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## THINKS IT IS A BUNKO GAME.

### JOE HARLESS OF MOLALLA RELATES HIS EXPERIENCES IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

#### Where Are the Headquarters of the New Zealand Land Company?

It is a question that interest many Clackamas County citizens.

Brief mention was made in last week's Courier of several parties from Molalla and the southern part of the county having gone to Southern Oregon with the intention of locating on timber claims. The supposed claims were in Douglas county, near the West Fork river, and the New Zealand Land Company was at the head of the colonization scheme.

Joe Harless, of Molalla, who with his wife was among the number who went to Douglas county with the intention of taking claims, was in the Courier office Wednesday and related his experience in that section of the state.

Mr. Harless said that he went to Roseburg some two weeks ago with a party of ten or fifteen others, all of whom had but one purpose in view, that of locating on timber lands, which were advertised by the New Zealand company. The said company proposed to locate any person on this land, which was described in glowing terms as being very fine timber lands, charging said locators, the sum of a hundred dollars for location fee, and then, after they had proved up on the land, buying it from them at a profit to the locators of something more than seven hundred dollars. Of course, the making of the seven hundred dollars without any effort was a good drawing card, and these citizens of Molalla did not see why they should not profit by the New Zealand Land Company's offer as well as any one else.

After stopping at the hotel over night the party started out with the timber cruiser or agent on a trip over the mountains. Several hours were consumed in the journey and the day was nearly done when the would-be locators found themselves on the land which was to be theirs by pre-emption. With a sweeping gesture that evidently took in all the territory for miles around, the agent remarked, "This is the land."

According to Mr. Harless, the land was not covered with the fine timber as had been represented, but on the other hand much of it was small and more of it in a state of decay that rendered it practically worthless. They were told that the timber was better farther on, but few of the party went any further, concluding that the were up against a "con" game and that they preferred not to be bunked out of any money.

"If I take up a claim here what do I have to swear to?" asked one of the prospective land locators. "Only that you have seen the land, and you can see all the land for miles around here" replied the land agent. "Are you right sure that I don't have to swear that I have been on the claim I locate?" queried the locator. "Oh, no, you won't have to swear to anything of the kind," said the agent. As a matter of fact that is just what one is required to swear to who locates timber claims, though possibly some who locate do not know it and may make that sort of an oath without knowing it.

While nearly all the Molalla people have returned without locating claims there are a few who have secured them and who really believe they have a good thing. In Mr. Harless' estimation the venture has cost Molalla people several hundred dollars. It has also cost the life of one of the best women in the county, which could not be replaced by all the timber in the world.

Since securing claims a number have made an effort to find out where the New Zealand Land Company has its headquarters, but so far without any result, and while the company may not be fraudulent many of the citizens of Clackamas county would like to know just where their headquarters are at present.

While Mr. Harless thinks the land is worthless for timber, he is of the opinion that there is fine granite there and that it may become valuable from that source.

Many of the Clackamas county people who went on this expedition are well off in this world's good and the loss of a few hundred dollars does not mean much to them; but there are others who have comparatively small means, who have mortgaged a little farm perhaps to get the money for the location fee and expenses, and if they should lose a few hundred dollars it would mean a great deal to them.

The company may prove all right, however, and it is to be sincerely hoped it will.

what we have heard that a great confidence game is being worked.

## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US.

### GOOD, BAD AND INDIFFERENT, ALL TOGETHER.

#### The Courier Making Its Mark in the Newspaper World.

The following is a bunch of comment picked up at random from our exchange table. They all seem to know the Courier is in the land, and that we are here to stay. Thanks boys, one and all. Here is to you in a big cup of "mountain-dew."

The Oregon City Courier-Herald has been sold by A. W. Cheney to J. H. Westover, late of Kentucky. It is a good property and a little Kentucky vim will doubtless improve the paper.—Woodburn Independent.

A. W. Cheney, who for about fifteen years has been identified with the newspapers of Oregon City, and latterly published the Courier-Herald, has been sold to the Courier Publishing Co., of which J. H. Westover is president. Westover is also editor. He is a recent arrival from Kentucky, and has democratic proclivities. He intimates that the Courier has never been democratic heretofore, but will be in the future.—Hillsboro Independent.

J. H. Westover, the new editor and proprietor of the Oregon City Courier-Herald, is making a live paper. He is from Kentucky, but taught school at Hubbard about 25 years ago. One of his former pupils states that Grant Dimick, the present mayor of Oregon City, was a fellow student, and that Westover gave Grant one of the worst "lickings" that he ever saw a boy get, as punishment for some misdemeanor.—St. Helens Mit.

Cheney, of the Oregon City Courier-Herald, has sold his paper to J. H. Westover, late of Kentucky, who will make it an out-and-out democratic organ.—McMinnville (Ore.) Reporter.

