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PUBLIC ROADS.—If there be any one thing more than another that demands more imperatively the attention of our legislators at present on behalf of the producing masses in the country, it is the road law. The present road law respecting the manner in which roads shall be made is worse than a dead letter. It yearly entails vast outlays of money and an immense deal of labor without any reasonable approach to satisfactory results.

A MYSTERY.—An old settler named Louis Mar, who has lived all his life in the country, on his claim about four miles below the Lower Cascades, on the Washington side, was found dead in a field back of his house several days since. He had been shot and found with his gun lying across his breast. One barrel of the gun, which was an old shot gun, was discharged, and it had evidently been placed across the body to give the impression that Mar had shot himself. It is supposed that the old man had some money by him, and that he was murdered on that account, as the house was ransacked and everything turned upside down. Two men who have been camped near the place are suspected of committing the murder, as they disappeared on the day it was committed, the boat in which they crossed the river having been found where they left it. The matter has been kept quiet in hope of securing the murderers. It is said that in addition to the gunshot wound there is a hole made by a rifle bullet through the breast.

SENDING OUT A SUPPLY.—State Superintendent McElroy is very busy to-day sending out the fall supply of goods to the county superintendents. The following blanks, registers, etc., are furnished by the state, viz.: district clerks' blank reports, teachers' blank reports, county superintendents' blank reports, county superintendents' registers, and record books (large and small), teachers' school registers, district clerks' record books, teachers' blank certificate books, receipt books for teachers' certificate fees, blank receipt books (state and county school funds) and blank receipt books for county treasurer.

THE STAYTON SUN.—Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Stayton Sun, is now before us and from a hasty glance must say that the Sun will be well edited by the enterprising business men of that city, which is the most essential part of any newspaper, especially so in it in regard to the editor's pocket book. The sun will shine forth under the care of T. H. McGill.

GREEN'S CONDITION.—The condition of Jack Green, the man who was in the wagon that went over the grade Tuesday, is reported no better. Jack has been sick for a number of years, and this accident will go very hard with him. His collar bone was found to be broken. His son is improving nicely, but it will be some time before he will be able to be out again.

ELECTRIC LIGHT MACHINERY.—Thus, Holman is in receipt of his machinery to be used in the electric light building. Owing to the number of extra lights that are to be put up, it becomes necessary for an addition of machinery to be added. The city will be lighted in a better way than it has been in the past.

SHIPPING HOPS.—W. J. Hutton is busy to-day, getting ready to ship another shipment of hops to the East. He has shipped a large quantity this season, and now has a large shipment at the O. R. & N. Co. wharf, ready to ship to Milwaukee, Wis., as soon as the boat comes up the river.

INSANE MAN.—U. C. Blakeslee was brought to the asylum yesterday, from Multnomah county. He is 53 years of age and the cause of his insanity is thought to be from family troubles. His wife is confined in the asylum at Stockton, Cal. The sight of this old gentleman is a sorrowful one to behold.

Don't forget to examine those new goods that have just arrived from the East, at Lunn & Brown's. They are just from the factory, and are of the latest styles. Go and see them.

A PLOT FOR A NOVEL.

How a Young Tombstone Agent Charmed an Old Woman and Has Willed to Him Untold Riches.

A gentleman in this city says the Walla Walla Statesman tells a story that would do credit to many fictitious tales. "Truth is stranger than fiction" has been quoted so often that it is almost threadbare, but like "Home, Sweet Home" it will never lose its significance or forfeit its truth. Very applicable is it to the present wonderful story.

Down in the Willamette valley there resided an old farmer and his wife, in every sense of the word happy and contented and withal well-to-do. But there came upon that household a very great grief; the death angel visited it and took away its staff; the aged farmer went to the home of his fathers. This left the old lady destitute and alone.

The companion of her declining years came to his long rest, no children to make her poor heart glad, she longed for some one in whom to confide, to whom she could look for help and comfort in her old age and her decrepitude.

A young tombstone agent traveling over that part of the country and being in search of dead people, heard of the death of her husband, and, learning also of her well-filled pockets, decided to visit her at her home and stay a few days and recuperate, having been traveling pretty faithfully for some time. It was his intention to make himself as useful as possible to the sorrowing lady and effectually work himself into her confidence and esteem, when he naturally expected to secure an order for a large and costly monument. He accordingly did as he had planned and was more successful than he had even dared to picture to himself, so much so that his hostess seemed to place the greatest confidence in him. He would carry in water, chop stove-wood, in fact do anything and everything to please her.

