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ST. HELENS, OREGON, JUNE 4.

In Connecticut 170,000 women are qualified to vote at school elections, but only 2687 cast their ballots this spring. The 167,313 who neglected to vote are probably discouraged about machine politics.

About \$13,500,000 gold has been exported since the outflow began four weeks ago. Nobody, though, except a few popocratic leaders who pretend to despise gold, and who ought, therefore, to be glad to see it go out, is alarmed. The equanimity of the people, in fact, is very significant. Reasonable persons see that the country has more gold on hand than it had in previous years for a long time, and they know that the present shipments can do no harm.

The heavy merchandise imports at the present time mean correspondingly light exports a few months hence. This will, at the outset, keep the revenues under the new tariff low, but it will, at the same time, make a very large merchandise balance in the country's favor. As a consequence, while the government's receipts will be comparatively small for a while, the gold inflow will be large. The gold which goes out these days will not be gone long.

MEXICO sticks to the silver standard for several reasons—the produce much silver and no gold, and her business and the habits of her people are adjusted to the silver idea. But Mexico suffers from the general derangement in the silver market, and she may within a very few years follow Russia, Japan, Peru and the other silver standard nations which have recently come over to the gold side. Anyhow, the Bryanites will be loneless if they raise the silver banner in 1900.

There is a wheat shortage reported from France. It is officially stated that the crop of 1897 in France will be fully 60,000,000 bushels less than that of 1896. It is an ill wind that blows no one good. The Oregon farmer will cheerfully contribute toward supplying this shortage in France and in all other sections where the crop is light. This year our farmers will have many bushels of wheat to help feed the hungry of Europe, and owing to the misfortunes of those across the water, it will command at least a fair price.

Tax assertions of the silver orators of last campaign read curiously now, says the Salem Statesman. For instance, that one in which they insisted that farm products and silver kept pace in rise and fall is especially amusing in view of the fact that farm products have steadily risen in value in the past eight months while silver has gone in the other direction. Silver has in the last few weeks reached the lowest point in its history, while wheat in that same time has reached a selling price double that which existed at the very time that these arguments were being most vigorously presented.

A systematic attempt has been made to rob the Portland postoffice by employes, with the assistance of a detective. The case has been occupying the public's attention for several days and numerous witnesses have testified before the United States commissioner. If it is true that the conspiracy charged actually existed, it was certainly a bold attempt, the like of which has not before been witnessed in Oregon, and no effort should be spared to bring the conspirators to justice. The plot was outrageous in the extreme, and the more so when participated in by employes of long service in the department.

It is said that the Grand Army is dying at the rate of 100 a day, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat. Every fifteen minutes of the twenty-four hours final taps sound for some one who wore the blue. Each year puts under the sod more old soldiers than there are enlisted men and officers in the entire United States army. The war lasted four years to a month. On the union side there were 289,730 enlisted men died from all causes, of which 115,000 perished on the field of battle, and now between 35,000 and 45,000 die in the course of nature each succeeding twelve months. And for every three union veterans who go to fame's eternal camping grounds two confederates are numbered among the dead.

The gold production continues to increase both in the regions where mines were in operation last year and

through the development of new gold fields. Mr. Otis S. Gage, formerly of Washington, D. C., who has spent the past two years in Ecuador, reports the gold fields of that country "surpassing in richness and extent the famous mines of South America." Reports from Mexico represent that new and very rich gold fields are being developed there; advices from Texas indicate that gold mines are being developed in the Wichita mountains, while the new processes which are now being followed in the mines of Georgia and North Carolina are making gold mining in that section extremely profitable. Present indications are that the gold production of 1897 will exceed that of 1896, which was the largest in any year in the history of the world.

WHEN O. P. Huntington was in Portland the other day he proffered some good suggestions in the following language in addressing an Oregonian reporter: "What you should work for in Oregon is to get more people into the state. You have too much good land lying idle that should be occupied and worked by settlers. Your cities should start more manufacturing interests, small interests that will develop by steady work into large concerns. There are too many people who imagine they must commence manufacturing interests with large concerns and large capitals. These generally fail for lack of experience. It is the small concerns that grow from year to year that build up a commercial city. Newark is the workshop of New York today, but it was started by individual small concerns that grew to prominence by experience and hard work."

