and through a streak of luck outclassed their opponents the Ciceronians, the final score being 10 to 5. The Ciceronian team was badly broken because of sickness, three of their best men being unable to play, which necessitated the using of Mr. Scofield and Clarence Stanley. In the game between the Junior and Sophomore teams there was a bitter struggle from start to finish. The experience of the older classmen helped them and because of this fact the younger men were at last outclassed not from lack of quality in their playing but because the older men had nearly all been first team stars in the past. The final score was 8 to 2. Much good material was shown in these games.

Gladys Beals and Jennie Blanchard have been teaching down stairs the past week because of the sickness of Mrs. Leach and Miss Ester Fisher.

The Emersonian program was very good considering the number of their members who were sick. A great deal of laughter was created by the rendering of comic songs, recitations and a dialogue which added much to amusement

of those present. After society the members of the Ciceronians adjourned to the Commercial room and the two societies proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. The Emersonian officers are: Benly Stam, Pres.; Myron Blanchard, Vice-Pres.; Helen Beals, Sec. and Treas.; Eva Wheeler, Pianoist; Fay Todd, Critic; and Harry Ebinger, Sergeant at arms. Those elected by the Ciceronians were: John Ebinger, Pres.; Oscar Aschim, Vice Pres.; Daisie Goodspeed, Sec. and Treas.; Elbert Ginn, Critic; Helen Stam, Pianoist; and Horace Sappington, Sergeant at arms. It is not hard to see that with the corps of officers which each society has that the fight will be a stiff one for the championship this year.

The Sophomores are digging at Geometry at present, it being the study which takes the place of Algebra in the last semester.

The Freshmen have also taken up a new study, at present their being Botany.

The debating team which has been digging so faithfully at the question, "Resolved that the Chinese Exclusion Act should be extended to all Asiatic people," for the past two weeks, will meet Seaside's team at that place on Saturday, Feb. 18, if the boat makes connections right. We did our best to secure the debate for this place, but the Seaside team protested against coming here and our team will have to go there in order to stay in the league. The team which are to go to Seaside are Benly Stam, Elbert Ginn and Myron Blanchard.

It is a bad thing when politics enters the school to the extent that half the school are absent in one day. But this came near being the case Monday. Education first; then Politics.

### Foley.

The Foley peaks are still capped with snow. While they make a pretty picture, the chilly winds from that direction have a bad effect on a person's wood pile.

We notice a number of teams passing through Foley loaded with new machinery to be installed in the cheese factory at Balm, which will be opened up for business in the near future. This will be a good thing for the farmers of that vicinity who have been handicapped for the last few years owing to its shutdown.

Miss Winifred Spencer, who has been to the county seat for a few days taking teacher's examination, returned Friday accompanied by Mrs. Emmet Bales, and her little son, Lenori.

Miss Daisy Tomlinson was delighted the other day, on receipt of a Valentine from County School Superintendent Buel, in the form of a diploma informing her she had passed the 8th grade successfully.

The Balm School has sent word they are coming up to Foley Friday evening to have a regular old-fashioned spelling match. We hope they will bring their spellers with them. We have got ours.

We learn the school in the Crane district will be opened up again in the near future, owing to a division of the district on the Niama.

### For Sale.

One young sow and six pigs. Six two years old heifers, to freshen in spring.—For sale see Frank Tone.

## SPOILED THE ACT.

An Incident That Enraged the Actor and Amused the Audience.

Some years ago a melodrama was being performed in a country theater, the chief actor in which had made himself, from his haughty and overbearing conduct, disliked by all. In the last scene he was supposed to visit the tombs of his ancestors. In the center of the stage upon a marble pedestal stood the statue of his father. A heavy fold of drapery covered the figure. Enter Albert, who thus addressed the statue:

"I am here once again to gaze upon those features which in life so often looked on me with tenderest affection. Father, my mourning son now comes to pay thee adoration. Let me remove the veil which from the vulgar gaze shields the beloved image of a once dear parent!"

Off went the drapery, and, behold, there was disclosed the statue of the father gracefully standing upon its head.

The effect cannot be described. It was electric. The shouts of laughter which followed the mistake of the super effectually put an end to the scene, which changed to the next as quickly as possible amid the jeers of the audience, the anger of the manager and the uncontrollable rage of the actor.—London Telegraph.

## THE PARISIAN CABMAN.

A Deadly Verbal Insult That Will Render Him Speechless.

