

Editor of the Signal. As I was looking over the Signal I found a news item stating that I and "Little Billie Splawn" were accused of running away with Miss Bertie Bunting. This is a false accusation and if the authors of it will come forward and pay the xpense of bringing the witnesses here I will bring twenty diffe ent men to prove our whereabouts every day and night from the time we started from town until I came home; and furthermore the interested parties may have to prove that their accusations are true--Mark Fowler Yakima Signal, Nov. 8, 1884.

Mysteries

Preserved in alcohol at Janeck's Pharmacy there is a pig with one head, two bodies, eight legs, two eyes and three ears. It was brought in by A.A. Manning of the Wenas and is not credited with ever having any great amount of life--Yakima Herald, August 28 , 1890.

Mysteries

Sheriff Simmons and Coroner Clark were called to Prosser Tuesday by a telegram from Justice of the Peace Burrell to the effect that the skeleton of a man had been found in a dry goods box near Snipes' mountain.

There were no means of identifying the remains and the supposition was that murder had been committed.

After an investigation the sheriff and coroner concluded that it was the same skeleton that was found some six years ago by Andy McDaniel and placed in a dry goods box and buried.

At that time it was the opinion that the remains were those of a missing surveyor who was supposed to have died of exposure. The action of the waters of the river had washed away the earth from around the box and again exposed it to view--Yakima Herald, March 3, 1892.

Snake story

Miss Adams, who lives near Silverton, Marion county, went horseback riding the other day.

Her saddle had been hanging all winter in the barn and she noticed the seat of the saddle appeared as though a stick might be under it, but could not be removed without ripping the saddle.

After riding for several miles the horse became suddenly frightened and began to rear up and plunge. Upon looking around she discovered a snake crawling from the saddle and with its head striking at the horse and then at her.

Realizing her situation she jumped to the ground. Holding the horse with one hand she killed the snake with a club she held in the other. It was found to be a black rattlesnake, three feet long and was entirely too much warmed up to be a comfortable companion-
The Dalles Times Mountaineer-April , 1893.

Characters

Zoe Gayton, the female foot tourist, who left the Post-Intelligencer office in Seattle last week for a walk around the world, arrived in Yakima yesterday, being escorted to the depot from the yard limits by an old man, a dog and several young populists of the city.

Zoe is not the fair she may once have been--if ever. Her bosom has an expanse almost as large as all outdoors and her hips betoken great strength and her feet--well her feet aren't

in the least given to Trilbyness. They, by the way, are the chief sources of her present worries.

She left yesterday for Pasco from where she will proceed to Pendleton and the east. She is to walk 26 miles a day-Yakima Herald, June 20, 1895.

A school ma'am near Walla Walla has introduced a new feature. When one of the girls miss a word the boy who spells it gets permission to kiss her. As a result the girls are very poor spellers and the boys are improving wonderfully--Yakima Herald, June 20, 1895.

Characters

The Indians on the reservation last week made overtures to the Fourth of July celebration committee to provide for them if they came in from Fort Simcoe for the festivities in Yakima.

They said that all they wanted was hay for the horses and food for themselves.

As Mr. Hill facetiously put it, "That's all any of us want."

The committee does not feel justified in spending \$100 to \$150 on the Indians and they will therefore remain at the fort and celebrate in their own way--Yakima Herald, June 27, 1895.

A miss Wheat was recently married in Kansas to a man named Miller and when a local paper said the fruits of the union would probably be a little four, a contemporary artlessly enquired if it will be by the patent process of the old style grinding. Such chaff is certainly unbecoming--Yakima Herald, Oct. 3, 1895.

....the Irishman who did penance by walking a long distance with
peas in his boots but took the liberty firrst to boil them_--

Yakima Herald, Oct. 24, 1895.

Treasure

A great many years ago Spanish pirates roamed the Pacific ocean robbing merchant and other vessels.

When they had secured a large amount they would sail up to Cape K awanda and deposit their wealth in a treasure cave for safety. In this way a vast amount of gold and precious things have found their way into this cave.

