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REMARKABLE RECOVERY.

On Monday evening, November 13, Wm. McDaniel, of Conconally, while driving down the mountain east of J. A. McGinty's place with a load of wood was thrown off the wagon when his team ran away, suffering a compound fracture of the left arm between the elbow and shoulder and a frightfully shattered right jaw. Before obtaining medical assistance Mr. McDaniel almost died. The left arm had to be amputated near the shoulder. Several splinters of bone were removed from the jaw and the residue of the jaw wired. At the time there was little hope of recovery owing to the great loss of blood, the nature of the injuries and the fact that Mr. McDaniel is over 60 years of age. But McDaniel is made of tougher material than his doctor even imagined. He speedily rallied from the shock and the blood drain, his wounds healed rapidly and on Saturday, one month and two days after meeting with the accident Mr. McDaniel walked down town from the hospital. Moreover, he was in far more cheerful spirits than most people not handicapped with bodily infirmities and greeted his friends with his old time cordiality. Pretty well bunged up, Mr. McDaniel is glad that he is alive, and so are all those who have the privilege of his acquaintance.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The high school student's brains are more befuddled than usual, this week, for thoughts of Santa Claus and Christmas presents become mixed up with geometry and history. We know they'll try hard (?) to settle down after Christmas.

School will continue this week as usual, but Christmas week will be free for skating, hard study (?) etc.

The exciting race between the Mutts and Jeffs has ended and we are breathing freely once more. The Jeffs were confident of victory, and they received the surprise of their young lives when the final count was given; for the Mutts had won, 42 to 29.

The contest was exciting for the boy and girl who secured the most subscriptions to receive a gold pencil, and those who had three or more, to receive a silver one. The sum of \$31.00 was turned in and the school received one half of it. As money is always needed, the high school wishes to thank those who subscribed for the Country Gentleman, thus helping the school. The two who received the gold pencils are Amanda Clarke, with 15 subscriptions, and Clifford Tompkins, who secured 12. The winners of the silver pencils are Edward Barney, Francis Hart, Marjorie Reed, Alice Mitchell, Margie Bragg, Ruth Johnston, Georgiana Rice, Helen Peck, and Mable Schief. The pencils have not been received yet, so they will be awarded after the holidays. The losing side was to give a party. The Mutts decided that a party was not enough and challenged the Jeffs to a game of basketball, having every confidence in their team. Before the party the basketball game was played off. The Mutts received the surprise of their lives when they were beaten.

The Jeffs had been silently and secretly plotting to get revenge, so when the basketball game was pulled off, they came in for blood. The Mutts held their own through the first half, with a score of 13 to 12 in their favor, but the Jeffs came in with renewed fury and completely outplayed the Mutts in the last half of the game. At the blowing of the whistle the score was 29 to 19 in favor of the Jeffs. The Mutts were heard wailing about the halls but the Jeffs were happy at last. The line-up was:

Jeffs: Ernest Sanborn, c; Darrel Irwin, f; Edwin Curtis, g; Bernard Curtis, f; Ernest Sanborn, c; Darrel Irwin, f; Edwin Curtis, g; Bernard Curtis, f; Ernest Sanborn, c; Darrel Irwin, f; Edwin Curtis, g; Bernard Curtis, f.

After the game the children amused themselves playing Wink-at-ten, Drop the handkerchief, Ring around the Rosy, and other exciting games. Those were the few we played for the Frosh. fit of the "cradle roll" was played. After they had their fun, we played games they couldn't understand.

Refreshments, consisting of delicious salad, sandwiches and coffee, were served at a late hour, after which the party soon broke up as the Freshies were getting sleepy. Everybody had a good time and declared the Jeffs were perfect hosts and hostesses.

Monday the high school boys turned out for basketball. The squad is limited as too many boys could not be handled. Three Freshmen were lucky enough to make the squad—Arthur Lewis, Cecil Kay and Jack Griffith.