## Westover in Oregon.

John H. Westover, formerly of Williamstown, Ky., who recently sold his paper, The Williamstown Courier, who at one time was county judge of Grant county, and who two years ago entered the democratic primary for the congressional nomination, is in Oregon. Last week he purchased from A. W. Cheney the Oregon City (Ore.) Weekly Courier-Herald. The purchase price was \$1500. The new owner took possession at once, and converted the paper into a straight democratic organ. Westover's friends in Oregon do not doubt that he will make himself heard. As a citizen of Grant county he became prominent, and got the reputation of controlling the vote of the county in any political race.—Cincinnati Post.

## School Report.

Following is the report of District No. 40, Needy, for the month ending November 28:

- No. pupils enrolled, 59.
- No. days taught, 19.
- Average daily attendance, 46.
- Cases of tardiness, 8.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy during the month are Lizzie Hermann, Mary and Sylvia Miller, Ida Kropf, Harry Garrett, Grace Thompson, Lena and Johnnie Kemmer, Garrett Ackerson, Jonas Yoder, Clarence and Edith Johnson, Peter Frice.

Visitors present during the month were: Misses Pearl Garrett, Elsie and Nora Fish, J. D. Ritter, Jacob Jaeger and Otto Donaldson. Visitors always welcome.

ROBERT GINTHER, Teacher.

## Lost, Strayed or Stolen

On the last Monday in October a large, light red cow. A little bell with a double strap was around her neck. Right horn about an inch long. Small white spot just in front of udder. Tips of both ears cut off. Reward offered for any information leading to her recovery.

PETER BOTT, Park Place, Ore.

## Missouri Sorghum.

Mat Miles shipped a barrel of sorghum molasses, containing 57 gallons, to his brother, F. A. Miles in Oregon City, Oregon. The freight is \$1.75 per 100 pounds, or equal to 20 cents per gallon. The Missourians out there have to have their favorite sorghum if it is expensive.—La Plata, Mo., Republican. People who have once tasted Missouri or Kentucky sorghum are usually willing to put up any price if they can only secure the molasses which comes from the cane mills of their native states.

When you wake up with a bad taste in your mouth, go at once to G. A. Harding's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One or two doses will make you well. They also cure biliousness, sick headache and constipation.

## DIMICK WINS FOR MAYOR. HAS A MAJORITY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY OVER COOKE.

### The Election Passed Off Quietly and a Very Small Vote Was Polled.

Great B. Dimick, who for the past two years has been the mayor of Oregon City, was re-elected to serve another year in that important position by the suffrages of the citizens of Oregon City on last Monday. His only opponent was John J. Cooke, ex-sheriff of Clackamas county, and a fine fellow generally. The race for mayor was not a very exciting one. It was generally conceded that Dimick would win out. He had the machinery and a good pull with the boys, and is a very capable politician, to say the least, and has made a very satisfactory official. Then Cooke was badly handicapped by the sickness and death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Beatie. She was taken ill last week, died Saturday, and was buried Monday. From Saturday until about 4 o'clock on election day Cooke was not able to do anything in his own behalf, or to mix in the race at all. Mr. Cooke is too good a man and a citizen to be put out by his defeat, and is taking it philosophically and biding his time to "try it again."



Mr. Dimick announces that there will be no change in the management and policy of the mayor's office. That he will in the future, as in the past, to some extent divide the places amongst the adherents of the two parties. That he will do all in his power to give to Oregon City the best administration of its affairs the city has yet had. Mr. Dimick is a young man of much promise. He is undoubtedly the rising star of the Republican party in this county. He is alert and active, and has many friends. With his "weather eye" on something good in the future, he is sure to give a good account of himself in the mayor's office for the next year.

The following is the vote by wards in the mayor's race:

	Dimick.	Cooke.
First Ward	149	87
Second Ward	151	85
Third Ward	76	45
Total vote	376	217

Dimick's majority 159.

Fred J. Myers for city council had no opposition and was elected by a vote of 529.

In the First ward R. Koerner was elected to council by a vote of 125, his opponent, Walter Little, receiving 11.

In the Third ward C. M. Mason defeated J. H. Howard by only 6 votes. The totals being Mason 62 and Howard 56.

In the Second ward came the real surprise of the election. Charles Albright, who has been a member of council for several years, and has made a very efficient member of that body, was defeated by William Phister. Mr. Phister is a competent and able man and will no doubt make a good member of the council.

The election was very quiet in every way. Very little betting and scarcely any drinking. The front doors of all the saloons were closed tight, and the "round, about-road" was used but little, if any.