There is a cross a few feet in diameter cut into the solid perpendicular rock at the mouth of the cave to indicate the exact spot where these treasures were hidden. It is very plain at the present time and can be seen a few rods away to see, and from the extreme western point of the cape.

Many people believe in this story and persons have come long distances to investigate the matter, but the encroachments of the ocean are such that no man can possibly enter the cave at the present time--
Ocean Wave, Tillamook county--January, 1896.

Rattlesnakes

Dr. Hill is authority for this story. It dated some years back while he was a resident of Goldendale, Klickitat county. One day early in the spring a man came into town with information that some men who were blasting rock near the Columbia had unearthed a big den of rattlesnakes.

The account was so marvelous that the doctor made up a party and started to investigate. It was a day's ride distant but they were well repaid. They found there had been no exaggeration. There was a mass of rattlers all curled and entwined together, half as large as a billiard table. They were in a state of torpor as is their condition through out the winter and early spring and the odor was overpowering and sickening. The men finally rolled the huge ba to the bluff and then down to the river. This required the services of the entire party to carry into execution--
Yakima Herald, Sept. 17, 1896.

Stories

There was quite a distrubance on~~e~~day last week in the building on Yakimo avenue where the X-ray was shown by a faker who had come to gather in the loose shekels during the continuance of the fair.

He had secured the service of a young woman named Arnold, who was showing to each~~odd~~ allowing the cathode light to penetrate her anatomy for the scientific edification of all those who were disposed to pay their money.

When her husband learned of this it can be imagined that he was anything but pleased and he dragged her from out of the penetrating rays and away from the building in a most summary manner--Oct. 8, 1896--Yakima Herald.

North Yakima has a ghost, at least the young people and many of the old ones are very much agitated on the subject.

It is known by some as the Woman in Black and to others as the Hog Devil, although the former name is the most common. It made its first recorded appearance on the night of the Penny social near the residence of Miss Meyer when it gave chase to Miss Zenovia Fulkerson who ran screaming into the house.

The phantom is described as tall, dressed entirely in black and moves noiselessly and with the swiftness of wind. By many it is supposed to be a man dressed in woman's gown while others think it is some poor demented creature whose vagaries of mind account for its strange actions.

Others say it besides Miss Fulkerson. It took its course back around the alley of the Meyer residence. Mr. Ed Mulligan says he has tracked the apparition and found that it wore shoes of a woman. Its favored haunt is on Natchez avenue and in the vicinity of churches.

Several nights later one hundred boys hunted for it, it was trailed to a hiding place in the basement that is being constructed for Mike Schorn's new house where it was surrounded. Officer Grant was sent for. He arrived with a lantern but although the hiding place was closely patrolled, it could not be found.

Officer Grant is thoroughly aroused and says he will have it in the skookum house before many nights have passed--Yakima Herald, April 8, 1897.

One time said the traveler, I got snowed in on the Rocky Mountains and the only thing seven of us had for two days to sustain life was a half-barrel of pickled pig's feet.

You were indeed, said the cheerful idiot, , "reduced to extremities."
Yakima Herald, May 27, 1897.

On the 29th of October W.H. Pearson reached my camp with an express from Acting Governor Mason bringing the startling intelligence that the Yakima Indians , which whom I had concluded a treaty in June last had murdered a number of whites in their country, their agent, A.J. Bolan and had finally broken out into open war."

Our noble governor rewarded our hero by appointing him captain of a company of scouts with which he performed gallant service throughout the war.

In a letter to Capt Goff, Governor Stevens thus shows his confidence in this daring scout:

"Captain W.H. Pearson as soon as he can getthrogh in safety, will go to the Nez Perce country and you will furnish him with a small escort. Lieutenant Colonel Craig, my aide de camp will on receipt of my orders , dispatched by Captain Pearson with his volunteer company, march to Walla Walla to meet and confer with you."

Paul Revere's ride was over a friendly territory and lasted but a few hours. Hank Pearson rode for days and days over the most rugged mountain chains and through a land swarming with hostile savages. Yet our Western school teachers speak glowing words of praise of the former while they evince no interest in our own local hero...Yakima HeraldJuly 29, 1897.