Three or four Freshies didn't come to school Monday morning. Professor Davenport decided that the Frosh thought it time for Christmas vacation to begin, but a few of the wise and noble seniors claim that the salad served at the party was too much for the young and innocent Frosh as they are not used to eating such indigestible food.

Everyone is looking forward to January 5 when Molson and Oroville will toss the little ball around the gym. It is understood that Molson has a fine team, so the game will surely be exciting.

The last and best game of the class series was played last Wednesday between the Freshies and Juniors. Nearly all of the high school rooted for the Frosh because they knew the

Juniors had the best team. A good many fouls were called on the Juniors who were inclined to ruffle up the little fellows, but in the end were "ruffled" themselves. The star player on the Frosh team was Tom Beck, who happened to be an eighth grader. He was the best basket shooter on the floor. The final score was 19 to 23 in favor of the Juniors. The line-up was as follows:

Freshies: Jack Griffith, c; Tom Beck, f; Arthur Lewis, g; Paul Rimmel, f; Ernest Sanborn, c; Darrel Irwin, f; Edwin Curtis, g; Bernard Curtis, f.

The final standing of the classes according to points won is: 1—The Juniors played 3 and won 3. 2—The Freshies played 3 and won 1. 3—The Sophomores played 3 and won 1. 4—The Seniors played 3 and won 1. Three cheers for the Juniors.

The Sophs are diligently studying "Silas Marner" now, in order to further improve their minds. Monday they hunted up all the Family Heirlooms and described them in class.

Ed Williams still manages to fall out of his seat every day, so his sweet classmates have decided to put "never-ship" on his chair.

The smaller children in the high school have taken to decorating their faces with red chalk. Professor Davenport has requested that they refrain from such improvements! They evidently think this is "paint up week."

Professor Davenport stated that if we did not pick up around our desks we would have to report after school to do so. He evidently is tired of repeating the same refrain every day. It would be easier to send us down to the first grade to learn.

EAST OROVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. J. A. Spencer who was operated upon at the Deaconess Hospital at Wenatche last June, has had a serious set back and has become so helpless that she has to be fed, having no use of her hands. The trouble seems to be a sort of neuritis.

Several of the orchard tract owners who have no wells are now hauling their water from the river and it has been a pretty cold job.

We notice some cattle running at large in our streets and wonder who their owners are.

Friends of A. S. Bushing have heard from him at Salt Lake City and again from Nashville, Tenn. We will all be glad when he and his family return to their home here in the spring.

There's been that set, and men who bet and some I've met who stew and fret. But the best thing yet which we all should get, whether dry or wet, is the Oroville Gazette.

J. B. Bowers of San Francisco, Cal., enroute to Princeton, B. C., stopped over in Oroville for a few hours yesterday and while here visited the Gazette office. Mr. Bowers stated that while on his way up here from the southern city he had about a narrow shave of losing his life as he had ever had. He stopped over in Seattle for a day and night during the cold spell, and while there had occasion to visit an attorney's office and while he was on his way there he had to pass a street that came down from quite a hill. The streets were covered with ice and just as Mr. Bowers was crossing this street a big automobile came hurtling down the ice-covered thoroughfare, completely out of control of the driver. He leaped sideways just in time to save himself, and the big car tobogganed sideways across the street, hit the curb, wrecking the car completely, and the wreck and five passengers in the car sped merrily on passing completely through a big in-plate glass front and the opposite side of a store on the opposite side of the street. He said that he did not linger to find out how the passengers came out, as the crash of glass, the screaming of pedestrians and the rush of policemen to the scene convinced him that the sooner he concluded his business and got away from that city the better. He stated that it was reported to him that there was a frightful lot of accidents all over the city from like causes.

GRANTED DIVORCE.

Mrs. Florence Ferguson, at one time well known in Oroville, daughter of H. E. Bowly of this place, obtained a divorce, custody of the two children, and alimony, from J. Verne Ferguson, in a Seattle court last Thursday.

