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SETTLED WITH CREDITORS.

The morning Oregonian of last Saturday in Portland city news says:

"The involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against H. H. Brookes, editor of the ROSEBURG PLAINDEALER, have been settled by mutual consent. W. D. Fenton represented Mr. Brookes and Dolph, Mallory, Simon & Geary the creditors. The basis of settlement of all claims was as follows: Secured creditors to be paid in full and the unsecured creditors 45 cents on the dollar cash. This leaves the plant, which is first-class, unencumbered.

A National Finance Committee.

There is a probability in the minds of political students of finance and currency within the Republican party that the coming session of Congress will provide for a joint commission to consider the necessity of currency legislation. It is even quite probable that the President in his message to the regular session of Congress will recommend such a commission as the best way of solving the questions that are to be considered. In fact, the understanding now is that the President has such a recommendation in view, and he believes it is the very way to settle the differences in his own party as to what should be done. The adoption of such a plan would mean what all Republicans now believe will be the outcome—no financial legislation this winter or within the next fifteen months.

The President, it is well known, has given more thought to financial questions in the last six months than to any other subject. He has ascertained that there are wide gulfs separating the different views, and that it will be next to impossible to reconcile the diversified views and settle upon any one plan or bill. Consequently the proposition now is to turn the whole matter over to a commission, whether of Congress or to be appointed by the President from the outside, has not been determined. The work of the commission would be to delve as deeply into the conditions as possible and submit recommendations upon which the various Republican elements might unite.

THAT GRANTS PASS LIBEL CASE.

Editor Chausse, of Grants Pass, was sued by the Most High and Mighty Baron Hume, of the Rogue, for \$15,000 damage to his character. The editorial was rather severe, but the jury last Friday by a verdict said the political wirepuller was only damaged one dollar, and a member of the jury wanted to pay that amount. The quicker the newspapers of Oregon get down to business and show up the corruption of the politicians who have the state and taxpayers by the throat the better it will be for Oregon. The worst combine that can be conceived of is a combine of republican and democratic conspiracy to slaughter men of both parties and run the machine for all there is in it, and if that scheme is not worked in the extreme southwest portion of Oregon the balance of the state can rise up and call it blessed.

Flery Bush of Moses.

There is now a remarkable plant in "Kew gardens"—London's celebrated horticultural grounds on the Thames—and which is of uncommon interest, because of the light which it seems to throw on one of the most famous of the Old Testament miracles. This plant has just been brought from the Arabian desert, and numerous scientists declare it to be identical with the "burning bush" which Moses saw burst into flame at his approach, and blaze for some time without being consumed. Extraordinary to state, the plant at Kew, which grows to the height of 5 or 6 feet, possesses the remarkable property of exhaling an inflammable gas from its flowers, which, on being approached by a light, takes fire and burns brightly for a few moments; the plant in the meanwhile remains uninjured, owing to its sap.

In the hot deserts of Arabia, where the plant naturally grows more vigorously than at Kew, a larger quantity of this gas is exhaled, and it is probable that the fierce rays of the

sun frequently cause it to take fire. It can not be said that the discovery of this plant and its strange characteristics adds greatly to the impressiveness of the Bible story—but there it is to be regarded as you please. In appearance, the "burning bush" plant suggests an arid, sterile habitat. Its leaves are of a dull sage green color, and the gas-exhaling blossoms are pale pink.

It is not generally known that numerous flowers give forth gases in a small degree, notably the lily of the valley, and the meadow sweet, which grows so profusely in English meadows. The blossoms of both these plants exhale the fumes of deadly prussic acid by night and all flowers throw off considerable quantities of carbonic acid gas in the darkness—this being why it is unhealthy to keep flowers in a bedroom.

Suicided to Escape Disgrace.

The most extraordinary instance of official corruption on record, with a sequel which will amaze the American type of "boodler," is told in dispatches from Buda-Pesth. At Peszer, in southern Hungary, the entire village council, consisting of seven persons, all related to each other, have committed suicide. It appears an opportunity arose to sell a forest, which was village property. The council of the village resolved itself on this occasion into a family council, and the utmost care was taken by the seven that no hint of the idea of the purchase or sale should transpire in the village.

