

We had really overlooked the matter of congratulating Vale until we saw where all the other notables did so and we hasten to apologize for the seeming neglect. Now that fellow from Ontario precinct that wrote the Gazette to express his appreciation of the result, etc., and proposes that Vale build a railroad from Nyssa and ship cattle and bring freight from Nyssa also, has the right thing by the tail, but he don't hold on long enough. Just as well extend that railroad on into this valley where it would find something to ship.

The Gazette still feels unkindly toward Representative Geer for introducing and working for that enabling act. We don't blame it. Geer's an ungrateful wretch anyway. After receiving the loyal support of that paper in the campaign—and there is no doubt its large influence elected him—for him to go down there and introduce that bill simply because the voters of Malheur county petitioned him to do it! Why, he looks to us like he would do it again if he had the opportunity. No danger of that, however, as the Gazette has killed him, politically, and we will send a good democrat to take his place next time. Now that Vale has a "cinch" on the county seat with her new stone court house and such an able defender as the Gazette, those Ontario democrats that were so solid for Geer will all fall in line and the democrats will have a walkover in June 1902. Besides the next man can profit by Geer's mistakes. Oh, yes, the county seat fight in Malheur county was quite an issue over here. That is all we wanted of a representative in the legislature. That school bill and the amendment to the stock laws was simply a side-play. No doubt every voter thought of that county seat fight when he cast his ballot. Of course, why not?

Senator Kuykendall, of Lane county, can certainly be called the guardian of the state treasury. No "grafts" or big appropriations are ever brought up that it does not find in him a strong opponent. Representative Geer's high school bill which passed the House was handed to Senator Kuykendall, who was a member of the senate committee on education, to report to his committee and then to the senate. The Senator, in order to prevent any fight that might interfere with the election of a U. S. Senator, quietly pocketed the bill and it was not reported. Another instance was when the bill to appropriate a small per capita to orphans of the state was brought up. Senator Kuykendall vigorously opposed the measure—orphan were not entitled to any consideration by the legislature. They had no business being orphans and without a home and relatives to look after them. Yet that same senator plead with tears in his eyes that the legislature appropriate \$47,000 annually for the state university and \$25,000 for new light and heating apparatus. Well, he got it, and our little \$10,000 got pocketed. Come to Harney county senator. We have good and skillful doctors and you would have very little to do at your profession, but we want you to represent us in the Oregon legislature. Such sterling qualities as you possess would be recognized and our people would not even put up an opposing candidate.

If the amendment to the city charter, empowering the common council to grant a franchise for an electric light plant or water works has become a law, the matter of lighting Burns by electricity is entirely in their hands. While a franchise does not, perhaps, give

exclusive right, it nevertheless gives the parties who hold it practically a monopoly on the business. They should not be too hasty in using such privilege until the matter has been thoroughly investigated. We do not approve of the mode of granting franchises. It should be given to the highest and best bidder, therefore the city council should be careful to get the best possible terms in the way of street lights, or water for fire purposes. There is no necessity to take the first proposition offered, for there are more than one man or electric company who would be glad to put in a system in a place the size of Burns. Another thing, they should insist on the completion of the work in a reasonable length of time. We need the electric light plant now and there is no doubt of it being a paying investment.

A subscriber wishes to know what amendments were made to the charter of Burns at the last term of the legislature. There were two amendments introduced by Representative Geer, one changing the elective officers adding the marshal to the list and the other to empower the common council to grant a 25 year franchise for an electric light plant. Whether these amendments were both passed and signed by the governor, we do not know. Mr. Geer says he is satisfied they were passed by both houses, but whether they were signed by the governor, he cannot say. As soon as completed the session laws will be distributed and Mr. Geer will also receive a copy of the journal. We could not get a copy of the amendments as proposed on account of Mr. Geer not having received his trunk.

A notice appears in this issue calling a meeting of the Harney County Stockmen's Association to meet in Burns on April 6th. Since the legislature has adjourned without doing anything toward protecting the stock interests of this state, the local organization of stockmen should be made as strong as possible. We hope the meeting on April 6 will be largely attended, as the people would like an expression from that association with regard to the leasing of the ranges.

The legislatures of the various states are simply wasting time by passing resolutions favoring the election of U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people. Almost if not all the states of the union have passed such resolutions but the constitutional amendment does not seem to appear. This matter has not yet come under the observation of Senator Markus A. Hanna—that great friend of the masses. When it does we will have that amendment.

If the present plans do not fall through with a fraternal hall 50x90 feet, two stories, of stone, will be erected in Burns this season with Inland lodge, No. 70, K of P and Harney lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F. as the principal stockholders. The first floor will be used as a city hall and opera house.

We have given the Oregonian a big "white mark" for the stand it has taken on proposition of government irrigation; and now, if the big daily will get on the right side again, for once in its life, and use its influence against leasing the ranges of the western states, it will have almost redeemed itself.

The Sultan of Turkey has sent Emperor William a present of four swords, the scabbards of which are of solid gold thickly encrusted with diamonds. Our little bill doesn't seem to be in it with the German Bill.—Ex.

A South American doctor says a rattlesnake bite will cure one of leprosy. So will an explosion of dynamite, properly applied.

House bill No. 104, which appears on our first page, needs no explanation or comment. Needless to say it found strong support among Senators Kuykendall, Mulkey and other Willamette valley people.

Some people are actually talking of Governor Odell, of New York, as a candidate for the presidency on the republican ticket in 1904. Teddy, this is an outrage! Don't you stand for it.