Mrs. Ferguson alleged neglect and non-support, having had Ferguson arrested twice before on the charge of non-support.

It is alleged, according to the Seattle Times, that Ferguson had kidnapped the oldest child from the home at Medina, where Mrs. Ferguson had placed the children, pending the outcome of the trial, and was taking him around to the pool, and was shooting gallantly, begging, Ferguson was arrested, and again by order of Judge Dalton, and the boy returned to the custody of his mother.

Through an oversight, two names were omitted from the published list of the Oroville schools "Honor Roll" of last week. They were Lucia Harnasch, last week, in Mrs. Gay's room on the north side in Mrs. Gay's room of Miss Wilkinson's and Myrtle Gjerde of Miss Wilkinson's and room on the south side. All we have to say is that any scholar who has to be absent without being absent attended school without being absent or tardy all the past two weeks deserves to have their names recorded in the golden book of heaven as well as the Gazette.

WINTER OF THE BIG SNOW.

About every winter when the first white herbing of that season makes its appearance it is the habit of old timers to burnish up their memories and recall stories of the "big snow" that covered eastern Washington during the winter of 1888-9. There had been "big snows" previous to that date since the country was first settled, and numerous "big snows" since that date, and often controversies have arisen as to which of the "big snows" was entitled to the blue ribbon. During a residence of forty years in eastern Washington, as our first arrival dated back in December, 1882, we have more or less vivid recollections of a number of snows worthy of the prefix "big," but it seems to us that that of the winter of 1888-9 topped anything of like kind in our experience.

That winter we were living in Davenport and there are incidents connected with the storm that made the winter famous that are not easily forgotten. At that time the Spokane, Seattle & Eastern railroad was constructed from Spokane to Davenport. This was an ambitious transportation project that from its name would indicate that its object was a transcontinental railroad from tide water to some indefinite point in the east. It was born in the brain of that bunch of rustlers who took a conspicuous part in boosting Spokane Falls in the days of its first flower. Those birds halted at nothing, and grabbed at the proposition of building a transcontinental railroad as promptly as they would of grading some city street. It was one of many projects having for its aim the upbuilding of Spokane Falls that the town people took hold of, financed and carried out to a more or less successful conclusion. Right off the bat the residents of Spokane Falls subscribed \$185,000 toward the construction of the Spokane, Seattle & Eastern railroad, and work commenced out of Spokane Falls with Seattle as the objective as the first link in the proposed highway. Construction never got beyond Davenport, but for several years trains ran over the road from Spokane to that terminus. Today that railroad is only a memory and the cuts and grades along the right of way are probably wholly obliterated.

The hard winter of 1888-9 was a knockout for the Spokane, Seattle & Eastern. A member of our family who had been visiting in Spokane Falls, returned to Davenport on the evening train over this road December 31st, and that night snow commenced falling. It was no such snow storm as the people of this valley have experienced in the last 25 years. The immaculate precipitation came down like a blanket, the wind roared and drifts piled into miniature mountains. From that date until late in March not a wheel turned on the Spokane, Seattle & Eastern railroad. The road was tied up into a hard knot, and in order even at last to clear the track ice and snow had to be blasted out of the cuts that were level full and impervious to pick and shovel.

What depth the snow reached on a level we are not prepared to say, but for days the town was cut off from all communication with the country. We remember that a fuel famine followed and wood soared so high that one had to mortgage his property in order to get sufficient fuel to keep warm. Not anticipating anything of the kind, as the fall and winter up to that period had been mild, we had not provided the Times office with wood, and we were in a dilemma, for a printing office without heat in winter is as useless as a laundry without water. In this emergency a wagon loaded with two cords of wood and drawn by six horses came in sight. Even on Main street the horses floundered in the snow all the way to the town. That wood we had to have and hauled the driver. Yes, he would sell, but he demanded \$18 a cord. Thirty-two for a fortnight people had not been moving about and the office treasury was on the ragged edge. But wood had to be had. Charley May, cashier of the bank, next door, and one of the most generous men who ever did business in the Big Bend came to the rescue and financed the deal. And that reminds us that profiteering is not always confined to war industrial babies. The wood was thrown off in the snow and after the man had delivered it we had the wood piled up and measured. It measured up a trifle over a cord and an eighth. We did not see that farmer for six months, and then when he boned him for a come back he had the audacity to laugh in our face, declaring that the wood was worth the money, even if it ran a cord short, considering the hardships he had undergone getting it to town. And we then and there acknowledged that he was correct. But that is only a side issue.

