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CUT OFF AT 93 YEARS.

Boers Who Lamented the Early Demise of a Successful Ancestor.

The English have governed in South Africa for 100 years, driving into the desert the Dutch who wish to be independent, says the Youths' Companion. But the strange Boer race—which is not exactly Dutch but a strong mixture of several races, including almost as strong a mixture of French Huguenot blood as of the blood of Holland, and including also a dash of German, English, and Scottish—always comes uppermost in the affairs of the colonies.

At this day, the "Africans," or Dutch-speaking colonials, bear sway by virtue of their majority in Cape Colony itself. An Austrian traveler, Herr von Hubner, tells why this is so. The Boers love South Africa, and have no desire to live anywhere else. They have taken deep root in the soil. They have completely adapted themselves to the climate and conditions of life. They live to a great age, and great families of children are born to them.

Herr von Hubner visited a family of French Huguenot origin, Hugo, by name, which was in mourning for the head of the family. The family had mostly assembled on account of the old man's death, and there was a great crowd.

"How many descendants did Herr Hugo leave?" the visitor asked. "He had 202 in all," was the answer, "but there are only 211 living now."

"How did he happen to die?" "That is what no one can tell," they answered, shaking their heads. "He never had a sick day in his life, he never took to his bed, and he seemed to drop off all at once. It is a profound mystery."

"But how old was he?" "Only 93."

No such English-speaking patriarchs as this are found. The English abandon the country as soon as they can; if they must remain to complete the making of a fortune, or to earn a livelihood, they send their children "home" to England to be educated.

The Boers of French origin are proud of it, and even call themselves French sometimes, but they do not speak a word of the French language. They are as completely assimilated to the Boer nationality as any European emigrant in the second generation in America is to ours.

STILL CLOSING OUT

At Cost, But Not For Long

The stock is rapidly diminishing. I had fully expected that I might be able to clean up by March 1st, but it takes a little more time. However, I've made a tremendous clean up of things in the seven weeks since commencing. Had another large purchaser from an outside point yesterday. A few more deals like that will take big ends of the stock. Have two more in prospect now.

Don't delay your coming if you want to get a bargain. You'll not offend us by looking. Come in and take your time, we're glad to have you. Everything is plainly marked and you'll be sure to find things you need, all at cost.

There are many good shoes left. Lots of ladies' 2 1/2 to 3 1/2.

Lots of men's 9 to 10.

Exact cost on these means money to the purchaser.

Some ladies' good purses.

Some ladies' fine handkerchiefs.

Some fine manure scissors.

Some fine China pieces and a lot of other things you can see at exact cost and in some cases less.

WIGGINS' BAZAAR,

307 Commercial St.

two, and their weight will be less than seventy-five pounds.

Charles Jarrott and C. G. Wridgway are the motor experts who have made the predictions noted above, and the former now has a model of one of the new machines on the way to this country. This machine, he says, is built on lines similar to the lines of the bicycle now in vogue, excepting that some of the parts are made heavier, to stand the added weight of the motor.

The latter, of two and a half horse power capacity, is placed at one side of the rear wheel, and is balanced by a "gyroscope," or enclosed fly wheel, on the other side. The machine is said to be capable of attaining a speed of forty miles an hour and of climbing any grade that a strong cyclist, unaided, can climb. Pedals are attached to the machine, and may be used at the rider's pleasure.

Wheels of this style, it is stated, will be built by several cycle manufacturing concerns in this country. Other concerns are preparing to compete in the new field with both motor bicycles and motor tricycles. Many advantages are claimed for the latter over the former, but their cost will be greater.

By way of demonstrating the effectiveness and speed of the new class of vehicles all kinds of road records, and particularly city to city roads, are to be attacked in the spring and early summer. It is also probable that American made motor cycles will be represented in the famous Bordeaux-Paris race and other foreign motor contests. Among riders of American machines abroad will be Henri Fournier, Charles Jarrott, C. G. Wridgway and possibly E. C. Bald and "Tom" Cooper.

