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Admiral Sperry, who will command the battleship fleet on the balance of the voyage around the world, enjoys the unique distinction of never having been absent from duty on sick leave in the whole forty-six years of his service in the navy.

Judge McCredie don't like the name of "Beavers" for the Portland ball team. There might be a more fitting name but even that is better than the names the fans called the team last year when it was so deep in the cellar that it would have been easier to dig them out from the other side than from the top.

Capt. M. F. Eggleston, of Ashland, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for county judge. Capt. Eggleston has all the mental and educational qualities necessary to fill the office of county judge. He is pains taking and accurate and, we believe, will be fair in his administration of the office, if elected, to all parts of the county.

Miles Overholt last week turned over the editorship of the Jacksonville Post to J. B. Barnes, lately of Albany. Mr. Barnes is a newspaper man of experience and ability and purposes making many improvements in the mechanical equipment of the shop. Mr. Overholt will go to Portland, where he has arranged for the publication of his magazine, "Tanglefoot."

Superintendent O'Malley, of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, announces that he has just received 100,000 rainbow trout eggs which will be hatched and liberated at Clackamas station. He also says that about 2,000,000 steelhead eggs will be secured at the Rogue River station. The figures are disproportionate. One hundred thousand rainbow trout would eat 2,000,000 steelhead fry before breakfast.

Senator Fulton is, without doubt, entitled to re-election as U. S. senator. His record in the senate has been one of hard, conscientious work, and good results. He has achieved an enviable position on the various committees, and besides is a member of the "committee on committees," the most powerful committee in the upper house, as it has the naming of the personnel of the other committees. This fact alone is one of the strongest arguments for his reelection. It has taken six years to reach that point, where he is in position to do the most good for the people of this state, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that it would take a new man at least as long—perhaps longer—to acquire the same position.

What are you going to do about water? The committee appointed to investigate the matter of a source of supply of pure, plentiful and wholesome water have made a report. This report favors Wason creek. The estimate cost, they report, is within the reach of the city. Now what are you going to do with this report? If you vote for bonding the city tomorrow you will be accepting the report, if you vote against bonding you reject the report. Read the report carefully before voting. The Mail has confidence in this committee. The Mail realizes the necessity of better water and more of it. The Mail is of the opinion that the bonds ought to be issued. It is a big project for us to take in hand, but we have gone beyond small things and we must grapple with larger ones. No person can estimate the good an ample supply of pure, mountain water will do for our city. No person has a right to question the integrity of the reporting committee. It seems to The Mail an opportune time to do a grand, good thing for our city.

Criticism, have been made from time to time lately upon road conditions in this county and the county court has some in for considerable adverse comment. While the roads of Jackson county are susceptible of improvement, not many years ago they were so much worse, that in comparison they are turnpikes now. When Commissioner Patterson took charge of the road-building six years ago, there was scarcely a mile of road in the county that was capable of being traveled over at all seasons of the year, now there are several of them. At that time people of Eagle Point, Brownboro and other points in the eastern portion of the county

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had to come by way of Central Point to Medford in winter and usually had all they wanted to do then. Now they come right in over the once dreaded "stick" on the road built under the direction of Mr. Patterson. There are bad pieces of road in the county, plenty of them, but this condition is being remedied. It might be that the county court could have done more, but when we compare what road has been built with what it was just a short time ago, we are inclined to praise the court for having accomplished so much. Then again there are other parts of the county in which there are now pretty good roads. Gold Hill, Central Point, Ashland—and in fact, pretty nearly every locality, has had some good and lasting work done within the past few years and the men responsible for this ought to be given credit. While it is true that the public highways of the county are not boulevards it is just as true that good and permanent work has been done on them and they are an much better than they previously were that, well, we ought to be thankful for that, and hope for continued improvements.

As to the District Attorney.

The Gold Hill News has the following to say about the district attorneyship for this district:

The News has thus far been only an observer of the course of political events so far as the district attorneyship is concerned, but it seems to us that the district should have an experienced man in that office—one who has shown by his experience at the Jackson County bar that he is qualified to perform the duties of the office. This district has gone beyond the days when a man should be selected for the position as a stepping stone to land the aspirant into the law business, and he should show before applying for the position and by his practice at the bar that he is qualified for the position. While independent in politics the News for the reasons set forth will support Gus Newbury for the place.