That storm, and repetitions of regular intervals was a stemwinder, and has always been referred to as an epoch making event in the history of the eastern part of the state. The drifts lingered long and the springs was late. One monstrous drift in front of our residence was a coasting place for the kiddies well into April. The damage done by that storm never could be estimated. Stock men never could be the suffering were great losers and thousands of head of cattle and horses starved to death and for years the range was dotted with the bones of stock that

died during the months of January and February 1889. There has never been any such winter since that time and it is to be hoped there never will be such a winter again.

LOOMIS ITEMS.

The many friends of Wm. J. Ford and Miss Millie Richards will be surprised and pleased to learn of their marriage, at Seattle, recently. The newlyweds have journeyed to California where they will spend several months and return here in the spring, when they will be given a "warm" reception.

Talk about "cluster lights" Loomis is there. The nocturnal illuminary at the cross roads is proving a welcoming beacon to belated pedestrians and travelers. Another light will be installed this week in the vicinity of the Woodman hall, on Main street. The Loomis fire department is responsible for this appreciable convenience.

The population of Loomis is on the increase. On the 14th a nine pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Judd; and on the 17th a daughter made her appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loudon.

Mrs. Ella C. Hurley has gone to Oakland, California, to spend the holidays with relatives.

The Community Christmas exercises will be held at the church on Sunday evening, December 24th, from 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock. A good program has been arranged for and everybody is invited to attend. Santa Claus will make his appearance near the close of the program and present everybody in the house with a Christmas remembrance.

Recent holiday arrivals are Miss Wave Woodard, Miss Clara Melcher and Clarence J. Holbert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sternberg have gone east to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. Sternberg. They will return here as soon as weather conditions will permit of a resumption of survey work for the irrigation project.

Mr. E. A. Johnston, surveyor-general for the irrigation project, will leave this week for Spokane to spend the holidays with his family.

A number of local people are putting up ice, that essential commodity for summer use. Spectacle lake is now over a foot thick, while creek ice will average 14 to 18 inches.

POINTERS ON ESTRAYS.

Many inquiries are made every year as to the stray law and how it operates and we have never been in a position to give satisfactory information. The following article from the Okanogan Independent covers the subject and will be of much interest to farmers:

"Now is the season when the farmers and ranchers pick up strays and are anxious to sell the animals. Many are ignorant concerning the procedure for advertising and selling strays, so for the benefit of those who have found or lost animals, some information on the stray law has been secured from James H. Silverthorn, the county auditor.

"Estrays can be taken up between October 1 and March 1, but they must be registered with the county auditor within ten days. Proper blanks for the registration of estrays, which have been lost of found can be obtained from the county auditor's office.

"All official work of advertising estrays is done through the county auditor's office. It costs 50 cents a head to register an animal which has been taken up or has strayed away. When the animal is to be advertised the person being sold \$2 is charged to cover the cost of advertising. An additional charge of 50 cents is made for each additional head advertised.

All estrays that are registered must be fully described at the time of registering. After twenty days, if the animal is not called for, they are advertised for two weeks. The advertisements of estrays taken up are usually run in Tuesday's edition of the Okanogan Independent. On the Saturday following the second appearance of the advertisement, the stray is sold by the sheriff in the town nearest the place where the animal was taken up.