A discreet knowledge of slang is a very useful accomplishment for the stranger or the foreign resident in Paris. Thus if a cabman is rude or more than usually extortionate or if he splashes you with mud from head to foot as he passes and then turns around to grin at the damage done, and cochers frequently do these things, an inadequate command of the niceties of the French language leaves all the advantages on his side.

You might call him "idiot" or "sauvage," but this would only tickle him. If, however, you were able to shout "Va donc, Collignon!" the result of the encounter would be at once wholly in your favor.

To say "Collignon" to a cocher is the supreme insult. It leaves him gasping and further speech on his side useless. It is easy to understand why.

Collignon was a coachman who as long ago as 1835 went to the house of a poor professor and murdered him because he had protested against an overcharge. It is satisfactory to know that Collignon was promptly tried, sentenced to death and guillotined. To this day, then, "Va Collignon!" remains the last word.—Paris Cor. New York Sun.

### His Inspiration.

"Isn't inspiration a queer thing?" "I suppose so. What about it?"

"Why, a few weeks ago I had a red-hot squabble with my wife over a dressmaker's bill, and when I came down to the office I was mad enough to chew spikes. Then I sat down at my desk and wrote a little poem on 'Help the Erring Brother with a Single Kindly Word!' And, say, those verses, born of bitterness and nourished by anger, have been copied in the leading newspapers all over the country! How's that?"

"Fine. Why don't you improve on the idea?"

"How?"

"Why, get mad enough to beat up your wife, set fire to the house, shoot a policeman—and then write an epic that will go thundering down the ages."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Made His Position Clear.

An old Pennsylvania German living in the mountains had a hard three hours' dusty walk to accomplish one morning, and he rose very early to make his start. He had gone but a little way when he was overtaken by an automobile. The driver picked up the old man, and they were at his destination in about twenty minutes.

"Thanks so much awfully mit de ride. If I had known myself to be here already two hours in front of de clock yet I vud be at home fast asleep already to start unless I knew you vud not have picked me up since."—House-keeper.

### Scottish Students' Dress.

The Scottish university student has a code of etiquette in clothes as strict as that of Eton or of Harrow. And into it the straw hat enters. On Sept. 15, be the weather ever so bleak, the streets are full of what the small boys know as "strawbushers." On the 10th you will find never a one—a student's head, that is. As for the medical student, he seldom wears a straw hat at all or anything in its place. It is his pride to go bareheaded, as it is to wear a fancy waistcoat and turned up trouser ends. The arts and divinity men sedately avoid these last three fashions.—London Chronicle.

### The Forgotten Picture.

Mr. Hope Moncrieff recalls in "London" a curious story of Lord Hertford. The one noble taste he had was for the collection of pictures, which he is said to have hung with their faces to the wall. He once commissioned an agent to find him a picture which, it turned out, he had himself bought three or four years earlier!

### Doesn't Require Magic.

Closeted—I saw a magician last night who made ten dollar bills disappear as though they had never existed. Spendit—Huh! I can do that.—Philadelphia Record.

Fairy tales are made out of the dreams of the poor.—Lowell.

## BUSINESS LETTERS.

Write to a Man Just as You Would Talk to Him at Your Desk.

Business letter writing is no longer merely "correspondence," but "literature," and the correspondent who formerly wasted his precious breath on such inanities as "Yours received and contents duly noted" is now relegated to the "old school" class, and unless he is willing to adopt the new rules of letter writing he is likely to change not only his position, but find it necessary to change his vocation as well.

The up to date business man does not waste time indulging in the preliminaries of "I beg to acknowledge receipt" or "In reply would say," but goes straight to the subject at issue firmly, without frills, even eliminating the time worn advice, "Awaiting your early reply," and closing without the absurdity of "Begging to remain."

"Write to a man exactly as you would talk to him if he were sitting at your desk," is the maxim of one of the best authorities on letter writing in Chicago. By eliminating useless phrases having no bearing on the subject the business man not only saves his own time in dictating, but that of his stenographer in transcribing the notes. By the old method of letter writing the opening and closing of letters contained almost five lines of useless "form" matter which would average on 100 letters just 500 lines of superfluous effort.—Chicago Tribune.

## THE CRESCENT.

Legend of Its Adoption as an Emblem by the Turks.

The crescent has been known since time out of memory. In ancient mythology it decorated the foreheads of Diana and of Astarte, the Syrian Venus. In the days of Rome's greatest glory the ladies wore it as an ornament in their hair.