With the secrecy of plotters, they held meetings to discuss the matter, made their own terms, and concluded the deal without any of the villagers being any the wiser. Deeds were drawn up by themselves, and as they were the only members of the council, no outside signatures were necessary. The amount paid for the forest was considerable, but instead of passing into the municipal exchequer, it was divided into seven portions, and each of the related councilors appropriated a share and kept it for his own use. The most extraordinary ingenuity was manifested in their endeavors to keep the transaction, with the consequent appropriation, secret. For a long time these efforts were completely successful.

At last, however, the whole affair was discovered in a dramatic manner, when, rather than face the consequences of their intention, the seven relatives held a hurried meeting, and there and then put an end to their lives.

Hands Hard to Find.

It is no news that farm hands are hard to find. An incident which shows how very scarce they are in Oregon is shown by the fact that Mr. J. B. Stump, of Monmouth, Oregon, has been advertising for over a month his wish to engage a competent man for a year without receiving a single answer to his advertisement. Men have been drawn to the cities by the reports of high wages. When a farm hand sees a report for instance, that plumbers have struck for a raise from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per day of eight hours, he imagines the city must be a sort of paradise for working men. When he gets to the city he finds that the high wages are paid to skilled laborers who belong to organizations which throw every possible obstacle in the way of a man's learning their trade. For the past two or three years common laborers have had little trouble in getting work in the city at wages which appear high in comparison with those paid on the farm. Appearances are deceptive. The common laborer in the city is almost sure to be out of work a good deal of the time and his board bill at a high rate runs along with regularity. The rush to the cities has been overdone and the reaction is commencing. We will soon see many complaints of men being unable to get work in the cities and various political and economical reasons will be blamed whereas the real trouble is that a great many men in the country have not known how well off they were. The city is a poor place for a man who is not a skilled mechanic—Northwest.

Chicago Invades New York.

John Alexander Dowie and 3000 of his followers left last Wednesday morning from Zion City on a mission, the purpose of which is to redeem New York. Eight trains, specially chartered, crossed the continent eastward on many different trunk lines.

Out at Zion City there is great busting in preparations for the trip. Never was an army in war times marshaled more precisely than the restoration host when it started on its pilgrimage of conquest. Members of the host have been drilled and schooled for months. Every member of the host knows on what train he is to ride, what seat he is to occupy, in what berth he will sleep.

There will be an interesting sight at Elijah's hospice in Zion City since the host has departed. The babies are left behind. How many of them there are is known only to the dwellers in Zion City, but the biggest nursery in the history of the West, possibly of the country, has been established in the hotel. Mothers who count themselves among the faithful left their little ones in care of Deaconess Irish, who has been appointed by General Overseer Dowie to look after them.

Many made the trip who can not afford the expense, but they have made sacrifices in hundreds of cases in order to be numbered among those who are to have part in the regeneration of the metropolis. Men and women have sold their household goods, parted with their horses and buggies, stunted themselves in various ways, in obedience to the command of their master.

A Zion commissary, has been established in New York. Deacon Frank Cotton, in charge of the commissary, purchases wholesome, plain food, cook it without lard, and serves it in Madison Square garden. Meal tickets providing for thirty-five meals have been sold to the members of the host at \$5 a ticket. The official programme for the visitation in New York has been completed. There will be meetings at Madison Square garden auditorium from October 18 to November 1 and in Carnegie hall from November 3 to 8, inclusive. There will be three meetings every day except Saturdays.

Ten million stray pieces reached the dead letter office during the past fiscal year. \$50,000 cash and money orders and checks to the value of \$1,493,536 were found in the letters. The products of Alaska in the last 30 years have amounted to \$162,000,000. As we paid Russia but \$7,200,000 for the territory, we may be proud of our bargain.

According to statistics gathered by the Alumni Association of the University of Chicago, the higher education of the universities and colleges tends to discourage matrimony among graduates of both sexes. It is represented that 81 per cent. of the young women who have received bachelor's degrees in the University of Chicago during its first ten years are still unmarried, and of the 583 women graduates from the undergraduate colleges listed in the register only 107 have married. The records of Yale and Harvard have recently disclosed a surprisingly small percentage of graduates who have embraced matrimony.

A recent writer says that Greece and Persia have lately exchanged ambassadors, for the first time in nearly twenty-four centuries, marking the fact that while war rumors come continually from Asiatic shores, in America and most of Europe the situation is peaceful. Of course the possibility of disturbance always hovers about the Balkans. The glory of conquest is no longer a reason for war. Nations shun fight now more often than for any other cause when matters fi-

Drain Nonparcels.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowry, Monday, Oct. 12.

