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### CITY AND COUNTY.

St. Valentine's Day.

St. Valentine's day may reasonably be expected to come next Monday, unless the almanac makers have gone back on us. It is a day especially devoted to lovers, who are permitted to send all sorts of nonsense to their sweethearts—the only day of the year upon which ladies can look upon plump little cupid clad in fig leaf costume without blushing. Upon this day the natural and ever present desire of woman to receive a communication through the postoffice manifests itself more strikingly than on ordinary days and her thoughts run to

Where can the postman be, I say? He ought to fly on such a day, you know. His monstrous girth to be so slow. In England the practice of sending valentines has been in vogue from time immemorial, but in America its time only dates back some thirty or forty years. In early days the preparing of valentines was a thing of labor as well as of love, for every spoon who wanted to say soft things to the "apple of his eye" was not a rhymist. So in later years the making of valentines became a regular business, and to day "Old Beeswax" who could not write a couplet to save his life can with great propriety appropriate the talent of the professional rhymester got up in gorgeous style. This year the ladies have in addition to the blessed privilege of sending valentines, another. They are permitted openly and above board to do the love making, and may even go so far as to ask the all momentous question—"which bashful lovers have been for the last half-dozen years been avoiding. Among some old Yorkshire legends we find that "if during Leap Year any damsel, being a maid, shall ask of a bachelor his hand in marriage, and he (not being previously bespoken) do refuse the request of the said damsel, then he shall be obliged to purchase a robe of fine silk, which she shall forthwith present to the disappointed maiden, so that thereby her grief may be assuaged." The penalty in case of failure to purchase the gown is not set forth, but there was an eminently fitting provision that a young lady was entitled to exact the fine of but one. Otherwise she might fit herself out with a sufficient wardrobe to last her to a ripe old age. In the early days when this penalty was made it was not supposed that a young lady would "pop" the question unless she were really in love, or that she could sincerely love more than one at a time. And in those days silk dresses were silk dresses, and no young lady could be expected to have more than one—unless the old man had recently struck a bonanza—and it was to be left as a legacy to her children or grand children. There are many traditions as to the origin of St. Valentine's day, and from among them we take the following as the most amusingly-touching one of all:

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**ARTICLES FILED.**—Articles of incorporation of the Lane County Farmers' Mercantile Association were filed in the office of the County Clerk on the 9th inst. The incorporators are John Kelly, John Simpson, J. H. McClellan, William Russell, Ross Knox and Matthew Wallis. The duration of the corporation is unlimited. Its purposes, to engage in and carry on a general mercantile business, buying and selling general merchandise and produce; receiving, storing and forwarding grain and all kinds of produce and general merchandise, and doing a general mercantile, forwarding and commission business. To take, receive and hold real estate of every description necessary to carry on said business. The principal office for the transaction of business shall be in Eugene City. The amount of capital stock is fixed at twenty thousand dollars, in shares of twenty dollars each. It is reported that a stock of goods will be received in about four weeks.

**CENTENNIAL WEEK—REDUCTION OF FARES.**—J. J. Brandt, Superintendent of the Oregon and California Railroad has submitted to the Common Council of Portland a proposition relating to the reduction of fares during "Centennial week." At present, it is the intention of the citizens of Portland to have the celebration continue through four days, if such arrangements can possibly be effected—commencing Tuesday morning July 4th, and lasting until Friday evening. Substantially, Mr. Brandt's proposition is as follows: During the week, commencing July 3d, and ending Saturday 8th, the railroad company will convey passengers at half rates between Portland and Eugene City. At the present rate it costs a person \$14 to go from Eugene to Portland and back. During the week of the celebration, passengers can go to and fro between the points named for \$7. No charge is made for persons coming from beyond Eugene. Those who come from Roseburg, and other points south of Eugene will have to pay no more in going to Portland and returning than \$7 each. Persons going from points north of Eugene will pay half the rates usually charged.

**QUICK TIME.**—The steamer City of Salem left Portland on Saturday morning at 6 o'clock and reached here on Sunday evening before 9 o'clock, being the quickest time ever made between these points. It begins to look as though the Willamette river may be navigable above Corvallis, General Michler to the contrary notwithstanding. Last week the Champion took away 150 tons which is evidence of the depth of water, and the Salem's trip shows that not much time need be lost.

**THE COMING FOURTH.**—By an item elsewhere in this paper it will be seen that extensive arrangements are to be made in Portland for celebrating the coming Fourth of July. And also that that the railroad company is putting in a bid for a "Centennial" of its own in carrying passengers to that city. Our citizens ought to at once take the matter of a celebration at home in hand, and begin the necessary preliminary arrangements. Will they do it?

**FOO MUCH POWDER.**—At a regular meeting of E. H. & L. Co. No. 1, held last Monday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That we, the firemen of Eugene Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, remonstrate against any city officer shooting at random, on any fire alarm. And that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Common Council of this city.

