

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Itemized Account of Doings in City and Country.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM WANTED.

The Board of Trade Resolved to Apply to the City Council for Proper Action.

At the meeting of the board of trade, on Tuesday evening, H. W. Cottle showed commendable interest on the subject of sewers. He dwelt on the natural advantages our city possessed in standing on an elevated position, and having the broad and swift flowing Willamette run past our doors. With such easy drainage a system of sewers could be built to drain all the refuse of the city, and place our citizens in a hygienic condition surpassed by no other community. With the ozone from the mountains, the balsam from surrounding forests of fir, and the cooling breezes from the flowing stream freshening the air, he said we only needed well scavenged streets and a good system of under drainage, to render this city a sanitarium, resorted to by invalids from all parts in search of health.

Mr. Cottle mentioned a case in point that had come under his observation that same day. Some tourist with his family, seeking health, having grown tired of Southern California, resolved to visit Oregon, and purchased tickets for Eugene City. By some accident he rode past that place, and then he instructed the conductor to put him and his family down at the first bright town on the way. The conductor chose Albany for their stopping place, and these passengers entered a hack to drive to a hotel. But on the way thither the valetudinarian tourist was unfavorably impressed with the flat surface of the streets, and he ordered the hackman to turn round and reach the train, if possible, before it left the depot. He succeeded, and the family came on to Salem. "The lay of the land" suited the eastern traveler, and he expressed his intention of sojourning with us a while.

With indifferent sanitary arrangements, Mr. Cottle argues that the health of the city will average with the most favored places; but with all impurities removed from our streets and alleys, and all the waste and draft of the city carried through an effective system of sewers, all tendency to typhoid and malarial fevers would be removed, and the fortunate inhabitants might be spared a good portion of the ills that flesh is heir to.

He moved that the city council be asked to employ a competent surveyor, to determine where sewers should be placed, and their probable cost; also that the council be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to provide a complete system of sewerage. Which motion was unanimously adopted.

This is good as far as it goes, but more force must be infused into the movement before the council will be likely to act. The motion calls for "a competent engineer," and we may have to send elsewhere for one. His survey and measurements must be shown on paper in the shape of a profile, and an estimate made of the cost. An undertaking like this will cost quite a little sum of money, and are our citizens willing to go on with the work when the estimate is made?

Some figure up the cost of a proper sewerage system at \$25,000. Under our city charter the public indebtedness we can incur is limited to one-fifth that amount. How will they get over that difficulty? Apply to the legislature to amend the charter? Or ask for another special act to bond the city in the sum required, as was done in the case of the bridge? An effort is being made to bring immigration to this city, and to succeed in this laudable endeavor, it must be placed in an attractive condition. Los Angeles subsidized railroads, laid sewers, perfected an extensive irrigation system, and graded and macadamized without thought of cost. If we want sewers some arrangement must be made to pay the expense, and it would be well to inform the city council, before they are called on to act, whether the taxpayers are willing to meet the outlay. If the board of trade correctly expresses the feeling of our citizens, it would be well to apply to our city fathers at their next meeting and get this business under headway. There will be no trouble in letting the contract to the highest bidder.

LOCAL NOTES.

Fresh strawberries at A. Strong & Co's.

Dressmaking at Mrs. A. H. Farrar's.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Rev. P. S. Knight went down this morning.

Hon. J. K. Weatherford of Albany is in town.

Strawberries and cream at A. Strong & Co's.

Asst. Treasurer Slater went to Portland this morning.

Miss Julia Chamberlin went to Portland this morning.

Thirty bread tickets for one dollar at A. Strong & Co's.

Hon. W. R. Bilyeu of Albany came down this morning.

Painless dental operations at Dr. T. C. Smith's, 92 State street.

The Capital Lumbering Company will start its saw mill running next week.

Go to E. L. L. Johnson's for genuine bargains in fancy and staple dry goods.

Kid, silk and cotton gloves at Bridges & Bozorth's new store.—Bank block.

A fine lot of new millinery just received at Mrs. A. H. Farrar's. Will be sold cheap.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a strawberry and ice cream festival on May 23.

Curling irons and Mikado rolls at Mrs. A. H. Farrar's. Also something new in ladies' underwear.

Lieut. W. N. Ladue, president of the First National bank, went to Portland this morning on business.

The committee in charge of the pamphlet soon to be issued, have decided to have no advertising matter within its covers.

The poll books for the coming election are being distributed by sheriff Minto and his deputies to the various precincts.

Rev. J. W. Bowersox and Rev. J. M. Dick went to Portland this morning to attend the annual conference of the Evangelical church.

Parasols, handkerchiefs, collars, cuffs, hosiery, corsets, and underwear at prices that will astonish the natives at E. L. L. Johnson's.

We are glad to announce that Dr. J. C. Byrd, the popular dentist, who has been suffering for some time with his eyes has recovered, and will be at work again next week.

George Plaster was arraigned before Commissioner Walton last evening and entered a plea of guilty. He will be taken to Portland to be sentenced by Judge Deady to-morrow.

Street Supervisor Thompson has completed the work of repairing the covered bridge across Mill Creek on Commercial street. He is also engaged in graveling several of the principal streets.