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Fullerton - Richardson

Mr. Thomas, of Smith river, left on Tuesday's overland for Sacramento, Cal., where he will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allan went to Albany, Tuesday, where they will make their future home.

Hon. W. W. Wilson, the S. P.'s bridge man, is stationed, with his crew, near Roseburg, at present.

Monday morning's south-bound overland was relieved of four pairs of steers, by the too close proximity of a cattle guard.

To the credit of Drain, let it be said that a majority of the young people are acquiring two pearls that money cannot buy—an education and a character.

Rev. E. F. Peck has been assigned to the Drain Methodist charge. There are four in the family. This makes a household of memory serves us right: From Mr. Peck's appearance, the Drain people are getting good measure heaped up and running over and there is no doubt as to the quality.

The following item, worthy of the consideration of all parents, is printed by the press: "Did you ever notice that the boy who grows up on the streets generally quits school without an education and has to work where he has always played—in the street? How many of these boys are in every town?"

Drain, fortunately, possesses few such boys.

NORMAL NOTES—contributed.

New students, this week, are Mary and Warren Cloake, of Roseburg, and Ethel Putnam, of Sunnydale. Miss Putnam is taking post graduate work, being of the class of 1901.

Mr. Fred Sanders, of Condon, Oregon, is visiting with us today. Mr. Sanders is engaged in the jewelry business, in Condon, and will soon return home.

Miss Smith, chair of English, is absent on a business trip. Her place is being filled by substitutes from higher classes.

Mr. A. F. Stearns and daughter visited Roseburg friends a few days since last issue of this paper.

visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Churchill.

G. A. Taylor, ex-county clerk and sheriff of Douglas county, now of Portland, spent the Sabbath visiting Oakland relatives.

Rev. J. L. Stratford, formerly connected with the Plaindealer at Roseburg, is now pastor of the Methodist church at Canby.

Jesse Shambrook, S. D. Evans, Will Emory and other representatives of Umpqua Ferry and Coles Valley, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard, of Roseburg, were in the city Monday decorating the graves of loved ones in the Old Oakland cemetery.

Miss Ella Roadman went to Myrtle Creek Friday evening where, she will teach in the public school. Ray Henderson is also one of the teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Waite, of Roseburg, were in the city during the week looking after property belonging to the estate of the late Fendal Southern.

Old friends often meet unexpectedly. Monday morning William Preston, the Eugene harness maker, and capitalist, met Dr. Gilmore, of this city, at the depot. They attended Sunday school and church together in Canada about 30 years ago.

Mrs. E. D. Harvey, of English, Settlement has returned from a visit with relatives on Deer Creek. Mrs. Harvey is the only surviving member of the original founders of the English settlement and on the 21st day of this month will have resided there fifty years.

J. B. Goff and J. M. Leeper have arrived home from an extended trip through Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas and other states. Mr. Goff called at this office Tuesday morning and chatted pleasantly a few moments. He says many Eastern people have an eye on Douglas county and will perhaps come West next season in large numbers.

George Hour has sold his farm on the Swale to George Bellingher of Dana, California, and purchased a sawmill near that place. Mr. Hour started to California to take charge of the mill Monday afternoon. His family will follow a few weeks later. Many were surprised to hear of the intentions of Mr. Hour at it he must go, we wish himself and family health, happiness and prosperity in a new home.

Riddle Items.

Ira B. Riddle is attending court in Roseburg, this week. Harry L. Williams who has been working in A. Riddle's fruit dryer this season, has returned, to his home near Milwaukee.

Ethel Riddle returned from Grants Pass, where she was on a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cornett spent Sunday last with friends and relatives in Myrtle Creek.

G. W. Riddle's big steam fruit dryer is still operating, but will close down soon. O. V. Logsdon left Monday morning for Roseburg, and vicinity where he goes for the purpose of buying goats for his mountain ranch near Table Rock.

Our school opened Monday, with Mr. Lamb, of Tillamook, as principal, and Miss Grace Hall, of Myrtle Creek and Miss Ethel Riddle, of this place as assistants. The attendance was fair but none are expected to attend soon.

Publicity is Needed.