He had been there but a few days, and was beginning to think of approaching the subject of his fondest hopes, when she astonished him one day at the dinner table in a way that he had not even dreamed of. She suddenly asked him: "Do you know what I'm going to do?" The young man, of course, replied that he did not. She then said slowly and distinctly: "I'm going to will all my property and money to you. I like you and believe you are an honorable young man, and one who will take care of me in my old age." The young man, of course, tried to reason with her, and urged the propriety of such a move, but she still persisted in her determination to make him her heir. When he saw that she was determined in the matter, he agreed to do it with the exception that she should deed it to him for a consideration, so as to avoid any complications with relatives. The consideration was \$10. This ended a most peculiar bargain.

The young man is living on the farm, with the old lady, managing the farm and administering to her wants with the tenderness of a son. The property and money is estimated at about \$20,000. The names are not published because the parties do not desire publicity.

They can be found, however, at their home any day, persons curiously inclined desire to call.

This is indeed a most remarkably good plot for a novel. For instance the old folks could have lost a boy when very young, and this could prove to be the long lost son, etc., etc., ad libitum, ad infinitum. We merely suggest it; those who engage in weaving tales can fix it up to suit themselves.

The above has went the round of the Sound papers and a day or so ago the JOURNAL was in receipt of a letter from a well-known publishing house, inquiring as to whether the parties were known here or not, and whether it would be possible to obtain full and complete particulars in the matter. The JOURNAL made reply that no such an occurrence happened near Salem and that if the above case was so, then it must more likely have its headquarters near Eugene.

SHE WONT RING.

A Statement That Knocks the Bell Question Cold—List of Prizes Awarded, Etc.

Following is a statement of the writing school that has been going on in the public schools for the past month under Prof. Garrison.

PREMIUMS AWARDED. For the most improvement in writing in the whole school, Winnie Rigdon, of Miss D'Arcy's room, a copy of Longfellow's poems.

Best writer in the whole school, boy, Oswald West, of Mrs. Grubb's room, a copy of Shakespeare's works.

Best girl writer in whole school, Clara Wiley, of Mrs. Grubb's room, a copy of Tennyson's poems. For the most improvement in Miss Grubb's room, Edna Knight; Miss Allen's room, Frank Bowersox; Miss Van Wagner's room, Ray Parvin; Miss Litchfield's room, Florence Mosher; Miss McNary's room, Blanche Bell, Miss Gillingham's room, Tommy Townsend; Miss Newton's room, Ethel Van Eaton; Miss Mellen's room, Ernest Vandersol; Miss Northup's room, Anna Clark; Miss Cosper's room, Margaret Randle.

To the above scholars who made the most improvement, a premium of one dollar each was awarded each one.

Following is a financial statement of the doings.

Paid Mr. Garrison \$ 150 00 " to pupils leaving school 1 50 " for prizes, books and cases 16 00 Balance on hand 5 60 Total 173 10

By vote of the school it was argued to donate the balance on hand \$5.60 to the purchase of kindergarten materials for the use of the little schools.

Thus it will be seen from the above as the JOURNAL predicted that it would not prove such a financial success as was first supposed. There is no doubt but what an improvement has been made in the scholar's writing, but should they not have made this improvement under the faithful teaching of their teachers.

The matter is over now, and the JOURNAL has made its standpoint plain in regard to such doings in a public school. Its standpoint has been supported by it would seem from the above statement, at least three-fourths of the people of Salem. The proof is too plain to get around. It is a clear fact that it will take about 100 such doings at the school before enough net profit is realized to purchase a bell larger than a good-sized cow bell.