## BURIED AT MOLALLA.

### THE REMAINS OF MRS. ARTHUR KAYLER LAID TO REST IN DART'S CEMETERY.

#### Particulars of Her Death.

The remains of Mrs. Arthur Kayler were laid to rest in Dart's cemetery, near Molalla last Saturday in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The particulars of her death are sad in the extreme. Mrs. Kayler as was previously stated, had gone to Douglas county in company with her husband and a number of the other Molalla parties where they expected to locate on timber claims.

On the night of her death together with a number of friends she had started to cross the bridge over the creek. They had proceeded but a short way across the track when around the curve a light

came in view. Supposing the light to be the headlight of an engine, the entire party hurriedly turned and started to retrace their steps, some running and some walking very rapidly.

Mrs. Kayler made a mis-step and plunged downward into the dark water below. Her body was recovered but life was extinct. Disheartened and discouraged the party started for home with the remains and arrived towards the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Kayler leaves a husband and one child to mourn her demise.

Only one or two parties succeeded in securing claims in that section and all who went to try to locate have returned home.

Wanted: 500 babies at Howell & Jones rug store. See the i. ad.

Pasture Wanted. I desire to rent some good pasture land for winter grazing. W. W. Irwin, Astoria, Ore.

## SECRET SOCIETIES.

### DOINGS AMONG THE LODGES, WITH GOATS AND SERPENTS ALL.

#### New Officers Elected. New Members Admitted And the Good Work Goes On.

F. & A. M.—The Masonic Lodge conferred the Royal Arch Degree at their meeting last week. Quite a number of Masons from the Portland chapter were present.

I. O. O. F.—Last Thursday evening was the regular election of officers in the Odd Fellow's lodge in this city. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: N. G. J. D. Fairclough; V. G., H. Finnegan; Recording secretary, T. F. Ryan; S. S. Walker; Financial secretary, V. Trimbath.

Two degrees were put on Thursday night. The second degree was conferred on C. W. Thornton and the third on Geo. H. Brown.

Past Grand Master, A. J. Marshall, was present and delivered a talk.

Next Saturday night the Salem lodge will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. The Salem lodge is the first organized in the state. A number of Odd Fellows from Oregon City will be present to witness the anniversary ceremonies.

There are a number of candidates for initiation in the encampment at the next regular meeting, December 16th. The Royal purple degree will be conferred and a banquet will be held and it goes without saying that a grand good time will be had.

The Rebekahs of the Willamette Lodge elected officers at their last week. The interspersed with music, dancing and song. The hours passed only too quickly. At twelve o'clock the meeting broke up with good fellowship exemplified on every side. Among the visitors from Portland were Col. James McKibbin, Captain C. Wilson, Lieutenant Egan, J. A. Olsen, G. C. Mosier, grand outside Guardian, and W. M. Davis P. G. R.

The Rebekahs will give a whist party this evening at the Odd Fellow's hall. Only member of the Rebekah or Odd Fellow lodges will be permitted to attend. Ten cents admission will be charged and lunch will be served.

W. O. W.—The following officers were elected by the Woodmen of the World at their regular meeting last Friday night: Thomas F. Ryan, council commander; J. D. Taylor, banker; J. K. Morris, advisor lieutenant; Grant Olds, clerk; C. E. Tate, escort; B. E. Dolan, watchman; S. Murray, sentry; E. H. Conig, manager. Installation of officers will take place at the meeting of the lodge the first Friday in January.

Sola Circle No. 167, Women of Woodcraft, elected officers at their last regular meeting. P. G., May Dolan; G. N., May Waldron; advisor lieutenant, Dora Winkle; clerk, Carrie Parker; banker, S. F. Scripture; attendant, May Cannon, I. S., Maggie Cross; O. S., B. E. Dolan; C. of G., Lauina Walker; manager, Jennie Betzel; musician, Sadie Gault.

G. of P.—The following officers were elected by the Crystal Council. Order of Pendo at their meeting last week: Alice Coster, council; Maggie Bruner, vice council; May Taylor, secretary; Jennie Boyles, treasurer; Emma Thomas, guide; Lydia Howlitt, warden.

I. O. R. M.—The Red Men of Oregon held their semi-annual election last week. Following is the list of officers elected: sachem, Grant Olds; jr. sagamore, Jesse George; jr. sagamore, Geo. Purciful; chief of records, J. H. Howard; keeper of Wampum, C. Hartman; trustee John C. Bradley. Two new candidates were adopted by the tribe, after which a banquet of corn and venison was served. There are several more candidates for initiation at the regular meeting next Saturday evening.

NOTICE TO LODGE SECRETARIES.—The Courier is anxious to devote considerable space to the secret societies of Oregon City and Clackamas county, and will appreciate the favor if each lodge secretary will send in any items connected with their respective orders up to Thursday morning of each week. While it is possible for the Courier to get the lodge news in Oregon City it is impossible for us to get such news from the country lodges, unless furnished us by the Secretary or some one appointed for that purpose. We want news pertaining to elections, initiation, degrees conferred, visiting notables etc., and we will furnish self addressed stamped envelopes where desired.