Hon. Geo. H. Williams will address the people of Salem on the political issues of the day next Tuesday evening, May 8th. The second regiment band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion.

Secretary Gregg has discovered that the law creating the State Board of Agriculture gives it no right to hold lands, hence the transfer of the state fair grounds to the state board by the old Oregon Agricultural Society will have to be given up.

The association of independent riflemen of New York have sent to the dowager Empress Augusta 1000 of Germany marks for the relief of flood victims, as a grateful remembrance of her kind reception to them at Coblenz in 1855.

Is it not about time the grand army comrades of Salem were making arrangements for celebrating memorial day in a fitting manner? The military companies of this county should be invited to participate and arrangements should be made to entertain them while here.

Hon. E. B. McElroy, state supt. public instruction, went to Portland this morning. Supt. McElroy is trying to arrange transportation rates to the State Teachers' Association which meets here in July, and to the National Teachers' Association to be held in San Francisco, and which a large number of Oregon teachers want to attend.

Irwin S. Watson has resigned his position with the State Insurance Co., and also as secretary and manager of the Salem Building and Loan Association. Mr. Watson will make his future home in Portland, where he has been engaged by another insurance company. T. J. Potter succeeds Mr. Watson as secretary and manager of the S. B. & L. association.

A. F. Wells of Independence is in town.

Judge Hurley of LaFayette is in town.

W. W. Barlow of Barlow station is in the city.

The Albany Weekly Democrat will blossom out into a daily during the campaign.

Workmen are now engaged in putting in a door in the side of the Capital engine house.

Capt. Alonzo Gesner has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late R. A. Gesner.

A deputy sheriff from Washington county brought an insane man to the asylum yesterday.

Senator Dolph presided over the senate on Tuesday while Ingalls gave Dan Voorhees such a scoring.

Van B. DeLashmutt has been elected mayor of Portland by the city council to succeed mayor Gates.

The governor to-day commissioned A. E. McFarland of Elliton, J. R. Stoddard of Portland and A. V. Davis of Mollalla, notaries public.

County Supt. Geo. A. Peebles is now engaged in finishing up the record work of his office that has reference to his annual report. He is also engaged in sending out blanks to the teachers and school officers of this county.

On Monday, Leonard, the 16 year old son of A. H. Hooker, living at Eight Mile Creek, Morrow county, in drawing a 44-calibre revolver from his pocket, shot himself through the left hand in the middle knuckle joint. The middle finger was amputated.

John Doe was up before his honor, recorder Strickler this morning, and found to have been drunk and disorderly "against the peace and dignity of the city of Salem." He was sent below for four days to ruminate on the error of his ways, and contribute a little of his strength to the improvement of our streets.

Will E. Cherry and wife, who came out here last fall from Creston, Iowa, started on their return to Iowa this afternoon. Mr. Cherry is quite a bright active young man, and a journalist of considerable ability. We regret to see him leave here, but he has a good position offered him there, and he feels impelled to accept.

A gentleman who has just returned from Southern Oregon reports that an immense water ditch is being surveyed to take water from Rogue river to Gold Hill. It is supposed to be for mining, manufacturing and irrigating purposes, and perhaps to turn the river so as to mine the bed for a mile where it is supposed to be very rich in gold. It is not known who is backing the enterprise, but it is hoped it will be carried out to a successful issue.

Davis Carnes, a citizen of the southern part of Linn county, is 104 years old, says the Lebanon Express. He is hale and hearty; his neighbors say he split 3000 rails this winter and repaired his fence with them. He was born in Washington county Pennsylvania, in 1783; lived there until 40 years old, then moved to Indiana, and lived there nearly forty years, and crossed the plains the last year of the war. In eight or ten years more Mr. Carnes, if he does well, will be able to split 5000 rails during the winter.

Roland Reed.

Roland Reed's highly amusing comedy farce, "Humbug," will be presented in the Opera House on Saturday evening. The action of this piece is brisk and the situations very funny. In a certain way it recalls "The Private Secretary," for the frascible father who returns from India in search of his son, in the former, is but a counterpart of the uncle in search of his nephew, in the latter. The piece is well spoken of by our exchanges, the company is meritorious and Mr. Reed and Miss Nettie, who perform the leading parts, are pronounced inimitable.

SUPREME COURT.

SALEM, May 3, 1888.

Peter S. Brenner, resp. vs. M. Alexander, app. Appeal from Linn county. Argued and submitted. J. K. Weatherford att'y for app. H. H. Hewitt and W. R. Bilyeu att'ys for resp.

B. F. Hennis, app. vs. Mary C. Wells, resp. Appeal from Polk Co. Judgment of the court below affirmed. Opinion per curiam.

Resigned.

First Lieut. M. T. Downing, A. Co., 2nd reg't, O. N. G., has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. Col. Smith says he will order an election to fill the vacancy as soon as he can communicate with Capt. Wrightman in regard to the date. Lieut. Downing will hereafter reside in Linn county.

A MODOC WARRIOR TALKS.