IT WAS A SUCCESS.—The Chicago Comedy Company made the hit of the season last evening by the rendition of that great five act play entitled "The Long Strike." Reed's opera house never held a more pleased audience. The play was of such a nature that it was easily comprehended by young as well as old, and so real were the scenes that the large audience were held in enrapt silence from one act to the other. Val. E. Love as "Noah Leary," leader of the strike, carried a difficult role, but so well did he carry it out that a number of times a ripple of applause would burst forth from the audience. Jas. A. Devlin, as usual, was the favorite in his leading character as a lawyer; Wildbird Luman in the part of "John Riley," an Irish sailor, completely carried the jest of laughter in his clever acting. Mortimer Snow also came in for his part of glory as "Jim Starkie." The most exciting scene of all and the one that was of most interest to the audience was that of the telegraph station. Devlin in this scene was enabled to play at full force and if he did not do so last evening then his strength as an actor has never been told. "Keep cool Jane" will long be remembered by those in attendance. To-night the company present "Colleen Bawn" which will no doubt score as great a success as "The Long Strike."

FOR THE POOR.—Everyone should bear in mind the musical and literary entertainment that is being prepared by Miss Leona Willis for the benefit of the poor and fatherless on Thanksgiving evening. When such well known musicians and elocutionists as Miss Pearl Scott and Miss Long and Messrs. Z. M. Parvin, J. B. Starr and J. H. Ross are to assist, it goes without saying that it will be a rare treat. The price of admission has been placed within the reach of all, being twenty-five cents for general admission, to all part of the house, and twenty-five cents extra for reserved seats. Look out for the programme on Saturday evening. Seats can be reserved at Patton's after Saturday morning. Let all turn out and help the poor.

A FINE PLACE.—The Candy Kitchen dining rooms are becoming more popular each day. The scene at meal times at this favorite eating place is a crowded one. The reasons for all this is that the proprietors are using their best endeavors to set good meals and also look after the comfort of their patrons. On Thanksgiving a special dinner will be served and you need not go to the trouble of cooking and baking for three or four days when you can enjoy as fine a dinner as the Candy Kitchen will serve.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—All who intend furnishing donations for the Thanksgiving dinner at the M. E. church, are requested to bring them not later than ten o'clock on Thanksgiving morning, as dinner will be served from twelve o'clock noon until three o'clock p. m.

THEY WANT IT.—In yesterday's Oregonian a correspondent from Newport writes that the business men of Newport will shortly organize a board of trade and start a movement on foot to build a four-foot gauge railway from this bay out to King's valley.

A board of trade will be made to induce the people of Salem to take hold of the project. It would be a more feasible road for them than one to Astoria. The advantages of this road to the people of Independence, Salem and Portland will probably be presented in detail before long by the Yaquina bay people. At present Yaquina city has no existence except by the courtesy of the Oregon Pacific road, as that company owns all the land on which people have been permitted to build stores and houses; but, if rumors are true, the company spring will see a change there, and a town laid off. The chances are that the business center of Yaquina bay will be at Yaquina city. Come ahead Brethren, Salem will do her part in the matter and don't you forget it. The move is a good one and the JOURNAL wishes to see it carried forward.

SAD NEWS.—About noon today H. A. Singleton, of Gibson & Singleton, received a telegram from San Jose, California, stating that his father was accidentally drowned. The telegram contained particulars and Mr. Singleton and his brother Walter, will leave on the evening train for San Jose. The trip will be as usual only a few weeks ago the brother came to Salem after spending a month visiting their father.

ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING A COW.—This morning a warrant was issued for the arrest of James Brown for shooting a cow in North Salem a short time ago. He was bound over to appear before the court tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THE BON TON.—Its no use to look further, the Bon Ton Restaurant is setting the best and most substantial meals of any eating house in the city.

Gibbs has been captured and has confessed to his guilt like a large number are doing that have never traded at Gilbert & Patterson's before.

Several cases of new goods arrived yesterday from the East at Lunn & Brown's. Call and see them.

The Electric street car company will soon be busy constructing their road up Chemekete street, during the meantime buy your groceries at Squire Farmer's.

FISH, FRESH.—The Baltimore fish market on Front street is the place to get your fish, poultry and game.

NEW ARRIVAL OF CLOAKS.—Something new, nobby and nice at Lunn & Brown's Commercial street.

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BORN. BERKHART.—To the wife of Joe. Berkhart, on Tuesday, November 19, 1889, a girl; weight ten pounds.

DIED. MILLER.—At the family residence four and one-half miles south-east of Turner, on Wednesday, November 20, 1889, Mr. Daniel Miller, aged 83 years.

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