**ARTICLES FOR THE CENTENNIAL.**—Hon. A. J. Dufur, Centennial Commissioner, gives notice that the articles intended for shipment to Philadelphia are now on exhibition in the St. Charles Hotel building, Portland, where they will remain until the 19th. On the 14th inst., in order to give the people of the State an opportunity to see these articles, the Oregon and California railroad will sell half-fare tickets to Portland, to be good for return on the 16th.

**COMMITTEE MEETING.**—The Executive Committee of the Oregon State Grange met in Portland last Tuesday. The following gentlemen compose the executive committee: Daniel Clark, Salem; S. W. Brown, Vancouver; C. E. Moore, Corvallis; H. N. Hill, Junction City; A. W. Starnard, Brownsville; R. Clow, Dallas; C. C. Crane, Walla Walla.

**BEEF CATTLE.**—On Thursday C. W. Young shipped to Olympia seventeen head of beef cattle which would average in weight about 800 pounds each, and were probably the best lot ever shipped from this county. Three of the largest weighed respectively 3,332, 1,684, and 1,648 lbs. He received for them \$609.06, being an average of \$41.18 per head. This county needs more such farmers as Mr. Young to bring money into it. There is always a market for fat cattle, and not a farmer in the county but could ship at least one car load each year.

**LEASED.**—S. M. Titus has leased the Luckey livery stable. He also bought a part of the stock and buggies, which he has added to the Fashion Stable.

**MODERN.**—Those men in Lane county who want to run for office next June are the most modest men in the State. From every other county we hear candidates talked of, while here they are as quiet as though there was to be no election.

**Council meets next Monday evening.** Mrs. E. L. Bristow returned to Salem on Wednesday.

**The Brewery property will be sold at public auction to-day.**

**Mr. T. A. Milford, of Junction, has been re-appointed a notary public.**

**The steamer Champion left Portland for this place on Thursday, and may be expected to-day.**

**The weather during the past week has been the most execrable on record.** Cold rains, hail and snow have alternated with each other almost incessantly.

**Resolutions of condolence on the death of Amelia Kirk, wife of W. A. Kirk, of Junction City.**

**WHEREAS, It has pleased the Heavenly Father to remove from our midst by the hand of death our late Sister and companion Amelia Kirk. Therefore be it,**

**Resolved, By Lee Encampment No. 7, Champions of the Red Cross, that in the death of Sister Kirk, this Encampment has lost a consistent companion and the community a kind-hearted and useful member.**

**Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of this Encampment be extended to the husband of our deceased companion in this hour of trial and distress.**

**Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Encampment and a copy of them be given to the husband of the deceased by our Recording Secretary, and that the Grand and Journal of Eugene City be requested to publish the same.**

**J. E. Horston, Wm. Horston, J. M. Lafferty, Committee.**

**MARRIED.** On the 8th inst., by Elder C. W. Repp, John A. Thayer, of Clatsop county, to Miss Lucinda E. McFarland, of Eugene City.

**On the 6th inst., at the residence of J. M. Cantrell, on Long Tom, by I. K. Luce, J. P., Mr. T. H. Miller to Miss Susan A. Ward.**

**DIED.** At Creswell, on the 4th inst., Delacy G., daughter of D. G. and C. T. Gray, aged 3 years and 9 months.

**Take Notice.** All my notes and accounts have been placed in the hands of Thompson & Fitch for collection. Immediate settlement will save costs. J. W. DUNCAN.

**Humbug.** I am reliably informed that there is an agent canvassing this county for pictures to enlarge, stating that I charge twelve dollars for the \$10 size, for which he is canvassing. My price in a solid wall frame for a retouched photograph is seven dollars; for duplicates, without frame, one dollar and fifty cents; and for the kind of picture that he gets up on a metallic plate, six dollars—two dollars less than he charges. As to the twelve dollar size, I showed one to this agent and he said it would cost twenty-five dollars in San Francisco. J. A. WINTER.

**BUSINESS NOTICES.** ATTENTION FARMERS.—Until further notice meals will be furnished at the St. Charles Hotel for 25 cents each. Beds same price. St. Charles Hotel, don't forget.

**FARM FOR SALE.**—A good farm for sale on easy terms, within two miles of Creswell; 550 acres of land, all fenced, good house on the same, and 400 acres can be cultivated. If you want a bargain call and see J. J. Walton, Jr.