A Serious Accident.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. Venator, living about six miles below town, went out to the barn to do a few chores and climbed up in the hay mow, in some way she slipped and fell to the ground; being alone at the time, she was compelled to lay where she fell for sometime, however, she managed to get to the house after a half hour of struggling torture and when the hired man came, sent him for some of the neighbors, who persuaded her to send for a doctor.

At first Mrs. Venator did not think she was seriously hurt, but upon the arrival of the doctor it was found she had one rib broken and another fractured on the left side.

Being an aged lady the doctor was alarmed as the shock was a severe one, and telegraphed for her daughter, Miss Rose, now in Portland who is expected to arrive here Saturday evening.

Dr. Hall informed us Wednesday that Mrs. Venator was then resting easy and in all probability, would shortly recover.—Lakeview Rustler.

Notice For Bids.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Court for Harney County, Oregon, until Wednesday the 8th day of May, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at which time the bids will be opened and considered by the Court, for the construction of a grand and building of bridges and culverts, for a distance of sixteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty (16,750) feet, on the county road leading east from the east end of the Sweek lane.

Said grade, bridges and culverts to be constructed according to the plans and specifications on file in the clerk's office.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and the successful bidder will be required to give a bond, to be approved by the Court, in double the amount of his contract, for the faithful performance thereof.

H. RICHARDSON, County Clerk.

By F. S. RIEDER, Deputy.

Attention Stockmen.

The Harney County Live Stock Association will hold its regular meeting at the court house in Burns on Saturday April 6, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers, and the transaction of other business.

C. P. RUTHERFORD, Pres, G. W. YOUNG, Sec.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney. John Ott, John D. Daly and Abner Robbins, composing the firm of John Ott & Company, Plaintiffs, vs. R. M. Needham, R. B. Carey and J. P. Gearhart, Defendants.

Plaintiffs, having begun a suit in the Circuit Court of Harney County, Oregon, against the defendants in the above entitled cause wherein they demand the following relief:

First—A judgment against the defendants herein for the sum of \$128.22 together with interest thereon from the 10th day of January, 1901.

Second—For a decree foreclosing a lien against a certain building erected by defendant Needham on the following described premises, to wit: starting at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of section 23, township 20 South, range 35 East of Willamette Meridian, running thence 490 feet East; thence 20 1/2 degrees West of South 82 feet to the NW corner of land herein described for beginning point; thence 20 1/2 degrees West of South 208.7 ft; thence 20 1/2 degrees South of East 208.7 ft; thence North 26 1/2 degrees East of North 208.7 feet; thence 26 1/2 degrees

North of West 208.7 ft to point of beginning; and so much of the land as is necessary for the convenient use and enjoyment of the above building.

Third—For an order of sale of above described premises; that the proceeds be applied first, to the payment of costs and expenses herein; Second, in payment of plaintiff's claim; Third, the remainder if any to defendant R. M. Needham.

Fourth—For such furorders and decrees as to the court may seem just and proper.

And the said defendant R. M. Needham not being found within this State, after due diligence, and an order having been obtained from Judge James A. Sparrow of the County Court of Harney County directing publication of summons to defendant R. M. Needham, once a week for 6 consecutive weeks and signed on the 15th day of March 1901.

Now, in the name of the State of Oregon, you the said R. M. Needham, are hereby requested to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on the 27th day of April 1901 before the Circuit Court of said County and State; and if you fail to answer on or before the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs will take judgment against you as mentioned herein.

Date of first issue 16th day of March, 1901.

Biggs & Biggs, Attys for Plffs.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution duly issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Harney county, in a cause wherein J. P. Gearhart was plaintiff and R. M. Needham was defendant, upon a judgment duly docketed in said court and cause on the 5th day of March, 1901, in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendant for the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-two and 51-100 dollars and the costs of and upon this writ, I have this day levied upon the said defendant's interest in and to the following described real

property situated in Harney county, Oregon, to-wit: Starting at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-three township twenty, range 35 east W. M., and thence running 490 feet east thence 26 1/2 degrees west of south 82 feet to the northwest corner of land herein described containing one acre. Starting at point above mentioned and running on said degree on west line 26 1/2 degrees west of south 208 and 7-10 feet. Thence 26 and 1-2 degrees south of east on south line 208 and 7-10 feet. Thence north 26 and 1-2 degrees east of north 208 and 7-10 feet. Thence on west line 26 and 1-2 degrees north of west 208 and 7-10 feet to place of beginning, containing one acre, and will on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 1901, at the front door of the court house in Burns, Oregon, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, sell at public auction for U. S. gold coin, to the highest and best bidder, all the estate, right, title and interest the said defendant R. M. Needham had in the above described property on the 5th day of March, 1901, or now has, or so much thereof as shall satisfy said judgment, together with the costs of and upon this writ.

Witness my hand this 11th day of March, 1901.

GEO. SHELLEY Sheriff of Harney county, Oregon. By SAM MOTHERSHEAD, Deputy.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that I the undersigned administrator of the estate of John Murray deceased have filed my final account with said estate in the office of the County Clerk of Harney county Oregon; and that, Monday, the 11th day of March 1901, is the day fixed by the Court for hearing objections thereto and reading a decree allowing or disallowing the said account. All heirs, creditors and other persons interested in said estate, desiring to file objections thereto shall do so on or before that date.

F. S. REIDER, Administrator.

Mrs. O. Calkins is again in a critical condition.

A. K. Richardson, the rustling saw mill man, was in to see us today.

"Mother" Bowen graced our sanctuary today and added the sixth new name to our subscription book this week. We're climbing and giving the people their money's worth.

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