A. O. U. W.—The Degree of Honor entertained at a musical and literary social Friday evening of last week, in honor of the Workmen and their families. The hall was well filled and the entertainment was a great success. Vocal music was rendered by the Maceo Quartet. The W. O. W. band discoursed livelier airs. Five minutes addresses were delivered by A. F. Davis, C. H. Dye Judge Hayes, Mrs. Gans, Emery Dye and others. After the exercises a New England supper of Boston

taked beans and other delicacies were served.

M. W. A.—The Modern Woodmen of America will hold their annual election on the 9th of December, and all members on requested to be present.

K. O. T. M.—The K. O. T. M. will hold their annual election of officers this (Thursday) evening. After the election of officers there will be an initiation of candidates. The Mastrac has 150 members in the local lodge, which is one of the strongest K. O. T. M. lodge in Oregon.

ARTISANS.—The Artisans at Canby will have a supper and general good time Saturday night, the 6th. The supper will be a basket one; the prizes being auctioned off to the highest bidder, W. W. H. Samson will preside as auctioneer.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Cataract Lodge No. 76 of the Knights of Pythias held their regular semi-annual election of officers on Wednesday night. The following officers were elected: Past Frey chancellor, commander; M. H. Chapman, vice chancellor, commander; M. J. Cockrell, prelate; F. Ferry, M. of W.; H. Packover, [R. B. & S., W. H. Frey, M. of F., W. J. Wilson, M. E.; D. Hart, M. A., J. Fromong, I. G., E. L. Greives, O. G. After the election of officers and the transaction of other routine business a delegation of prominent Portland Knights of Pythias and members of the Uniform Rank of Portland Co., number, entered the hall. The meeting was converted into a general love feast, speeches were made by distinguished visitors and members of the local lodge. At ten o'clock the doors to the waiting room were thrown open and the entire company marched out to the bountifully supplied tables where good cheer was enjoyed for an hour or more. Interspersed with music, dancing and song. The hours passed only too quickly. At twelve o'clock the meeting broke up with good fellowship exemplified on every side. Among the visitors from Portland were Col. James McKibbin, Captain C. Wilson, Lieutenant Egan, J. A. Olsen, G. C. Mosier, grand outside Guardian, and W. M. Davis P. G. R.

A movement has been put on foot among the members of the local lodges of Knights of Pythias to organize a lodge of the Uniform Rank. General lodge officers have the matter in charge and it looks to be that the Uniform Rank will be organized.

R. A. M.—Clackamas council, Royal Arcanum, No. 2007, at a meeting last evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Regent, John P. Keating; past regent, Edward Boice; vice-regent, James Church; secretary, Grant B. Dimick; collector, Chester G. Curry; secretary, John B. Lewthwaite; treasurer, Theodore Omand; grand officer, Joseph Goodfellow; warden, F. W. Humphreys; sentry, Will Marshall; trustees, Dr. A. L. Beatie, Franklin Griffith, Arthur Miller.

The lodge was organized last month, and has a membership of over 400. Meetings are held first and third Tuesdays, in Willamette hall. Arrangements will probably be made this week to secure the Stanford Mandolin and Glee Club for an entertainment in Shively's Opera House on December 27, under the auspices of the Royal Arcanum. This organization will make a tour of the Northwest during the holidays, and embrace about 30 college students. This will give Oregon City an opportunity to witness an entertainment of high order.

The ladies of the Lights of Security will give a grand ball at the Willamette hall, Wednesday evening, December 10th. Music will be furnished by Turney's. Admission 50 cents. Ladies free.

The Women of Woodcraft held an entertainment at the Woodmen hall Tuesday evening in which a beautiful little program was rendered. A home supper was given after the entertainment.

## Horn Viggers.

There was a beautiful wedding at St. John's Episcopal church in Portland last Tuesday at 8 o'clock p. m., in which one of the contracting parties hailed from this city. The principals in the affair were Miss V. Diana Viggers, of Portland, and Mr. Louis D. Horn, of this city. The bridesmaids were Misses Alvina Horn, of Oregon City, the sister of the groom, and Fannie Viggers, sister to the bride. A beautiful wedding march was played by the brother of the bride. The bride was dressed in cream and white and carried a beautiful bunch of bride's roses. The best man was Mr. Grazer Heiple, of Hillsboro, Oregon. The maid of honor was Miss Fannie Viggers, sister of the bride, and Miss Alvina Horn. The bride was given away by her father.

CASTORIA. The kind you know always brings the Signature of Castoria.