The importations in April were the largest recorded in the recent commercial history of the United States. They amounted to \$101,505,131 or nearly double those of April, 1896. This is a natural consequence in anticipation of increased import duties, and the sooner the Dingley bill becomes a law the sooner will business revive in the United States, for instead of these imports coming from abroad the goods will be manufactured at home by our own workmen. From November, 1892, until the Wilson law went into effect the warehouses in nearly all the ports of entry in the United States were filled with goods of foreign manufacture waiting for the new tariff law to go into effect, that these goods might be exempt from a protective duty. An effort is now being made to flood the country with foreign goods in anticipation of the higher duty that will be levied in case the Dingley bill becomes a law. In the name of patriotism why not manufacture these goods for our home people by home labor and thereby preserve the independence of a free people against paupers abroad?

Memorial Observance.

SCAPPOONE, Or., June 1, 1897.
The following programme was rendered by the pupils of Mountain View school on May 28th:
Song—"America"..... School
Reading—"Origin of Memorial Day"..... Mildred Boyle
Presentation of the Flag..... Katie Callahan
Acceptance of the Flag..... William Vale
Flower Drill..... Nine Pupils
Recitation—"United at Last"..... Gertrude Vollesen
Recitation—"A Seasonable Affair"..... Jeanie Thomas
Song—"Bring the Choicest Flowers"..... Primary Pupils
Recitation—"Hurrah for the Flag"..... Fred Grant
Recitation—"Let the Flag Wave"..... Lewis Buchanan
Recitation—"The Blue and the Gray"..... Martha Tumbelen
Recitation—"The Children's Decoration"..... Henry VanCleve
Song—"Decoration Day"..... School
Dialogue—"Memorial Day"..... Seven Pupils
The school marched to the Mountain View cemetery. Joining part of the Evergreen school and many friends, they proceeded to decorate the soldiers' graves. The children then decorated all unknown and neglected graves and then were mindful of many who were friends.
A short programme concluded the day, the participants being members of each school.
Salute—"Pledge and Song to Our Flag"
Duet—"Mabel Garrison and Garnet Lynch"..... Evergreen School
Recitation—"Lella West, Evergreen School"
Song—"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground"..... Advanced grade of Mountain View School.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

At the adjourned term of circuit court held in this city last Friday the following proceedings were had:
Davidson vs. Webster; default and decree.
Studebaker & Co. vs. Brown & Hager; default.
Richardson vs. Horst; to be set for trial.
Burns vs. Cole; default and decree.
Nicola Bros. vs. M. Roemer; motion allowed and defendants given 30 days to amend.
Tatum & Bowen vs. James Muckle; motion for a new trial argued by respective counsel and by the court taken under advisement.
Hill vs. Barr; ten days further time in which to move for a new trial.
Wm. Mellinger vs. F. A. Zillgitt; taken under advisement.
Silver vs. Lee; taken under advisement by the court.
Root vs. Smith; demurrer overruled and 60 days given to answer.
Beardy vs. Everett; confirmation of sale.
Knighton vs. Knighton; decree of divorce granted.
Conway vs. Bryant; plaintiff allowed time to file an amended complaint, making F. B. Lockwood a party to the suit.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

With a view to placing the matter of building a Congregational church in St. Helens properly before the people, that all may know what we (all people interested in the church and the building up of the town) would like to do and just what has been done, and that each and every one may realize more fully how much is required of them in labor or cash, I, being elected by the society for that purpose, have decided that our town papers could assist me materially in the execution of my duty. The people should know just what they are contributing towards, the nature of the proposition, and whether it is to be permanent. They should have an idea of the probable cost, etc., that they may be enabled to arrive more definitely as to what extent it would be the duty of each to help. The proposition has met with no opposition. Very few have felt unable to help some, and we trust that most all of the people of St. Helens will do more when they see the necessity of doing so.

The Plymouth Congregational Church of St. Helens is an incorporated body. We own a splendid lot, beautifully located in the town of St. Helens. Four-fifths of the price of this lot was a donation; the remainder we paid in cash. Also the legal work of incorporating, amounting to \$10, and filing fees for same, amounting to \$3 was a donation.

We are now trying to obtain funds for the purpose of erecting a church building. We have waited upon all the people in St. Helens whom we expected to help most, but we have in view a few others whom we feel sure will give their mite when called upon. So far there has been promised by parties living in St. Helens, and others in business here, \$145 in cash and \$40 in labor; a total of \$185. Three individuals give \$110 of this amount. From others is promised \$45, and from other sources we have \$18, making a total of \$248 in sight for the building fund.