If every act of a public officer were spread before the people that they might know what he does and what he neglects to do, there would be fewer public officers go wrong. It is the knowledge that their acts are not always scrutinized by the people, that encourages officials to make mistakes or occasionally violate strict regulations of propriety. In a recent issue the Oregon Journal had the following editorial on this subject:

Whatever may be urged to the contrary, we wish to uphold the doctrine that safety for the public official, and the public as well, lies along the line of publicity. The danger to both is from star-chamber methods, which lead to secrecy, through which things are sometimes done that cannot be publicly justified. It should not be forgotten that public business is public business, no matter through what official it may be transacted; that this is a government of the people, which effects certain aims of government through the instrumentalities of public officials. But these powers are simply delegated. The public official is the people's agent, and if they want certain information they are entitled to it.

So far as the official himself is concerned, he makes a mistake when he puts himself in the attitude of reserving information which the public seeks and desires. Publicity, as a matter of fact, in protection. The public then knows precisely what he is doing, and gives it

land, are visiting friends and relatives here.

W. H. Jones has purchased the property formerly owned by C. R. Franklin. Mr. Roy Rolland, of Oakland, who has been working out on Loom Lake, for the past two months, is once more visiting old time friends here.

The dedication of the M. E. church occurred here, Sunday. The debt of \$292 was promptly paid off by the members, after which services were held and at one o'clock the tables were spread and everyone was welcome to eat of the delicious food, which consisted of chicken, turkey and other things too numerous to mention.

Myrtle Creek Mailings.

Station Agent Burnett is attending district court at the county seat and while he is out of the station his position is filled by Agent Eel.

Mrs. Mary Rice returned home, Tuesday evening from her visit in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Andrews are on Mrs. Kate Chamey's place for this year. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert High, of Roseburg, were here Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. High's father, at the Overland, where a family reunion took place and a pleasant time had.

Judge Smith, of Oakland, came up last Sunday and Monday he packed up his son, Lloyd's belongings and took them to Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, have moved back to Oakland, where Mr. Smith is engaged in digging wells for just common water. Well!

Tuesday evening Charley Trask left for Albany, where he will spend the winter.

Miss Grace Hall, went to Bible and began teaching in the public school the first of the week.

Sam K. Sykes, one of Roseburg's big hardware dealers, was looking after business here Tuesday.

Will Powell, spent Monday and Tuesday at Roseburg, as a witness in the railroad accident case.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. C. J. Armitage next Wednesday the 21st. The Union did not meet last week because of the funerals.

Miss Jennie Burnett arrived here sometime ago from Adrian, Mich. She will spend the winter here and will keep house for brother, G. W. at the depot.

Work is progressing with foundation and basement part of Merchant Selig's new building. The ground plan is 40x60 with basement under the whole house.

G. W. White is no longer foreman in the Johnson sawmill, he having resigned last week. The family will remain here until Mr. White decides what he shall do.

The Myrtle Creek Prune Association have shipped to date eleven cars of prunes. Nine cars went to Bordeaux, France, and two cars to the Eastern cities. They expect to ship a car a day now for the next two weeks at this pace besides they are shipping from various other places in the county, also from the Willamette valley.

A. E. Shria has been secured by the company that is going to put in a large lumber manufacturing establishment at Winchester to take charge of and superintend the work for the company. Mr. Shria is one of the best millwrights and all-around lumber men in the country, and while we do not like to see himself and family leave town, we hope they will find a pleasant and profitable home.

Marshal Drake attended to business matters in Roseburg, Monday, and while he was gallivanting around with the Nobility there Our Host, Ed. Nagel, of the Overland, was bearing up bravely burdens incident to performing the duties of marshal, recorder, mayor and justice of the peace, all which he bore with becoming grace and modesty. He had no occasion to exercise his prerogative or to put anyone in the hospital.

Circuit Court.

About half past five Thursday evening the jury in the damage suit of Rupert L. Jones vs. the Southern Pacific R. R. company for \$15,000 for injuries sustained in a wreck near Myrtle Creek, on January 9, 1902, brought in a verdict for the Southern Pacific company. The jury had deliberated for eight hours before reaching a decision, but as the sup per hour drew near they reached it.

Mr. Jones is not in any wise nonplused over the circuit court decision, and says he will fight out his case to the end. His attorneys, Messrs. A. M. Crawford and John T. Long were allowed sixty days in which to file a bill of exceptions preparatory to making an appeal to the circuit court.