Since the foundation of Constantinople, the ancient Byzantium, it has been the emblem of the city and as such adorns its walls and public buildings, besides being stamped on its coins and postage. The legend which accounts for its universal adoption in Turkey, and Constantinople in particular, is as follows:

Philip of Macedon laid siege to the city in the year 340 B. C. He chose a night of unusual darkness for the proposed assault, but was foiled by the moon suddenly breaking from behind a cloud. In commemoration of this providential deliverance the crescent was adopted as the symbol of the city. The Mohammedan sultans were slow to assume this emblem until some one mentioned that it was the symbol of increasing greatness, power changing as rapidly as the phases of the moon.—Westminster Gazette.

### Federal Homestead Laws.

The federal homestead laws begin with the act of 1862, now a part of the United States revised statutes. Their policy is to give portions of the public lands to those who will settle, cultivate and make permanent homes upon them. Any person who is the head of a family or who is twenty-one years of age and is a citizen of the United States or who has filed his declaration of intention to become such may acquire a tract of unappropriated public land, not exceeding 160 acres, on condition of settlement, cultivation and continuous occupancy as a home by him for the period of five years and the payment of certain moderate fees. It is expressly declared that no lands acquired under this statute shall in any event become liable to any debt contracted prior to the issuing of the patent therefor by the government to the settler.—New York American.

### Cheap Family History.

Even in political defeat there are compensations. A Washington heights man who aspired to office tells of one that he discovered.

"Must have cost you a pile of money to run, didn't it?" a friend asked.

"About \$1,600, but still I came out \$400 ahead."

"How?" said the friend.

"On genealogical research. My wife has a society bee in her bonnet and had about agreed to pay a man \$2,000 to look up my family history, but when I became a candidate my opponents did that for me and saved us the money."—New York Times.

### Eight Lions.

There are eight lions known the world over—the lion of St. Mark's in Venice, the four lions at the base of the Nelson monument in Trafalgar square, the lion of Waterloo, the lion of Lucerne and the lion of Chaerones. Ruskin in his "Stones of Venice" said that the lion of St. Mark's was the one lion the fierce expression of which no artist had ever been able to reproduce. The beast of bronze has the distinction also of wearing a pair of wings.—London Graphic.

### Why He Left.

Long—Why did you leave the place where you formerly boarded?

Short—Because the landlady had too much curiosity.

Long—In what direction?

Short—Oh, she was continuously asking me when I was going to pay my board bill.—Chicago News.

### The Next Question.

"Dora's invited to a swell party," said the mother.

"How much will the gown cost?" asked the father, who knew what was coming.—Detroit Free Press.

### Not a Freshman.

Caller—I didn't know your son was at college. Is this his freshman year?

Mrs. Bunderoy—Oh, no, indeed! He's a sophomore.—Boston Transcript.

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## THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH AND BAPTISM.

### I.—The Place of Christian Baptism.

- 1.—It is in the Great Commission. Matt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15, 16.
- 2.—It is commanded in the first gospel sermon. Acts 2:38.
- 3.—It is the last step of the soul into Christ. Gal. 3:27. One cannot preach a full gospel and leave out Baptism.

### II.—The Form of Baptism. Rom. 6:17.

- 1.—Meaning of the Greek word *baptizo*—"to immerse, to submerge, to dip."
  - No Greek scholar ever translated it sprinkle or pour.
  - 2.—How it was done for the first 700 years. Rom. 6:4.
  - 3.—How the change was made. In 753, Pope Stephen II. permitted the sprinkling of babies not well enough to be immersed; sprinkling was made a law by Catholic Council at Ravenna, 1311.
- Whom will you take—the Pope or Christ?

### III.—Prerequisites of Baptism.

- 1.—Faith, Mk. 16:16; Acts 18:8.
  - 2.—Repentance, Acts 2:38.
  - 3.—Confession, Rom. 10:9; I. John 4:15.
- Therefore an infant cannot be Scripturally baptized.

### IV.—Purpose of Baptism.

- 1.—Unto remission of past sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16.
  - 2.—Gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38.
  - 3.—Into the name of Christ, Acts 19:5, the time when we receive the name Christian.
  - 4.—Into Christ and his church. Gal. 3:27; Eph. 1:22, 23.
- "THERE IS ONE BAPTISM." Eph. 4:5.

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