

The Weekly Chronicle.

COUNTY OFFICIALS.

County Judge	Robt. Mays
Sheriff	T. J. Driver
Clerk	A. M. Kelsay
Treasurer	C. L. Phillips
Commissioners	A. S. Blowers D. S. Kinsey W. H. Whipple
Assessor	J. B. Hill
Surveyor	C. L. Gilbert
Superintendent of Public Schools	C. L. Gilbert
C. S. Jones	W. H. Butts

STATE OFFICIALS.

Governor	W. P. Lord
Secretary of State	H. R. Kincaid
Treasurer	Phillip Metcalf
Supt. of Public Instruction	G. M. Irwin
Attorney-General	C. M. Idemunn
Senators	G. W. McBride J. H. Miller
Congressmen	B. Hermon J. W. Ellis
State Printer	W. H. Lee

Clubbing Rates.

Chronicle and Oregonian	\$2 25
Chronicle and Examiner	2 25
Chronicle and Tribune	1 75
Chronicle and N. Y. World	2 00

SHE IS NO JOKE.

The new woman is the prolific subject for the paragrapher and the humorist, who take her as a standing joke. A greater mistake was never made except in the creation of the new woman herself. She is anything but a joke, and is, indeed, the most serious problem the world has had to deal with since the creation. By slow processes the barriers against the employment of women in business pursuits decayed, until recently they fell to pieces, woman invading the realms theretofore occupied by man alone, and the new woman was, or is, the result.

The emancipation of woman is not proving in practice all that it promised in theory. The unanswerable argument that woman had as much right to earn a living as man, sounded prettily. As a theory it is perfect; but in practice it promises to upset, or at least re-arrange all businesses, to change society, and to eventually do away with marriage. This may sound as the expression of a pessimist; but is it? Examine into conditions in our cities and see. In Portland, for instance, go into the big stores where a few years ago only men were employed, and you will find their places filled with girls. Go onto the streets and into the beer joints and loafing places, and you will find the young men. Why? Because the work they have been accustomed to doing is taken from them.

This would not be so bad if the girls who took their places received, as they should, the same wages; but this they do not. The wage paid the girls is generally less than half that paid the man, yet they do just as much and just as good work. The result is that they have deprived some man of the chance of earning money enough to support himself and a family on, while they get barely enough to support themselves. This condition is becoming more serious every day, and the men are being steadily crowded out of employment and women are taking their places at half the wages. As one of the results the men are precluded from even thinking of marriage, and woman herself is responsible for reducing her chances in the matrimonial market. It may be said that the men should seek other employment such as woman cannot do. There is something in that, too, theoretically; but when it comes to putting it in practice it doesn't work, for the reason that there is not employment in such branches for all.

We may laugh at the new woman all we please, but she is here to stay, and what the result of her coming will be can already be guessed at, but not fully measured. The first effects will be to decrease the number of marriage licenses, cut wages in two, and thus create still lower prices for products.

We have received Nos. 4 and 5 of Town Talk, a newspaper recently started in Portland. We judge from a hasty perusal that its principal aim and object is to down the big department stores. It draws a really soul-harrowing picture of the ultimate results on Portland real estate of patronizing the bargain counters. The picture may not be overdrawn, but people will go where they can buy cheapest, and trying to prevent them doing so is like trying to sweep back the tide.

There is no question but that Blanche Lamont was murdered, the

only dispute being as to which distinguished Californian is to be credited with the crime. The returns coming in seem to indicate that the whole state is going to compete for the honor. Durrant so far is the only one who strenuously denies doing the deed, and his denial is perhaps due to the not remote contingency of a hanging bee, with himself as leading actor.

The senate has passed Senator Morgan's resolution recognizing the belligerency of Cuba. Of course this amounts to nothing unless the house concurs. This it is not likely to do, though a majority of its members would vote for it, for the simple reason that Speaker Reed will not permit the question to come up.

A Portland firm advertising its wares, unjokingly announces that as the water will undoubtedly be in our store next week, now is the time to buy dry goods. And then it enumerates, among other things in stock, corsets and bathing suits.

AGAINST CIVIL SERVICE.

Secretary Bliss, Pension Commissioner Evans, and Land Commissioner Hermann each wrote a letter to the senate committee that is investigating the workings of the civil service law and rules, advocating a curtailment of the extension of the rules made by Mr. Cleveland.