"The stray goes to the highest bidder. From the proceeds of the sale, the person who took up the animal is paid \$1 for taking it up, 15 cents a day for feeding from the date it was taken up and the cost of advertising and registering the animal.

"Any one who buys an stray at a public sale must keep the animal for six months. If the original owner of the animal is able to prove his claim within six months, he gets the animal back after he has paid the expenses of keeping, registering and advertising. If the original owner of the animal does not want it back after he has proven his claim, he gets what surplus is left from the public sale after the expenses mentioned above have been paid. Any surplus left from a public sale goes to the county, if the original owner of the animal does not appear to claim it."

L. Crane, whose smiling face ordinarily decorates the Oasis, has been somewhat under the weather for the past few days suffering from an affection of the back. Mr. Crane is not seriously affected but his affliction has resulted in a complete knock-out for the immediate present.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY ORCHARD CO.

Incorporation papers have been taken out at Olympia for the organization of the Mountain Valley Orchard company with Ernest A. Robinson, Elsie R. Robinson and Herman Behrens as incorporators. This corporation was perfected some time ago, and the fact appeared in print. The Gazette refrained from going into particulars out of respect for the request of Mr. Robinson, who was in this office some days ago and upon being asked for information as to the intentions of the company, stated that he was not ready for publicity at the present time and would not be until all arrangements had been perfected. As the alleged object of the organization has appeared in other papers we do not consider it our duty to hold to Mr. Robinson's request.

As has been stated in other papers of the county the company proposes to develop 320 acres of valley land under the West Okanogan Valley Irrigation project, a few miles south of Oroville and carry out the project under the joint stock system. The land that it is proposed to improve is the old Wellington ranch purchased a few years ago by H. H. Granger, who sold the property after having lived upon it for several years. As stated, the money for the purpose of improving the land will be raised by selling stock in the corporation. This should not be a difficult proposition, as in this case there is substantial value in the land to make the stock attractive. Moreover the land is as good as any more of the irrigation system, which is equivalent to saying that for orchard purposes no better land lies outdoors.

Without first hand information from the parties behind the movement it is not possible to say when the company will commence operations, how those operations are to be conducted, or any particulars whatsoever regarding the enterprise. It is realized that if the big tract of land that at present is confined to the raising of hay should be cut up into small tracts and placed in the hands of people who will plant, cultivate and improve those small tracts to the full extent of what is necessary to make land under the irrigation project a source of profit the transformation would mean much to the valley. The distribution of the land in this manner would make homes for a number of families, and it is families with the energy and intelligence to place the vacant lands under a high state of production that is to make the West Okanogan Valley Irrigation District one of the best and most prosperous in eastern Washington. The Gazette trusts that the Mountain Valley Orchard company will prove a greater success even than the incorporators could anticipate.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Simpson of Nighthawk was in town attending to their Christmas shopping Tuesday.

Mrs. R. H. Beck entertained a number of friends at cards and luncheon last Saturday evening.

John Cline is occupying the Bushing residence in East Oroville this winter, during the absence of the Bushing family in the east.

It is understood that F. E. Teas has taken over the Justin K. Hill orchard, under lease for the season of 1923. Mr. Hill has accepted a position with the state reclamation service and moved his family to Yelm, Washington.

Mrs. C. E. Tuller, wife of C. E. Tuller formerly cashier of the Bank of Oroville, but who has been ranching during the past year, left Tuesday morning for a protracted visit to her parents at San Jose, California.

Rube Edgerton has moved his family from his hill ranch to Oroville. From the amount of lumber piled up on Mr. Edgerton's premises we surmise that a new building is contemplated some time this spring.

V. E. Drieler, who owns a large apple orchard on the Okanogan river near Ellsford, left for South Bend and Tacoma, Washington, for a two months visit with his parents and other relatives, Monday.

