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WILL BREAK TANNER'S RECORD YOUNG SALEM MAN FASTS THIRTY-FOUR DAYS

HAS GONE WITHOUT FOOD A MONTH

Says He Is Not Hungry and That the Lord Will Tell Him When to Eat

Going 34 days without anything to eat, and drinking nothing but hot water, is the record of Claude Barker, a young religious enthusiast of North Salem. Believing that the Lord would tell him when to break the fast, he refused to listen to the pleadings of his father and friends, who were doing all in their power to induce him to eat.

He is not doing penance for sins, or anything of the kind, but seems to think he is being led by the Lord, and at a wonderful power will be given to him, if he is faithful in keeping the fast.

Barker is a man of 25, and recently came to this city from the East. For a time he worked for the Oregon Nursery Company, but since beginning his fast he has not worked at all. Aside from the fact that he has dropped in weight from 180 to 130 pounds, he appears to be none the worse for his hot water diet. He walks around each day, and hardly ever fails to come to town at least once a day.

He belongs to the Friends church, of which Rev. J. B. Price, is the pastor, which is located in Highland Park. The pastor, like the members of the congregation, are at a loss to know what to do with their freak. He keeps

saying he thinks the Lord will allow him to break the fast soon, but every day he puts it off.

His parents are well-to-do, who live in Sheridan, Indiana. The father was here a few days ago, and pleaded in vain with Barker to partake of nourishment. To all entreaties he replies: "I will break the fast when the Lord gets ready."

Barker has always been a model young man, and appears to be perfectly sane on every subject but fasting. In giving his testimonials, and making comments on the scripture, he talks as rationally as any other member of his faith, and is very reticent in speaking of his fast. When spoken to about it, he simply says that he cannot take food, and the Lord will take care of him.

Interesting Swimming Match

New York, Jan. 13.—A 300-yard match race between Charles Rubel and J. W. Spencer, the two crack middle distance swimmers of the New York Athletic Club, will be the main feature of the swimming meet which is to be held at the New York Athletic Club's swimming tank this afternoon. These two men have repeatedly won national honors. Spencer two years ago broke every American record from 200 to 1000 yards, while in 1903 Rubel cap-

BLEW OFF THE LID

Denver Man Takes the Short Cut Aided by Six-Shooter

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—Because his wife objected to his bringing more whiskey into the house, James B. Allen, a mining engineer, last night, at the bedside of his 5-year-old daughter, who was dying from scarlet fever, and in the presence of his wife, committed suicide by shooting. Allen had just completed arrangements to go to Death Valley, Nevada, to examine mines for a local syndicate. The parents of the dead man, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Allen, live in Los Angeles.

English Poor for Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 13.—Commissioner of Agriculture Keiner expects within the present year to bring about 30,000 of the poor of London to Vir-

CHOP SUEY TRUST

Now Then if They Corner the Noodles it Will Be Good by

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The chop suey trust has been formed with a capital of \$100,000 by rich Mongolians. It is planned to control the Chinese restaurant business in this city, Los Angeles, Detroit and New York.

Increase in New York Shipping.

New York, Jan. 13.—According to the official report of the bureau office for 1905, there was an increase of 120 over the previous year in the number of vessels which entered the port of New York. The gain was made by the steamers, which show an increase of 175 over the figures of 1904. The sailing vessels have fallen off in number to the extent of 55.

The total number of vessels recorded for last year as entering the port is 11,300. Of this number 6,064 were steamers, and 5,335 sailing vessels. The total number of vessels from foreign countries entering this port in 1905 was 4,217. The greatest number in any month entered in October, the number being 400. The heaviest month for sailing vessels from ports south of New York was July, when 409 vessels passed through the narrows. The reports of domestic shipping shows that 77 steamers and 165 schooners arrived here from Eastern ports, and 157 steamers, 1 ship, 4 barks and 139 schooners came from Southern ports, making a total of 543 vessels.

Just Common People.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)

New York, Jan. 13.—Prof. George Wright, of Oberlin college, arrived today from Europe. He spent eight weeks in Russia. He says that ultimately the bourgeoisie will obtain the balance of power and practically rule the country, but it will take time. Now there is too much liberty in many respects. Too much bureaucracy at the top, and excess of liberty at the bottom. Students are parading the streets, shouting for liberty or death, when in reality all they want is to force the discharge of their teachers, and install in the universities revolutionists and fire brands.

CHICAGO MURDER MYSTERY

Bought Flowers for Friends Funeral and is Found Dead

Chicago, Jan. 13.—With the finding this morning of the body of Mrs. Dessie Hollister, a choir singer, prominent in society, and wife of Franklin Hollister, of the printing house of Hollister Bros., in a vacant lot in the rear of a carpenter shop on Belden avenue, the police are confronted with another murder mystery. A copper wire of the size used for telephones encircled Mrs. Hollister's neck. She had been strangled to death apparently, or the strand had been used for dragging her body. Mrs. Hollister left home at 9:30 yesterday morning to sing at a funeral of a friend. She signified her intention of doing some shopping first, and she had plenty of money. The last trace of her was at a florist's, where she bought flowers for her friend's casket. The police advance the theory of murder for the purpose of robbery.

The police say that Richard Ivins, who is reported as finding the body of Mrs. Hollister in a lot back of his father's shop, has confessed that he seized the woman as she passed the shop at 6:45 last night, dragged her in and ravished her. Her outcries became so loud he strangled her.