In the case of the State of Oregon vs. Ernest W. Shively, charged with assault with intent to commit rape upon the person of his 13-year-old step-daughter, the defendant was found guilty but was recommended to the extreme mercy of the court. Shively's attorney, John T. Long, made a motion for a new trial,



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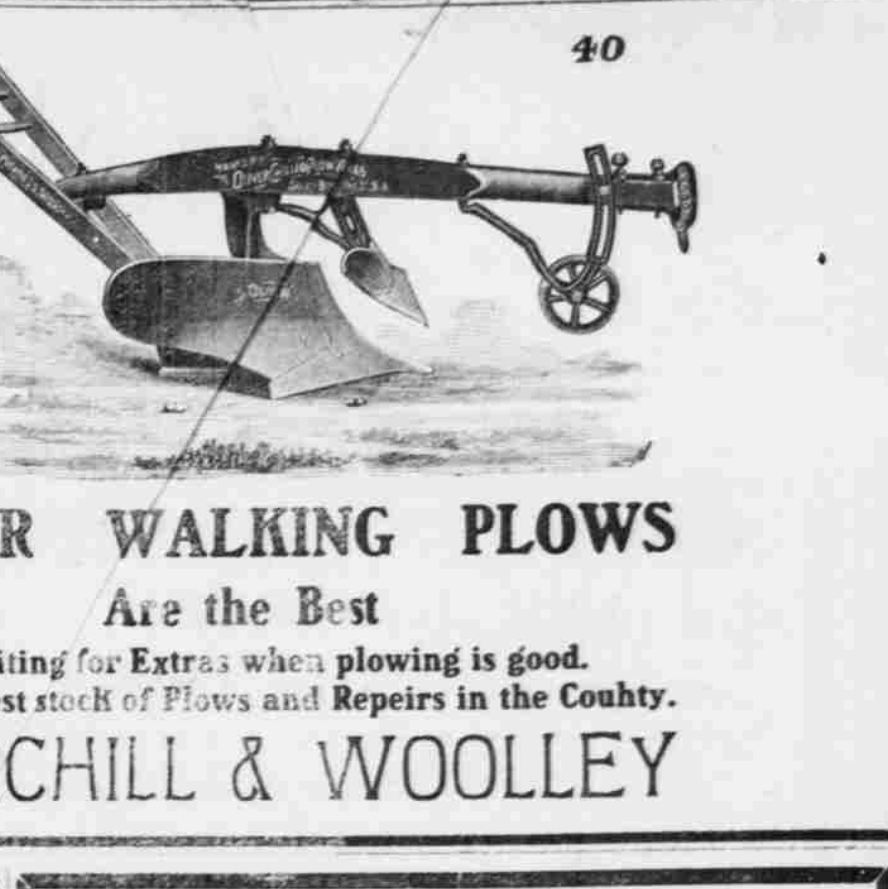
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DAVID McCORMICK, ASHER IRELAND, JACK CHAPMAN, JOHN BAKER, T. F. FISHER, J. A. JACQUES, C. H. DAUBERTY.

G. C. O. Whit vs. Chas. Strong et al, suit for partition; A. M. Crawford for plaintiff, F. W. Benson for state, and J. C. Fullerton for defendants. Decree for sale of property by referee.

M. Ross Brunstetter vs Peter Brunstetter, suit for divorce; John T. Long for plaintiff. Decree granted.

S. Sidney Meacham vs Mamie Meacham, suit for divorce; Louis Barzee for plaintiff. Decree granted.

O. Jennie Porter vs Jas O Kirkendall et al, suit in equity; J. T. Long and L. Barzee for plaintiffs, J. C. Fullerton and Dexter Rice for depts. Argued and submitted.

K. P. Peterson, vs C. J. Cronson, suit in equity; W. W. Cardwell for pliff, F. W. Benson and A. M. Crawford for defts. Motion for continuance allowed.

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Sam Morris Signed. Indian Will Pledge Sunday's Game for Sacramento.

Sam Morris, the Indian pitcher who a few days ago was released by Fred Ely, the manager of the Portland Browns, has been signed by Manager Mike Fisher, of the Sacramento Senators. If Sammy will only let firewater alone, he will be often heard from.