Word was received Thursday, just as we were going to press, of the death of Mrs. S. L. Patterson, at Oroville, California. The Patterson family lived for several years on Ellemham and move to California only a short time ago. The many friends and neighbors of this estimable lady will be shocked to learn of her passing away, as her death was sudden and entirely unexpected. The cause of death was an affection of the tonsils.

Mrs. Powell, who has a large ranch just across the British Columbia line, was in town yesterday and reports a severe epidemic of scarlet fever raging just across the line. Among others who are desperately ill with this malignant disease is her daughter Edith Margaret, who's condition is very serious. The young lady is under quarantine at Fairview. Health authorities of Oroville should use every precaution to prevent the spread of this disease to this place, and watch persons who cross the line for possible contagion.

WINTER CAR TROUBLES.

Is your car hard to start these cold mornings? Does the self starter have to labor to turn the engine over? If so, you had better flush out the crankcase and change the lubricant. You are probably using an incorrect oil for winter lubrication. A falling temperature thickens all lubricating oils until their freezing point is finally reached. The temperature at which the oil congeals and ceases to flow, is known as its "cold test."

The cold test of different oils varies, however. Some oils solidify at 30 degrees F., others can withstand zero temperatures, depending on the type of oil. For example, the Standard Oil Company claims that Zeroline Nos. 1, 3 or 5 will flow freely at extremely low temperatures, thus making it suitable for use in the coldest climates.

Material damage to the engine is almost certain if a lubricating oil with a poor cold test is used. Unless the oil flows freely, it will not lubricate properly—particularly when the engine is cold, and while it is warming up. With a poor cold test oil the lubricant in the crank case is too stiff to be moved readily by the connecting rods, or oil pump. And the oil moved is usually so viscous, that it has difficulty in reaching bearing surfaces in sufficient quantities to prevent scuffed cylinders and excessive wear on bearing surfaces—and possible burnt-out bearings.

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CALL FOR MEETINGS.

The following suggestions for county wide meetings to devise means of increasing acreage is advanced in a recent issue of the Okanogan Independent and is worthy of careful consideration by the people of the county:

"A fine thing for the farmers," is an expression frequently applied to the fine early snowfall.

But are the farmers of Okanogan county in position to take advantage of the splendid opportunities that are now forecast? If not, some concerted action should be taken to insure a large acreage in cultivation next year. The Independent suggests a series of conferences as quickly as they can be arranged to get at the actual facts, and if necessary to draw up an adequate system of relief and plan of production.

The future of the county is in a large measure at stake. If only the fortunate few who can secure funds are to put in crops, many others will have to cease farming and leave the country. In that event it will be some time before new settlers will take their places, starting in again under conditions with which they are not familiar.

In some cases, federal aid can probably be secured, but through a process that is too tedious for best results. The quickest solution of any difficulty that may be found probably rests with the state legislature, which will convene next month. County banks have been carrying a top heavy load of dry land credits too long to be able to respond to new demands. The banking laws will not permit much more latitude.

Whatever plan is to be followed should have the united backing of all interests in the county and an organized effort must be made to produce general facts and statistics and recommended individual and community relief.

The Independent suggests that the Commercial Club or any community organization arrange a conference on December 29th at such place as Molson, Oroville, Wauconda, Tonasket, Synarep, Omak, Okanogan, Duley Lake, Brewster and Twisp for the purpose of making detailed surveys of conditions in the different communities, and that a delegation of one or more attend a county-wide conference in Okanogan on January 3rd. The county meeting can be made a general tabulation of conditions as to acreage plowed and to be plowed, credits outstanding and loans required, methods of financing and feasibility of relief measures.

The above proposal will be submitted to the Okanogan Commercial Club at its weekly meeting on Monday next and any suggestions covering the situation received by the Independent in the meantime will be presented for discussion.

AUTHORITY ON RADIO.

Bernard M. Willis returned from Seattle Tuesday. Mr. Willis was formerly a resident of this locality but has been employed for the past five years in Seattle, during which time he has obtained much renown as a writer of short stories and technical articles.

