

DECREASING—People everywhere are waking up to the evil of cigarette smoking. It is a great pity that our young boys do not heed the words of warning daily given them. It is a lamentable sight to see bright young fellows giving themselves over to this habit.

REVIVAL MEETING.—Rev. Judy announced last Sunday evening that it was his intention to conduct a revival meeting at this place, and if the arrangements could be perfected in time the meetings would commence next Sunday.

SALT ON CARPETS.—About sixteen times a year some one hops up and says carpets sprinkled with salt in sweeping will retain their colors. Just you try it if you want to ruin your carpets. Every damp day the salt will moisten and stand all over the carpet like dew and smell like mischief, and it is simply impossible to sweep the salt out of it.

EVIDENCES OF SPRING.—Some of the blossoms are unfolding, the song of the robin has been heard, and the light-colored clothes that are the harbingers of spring have put in an appearance; but the wise man will cling to his flannels, even though they cling to him, until the vernal equinox is past and the weather department has squared away to a steady, reliable business. Amen!

EVERYBODY BUSY.—Now that good weather has come, and the prospects are that it will remain, the era of general overhauling and repairing is being inaugurated. Cleaning out back yards and cellars has commenced and is being vigorously prosecuted. One cheerful sign is the repairs now in progress on a great many streets. Good sidewalks and streets are the best advertisement that a little city can show visitors who may be sojourning in a place.

SUSTAINS THE DECISION.—T. J. Cleaton, county school superintendent, has received the decision of State Superintendent McElroy in regard to the case of A. Coles, the teacher from Clackamas county who was present at the quarterly examination for teachers in this county last month and failed in attaining the per cent required by law to enable him to obtain a certificate. Mr. Coles appealed from the decision of the board of county examiners to the state superintendent, and he sustains the decision of the county board, giving, however, Mr. Coles six-tenths of one per cent more on his papers than the board deemed him entitled to.

A BANKING ESTABLISHMENT.—It occurs to the management of this paper that a banking establishment at this place would be a paying institution, a credit to the town and county, and a great convenience to the public. Where so much business is done as there is in this place it strikes us rather forcibly that the business men would consider such an institution as a good sound, paying business. Columbia county is growing in prominence as a business county, and the demand for a banking establishment is growing in proportion. If local capital cannot be interested let some party or parties interested elsewhere, and secure for us an institution which the business of the county demands.

THE OFFICIAL PAPER.—To the people of Columbia county we wish to say that where you want the county news the only paper in which it can be found in a correct and official manner is THE MIST. All the county news is published in this paper, and all other local matters are rightly dealt with. When you subscribe for THE MIST you are doing your share of the work which affords your county a reliable newspaper; a thing, which for public convenience, cannot be dispensed of. You will remember that THE MIST is the official organ of Columbia county, and we ask you to consider this matter and step to the front and pay up, for without money no paper can live. The more money the better the paper.

ENTERTAINMENT AT GILTON.—The people of the live little burg of Gilton realizing that something should be done to break the monotony of everyday life, have decided to give another one of those serio-comic literary entertainments on Friday, April 6. Gilton is noted for successfulness in this line of amusement, and there is not the least doubt but what this treat will surpass anything of the kind heretofore given. After the exercises are concluded there will be dancing, and if you are a lover of pleasure you cannot afford to miss this treat, as the managers are working to make it one to be remembered. The proceeds are to be applied to the purchase of the schoolhouse. The admission fee for gentlemen is twenty five cents, while ladies and children will be admitted free. Remember the date—Friday, April 6, 1894.

AN OREGON SUNSET.—One of the most sublime sunsets we have ever witnessed in Oregon occurred one evening last week. The clouds that reached from the western horizon to the zenith seemed bathed in a sea of crimson splendor. The mind of the master hand that painted the "Burning of Moscow," would have been powerless to catch the glorious tints, the shooting flames, the matchless glory of the scene. It was simply incomparable, grand, soul-inspiring. We have read of Italian sunsets; we have seen their beauties portrayed in paintings, but never have we witnessed so grand a heavenly panorama as on that evening. As we watched it, the flames burned less fiercely; by degrees they lost their brilliancy and gradually faded away before the gathering shades of night. It was an inspiring sight, not soon to be forgotten.