The first of the motor cycles of American make are expected to be on the market early in May, if not before. Many cyclists will regard these new machines much in the light of an experiment, notwithstanding the claims made for them.—New York Herald.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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We should do everything we can for others, if only to dissipate the thought of what they omit to do for us.

If we hope to instruct others, says Coleridge, we should familiarize our own minds to some fixed and determinate principles of action.

No great deed is done By falterers who ask for certainty.—George Eliot. "The Spanish Gypsy."

Men always consider women unjust to them when they fail to defy their weaknesses.

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BUT ONE OFFICE

O. H. G. A. HAS CLOSED ITS HEAD-QUARTERS IN PORTLAND.

Head Office Will be in Salem—The Association Yesterday Accepted An Order for 500 Bales.

James Winstanley, of the executive committee of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association, yesterday gave out the following statement:

"After consultation with the resident directors of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association at Portland, the executive committee has decided to close the association's office at that place. The samples and office supplies will be consolidated with the Salem office. The association's work will hereafter be conducted from this point under one management.

"The sales committee accepted an order for 500 bales of hops this morning at a better price than could be obtained for some time past. The association also has received inquiry from several parties desiring to place larger orders.

"The Eastern market seems to be stimulated, so that the association may reasonably expect to effect considerable sales in the near future.

"Twine has already been contracted for and contracts for burlap and other supplies will shortly be made.

(Signed) Executive Board, O. H. G. A."

THE SCHOOL FUND

SWELLED BY TAX ON INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Largest Single Payment on Last Year—Business Made Yesterday—Five Companies Settled.

(From Daily, March 1st.)

The tax on insurance companies, now being collected by the state treasury department, is bringing considerable money into the state school fund. There are fifty-four fire insurance companies doing business in the state, a large number of life companies, and several plate glass, employers' liability, and guaranty concerns, and all of these are required to pay 2 per cent on their net receipts. The general agents or state managers of these companies are required to make a sworn statement of their business to the state insurance department, the amount of gross receipts, the premiums returned, the losses paid, and the net business; on the latter amount the tax, to be paid into the school fund, is to be computed. This statement, the law requires, must be filed during the month of January following the year for which it is made, and the tax must be paid before March 1st. Most of the companies doing business in the state have already made their payments, but some few are still to be heard from. Among those paying yesterday were the following: The largest single payment, thus far received, being among them:

- Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York—Gross receipts, \$102,427.79; losses paid, \$25,455.94; net receipts, \$76,971.85; tax paid, \$1,539.44.
- Merchants Insurance Company—Gross, \$17,187.49; returned premiums, \$5,380.50; losses paid, \$2,418.98; net receipts, \$9,387.92; tax, \$187.75.
- Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company—Gross receipts, \$8785.69; losses paid, \$2,812.02; net receipts, \$5,973.67; tax, \$119.48.
- The Thames & Mersey Marine Insurance Company, Ltd.—Gross receipts \$5794.72; returned premiums, \$3748; losses paid, \$54; net business, \$5682.74; tax, \$113.65.
- The United States Fire Insurance Company—Gross, \$7756.46; returned premiums, \$1247.78; losses paid, \$1786.68; net receipts, \$4742; tax, \$94.84.

BORN

LEE.—At West Salem, Oregon, on Thursday, March 1, 1900, to the wife of John Lee, the Chinese gardener, a daughter.

DIED.

SWAINE.—At the family home in South Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, February 28, 1900, at 3:50 p. m., A. B. Swaine, aged 78 years, of heart disease.

DENCER.—At his farm home near Liberty, south of Salem, Wednesday afternoon, February 28, 1900, of Bright's disease, Jacob Dencer, aged about 42 years.

CUPP.—At the family home, five miles north of Jefferson, Wednesday, February 28, 1900, of typhoid pneumonia, Hobart, the 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Cupp.