The windows in the county treasurer's office have been cleaned.

The reason assigned for this is that some of the jurors who were confined above over night on several occasions recently spit tobacco juice down on the windows below and thus made window washing a necessity.

However a Herald reporter learned that Deputy Donovan had been imposed upon by a bad five dollar bill which he failed to detect owing to the dim light that flickered through the dusty windows and that he came down early the next morning and washed the windows to prevent a possible repetition of the accident--Yakima Herald, Dec. 23, 1897.

A man named Coffee has applied for a divorce on the grounds that his wife roasted him and kept him in hot water. The defense his wife offers is that she knows no other way to make Coffee good. That settles it. Yakima Herald, March 2, 1899.

July 5th a bottle was picked up near Scott landing on Long Island in the Columbia river below Umatilla. The bottle contained a message stating that A.H. Long was lying at Priest Rapids, 140 miles up the river with a broken leg and begging for assistance.

The message was dated in pencil July 12th and was found by H.E. Patterson. This gentleman immediately forwarded the message and letter to postmaster Beach of Kennewick, who in turn sent it to postmaster Sperry here, Sheriff Tucker was notified and with the advice of county commission Horsly he, being familiar with the way started on Wednesday to Priest Rapids with medical and other supplies for the unfortunate man's relief.

Priest Rapids is a rather indefinite location as the rapids spread for many miles on both sides of the river and the man's locality may be hard to find.

It is premised that he is A. DeLong of Wallula who lately went to Priest Rapids to get a raft of wood. In that case he is probably in camp near the river as his note indicated he had pencil and paper and doubtless also has supplies to keep him alive until Sheriff Tucker reaches him--Yakima Herald, July 30, 1899.

Sheriff Tucker has received the original message found in the bottle floating in the Columbia which caused him to take the wild goose chase to Priest rapids. The message is signed A.L. Lang (not Lang) and is evidently the work of mischievous boys: more's the pity--Yakima Herald, August 3, 1899.

L.R. Freeman contributed to the Northwest Magazine for August some remarkable stories.

He said the Indians called him "Big Jaw" because he talked all the time. One of his scouting adventures is thus related:

There was but one rifle and one cartridge among us and that was in my Ballard rifle which was left standing against a tree when the wickiup was burned.

With this I shot a mountain sheep, splitting his under parts; and as he tumbled over a cliff into a salty geyser his entrails rolled out. We took a pole and fished him out and found that he was cleaned, cooked and salted and that he made a palatable meal." Yakima Herald, August 31, 1899.

The ~~only~~ ~~only~~ origin of those mud balls which were supposed to have rained down a few miles north of here has been discovered and Deloss Mays, Ben Perry and others who created so much excitement about them, both at Washtucna and Witzville are staying out in the country and sleeping on arsenals that would protect a Moro fort during an insurrection until the matter blows over. a bit.

An old roller which had been used for a number of years was being brought down from Rattlesnake flat to the McGillivray ranch when an opening was made in one end of it and those balls which had been formed on the inside during the revolving actions of successive seasons were spilled out along the road for miles.

Deloss was the first man to come along the road and discover them. After they fell into the hands of Washtucna geologists their fortunes were made and their origin shrouded in mystery.

The Enterprise has positive inside information ^{that} ~~0000~~ a number of Washtucna citizens were preparing theories of the origin of those balls for publication in the Congressional Record, but intimidation and bood e have had their way and the reputation of these gentlemen will remain unsmirched--Washtucna Enterprise--May 1902.

The pills that are potent in their action and pleasant in effect are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. W.S. Philpot of Albany, Ga., says:

"During a bilious attack I took one. Small as it was it did me more good than calomel, blue mass or any other pills I ever took and at the same time it affected me pleasantly. Little Early Risers certainly are an ideal pill. Sold by C.C. Case. The Yakima Herald, August 5, 1903.

that I failed to visit this year. After that I shall be done with the show business. I don't want the American public to be saying after that "Ah-ha, another Patti farewell."--
Yakima Republic, September 9, 1910.