FALSE ALARM.—Our little city was somewhat disturbed last Friday evening at about half past nine o'clock by the sound of the fire alarm announcing a fire. The streets were soon crowded with a number of excited persons who inquired "Where is it at?" It did not take the fire company long to learn the location of the fire, and they hurriedly ran to the Masonic hall, where the fire apparatus is kept, and after running over two or three firemen with the hose cart, proceeded up the street in the direction of the sawmill. They did not go far, however, until they ran into a brush pile which Marshal Decker was burning near his home, and which was the cause of the alarm being given. The heroic and disappointed firemen returned home, and after bathing themselves with liniment to relieve the pain from the bruises contracted during the excitement, went to bed, swearing that the next time they crawled out of bed to attend a fire they would come pretty near knowing that it was no fake. Never mind a little excitement like this, boys, as it will give you practice and enable you to be more prompt when there is an actual fire.

STOP MY PAPER.—After you get angry and stop your paper, just poke your finger into water, pull it out and look for the hole; then you will know how badly you are misled. A man who thinks a paper cannot thrive without his support out to go off and stay awhile. When he comes back, half his friends will not know he has gone and the other half will not care a cent, while the world at large kept no account of his movement. You will find things that you cannot endorse in every paper. Even the bible is rather plain and hits some hard raps. If you were to get mad and burn your bible, the hundreds of preachers would go on printing it, and when you stop your paper and call the editor names, the paper will still be published, and what is more to your discredit, you will read it on the sly.

IMPROVING THE STREETS.—Street improvements are being vigorously executed in our city, especially on Strand street, along block eleven, where there has been a force of men at work all the week grading the street, being necessary on account of the sidewalk which was recently built, and which occupies all the level space. The city fathers seem pervaded with a spirit of improvement, since there has been more of that kind of work done in this place this spring than has characterized the city under any former administration. There is one certain fact, and that is there has nothing been done which was not really necessary, and which will not add materially to the benefits of the population, as a body.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY.—Notwithstanding the fact that the weather was inclement, there was a proportionately large crowd of enthusiastic republicans gathered in this place Wednesday, pursuant to a call for a county republican primary, and the assembly gathered at the courthouse and proceeded to elect the following-named persons as delegates to the county convention which will meet next Wednesday. The vote resulted in the election of H. R. Cliff, W. J. Rice, C. W. Blakesley, M. F. Hazen, and M. Saxon, who will cast their ballots for the nominees for county officers on the republican ticket.

NO RAIN ON EASTER.—If there is any truth in the saying that "If it does not rain on Easter Sunday there are pretty good reasons to believe that spring has come, and that the succeeding six weeks will be pleasant," we may look for some spring weather, not the style, however, that we have endured for seven months past, when it is evident that something touched the "spring" and neglected to let it up again. An early Easter is pretty good evidence of an early spring, and as it failed to rain on that day, we can live in hope, even if we do die in despair.

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 1.—The anglers are almost literally holding their breaths until the trouting season will open. However, only a few days yet remain when the line can be cast with impunity. On and after April 1 the season for trout-fishing will open. As the first day of April occurs on Sunday, it is probable that there will be a big rush among anglers, and it may be feared that the sacred character of the day will not be held in very high esteem by those who love to dally with the speckled beauties.

BACKBONE DISLOCATED.—Old Winter's backbone seems to be pretty effectively dislocated, and no more heavy storms are expected. Work will be generally resumed everywhere; large numbers of men will find employment, and much money will be placed in circulation. The past winter has been a very trying one, and now that gentle spring has come with the purpose of remaining, everybody will be inspired by a new courage.

RAINIER A. F. & A. M.—The Rainier society of A. F. & A. M. are making vigorous preparations for the event of the dedication of their new hall, on the 30th inst. Invitations have been sent to brother societies in Portland, Kalama, St. Helens, Astoria, etc., and no pains will be spared to make the event of the season. It may mark the beginning of a new epoch in the history of that otherwise quiet but healthy little town.

RESUMING OPERATIONS.—N. A. Nelson of Beaver valley, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Nelson reports business prospects for the summer as beginning to brighten up slightly, and informs us that many of the logging camps are assuming a business air, and that there will undoubtedly be considerable activity in that branch of business in that locality, this season.

TO THE DEDICATION.—Patrons of the steamer Sarah Dixon will take notice that for the accommodation of those wishing to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Masonic hall at Rainier, this (Friday) evening, the steamer will leave Portland at 3 o'clock p. m., which will make her arrival at wyalandings one hour later than usual.

FOR SALE.—The fine Norman station, "Tempea," is for sale cheap. For full information concerning age, pedigree, etc., call on R. Cox, or Muckle Bros., St. Helens, Oregon.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.—At the primary Wednesday, John Downing, of Gilton, was nominated for justice of the peace for this precinct. Mr. Downing would serve creditably in that capacity.