Interesting Interview With a Member of the Once Famous Tribe of Indians. The Modocs on their native heath were as determined a tribe of Indians as ever attempted to remove the dandruff from the heads of their white brothers. It cost millions of money and dozens of valuable lives to subdue them when they put on their war paint a few years ago and commenced to raise Cain and the hair of the settlers. No tribe of equal number ever cost the government half as much trouble as the Modocs. The remnants of this once powerful tribe are being slowly extinguished by intermarriage and consumption on their reservation in Indian territory. Two of their number, William Clinton and the historic William Faithfull, called at our office the other day. The former is a bright young man, who was but a child when his people were wrestling for supremacy with the United States government. He is well educated, speaking and writing the English language faultlessly.

In speaking of his people he said: "There are not many of us now, death having reduced our number to less than ninety, and in a few years we will not have a living representative. The climate does not agree with us at the reservation and many are slowly dying from consumption. I believe if they were brought back to California, they would recover. I came out here fourteen months ago with five of my people whom it was thought would die before they reached their old home. Only one died and the other four have entirely recovered. I am going back to-morrow to sell off my possessions and will return with as many of my people who are sick as my money will bring."

Clinton spoke with feeling, and seemed to be anxious that his tribe should not become extinct. Accompanying Clinton was William Faithfull, who said that he also was on his way to the Indian territory. Faithfull is well advanced in years, and his stiff, wiry hair will soon be gray. During the Modoc outbreak he fought from the opening to the close with Capt. Jack, but seems to have had more honor and principle than that noted leader.

Through Clinton as interpreter he spoke freely of his part in the war. He can speak very good English, but says he hates to use the language of a race that has done him so much wrong.

"We were being wronged," said Faithfull, "and had to fight. Afterward we were sorry we had started on the warpath, but were afraid to stop, for Capt. Jack said we would be killed anyway, and might as well die fighting. Lots of times some of us would go to Jack and say that we would fight no more, but he would make a long speech, and we would agree to fight on. When Capt. Jack planned to deceive the peace commissioners and murder them, I made up my mind to go and warn them, but I was watched so closely that I could not get away. I then sent a squaw named Toby Riddle, and she warned Col. Meacham, but they believed in Jack, and not in me. Dr. Thomas was killed. Col. Meacham was in Indian territory afterward, and gave me \$10 for saving his life. Lots of times I could have killed white men, but never did. I have one squaw, and am going home to get her out here where she will be happy. I have no children."—Yreka Union.

How Governor "Bob" Stewart Got Even.

An old citizen, a gentleman of high social and official standing in St. Joseph, tells a story of the famous Missouri governor, Bob Stewart, which, true to the letter, proves that fact is stranger than fiction:

"I was coming up the Missouri river when I was a boy," said the ex-governor, "and I was working my way on a steamboat. At a point where we had to wood up I didn't carry as big a load as some of the roustabouts, nor move with that agility that the others did, for I was not strong, and had been tenderly raised. The mate became enraged at my slow movements on the gang plank, and he gave me a kick and sent me ashore and confiscated my buffalo robe as payment for my passage to that point. I never saw that mate again until I had been inaugurated as governor of this great commonwealth of Missouri.

"One day, wandering through the wards and districts of the penitentiary, I saw that mate working at a forge. He had been sent there for killing, in a passion, a man under his command. I knew him instantly, and I directed the warden to send the man to the gubernatorial mansion in the garb of a gentleman. When the man arrived I took him into my private office and asked him if he recognized me. He replied that he did not. Said I: 'Do you remember one time, and at such and such a place, of kicking a boy and sending him ashore who had been working in your gang?'"

"The man said: 'No, I don't remember it, but it is very likely that I did it.' "Well," says I, "I am that boy and here is your pardon. I always thought I would get even with you." "The tears came to the old man's eyes, and he said: 'Well, governor, to be a mate in those days a man had to be a dog.' "You played well your part," I said. "Now, leave here, and don't let me see you again." "As he made his exit I gave him an able bodied kick, and little Bob Stewart had got even with that big steamboat mate.

"Sounds like romance, don't it? Yes. But every word is true, I need barely say, sir."—St. Joseph Gazette.

A cross between half dress and business dress is the three button, one piece cutaway, of rough light goods, with patch breast pockets and side flaps. All other business suits are made sack fashion. With a sack coat, as with a cutaway, a fancy waist and an odd pair of trousers may be worn. Sacks are looser this year, with wider backs.

For half dress nothing seems able to shake the hold of the cutaways. The three button coat is the better model for summer, though the four button one is coming into favor again. The tendency this year is toward rolling fronts, cut much lower. Some of them show the silk linings as far as the button holes. All sorts of light colored stuffs are used, as well as thin dark goods. Fancy waistcoats may be worn with either a three button or a four buttoner.

The Buzzard and the Fox.

A Fox who was Crossing the Fields one day encountered a Buzzard, who not only Jeered and Insulted him, but actually Dared him to Combat. A Fox who came upon the scene Expressed his Surprise that the Fox should Submit to such Conduct, but the latter replied: "An Enemy not worth Burying is not worth Killing." Moral—That's why so many Losers remain Unthumped.—Detroit Free Press.

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