The News very properly calls attention to the necessity for an experienced man in the office and emphasizes the fact that the time has gone when the district should educate a man in the law business by selecting him as district attorney. The people are entitled to and demand a man for the place who has shown he is qualified, one who has had the experience at the bar. Gus Newbury has had the experience.

Sell Lots of Fence.

During the year 1907 over 100 miles of Page Woven Wire Fence was sold in Jackson county by the local agents, Gaddis & Dixon. Most of the fence was sold in the vicinity of Medford for various purposes, but principally for fencing orchards. The fence was sold by the rod, over 33,000 rods being disposed of, or over 100 miles of fencing. The rail fences which have been in use for so long are disappearing rapidly and it will not be a great while before the old time rail fence will be as much of a curiosity as the woven wire fence was a few years ago when it was first introduced.

The manufacturers of the Page fence cater to all kinds of needs, making fencing that is rabbit and chicken proof to the strong fence used for cattle barriers. It is easily set up and it is far more effective than any other fence used in the valley at present. At present there is over 500 miles of the fence in use throughout Southern Oregon including Douglas county. Among the local people who have used a large amount of the fencing about Medford are W. H. Gore, J. W. Cox, Emory Hunt, G. A. Morse, A. A. Davis, Western Orchard Co., Wilbur Jones, W. H. Lewis, George Ross, Edward Hanley, J. G. Gore, S. G. Vandyle, J. S. Howard, M. L. Hartley, W. P. Dodge, A. P. Talent, and a large number of others. The Jacksonville, Medford and Ashland cemeteries have also been partially fenced with the fencing handled by Gaddis & Dixon. The orders are continuing to come in and a good business is promised for this year.

The success of Gaddis & Dixon in selling so much of the Page fence is due primarily to the good quality of the fence. But there are two other elements which contributed to their success. One of these elements is found in the personality of Messrs. Gaddis & Dixon and the other is the fact that they are not afraid to use printers' ink and plenty of it.

Democratic Convention.

A few of the faithful met at the opera house Saturday afternoon, to elect delegates to attend the state convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the national Democratic convention. It appears that Oregon's direct primary law has left this little bit of the old procedure intact, having omitted to make a provision for the election of national delegates.

Senator L. L. Mullt, of Ashland, was elected chairman and W. H. Canon, of Medford, secretary.

E. E. Phipps, of Ashland, and W. H. Canon and S. S. Fentz, of Medford, as committee on resolutions brought in resolutions endorsing the "peerless leader of the people" Wm J. Bryan for the presidential nomination, also endorsing Statement No. 1, which resolutions were adopted. There was another set of resolutions presented to the committee, but they thought they were too strong and wouldn't read them, much to the disappointment of the audience.

Messrs. E. Kelly, Keames Bros and R. G. Smith were "too busy" at Jacksonville, to attend the convention, and said so by telegram.

On motion it was agreed that the representation of seven delegates to the state convention should be apportioned at two each from Ashland and Medford, and one each from Jacksonville, Central Point and Gold Hill.

The chair announced that nominations for delegate from Jacksonville was in order. Chas. Prim was nominated and the nominations were declared closed. There being no representation from Gold Hill, D. H. Miller, father of Democracy in Jackson county, proposed the name of J. H. Beeman and nominations were again declared closed. Central Point asked for time to consider, and while the three representatives from that precinct were deciding which one was to be awarded the prize (7), Ashland named E. J. Farlow and E. E. Phipps, and Medford named J. S. Orth and D. H. Miller. J. M. Jones was then named as the delegate from Central Point. The delegates were then confirmed by acclamation.

At this point Mr. Marshall, the originator of the resolutions which were suppressed came forward with a motion to the effect that no proxies should be given by the delegates to any one, except Democrats who would pledge themselves to abide by the terms of the resolutions adopted, especially in reference to Mr. Bryan it was carried.

At this point D. H. Miller called attention to the large and frequent gaps in the Democratic county ticket and started to make suggestions as to the proper geographical location of candidates for the various places. The chair called his attention to the fact, however, that nominations or even suggestions in open meeting were contrary to the Democratic conception of Statement No. 1 (where he got the idea is known only to the chairman) and suggested that the convention adjourn and the representatives from different precincts get together and agree on candidates and make the petitions circulated. That wasn't a caucus, it was simply an informal discussion, but up to date our reporter has failed to get a detailed report of the proceedings.