WENT TO SEA.—The steamer Okla-hama towed the barkentine Tani O'Shanter from her moorings at this place, Tuesday, to the mouth of the Columbia, the vessel having received her cargo of piling, and was ready to put to sea.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.—Messrs. Sweetland & Sheldon, the popular butchers of this place, expect to be able to move into their new building on the first of the month. The new quarters are commodiously located, and when once the gentlemen are settled there they will have an attractive business place.

THE THIRD SALOON.—Thos. Cooper, the veteran saloon-keeper, well known in Columbia county, has received his stock of liquors, and opened his new saloon in this place. Tom has an attractive place, and through his genial habits and extreme generosity will, no doubt, become as popular again, as he formerly was. He will serve from over his bar, the celebrated Weinhard beer. He will be pleased to receive his old friends, and will endeavor to treat them courteously.

TO REPUBLICAN CLUBS.—Perhaps no better way of ascertaining the sentiment of the people of Columbia county regarding candidates for the several offices, to be nominated next Wednesday, could be devised than for the clubs to take an informal vote in your several meetings, and thereby enable the delegates to act in accordance with the wishes of the people when they assemble in convention. This, no doubt, would be a very effective way of bringing out the full feeling of the people, and enable the convention to harmonize on candidates. There is little time for this action, and we urge that there be immediate action taken regarding the matter.

SURE TO BE DAMNED.—The president may intend to veto the seigniorage bill, but it is evident he is in no hurry to get at it. We are of the opinion that he will veto the bill. Yet he hesitates for very good reasons. He may be likened to an executive whose official duty requires him to sign a death-warrant, or to a sheriff upon whom the law devolves the disagreeable task of springing the trap that has a soul into eternity. It is a very solemn piece of business that Mr. Cleveland has in hand, and is fraught with results that will affect American politics long after he has passed from the stage of action. He is about to become the executioner of the party which has twice honored him with the presidency. It is a very serious matter to destroy such a party as that, and particularly under such circumstances. It is no wonder the president hesitates and postpones action until the last hour. Yet he realizes that if he does not veto the bill he will belie all of his past professions and will be a traitor to the gold power which bought his nomination. It is a sad plight for a president to be in, but he is there and will have to make the most of it. He is in the position described by the poet: "He will be damned if he does, and be damned if he doesn't." There is condemnation awaiting him whether he signs or vetoes the bill.

SHOWING THEIR FEELING.—Never before in the history of Columbia county politics has there been such a feeling existing as there is at the present time. Every republican in the county is inspired with a feeling of action which indicates that they are determined to succeed in the present campaign, a more striking illustration of the fact could not have been drawn than to have witnessed the enthusiasm which prevailed, and the number of votes cast, at the primary in this precinct. The same can be said of every precinct in the county, as is demonstrated by the large enrollment of the republican clubs throughout the whole county. At Gilton, where the populist claim to have had full sway, there is a flourishing republican club of thirty-six members; at Apiahy there is a republican club with thirty-one members, the entire vote of the precinct being forty-two; at Delena the club has a large enrollment, and the Vernonia, Mist, Clatskanie, Rainier, and all other republican clubs have large membership, while the Houlton club has a membership of twenty-four. Every needle of the republican party in the success of the republican party in June. People are awake to their interests, and with that object in view the republicans of Columbia county are determined to work until they plant upon the uppermost pinnacle, their banner, thusly inscribed, "Victory."

THE ASTORIA RAILROAD.—John Hale, the Capitalist, Speaks of the Line.

"Although I have not heard of any project that appeared to me like a business proposition looking to the construction of the Portland-Astoria railroad," says John Hale, the well-known contractor and capitalist, "still I am not prepared to assert that the road will not be built. Although this is a day of canal building—when such projects as the Manchester canal, some thirty miles in length and costing upwards of fifty millions of dollars, is undertaken—still there are a large number of people who believe that the future of any city is dependent absolutely upon a railroad. The lighthouse on freight may be but twenty-five cents per ton by river—much less than it can be profitably handled for by rail—but yet people can be found who will assert that a railroad to the mouth of the Columbia would out an important figure in the export trade. I do not exactly understand how the Union Pacific can be expected to build to Astoria—or to anywhere else under existing circumstances. Of course certain officials of the road may and probably would exert considerable influence with the company to obtain favorable traffic contracts for a new road. This in itself might be considered capital towards building. It might be sufficient to secure the subsidy to the officials, and induce contractors to assume the building of the road. I doubt, however, if there are contractors here who will undertake to build a road again until they know where the money is coming from. And when the money is on hand to build a road, then why should we not have a public competition and all have a chance to bid—and not a private letting. I understand there are New York parties who, it is said, have looked over the field and have expressed a willingness to advance money if given all the subsidy. But there is the catch again, as when two or three parties are interested in such a project, they generally propose to divide the subsidies. At any rate I should like to see the road built. Not that I think it would pay, but it would furnish employment, and help to improve conditions, at least for a time, in this locality. Besides it would open up some new country in which there is considerable timber and no doubt minerals, and some of which, perhaps, may be used for farming."

