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OREGON'S CONGRESSMAN.

An editorial suggestion, which occurred in this paper a few days ago relative to the fact that it was so many years ago since we had a democratic congressman, that few of the leaders of the party knew who he was or in what year he served, led us to look up the history of the state, and we find that Lafayette Grover was our first congressman, elected in 1858, took his seat February 15, 1859, and served but 17 days, when he was succeeded by Oregon's second congressman, Lansing Stout, who served from March 4, 1869, to March 3, 1881. Stout was succeeded at the end of his term by Col. George W. Shiel, who served from 1881 to March, 1883. This was one of the memorable campaigns. His republican opponent was David Logan, who was supported by James Nesmith and Col. E. D. Baker; Shiel's principal supporters were James K. Kelly and Delazon Smith. Shiel was bitter against Abraham Lincoln and after he returned home at the end of his term he found the majority of the people in favor of North, which made him still more bitter, and he refused to take the oath of allegiance to the United States government, which was required before he could resume his practice of law, and he abandoned his profession. On December 14, 1893, he slipped from a railing in the Willamette hotel and dislocated his neck, dying immediately.

John R. McBride, Oregon's fourth representative, served from 1883 to 1885. In 1858 he was the first republican candidate, but was defeated. Rev. James H. D. Henderson served from 1865 to 1867. Among other honors he was on the special committee on the death of President Lincoln. He was a republican.

Rufus Mallory was next, from 1867 to 1869, and he was followed by Joseph S. Smith, who served from 1869 to 1871.

James H. Slater, our former well known citizen, was the eighth, serving from 1871 to 1873. He also served this state in the United States senate from 1879 to 1885.

Joseph G. Wilson, a republican, was the ninth, who was defeated by Mr. Slater in 1870. He was elected two years later, moved his family to Washington, but died before taking his seat.

James W. Nesmith, our tenth representative, served from 1873 to 1875. Nesmith also served in the United States senate.

George A. LaDow was elected to serve from 1875 to 1877, but died before qualifying.

Lafayette Lane was chosen at a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of LaDow. Lafayette was a candidate for re-election but was defeated by Richard Williams who served from 1877 to 1879. Williams was a candidate in 1874, but was defeated.

John Whiteaker is the last democrat who has served this state. He took his seat March 4, 1879, and served two years. Mr. Whiteaker had the honor of being the first governor of Oregon under a state constitution. The election was held in June, 1858, and he was inaugurated in July, at the time it was believed in Oregon that the bill for the admission of Oregon as a state had passed congress. At that time there was no rail or telegraphic communication, and it was considerable time before it was officially known that the bill did not pass until early in 1859, after which

Whiteaker again assumed the duties of the office.

M. C. George served in congress from 1881 to 1885—two terms.

Binger Hermann was elected to congress in 1885, and enjoys the honor of having served his state in the lower house for six consecutive terms—12 years.

In 1893 Oregon was divided into two congressional districts. Hermann represented the First, and W. R. Ellis the Second district, which he did for three consecutive terms. He was followed by M. A. Moody, who served two terms and he was succeeded by J. N. Williamson, who served two years, and who was succeeded by W. R. Ellis, who is now a candidate before the primaries.

**CARRY MAIL
PAST HERE**

Mail clerks on No. 6 have a habit lately of carrying second-class mail matter destined for La Grande, on east. This happened again this morning, and Portland and other western papers did not arrive in La Grande until the train from the east had brought the delayed pouches in. The clerks on the eastbound generally wake up about the time they pass No. 1 and manage to get in on that train. This is not, however, always the case, for the mail has in one instance at least, been taken east and not brought back until the evening train. Lethargy and oversight are no doubt to blame for this state of affairs.

**D. ECCLES IN
LA GRANDE**

David Eccles, king of sugar kings, and owner of many small railroads of the northwest, arrived in La Grande this morning from Ogden, and is spending the day here looking over the Amalgamated Sugar company's interests. He will leave again tonight or in the morning.

Consulting Engineer A. J. Cowan, also of Ogden, is in the city and will remain here a short time overseeing the inauguration of the spring work at the factory and to superintend considerable improvement work.

Mr. Eccles left his home in Ogden several days ago, and has visited various points en route. He owns or is part owner of several sugar factories in the northwest.

Passenger Wreck Averted.

What came near being a serious accident to O. R. & N. train No. 5, happened about a mile east of the city at 2 o'clock last night, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. In coming into the city while east of the hospital, a brake beam on the engine dropped down and caught a guard rail, tearing it loose and leaving it pointed upward in such manner that it broke all the journal boxes from the mail and baggage car, cracking and broke the truck frames and threw the cars out of plumb, although they were not derailed.

The damaged cars were brought to this city and the mail and baggage were transferred to other cars here, and the cars were sent to Albina in a freight train, since it was not safe to run them in a passenger train. The mail was sent to Portland on No. 7, the Portland local which left the city at 8 o'clock this morning, and the baggage will be sent west either in an extra baggage car or in two box cars.

No other damage was done to the train excepting that mentioned, but surprise is expressed by railroad men that a serious derailment was averted. The train was stopped as soon as possible or other cars would have been seriously damaged. The passengers were not awakened by the accident and there was but little delay on account of the accident.

Dance Wednesday Night.

Dance at the Harris hall Wednesday night.



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**MANY SEE
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Seldom has the Steward opera house been filled more completely than it was last evening when Charles B. Hanford presented "Antony and Cleopatra." To say that the play is good is superfluous, but to say that it met the expectations of everyone is picturing a condition which did not exist. Those who had not given the original play some study went away disappointed. Hanford himself, as usual, was the embodiment of perfection, and Mr. Kline, who was seen here last year, won deserved praise.

The most common criticism, however, was directed at Miss Wilson as "Cleopatra." Her voice was not of the best, but her acting in emotional parts was fine. What dissatisfaction there was evinced was not at the players so much, but of the play itself, which is not as commonly known as many others of Shakespeare's plays.

The scenic effects and two of the tableaux were out of the ordinary.

To Enforce Ordinances.

Notice is hereby given that on and after April 1, 1908, I will strictly enforce the ordinance compelling owners of dogs to procure tags; also the ordinance prohibiting the keeping of swine within the city limits.
4-23-39 JOHN WALDEN,
Chief of Police.

Notice to Contractors.

Separate sealed proposals will be received at the First National Bank, Joseph, Oregon, up to 6 p. m., April 11, 1908, for the erection and completion of a brick or stone building for both the First National bank and also drug store for Dr. Barnard. Plans and specifications can be had from the First National bank. The owners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Respectfully yours,
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