Secretary Bliss said: "The chief clerk of this department and the chiefs of divisions should, in my opinion, be exempt from the classified service. These officers occupy confidential relations to the secretary, and on their briefs or recommendations he is dependent, to a large extent, for the proper conduct of his office. I am of the opinion, also, that the special agents, such as land and timber inspectors, mineral and land commissioners, and particularly the special Indian agents, and the appointment of such, should be more directly under the control of the secretary, who is responsible for their actions, and who must depend upon them very largely for his knowledge of affairs in distant regions."

Land Commissioner Hermann said: "The existing rules of the civil service should be modified so far as the bureaus of all the departments are concerned in respect to their applications to chief clerks, chiefs of divisions, receiving clerks and confidential clerks, to inspectors, and also to all the special agents of the departments. If it is assumed that the dominant party should shape the legislation of the country in consonance with the policies which it sustains, it has a right to know that the chiefs of divisions, who first shape recommendations as they are called for through the various divisions, are in sympathy with the party policies. The most important legislation in congress emanates from these divisions in the form of reports on measures pending before congress, and which are usually first submitted to the heads of departments, and by them to the heads of bureaus, who in turn submit to the chiefs of divisions."

These are common sense arguments. Another batch of evidence showing the unblushing partisanship practiced by the Cleveland administration under the cloak of civil service reform, was submitted to the committee at its regular weekly meeting.—Heppner Gazette.

EMINENTLY CORRECT.

A topical writer in the East Oregonian deals with a very tender subject in treating of woman's age, but he tells nothing less than the truth as follows:

"The physical beauty of women should last, growing more and more mellow until the end. That the beauty of women, like that of men, should be determined from the standpoint of advancing maturity cannot be disputed. It is absurd to claim that the ripe, rich beauty of 40 is less attractive than the budding immaturity of sweet 16. When women live in harmony with nature's laws, each stage of life has its charm. The fullness of beauty does not reach its zenith under 35 or 40. Helen of Troy comes upon the stage at the age of 40. Aspasia was 36 when

married to Pericles, and she was a brilliant figure thirty years thereafter. Cleopatra was past 30 years when she met Antony. Diane de Poitiers was 36 when she won the heart of Henry II. The king was half her age, but his devotion never changed. Anne of Austria was 38 when described as the most beautiful woman in Europe. Mme. de Maintenon was 43 when united to Louis, and Catharine of Russia was 33 when she seized the throne she occupied for thirty-five years. Mile. Mar was most beautiful at 45, and Mme. Recamier between 35 and 55. The most lasting and intense passion is not inspired by two-decade beauties. The old saw about sweet 16 is exploded by the truer knowledge that the highest beauty does not dwell in immaturity. For beauty does not mean alone the fashion of form and coloring as found in the waxen doll. The dew of youth and a complexion of roses are admirable for that period, but a woman's best and richest years are from 36 to 40. It is an arrant error for any woman to regard herself as passe at any age if she grows old gracefully."

A LOVING UNCLE.

Some six months ago we noted the fact that Russell Sage, who is said to be hard-hearted, had done a very generous thing. People who know anything of Sage were disposed to look upon him as cold, unsympathetic, and, after the bomb episode when he grabbed his clerk and held him between himself and the exploding bomb, as somewhat selfish. This sentiment seemed to have some foundation for its existence, for after using the clerk's body for a shield for himself, and causing that same body to be bruised, torn and wounded by the bursting bomb, Sage refused to pay the doctor bill or to acknowledge in any manner the debt he owed his clerk. The clerk sued him, and Sage spent \$7000 in attorney's fees to beat the suit, which he did.

In view of this it was not deemed possible that the flinty Russell had a tender spot in his heart for any one. This shows how cruelly one can be misjudged. Sage had an only brother, who some years ago died, leaving an only son. The son married, and though industrious, misfortune overtook him, and he was about to lose the little house that sheltered him and his. He required \$50 to tide him over his troubles and save his property. In his dire distress his thoughts turned to his hundred millionaire uncle. He applied to him for the loan. The big tears came in Russell's generally dusty eyes, as he thought of the long-ago when his only brother, the father of the young man who now appealed to him, had played with him in the green fields; had shared with him the pleasures and the sorrows of childhood; had slept cuddled up to him in the cold winter nights; had been blessed by the same mother, and sometimes when he should have been threshed instead. His heart was touched and he loaned his nephew the money, \$50, taking a chattel mortgage on everything he had on earth to secure the payment of the same in six months.

Only a few days ago that mortgage became due. It was hard to get the money to pay it, but the good little wife took in washing and worked like a Trojan to assist in raising the money. As it came time for the payment the entire sum was not raised, and the little woman worried about it so that her mind evidently became unbalanced and she attempted commit suicide. Fortunately her life was saved, and last week the \$50, together with the interest due thereon, was forwarded to the kind-hearted old uncle in New York.