DELENA.—Major J. S. Rineason left on the steamer Dixon last Tuesday for Portland.

The weather, for a few days, has been extremely fine, and farmers are beginning to plough and plant their crops.

Mrs. Meserve returned from Houlton last Wednesday, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Little.

John Parker has secured a large order for charcoal, from one of the canneries on the river, and is busily engaged shipping the same.

Beware of South Africa. The following is an extract from a private letter published in the Post-Intelligencer of Seattle, from which it appears that South Africa is not quite what has been generally supposed: JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, January 22, 1894.—I write you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. I am foreman in a mine. My pay is \$75 per month; board \$25 a month without bed. This is no country for a white man. Negroes do all the hammer and drill work. Their pay is 62 cents per day. There are 50,000 of them working within thirty square miles of here. There are 1,500 stamp mills in one line of fifty miles. Each mill has from ten to a hundred stamps. The rock is low grade assaying from \$3 to \$15 per ton. It is sulphurets, and requires the McArdle process. The ledges have been prospected by diamond drills 2,000 feet down. This is a prairie country. The soil is red sand and very poor. It will not produce without water. The Dutch Boers are a lazy, ignorant people. There are between 70,000 and 80,000 of them in the Transvaal republic. The negroes are worth nothing here. You can buy a good strong buck for \$100. I will leave this country as soon as I can earn money enough to get away. There are a great many American miners here out of employment. Africa is no place for a tradesman or a laborer. T. R. BRAZILL.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL. Miss Mary Burke visited Portland last Saturday.

Sheriff Watts and wife visited Portland last Sunday.

W. H. Dolman took a business tour to Portland Tuesday.

D. W. Freeman, a dairyman of Scappoose, was in town Saturday.

Attorney Rice was in Portland last Saturday on professional business.

Geo. Brinn returned Saturday evening from a few days visit in Vancouver and Portland.

The steamer Cascades is busily engaged in taking rock to the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia.

Miss Mamie Dart, who is attending school in Portland, was visiting her parents here last Saturday and Sunday.

Next Monday is election day in St. Helens, Tuesday is political day, and Wednesday is the day for the convention.

E. B. McElroy, state superintendent of schools was in this place Monday, consulting with Hon. Geo. W. McBride.

The work of blasting the roadway, near the Lamont property, has been finished, and presents a very creditable appearance.

Last Friday afternoon a large flock of seagulls could be seen on the opposite side of the river, as a consequence of the large ran of smelt.

Miss Frankie Way, accompanied by Miss George Holcom of Portland, came off the steamer Kehani last Friday to spend Easter Sunday with her parents in this city.

The tow-boats on the Columbia appear to be as busy as ever towing logs to the Portland mills, while nearly all the mills along the Columbia are shut down. How is this?

The health of Hon. Geo. W. McBride is greatly improved, and Mr. McBride hopes to soon be able to be out again. His recent attack was the severest one he has endured for several years.

The fishermen are busy mending nets and preparing for the fishing season which opens next month. Old veterans in the business predict a good season this year, and are preparing accordingly.

A creamery is soon to be started at Hillsboro. That is just what we need in this section of Columbia county, and we feel assured that an enterprise of this kind would be vigorously encouraged by the farmers of the surrounding country.

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of members enrolled. People are beginning to realize the situation into which this country has been placed through democratic success, and the delusive clamor for a change, and are now working with indefatigable energy to regain what has been lost. By no means are the republicans alone in the justifiable condemnation of the party which cannot be otherwise than responsible for the great business depression, bankruptcy, and ruin which has swept over the vast country, not unlike a Kansas cyclone, bringing poverty and distress to many a happy home on account of no employment. It has been the pleasure of your humble servant to meet many old-time democrats of late who do not hesitate to place the responsibility where it belongs, and who are outspoken in their beliefing, now, by so doing, we will again return to prosperity. As to whether this is a true theory or not, let history speak for itself. One good, honest democrat within our acquaintance, two years ago was very severe in his denunciation of the republican party and its principles of protection; indeed, so much so that he could not be induced to attend republican speaking at all, and was overjoyed at Cleveland's success. But alas! how things have changed. Instead of the great prosperity he foresaw, he has since been out of employment. He now is a solid republican, and says he is sorry his oldest boy, who was named Cleveland, was not named Bill McKinley instead.