LA BRANCH.—At the home on north High street, Thursday morning, March 1, 1900, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix La Branch.

SAVAGE.—At the family home in West Salem, Oregon, Thursday, March 1, 1900, at 8 p. m. Miss Bertha E. Savage aged 28 years, 6 months and 13 days, of tuberculosis.

Deceased was a popular young lady, and has numerous friends in this city. About two years ago she was graduated as a nurse from the Salem Hospital training school. About that time she became ill, and gradually sank, in spite of the efforts of her physicians and a devoted family, until her demise as indicated above. About two months ago her father preceded her to the better land. The funeral will be held to-morrow (Saturday), at 1 p. m. Interment will be had in Rural cemetery, south of this city.

What Can You Not Get For Money

Especially when you must have the article. At FRIEDMAN'S NEW RACKET you can buy a suit of clothes worth \$6 for \$4, or a suit worth \$10 for \$7, or a suit worth \$16 for \$11, or a boy's suit worth \$2.50 for \$1.65, or a pair of lace curtains worth \$4 for \$2.50, or a pair of French worsted hose worth 60c for 25c, or a yard of tablecloth worth 50c for 30c. In fact, those who have a little money can get more goods for it at Friedman's New Racket than any where else in the county.

What can you find at Friedman's New Racket? Nearly everything in the dry-goods, clothing and hat line, from a rubber coat to an umbrella. Corner State and Commercial streets, Salem, Oregon.

FRIEDMAN'S NEW RACKET

LOTS OF GOOD, CHOICE DRY GOODS AND SHOES

For Less Than Wholesale Cost.

I am closing out the fine dry goods and shoe stock formerly Willis Bros.' and I am selling lots of goods for less than it cost Willis Bros. Shoes to fit and suit everyone. Some at cost and some for less than cost.

Fine dress goods, silks, velvets, linings, laces, embroideries, ribbons, corsets, gloves, hosiery, underwear, etc., at cost and less than cost.

Auction Sales will continue Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 2 o'clock.

ISADORE GREENBAUM, 1st Door South of the Postoffice.

OREGON IS BLEST.

In the ordinary course of events we may expect a taste of March weather about next Monday or Tuesday, as the finger ends of the oppressive weather which visited the Middle West on Wednesday. But it will not come to us with the dreary and famishing accompaniments which characterize its visit to such a place as Chicago. At the worst, it will be only a blast of cold rain with a possible mixture of sleet in the valley, while the higher elevations may get a parting flurry of snow to carry off the remainder of the winter's deposit that may be still in the mountains, thus clearing the way for an early and comfortable spring. Of course, this visitation may not come at all, because Weather Prophet Pague, so long a loyal resident of Oregon, has been transferred to the East and may not allow the storm to come across the Rockies, but even if it should, there are no chills or horrible fears in contemplating it in advance.

But to think of a city like Chicago, sitting upon the shores of a great lake and open to its sweeping gales; buried upon short notice under a foot of snow; the thermometer crawling into the zero bulb, brings up a flood of thoughts as to the misery, discomfort and actual suffering which must necessarily result. It brings up also a feeling of pity for the unfortunate denizens of such a region, and it ought to suggest a feeling of thankfulness that we are situated in a country that knows no such hardships, no such dangers and no such tribulations—where we can move and work in the open air every day in the year with safety and comfort; where the birds can sing, and the flowers can bloom, and the children can play the whole year through without interruption. Verily, Oregon is truly blest.

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A LAND OF PROMISE.