And yet some folks object to the inheritance tax.

General Weyler, the brave butcher of women and children, professional liar and all-around scab, expresses surprise that in the face of his "proclamation officially declaring the greater part of the island to be already pacified," this country should ever think of recognizing the belligerency of the Cubans. He declares this action would hold this country up to the ridicule of the European powers. The gold-laced coward and

murderer seems to think that his sword will be taken by Europeans, and does not realize that the whole world understands and despises him. There isn't a person who can read, and who has read any of Weyler's dispatches, who would believe him under oath. He is a disgrace even to Spain, and that country and its barbarisms is a disgrace to the world.

The Astorian congratulates Astoria on the fact that C. P. Huntington has evidently more than a passing interest in that city. It strikes us that with California's experience with that gentleman, Astorians should be taking a double hitch on their property, and begin to send up prayers that they may be spared any closer acquaintance with the great railroad magnate. Astoria has a free river, is getting a railroad, and is able to take care of itself. The greatest misfortune that could possibly overtake them is that Collis P. Huntington, of Mussel Slough fame, should get his grip on them.

The contention between the Hawkshaws and Sherlock Holmeses of Portland, Oregon City and other points as to who, which or what of the outfit is entitled to the honor and glory of discovering the body of the late Wm. Ladd, runs high. The papers are full of the wordy dispute, and the battle waxes hotter and still more hot. The unimpassioned and disinterested outsider, who is not influenced by hope of reward, is disposed to give the entire credit to Montgomery, who so cheerfully confessed the whole business.

It would be a nice thing for the O. R. & N. to send those visiting conductors up as far as The Dalles. The Columbia is at its very best, and it would be the best advertisement the company could have. With four hundred conductors from all over the United States to talk about the beauties of the Columbia river route, the tourist travel over this route would receive a great impetus. It is the grandest scenery in the world.

The Graduating Class.

The graduating class from the High School for this year is composed of the following:
Emma Bonney, Georgia Bonney, Elva Creighton, Ethel Denning, Maie Elton, Frances Fouts, Harriet Marden, Earl Sanders, Victor Schmidt, Beulah Sterling, Arthur Stubling, Daton Taylor, Retta Taylor.

Notice.

Jackson Engine Co., No. 1, will hold a drill on Friday evening, May 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. By order of F. W. L. SKIBBE, Secy.

Barb Wire.

Barb Wire (Glidden) \$2.35 per 100 pounds.

Cook Stoves.

- No. 7 Woodland Cook Stove, \$6.50.
- No. 8 Woodland Cook Stove, \$8.50.
- No. 8 Wood Michigan Square Cook Stove, \$10.00.
- No. 8 Wood Michigan Square Stove and reservoir, \$17.50.
- No. 8 Home Michigan Square \$15.00.
- No. 8 Home Michigan Square and reservoir, \$23.00.
- No. 8 Home Garland Square, \$23.00.
- No. 8 Home Garland Range, Square, without shelf, \$28.00.

Be sure and see the Garland Stoves before buying. As you will note from above prices they are very low, and it will not pay you to buy second-hand stoves when you can get new ones at the above prices.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the County Treasurer of Wasco County, Oregon, for the seven months ending on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1897, of money received and paid out, from whom received and from what source, and on what account paid out:

AMOUNTS RECEIVED, AND FROM WHAT SOURCE.		General Fund.	School Fund.
To amount on hand from last report		\$ 3,632 78	
To amount received from Sheriff, taxes		21,264 43	
To amount received from Sheriff, Dalles City taxes		1,710 43	
To amount received from Sheriff, road fund taxes		1,380 45	
To amount received from Sheriff, penalty		98 03	
To amount received from County Clerk, sundry fees		2,185 10	
To amount received from County Clerk, liquor license		600 00	
To amount received from Badder, liquor license		200 00	
Amount balance on hand			\$1,530 86
Received from Sheriff, taxes			6,670 17
Criminal, fines			171 20
		\$31,071 81	\$8,372 21
AMOUNTS PAID OUT.		General Fund.	School Fund.
By amount paid out on county warrants		\$25,167 37	
By amount paid out on School Supt's warrants			\$4,337 45
By balance general fund on hand		4,104 01	
By balance school fund on hand			4,034 76
By Dalles City warrants redeemed		1,710 43	
By road warrants redeemed		30 00	
		\$31,071 81	\$8,372 21
SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX FUND.			
By balance special school fund		\$ 269 02	
Received from taxes		5,754 77	
By warrants redeemed			\$5,871 55
Balance			152 24
		\$ 6,023 79	\$6,023 79