Now it is our intention to put up a building costing not less than \$700, and although we shall refrain from the least shadow of extravagance, we would like to do better than this. We hope to get \$300 from the Congregational Church Building Society. This, with the \$248 in sight, would make a total of \$548. But in order to get \$300 from the building society we must secure at least \$100 from other sources. According to these figures we must subscribe \$154 more towards this building fund. And since we are going to put up a building that we may be proud of, and that will be a credit to the town, let us spend \$80 more for good seats and lamps, so we may be comfortable and have plenty of light. This would bring the amount left for us to subscribe up to \$264.

I am proud of our success so far. As I said above, we have not waited upon all the people yet, but we feel sure it would be asking too much of those who have not yet been called upon to subscribe all the remaining \$264, as they are fewer in number and less able than those who have subscribed the \$228. I believe that most of these who have not yet been approached on the proposition would have been willing to subscribe considerable more had they known it was necessary, and that they were helping to make a substantial and neat public improvement that was not for any one person or class of people, but for everybody; an improvement which would be an ornament as well as a decided benefit to the town; a work that would be looked upon with admiration by all.

A committee has been appointed to select plans for the church and I will try to have them on exhibition as soon as they are drawn up.

The thought which I wish to impress on your minds is that I am not writing for amusement, but for money and labor to carry out a business proposition that we are all interested in. It is a matter of greater importance to most every other person living in St. Helens than it is to me, since I own no property here, or even in the state; neither have I a family of children to be benefited by it. My home and property interests are elsewhere and I do not look to the patronage of the people here for support. I am grinding a public axe which is for the use and benefit of all. While I am here I propose to work hand in hand with the people, helping each other, and building up the town. It is not my intention, however, to do all the talking and let others put up the cash and do the work, but my money and my labor shall do the greater part of my talking, and if many others do more of that kind of talking than I will soon have a Congregational church in St. Helens that will be comfortable, ornamental, and large enough for all.


M. C. GRAY.

School Report.

Report of Valley school, district 41, for month ending May 28th:
Number enrolled..... 13
Average attendance..... 8
Total attendance..... 106
Total absence..... 75
Those neither absent nor tardy were:
Leonias and Rene Dupont and Eva and John Sobiski. Others not absent were: Martha and Ludwig Sintek. General deportment and interest is good.

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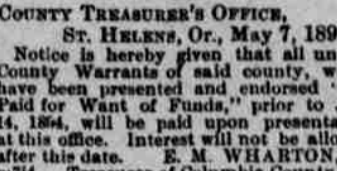
Report of Tide Creek school for May, 1897:
Average number belonging..... 21
Number neither absent nor tardy..... 14
Average standing, including deportment:
Rhea and Jeanie Pinckney..... 89
Willie Bangardner..... 82
Herman Usher..... 85
Elmer Olson..... 84
Clara Usher and Ida Gore..... 85
Bertha Collins, Anna Ramblaski, Frank Gore and Bessie Pinckney..... 97
Pearl Usher, Nellie Pinckney and Ella Collins..... 98
Clarence Gore..... 98

Visitors during the month were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bangardner, Mr. John King, director; Albert Collins, Mrs. Emma Smith, E. M. Collins, Mrs. Anna Gray, Mrs. C. A. Usher, W. H. Coffin, Teacher.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
ST. HELENS, Or., May 7, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to July 16, 1897, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date. E. M. WHARTON, Treasurer of Columbia County, Or.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A. F. Anrys and S. H. Kistner, copartners, doing business as "Anrys & Kistner," have made an assignment to me of all their property for the benefit of all their creditors and that I have duly qualified by executing and filing the bond required by law and assumed the duties of such trustee and all creditors of said A. F. Anrys and S. H. Kistner, copartners, doing business as "Anrys & Kistner," are hereby required to present their duly verified claims, with proper vouchers to me as my office in Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon, within three months from the date of this notice.

SUMMONS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County,
Michel Pieter, plaintiff,
vs.
Pauline F. Bonnick, James Bonnick and George H. Hawkins, defendants.
To George H. Hawkins, one of the above-named defendants:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled case on the 6th day of July, 1897, said day being the first day of judgment as prayed for in said complaint, and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof said plaintiff will apply to the Court for judgment as prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For judgment against you for the sum of \$100.00, with interest thereon from January 15th, 1897, at the rate of eight per cent per year, and the further sum of \$100.00 attorneys fees in said action and the costs and disbursements therein.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, been duly appointed executrix of the estate of Jacob Beusch, deceased, and that all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, to the undersigned executrix, at her residence on South Beaver, Columbia county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated May 28, 1897.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
ST. HELENS, Or., May 14, 1897.
NOTICE is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to August 28, 1897, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date. E. M. WHARTON, Treasurer of Columbia County, Or.

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