Rev. Joseph Parker, the eminent English preacher, confesses that in his youth the sound of the name Van Diemen's Land—now known as Tasmania—powerfully affected his imagination. It was to him, as it has been to many youngsters, an appallingly mysterious place, but in time it lost its evil suggestion, and he tells how this came about in his recent book: "A Preacher's Life." At a Methodist meeting in the north of England the people had been singing a hymn in which the line: "We are marching through Emmanuel's ground," occurs, and at the close of the hymn one good old man, whose emotion was in excess of his intelligence, fervently prayed: "Grant that when this life is over every one of us may have a cottage in Van Diemen's land." The poor man somehow got it into his head, by some law of mental association which no one can fully explain, that Emmanuel's grounds and Van Diemen's Land were practically one and the same.—Youth's Companion.

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NO ONE NIGH.

Mother—I'm surprised at you! Couldn't you tell he was going to kiss you?

Daughter—Yes, ma, but there was no one for me to tell except him, and he knew it already.—Philadelphia Press.

No man's spirit was ever hurt by doing his duty; on the contrary, one good action, one temptation resisted, and overcome, one sacrifice of desire or interest, purely for conscience sake, will prove a cordial for weak and low spirits far beyond what indulgence or diversion can do for them.—Paley.

AN EXPLOSION.

An explosion of giant powder took place at the Sterling mine recently, doing damage to the amount of several hundred dollars, according to Southern Oregon papers. The Sterling mine is one of the most important placer mines on the coast and uses over one ton of giant powder each month in its operations. The powder that accidentally exploded at the mine Thursday had been frozen and was being "thawed out." The Sterling mine, which is owned by H. E. Ankeny, of Eugene and Vincent Cook, of Portland has been working to its full capacity for some time past. Its lucky proprietors anticipate a very good clean up during the approaching summer. The mine employs twenty-six men, and has its water supply from a ditch 2 1/2 miles in length, with a capacity of 2600 miners' inches of water, that was built an outlay of \$100,000. The work at this mine is in active operation for nine or ten months out of the year, running night and day.

AN ELECTRIC ELEVATOR.—R. M. Wade & Co. recently installed in their large implement house in this city, an electric elevator, which greatly facilitates the handling of machinery and the moving thereof from one floor to another. The elevator is operated by means of a 7 1/2 horse power motor and is capable of carrying two tons. It is a most decided improvement over the hand power elevator it displaced, and in its operation is very simple.

The oldest Daughter of the Revolution, Mrs. Sarah Doran Terry, who lives with her granddaughter in Philadelphia, is in her 103rd year, having been born at Pemberton, N. J., September 26, 1791. Her father, Stacy Doran, was a soldier of the revolution and the head of a prominent family. She rode in almost the first railroad cars, and she remarked while riding in an automobile carriage recently that this seemed a fulfillment of one of Mother Shipton's prophecies: "Carriages without horses shall go."

Kitchener is a good linguist, and a thoroughly practical one, as is shown by the way he learned Arabic, but he is perfectly aware that for everyday use among the common people its value is, to say the least, questionable. Accordingly, he has made himself quite at home with colloquial Arabic, and his advice to newcomers in Egypt invariably was to endeavor, first of all, to pick up the current talk in the streets and cafes.

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PROMPT PAYMENT.—The widow of William Burbee, deceased, and the heirs of Edward Arnold, deceased, have each received \$2000, the amount of the policies carried by these two men in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Burbee was a member of Protection Lodge No. 2, of this city; he was drowned in the latter part of January, near Junction City, while employed as a telephone lineman. Mr. Arnold was a member of Valley Lodge No. 18, also of this city, and died on January 29th. While the receipt of the money cannot replace the lost husbands and fathers, it will be a great help in the battle for existence, and the A. O. U. W. will long be remembered with gratitude by the sorrowing families.

HIP DISLOCATED.—About 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, N. M. Learned, who lives about three miles east of Salem on the Fruitland road, sustained a dislocation of the left hip besides being very severely bruised while removing stumps from his farm. The lever on the stump puller broke and, swinging back, struck Mr. Learned a terrific blow on the left hip, badly dislocating that member. It is not thought that Mr. Learned has sustained any internal injuries and that no serious results will follow.

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