The Firm Was Infirm.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 13.—The brokerage firm of Parsons, Snyder & Company assigned this morning, with liabilities of \$150,000. It is the result of the failure of Donison, Prior & Company.

Harper's Funeral.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrived today to attend the funeral of President Harper. It is thought he brought tidings of his father, who is unable, on account of illness, to attend the funeral.

DR. B. E. WRIGHT
WISHES THE PATIENT HOLDING COUPON 303 TO CALL AT HIS OFFICE. MR. JAMES NIEL OF THE ASYLUM RECEIVED THE GENTLEMAN'S WATCH

tured, with two exceptions, every United States outdoor and indoor championship. It is expected to be a highly interesting contest from beginning to end. C. M. Daniels, American's champion swimmer, will be on scratch in the 100-yard handicap. He has trained hard for the race and expects at today's race to make the same record of 59 3-5 which he made on the last Ladies' Day. The latter record, although a great deal lower than any previous record, was not allowed to stand, as the event was a "closed event." There will also be a 50-yard novice race in which many new and prominent swimmers will take part. Captain Handley's world's championship water polo team and Captain Ogden M. Reid's crack Yale team of polo players, will wind up the program of the interesting meet with a contest which promises to furnish considerable excitement for all lovers of that sport.

Oregonians in California.

Portland, Or., Jan. 13.—An excursion party, consisting of about 125 representative business men of this state will start this evening in a special train for California, to return the compliment of the California merchants and manufacturers who visited Portland and the State of Oregon during the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and contributed materially to the success of that undertaking. The excursion party will make no stop until it reaches Sacramento. From there the party will visit a number of cities of California, making a stay of several days in San Francisco and Los Angeles. In the latter city the excursionists will be received by the various local commercial organizations. There, it is proposed, the party will separate and the members will return home at their own convenience. Some of them are expected to continue their trip to other parts of the state.

Fields Holds Up.

New York, Jan. 13.—The doctors issued a bulletin this morning reading: "Fields passed a fairly comfortable night; his condition continues favorable."

CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

Clearing Sale Continued

The policy of the Chicago Store is this—We do not believe in carrying goods over from one season to another; we believe in having now, up to date goods for each season as they come along; that is the reason we hold this wonderful clearing sale—to clear the shelves for our spring goods. Goods sold out at cost and less. Road on.

- DRESS GOODS.**
- Waterproof Dress Goods, 50 in., yd. \$1.45
 - Plaid Dress Goods, yd. 1.25
 - Black Mixed Suitings, yd.90
 - White Wool Serge, 45 in., yd.80
 - Black All-wool, all colors, yd.45
 - Black Mohair Suitings, 40-in., yd.40
 - Black English broadcloth, 54-in., yd. \$1.40
 - Black Fancy Dress Goods, yd.45
- FINE SILKS.**
- Black and White Watteau Silks, yd.90
 - Black and White, all colors, yd.80
 - Black Silk Peau de Soie, yd.85
 - Taffeta Silks, all colors, yd.40
 - Black Silk Grenadine, 46 in., yd.90
 - Black Silk, now, yd.80
 - Assortment of 12 Silks for Waist, yd.60
- OUTING FLANNELS.**
- Black Outing Flannels, yd.50
 - Black and White Flannel, yd.45
 - Black and White Flannel, yd.45
 - Black and White Flannel, yd.45
- GALICOES.**
- Black and White Galicoes, yd.35
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- GINGHAMS.**
- Black and White Gingham, yd.30
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Salem's Greatest Growing Store
ICEVOY BROS. Corner of Commercial and Court Streets

Are You all Done at 3 1/2c?

OUR SALE OF THE STOCK OF
The Crooked Creek Mining Co.

HAVE NEARLY EXHAUSTED THE BLOCK ALLOTTED FOR SALE AT 3 1-2c. THE PRICE WILL BE ADVANCED TO 5c PER SHARE JANUARY 20TH, 1906.

WE HAVE IN THE CROOKED CREEK PLACER MINE 153 ACRES OF PATENTED PLACER GROUND, CONTAINING 2,500,000 CUBIC YARDS OF GRAVEL, AVERAGING 450 PER CUBIC YARD, WHICH WILL HANDLE AND SAVE THE GOLD AT A COST OF 80 PER CUBIC YARD, HANDLING 1000 YARDS PER DAY. THIS STOCK WILL PAY A DIVIDEND OF ABOUT 20, AND BE SELLING FOR 250 WITHIN 12 MONTHS.

THIS PROPERTY IS FULLY EQUIPPED WITH HYDRAULIC ELEVATOR AND EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR NEXT SEASON'S RUN. WE ESPECIALLY RECOMMEND THIS STOCK TO OUR CLIENTS AS ONE THAT WILL MAKE MORE THAN 200 PER CENT IN SIX MONTHS. WRITE OR WIRE RESERVATIONS FOR A BLOCK OF THIS STOCK AT ONCE. IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR INVESTMENT AT THE END OF SIX MONTHS, WE WILL CHEERFULLY REFUND YOUR MONEY.

THE J. C. LEE CO.

337 STATE STREET, SALEM, OREGON

Chicago Markets.
Chicago, Jan. 13.—Wheat, 88 1/2c @ 89 1/2c; corn, 45 1/2c @ 46 1/2c; oats, 29 1/2c @ 30 1/2c.