Mr. Willis started and conducted the "Radio Waves" department in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer before that paper was taken over by the Hearst interest, and is at present running a series of articles for the Pacific Motor Boat, a large, beautiful monthly magazine especially devoted to that kind of sports, motor boating, on "Radio and Yacht Installation."

"Rainbow Ranch" will be the scene of Mr. Willis' future endeavor, as he finds life in the city too strenuous for literary activity. In the city all one's waking hours are spent dodging "hold-ups," 40-miles-per-hour autos and clappers, or at least one is so led to believe from a perusal of any of the daily papers.

Mr. Willis will be at home in his study at his mother's ranch the "Rainbow Ranch" only a short distance from Oroville and the scenes of some of the young man's fascinating stories of fiction will look very familiar to Oroville readers of literature.

APPECIATED THE BRAND.

L. P. Watson, manager of the Oroville Cannery attended the big Home Products Show, held at Wenatche last week. Over the booth where he presided was a large sign reading: "Oroville Canning Company, Oroville, Wash. The Greatest Producing District in the State. Producing Le Roy and Starlight Brands of Tomatoes, put especially for the Powell-Saunders Co." Mr. Watson tells quite an amusing story of an experience he had with one who was evidently an interested spectator and who had his appetite aroused by the exhibit of good things to eat. Now when Mr. Watson took charge of the booth there was no receptacle into which to empty tomatoes from the can so that visitors could examine the quality of the pack. He secured two large bowls and had just emptied a can of tomatoes into one of the bowls when the spectator mentioned, a man appearing to be about 30 years of age, strolled up and expressed a desire to sample the goods. Mr. Watson gave the stranger a large spoon and shoved a bowl of supper within his reach. Mr. Watson supposed the stranger would take a spoonful of the tomatoes, but instead of that he deliberately and liberally sugared the can of tomatoes and proceeded to devour the same. When he got through Mr. Watson asked him if he would have some more. Evidently the individual was hungry, as he expressed a willingness to absorb another dose. Mr. Watson dumped out another can and the gourmand proceeded to stow away the second installment. By this time a bevy of ladies had collected around the booth absorbed in watching the man with a tomato appetite stow away the goods, almost choking with suppressed laughter. Mr. Watson offered a third can but the stranger admitted that he had had enough. Mr. Watson turned to the ladies remarking that such was the flavor of Oroville tomatoes that if a man consumes one can he always wants a second. This statement evidently got on the nerves of the consumer for he blushed as rosy a color as the tomatoes themselves, which led Mr. Watson to call attention to his color, stating that that was the effect Oroville tomatoes had upon the complexion and advising them to use the Oroville brand to lighten color instead of cosmetics. By this time it had become noised about how the stranger had tried to eat up the Powell-Saunders display and owners of booths came running up with specimens of their exhibits begging him to sample their wares. The man with the tomato appetite had a very uncomfortable few minutes until he could extricate himself from the mob and fade away.

SAD HOLIDAY HOMING.

Miss Ruth Hendrick, one of the efficient young lady teachers of the Oroville schools, received word last Saturday evening that her youngest brother, living at their home in Seattle, had suddenly died, presumably as the result of an operation for tumor of the stomach. This news was almost like a clap of thunder from a clear sky to the young lady, and she made immediate arrangements to be driven to Wenatche by auto that same night where she caught the train for her home in Seattle, arriving there the next morning. Considering the fact that the thermometer was away down below zero, in fact one of the coldest nights of this cold winter, it took not only courage but desperate determination to make the trip. Donald Allen drove the young lady down, and made the trip in record time, connecting with the one o'clock train at that place. No word has been received from Miss Hendrick since her departure and it is not known just how soon she will return to Oroville and resume her place in the schools, but possibly not until after the holidays. Miss Hendrick has the sympathy of all who know her, which is about everybody in Oroville. Mrs. Soot has charge of Miss Hendrick's department in the schools during the young lady's absence.