**Buy your wall paper already trimmed at F. B. DUNN'S.**

**We wish all those who are in debt to us either by note or book account would please call and settle. We are required to raise a large amount of money by the first of January, and are therefore compelled to collect what is due us. OSBURN & CO.**

**Retail Produce and Provision Market.** The following are retailers' prices: FLOUR—\$1.00 per 50 lbs. 40 @ \$4.50. CORN MEAL—Oregon ground, in bulk 4c. WHEAT—Best white 85c. OATS—37c @ 50c bushel. BEANED—Retail, 5c. BUTTER—Fresh rolls, 37c. COFFEE—Costa Rica, 29c; Rio, 29c; Java, 33c ground, 37c. CHEESE—Oregon, 25c. CANDLES—5c per box \$4.00 @ \$4.50. EGGS—25c. POTATOES—per bushel, \$1. BACON—Sides, 12c; Hams, 12c @ 15c; Shoulders, 8c @ 10c. CHICKENS—\$2.50 @ \$3.00 per dozen. FISH—Salmon, choice, 10c; hake, 8c; 50lb kits, 25c; herring, 25c; mackerel, 25c; codfish, coast, 15c. LARD—Tins, 16c; bulk, 15c. SUGAR—S. P. R. 16c; Island 10c @ 15c; crushed, 15c; powdered, 20c. SALT—Carmel Island 10c @ 100 lbs. \$1.75; Bay \$1.75; Liverpool Dairy, 3c; coarse Liverpool, 2c. TEA—Choice Green \$1.50 @ 2.00; Japan 75c. SYRUP—Heavy Golden, 35c @ 40c per keg. OILS—Devco's coal, 75c; Linseed, bottled, 42c; China Nut, 42c. CANNED GOODS—Oyster, 50c; Sardines, 37c; assorted Jellies, 62c; Green Corn, 50c; Peaches 50c; Tomatoes, 37c @

**THE OLD STONE STORE!** Thoroughly renovated, renovated and replastered with a choice stock of GENERAL MERCHANDISE, Which will be sold AT "BED ROCK" PRICES For Cash or Produce. To close out the TRANSVAUSER remnant stock, Special Inducements are offered. Satisfaction Guaranteed. H. H. WOLFE. Well Improved Farm for Sale.

**AN IMPROVED FARM OF 360** acres, 100 acres under cultivation; all under fence and the improvements in good order, which we will sell as a bargain. Situated 5 miles west of town and has a good outcrop for stock. Apply at this office.

**For Sale.** TWO GOOD DWELLING HOUSES, Which are newly located and will be sold at a bargain. Terms easy. Enquire at express office. J. B. UNDERWOOD.

**J. KILLINGSWORTH & SON, STAR BAKERY,** On Ninth Street, KEEP constantly on hand, fresh Sugar, Coffee, Tobaccos & Cigars, Peaches, Canned Goods, Plums, Syrup, Soap, Starch, Flour, Raisins, Apples, Cakes, Biscuits, Nuts, Lard, Floor, Etc., Etc.

**Bread, Cakes, Pies, Fruits and Vegetables.** Of every description, which they will sell cheap for cash. Thankful for past favors, with a continuance of the same.

**Goods delivered to any part of the city free of charge. We are constantly receiving new Goods and will satisfy our customers in regard to prices.**

**RENEW'S HOTEL,** Eugene City.

A share of public patronage is solicited. dell A. RENFREW, Prop'r.

**FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TRADE!**

**WE REG to inform our friends and the public that we have just received direct from San Francisco and the Eastern markets**

**AN IMMENSE STOCK OF GROCERIES, HARDWARE, DRY-GOODS, FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, Clocks, Paints, Oils, Etc.,**

Selected by our Mr. S. ROSENBLATT, which we offer at

**REDUCED PRICES.**

Parties will find it to their advantage to call and examine our stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

**Highest price paid for all kinds of Produce.**

**S. ROSENBLATT & CO.,**

**HARDWARE, IRON AND STEEL,**

**Hubs, Spokes, Rims, Oak, Ash and Hickory Plank.**

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**FOR GENERAL MERCHANDISE GO TO T. G. HENDRICKS,**

**Watches, Clocks and Jewelry MUSIC, AND SEWING MACHINES**

**THANKING THE PUBLIC for their past liberal patronage, we now invite them to call on us at our new room in Underwood & Co's new brick block, where they may find a full assortment of goods in the above line.**

**Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired in the best workmanlike manner and Warranted.**

**Williamette St., Eugene City, Oregon. CRAIN BROS.**

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**NEW DRUG STORE, Willamette street, next to Bristow & Co.**

**DRUGS, CHEMICALS, OILS, PAINTS, GLASS, VARNISHES**

**PATENT MEDICINES, &c.**

**Brandies, Wines and Liquors OF ALL KINDS.**

**In fact, we have the best assortment of articles found in a**

**FIRST CLASS DRUG STORE.**

**We warrant all of our drugs, for they are all new and fresh.**

**Particular attention is called to our stock of Perfumery and Toilet Articles.**

**As we have bought**

**OUR GOODS FOR CASH**

**We can compete with any establishment Eugene City in price & accommodation.**

**Buy your goods where you can get the best and cheapest.**

**Prescriptions Carefully Filled**

**At all hours of the day or night.**

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