Mrs. J. A. Atkins has been troubled with a cold for several days, but we hope, ere this goes to press, she will again be enjoying good health.

We are pleased to note that C. S. Washburn has quite recovered from his illness, and although he is past seventy years of age, he is enjoying unusually good health.

MAYGER. The revival services at this place are still in progress, and there has been quite a number of conversions.

There was a dance at C. Snyder's on Saturday night last, and all the participants report having had an enjoyable time.

The Mayer company has commenced getting ready for the season, by building new logging roads, and we may look for better times soon.

We have seen the populist ticket, and we think it very appropriate to put Dr. Tryon on for coroner, and hope to see him elected as he will make a good thing out of burying his party after June next.

Some miscreant cut and took away about three hundred feet of the wire cable belonging to the Mayer company's logging outfit, and they offer a reward of fifty dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the thief. We hope to see him caught and punished, as it will give others a good lesson.

Our republican club at this place is in a prospering condition, having a membership of twenty, and if we don't "get there" this time it will not be our fault, for we intend to work day and night until the populists are driven from our midst. We should all work in union if we expect to accomplish our ends, and that is what we will do. I am a republican and hope to see all good men in the same boat with me.

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia county. Cha. P. Mangle, plaintiff, vs. Geo. S. Dippold, Martin S. Dippold, and M. Frances Dippold, defendants.

To Geo. S. Dippold, Martin S. Dippold, and M. Frances Dippold, defendants: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled court, and cause, by the 15th day of May, 1894, to be filed in said court, a return to said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit: For judgment against the defendants, Geo. S. Dippold and Martin S. Dippold, for \$400, with interest from the 10th day of December, 1891, at eight per cent per annum, and \$100 attorney's fees, and costs. And for a decree of court declaring the deed made by defendant Martin S. Dippold to defendant M. Frances Dippold, on the 30th day of January, 1892, of the northeast one-quarter of section 11, township 6, north range 3, west of the Willamette meridian, in Columbia county, Oregon, void, and setting the same aside, and ordering said land sold to pay said judgment. Said suit is brought upon a promissory note given for the purchase money of said land, under an agreement of defendant, Martin S. Dippold, to mortgage the same to plaintiff as security for the payment of said note, which said land was, in violation of said agreement, conveyed by defendant, Martin S. Dippold, to defendant M. Frances Dippold, his wife, without consideration, and with full knowledge of the violation of said agreement. The summons is published by an order of the judge of said court, made on the 27th day of March, 1894.

DILLARD & COLE, Attorneys for plaintiff.

SHERIFF'S SALE. STATE OF OREGON, ss. County of Columbia. BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION ISSUED out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Columbia county, and to me duly directed, dated the 17th day of March, 1894, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 11th day of October, 1893, in favor of E. H. Blanchard, plaintiff, and against Joseph Vanliarcom, defendant, for the sum of two hundred and seventy-eight and eighty one-hundredths (\$278.80) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum from the 11th day of October, 1893, and the further sum of twenty-two and seventy one-hundredths (\$22.70) dollars costs and disbursements, I did, on the 21st day of March, 1894, duly levy upon all the right title, and interest the above-named defendant, Joseph Vanliarcom, has in and to the following-described real property, to-wit: Part of the northwest one-quarter (NW 1/4) of the northwest one-quarter (NW 1/4) of the northwest one-quarter (NW 1/4) of the northwest one-quarter (NW 1/4) of the southeast one-quarter (SE 1/4) of section 4, north of range 4, west of the Willamette meridian, all in Columbia county, Oregon. Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, I will, on Monday, the 23d day of April, 1894, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., of that day, at the courthouse door of said county and state, sell, subject to redemption, all the right title, and interest of the above-named defendant, Joseph Vanliarcom, in and to the above-described real property, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder therefor, to satisfy said execution, interest, and costs, and according to the following terms, to-wit: T. C. WATTS, Sheriff of Columbia county, Oregon. St. Helens, Oregon, March 29th, 1894.

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