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco—ss.
I, C. L. Phillips, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out and remaining on hand in the county treasury of said county for the seven months ending on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1897.
Witness my hand this 30th day of April, A. D. 1897.
C. L. PHILLIPS, County Treasurer.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the amount of Money and Warrants received for Taxes, and Money paid to the County Treasurer by the Sheriff of Wasco County, Oregon, for the seven months ending on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1897:

To amount received in coin and currency during October, 1896	\$ 1,174 83
To amount received in coin and currency during November, 1896	1,624 26
To amount received in coin and currency during December, 1896	5,946 73
To amount received in coin and currency during January, 1897	1,749 25
To amount received in coin and currency during February, 1897	250 00
To amount received in coin and currency during March and April, 1897	24,914 76
By amounts paid to County Treasurer as per receipts—	
November, 1896	\$ 1,174 83
December	1,624 26
January, 1897	5,946 73
February, 1897	1,749 25
April, 1897	24,914 76
Amount of \$24,914.76 received in months of March and April was turned over to the County Treasurer April 5th.	

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco—ss.
I, T. J. Driver, Sheriff of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true.
Witness my hand this 14th day of May, A. D. 1897.
T. J. DRIVER, Sheriff of Wasco County.
By ROBERT KELLY, Deputy.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

Of the County Clerk of Wasco County, State of Oregon, showing the amount and number of claims allowed by the County Court of said county, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the first day of October, 1896, to the 30th day of April, 1897, both days inclusive:

On What Account Allowed.	Amount Allowed.	
For salaries of County Judge, Commissioners, Clerk, Sheriff, District Attorney, School Superintendent, Assessor, Treasurer, Stock Inspector and Janitor	\$ 8,410 14	
For road and bridges	843 57	
For paupers and county hospital	1,390 91	
For jurors in Circuit Court and Grand Jury	358 93	
For witnesses Circuit Court and Grand Jury	533 80	
For fees in Justice Court	518 90	
For stationery, office supplies and printing	602 10	
For court house and jail	148 45	
For bounty on wild animals	521 00	
For bailiffs, Circuit Court	95 00	
For supervisors account	2,128 16	
For insane account	49 00	
For coroner's inquest	61 85	
For fuel and electric lights	295 73	
For expense of election	784 17	
For armory rent, O. N. G., and G. A. R. relief	307 55	
Total amount of warrants drawn	\$ 17,111 28	
Outstanding Warrants Unpaid.	Principal Unpaid.	Interest.
Outstanding unpaid warrants, May 1, 1897	\$73,666 09	
Estimated accrued interest		\$15,000 00

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF WASCO—ss.
I, A. M. Kelsay, County Clerk of the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the number and amount of claims allowed by the County Court, for the six months ending on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1897, on what account the same was allowed and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid as the same appears upon the records of my office and in my custody.
Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County this 4th day of May, A. D. 1897.
A. M. KELSAY, County Clerk.
By SIMEON BOLTON, Deputy.

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of Wasco County, State of Oregon, on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1897:

LIABILITIES.	
Amount of warrants unpaid October 1st, A. D. 1896, with estimated interest thereon	\$ 81,722 18
Amount of warrants issued from Oct. 1st, A. D. 1896, to May 1st, 1897, on file	17,111 28
	\$ 98,833 46
By amount of warrants paid from Oct. 1st, 1896, to May 1st, 1897, with interest included as per report of County Treasurer, now on file	25,167 37
Total liabilities	\$ 73,666 09
RESOURCES.	
By funds in hands of County Treasurer applicable to payment of County warrants	\$ 4,164 01
By amount of funds in hands of Sheriff applicable to payment of County warrants	3,809 50
By estimated amount of real estate bid in by County at tax sales for the years 1890, 91, 92, 93 and 94	9,500 00
By amount of taxes due on roll of 1896, applicable to the payment of County warrants	36,087 45
Excess of liabilities over resources	\$53,566 96
	35,105 13

STATE OF OREGON, County of Wasco—ss.
I, A. M. Kelsay, County Clerk of the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the financial condition of said county, as the same appears of record from the books of said county, in my office and custody, and from the reports of the County Treasurer and Sheriff filed herein.
Witness my hand and seal of the Court of said County, this 4th day of May, A. D. 1897.
A. M. KELSAY, County Clerk.
By SIMEON BOLTON, Deputy.