Circuit Court.

H. E. Morrison vs G. F. Whetstone. Judgment for plaintiff.

P. F. Swayne vs Henry Orth. Dismissed.

C. C. Pursell vs Wm. Hutton and D. Elwood. Dismissed.

G. L. Davis vs R. W. Gray. Judgment for plaintiff.

State of Oregon vs Samuel Hudson. True bill returned by district attorney.

State of Oregon vs Chas. W. Felt. True bill returned by district attorney.

H. C. Messenger vs G. O. Vanatta. Demurrers to complaint withdrawn and permission given to file an answer.

W. F. Entrop vs Butte Falls S. P. L. Co. Dismissed.

Mabel L. Stevens vs R. R. Stevens. Dismissed.

Anna Belle Holman vs Abe Lincoln Holman. Suit for divorce. Decree granted.

ANTI-SALOON.

Letters From Prominent Persons.

City of Eugene Executive dep't.

Eugene, Oregon, March 11th, 1908.
"My dear Sir,—Yours of March 11th at hand. This county and city were voted dry at the June election 1905 and the law went into effect July the same year. It was said by some if it went dry Eugene would be a dead town and that grass would grow in the principle streets of our beautiful city, but such has not been the case. We have been more prosperous than at any time in the history of Eugene. Mind you, I do not say that Eugene would not have been prosperous if it had staid wet. What I do say is that prohibition has not hurt Eugene. She is more prosperous under prohibition than she ever was under whiskey rule. The first year, that is last year, 1907, was the most prosperous year in all the history of Eugene. We paved nine blocks of 400 feet each at an expense of about \$35,000 and sewers and grading and graveling streets and public parks to at least \$15,000 more. There were built about three miles of street car lines at an unknown cost to me, but would think at least \$100,000. The company's employes tell me that its being patronized beyond the most sanguine expectations of the company. The University is prospering as it never did before though it is crippled by the holding up of the \$125,000 by the referendum. Still so great is the confidence in Eugene's future that that institution is forging ahead in spite of the most serious obstacles. Our population has increased from 6,000 to about 10,000. Our school children drawing public money are 2175, an increase of about 500. Our business men never did so good a business as they have in the past two summers. I don't know of a vacant business house in town, but there may be a few, but I don't think there is one.

There are five brick buildings now under construction and being hurried to completion. There will be several other brick blocks erected here this spring. The Odd Fellows will erect a fine story brick building (90 by 111 feet) at a cost of about \$60,000.

There are at least one-hundred houses now being constructed in the city and many of them will cost several thousand dollars, yet the building season has scarcely begun. It is freely predicted by many of our best informed citizens that our population will increase from 2500 to 5000 this year. Warrens Paving Co. are just this week commencing their paving contract. They now have a contract to pave ten blocks, and eleven more will be let in a few days, bids for the work are now being advertised and will be let in ten days. Much more paving work is being talked of and I am confident that we will pave at least 30 block this summer at a cost of about \$100,000. The Street Car Co. will invest at least \$150,000 in extension of their lines. The city has voted \$300,000 bonds for a gravity system of water works. Everything is alive here and confidence is written on the countenance of all our citizens. Yes, Eugene is forging ahead at a marvelous rate. We raised a \$12,000 booster fund last fall and thousands of letters are being sent out to all parts of the world setting forth the great advantages of Eugene, especially, and all of Oregon. Yes we have outgrown Eugene alone and are advertising the marvelous resources of all Oregon. Yet we think and talk that we live in the best spot in the best state in the Union.

From the above which is not overdrawn I think it is conclusive that prohibition has not hurt Eugene."

Very truly,

J. D. Matlock,

(Mayor of Eugene City)

WHY GEORGIA WENT PROHIBITION.

By Hon. Hoke Smith, Governor of Georgia.

"Replying to your letter and the three questions contained therein, it gives me pleasure to say: There are no indications that prohibition will be detrimental to the best interests of Georgia. Four fifths of the counties in Georgia had adopted prohibition under our local option laws before the state prohibition bill was passed. These counties had tried the experiment, many of them for years,

and found it beneficial from a business as well as a temperance standpoint.

"I do not regard the adoption of prohibition in Georgia as having been due mainly to an effort to protect the white people against the negroes. It is true, however, that a desire to protect them against the use of liquor was a strong factor in influencing the legislature. The great bulk of the negro race is still entirely a child race. The amendment to the constitution precluded the prohibition of the sale of liquor to the negro as a race. To prevent them from obtaining liquor, it was necessary to exclude altogether the sale. A majority of the negroes have no control whatever over their appetites, and are wasteful and wicked when under the influence of liquor. I am not prepared to say that prohibition would have been adopted had there been no negroes in the state, but I believe that a great many of the supporters of prohibition would have favored it without any regard to the negro question.

"I do not believe that there is likely to be any concerted effort on the part of the liquor interests to evade or defy the law.

"I can speak especially for Atlanta, the largest city in the state. Here the law will be ordinarily enforced with the support of a large majority of the residents."

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Jury Returns Compromise Verdict

The trial of the suit of the Carstens Packing Company of Tacoma against the Pelton-Neil Company, which occupied attention in the Jackson county circuit court for several days last week, resulted in the jury, after several hours of deliberation, returning into court a verdict awarding the defendants \$200, or the amount which the plaintiff had advanced defendants on account of certain cattle contract involved in the suit.

The Pelton-Neil Company contracted with the Carstens Company for the delivery to the latter of one thousand head of beef cattle to be shipped to the northern markets from this section and Northern California. A portion of the contract was filled and completed and the Carstens Company paid the Pelton-Neil Company \$2000 advance on the remainder of the contract. The Pelton-Neil Company were ready to complete the contract at Willows Calif., and Carstens sent his representative to receive the cattle there, but claimed upon looking them over that only a certain number were beef under the contract and these only would be consent to receive. The Pelton-Neil Company claimed that all the cattle were beef under the contract and refused to permit Carstens to segregate them. Carstens sued to recover the \$2000 advanced and the Pelton-Neil Company brought in counter claims not only for the \$2000 but also for \$1600 alleged damages, the price of beef having taken a drop between the time of the making of the contract and delivery of the cattle.

The case was a hard fought one, F. M. Calkins and Reames & Reame appearing for plaintiff and E. D. Briggs and Corvig & Durham for the defendants, the leading cattlemen of this section were called as witnesses in the case.

It is reported that the case will be appealed by the plaintiffs to the supreme court.—Ashland Tidings

Mulkey at Home

From Polk County Observer:
Hon. B. F. Mulkey has filed with the Secretary of State his petition for nomination to the office of District Attorney for Jackson and Josephine counties. The Observer predicts his election by a handsome majority. Mr. Mulkey served the people of Polk county as County Clerk for one term, and was re-elected by the largest majority ever given a political candidate in the county, winning out by 1200 votes. He was then called to serve the people as State Senator, and at the end of his four-year term, was re-elected by a handsome vote. It is hardly necessary to add that Mr. Mulkey's ability as a public officer was responsible for this show of confidence on the part of his fellow citizens, and that here in Polk county his name is a household word for integrity, energy and executive ability. As a public speaker he has the rare power of organizing forces, grasping details and stating them in simple, forceful and comprehensive language. Before a jury he has few equals. As a prosecuting attorney, Mr. Mulkey will be safe well poised, unswerving, but just. He is a man that can neither be hurried into action nor deterred from discharging his full duty. His many friends in Polk county will hope for his election by a neat majority, knowing full well that he will "make good," and that the people of Southern Oregon, as here, will never regret having placed him in office.

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Murder in Second Degree.

The trial of C. H. and Norval Walworth for the killing of James Mankin on Poorman's creek several months ago, was concluded Tuesday, and the jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. The killing grew out of the attempt of Mankin to evict the Walworths from a cabin on his premises. In the resultant row shots were exchanged between the parties, Mankin was killed and both Walworths were wounded.

To the Public

Having been solicited by a goodly number of the citizens and taxpayers of Jackson county to become a candidate for the office of County Assessor of Jackson county I have decided to become such candidate, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the coming primary election.

William T. Griaves,
Paisist, Oregon

For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Jackson County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, April 17.

Medford, Oregon. W. A. Jones.

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Having been solicited by a goodly number of the citizens and taxpayers of Jackson county to become a candidate for the office of County Assessor of Jackson county I have decided to become such candidate, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the coming primary election.

J. W. Lawton,
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