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Mr. Cleveland says the democratic party will be defeated, if not disintegrated, if it does not follow his bimatallic ideas, which is perfectly true; but it is also true that the party will be defeated if it does. In fact the democratic party has reached the stage in which defeat is certain, no matter what it does or leaves undone.

There is a wide difference between the opinions of the late Hon. Simon Cameron, of Pa., and those entertained by Mr. Cleveland, on the art of letter writing as applied to politics. Senator Cameron's motto was "travel 500 miles to see a man rather than write to him."

It is not suprising that Secretary Gresham should have trouble with his own liver and stomach. He has upset a great many other stomachs and livers by his conduct of our foreign affairs.

Bourke Cockran, now in England, is said to desire to become an English citizen. There will be no protests from this side, if he realizes the desire.

Col. Cockerill may be right about Japan being prepared for war with Russia, but it's brick houses to hay ricks that the two nations do not fight.

Florida voters would better think twice before endorsing the establishment of a state insurance business, as has been proposed.

IT MUST BE THE CLIMATE.

Two Callers Who Were Very Young for Their Years.

One day last week this office had two cheerful callers whose ages and youthful appearances were so at variance that it was worthy of mention. The gentlemen were both well down the shady side of life's journey, but their energetic, juvenile appearance gave every promise of many years of active and useful life left yet before them.

The first caller was a well known citizen of Independence, whose native modesty is such that he requested his name withheld, although quite willing to figure as a "horrible example" of the beneficial effects of Oregon climate. He was 63 years on his last birthday, and has been a resident of this state for nearly half a century, working as hard as the average early settler, and standing the manifold hardships and disagreeable features of pioneer life with such fortitude that his looks belie his age by fully twenty-five years.

The same day W. L. Mason, who has a comfortable home a few miles out of town, came in to make his annual silver contribution to this paper. In talking about this country he mentioned the fact that he came here in '52, and also that he was in his eighty-third year. This was a greater suprise than the first, for unless there was something wrong with the age-estimating instrument of this paper the gentleman did not look a day over fifty.

Both gentleman were confident that if they had stayed in the East to battle with the cyclones, blizzards, sunstrokes and grasshoppers that there would have been nothing left of them by this time but good reputations and a few grandchildren.

The County School Picnic.

Following is the program for the picnic to be held by the schools of this county May 25th, so far as the material has been handed in. Space will be left for others who desire to take part.

Graduating Exercises.

"Two Scenes From the Life of Benedict Arnold," Eloise Phillips, Dallas schools.

Oration, Jennie M. Powell, Monmouth school.

Oration, "The Elements of Success," Clarence Wagoner, of the Independence schools.

Music, followed by general exercises.

Recitation, Bernice Sears, McCoy school.

Recitation, "The Quarrel," Sadie Myer, Smithfield school.

Song, Mary Stengel, Monmouth school.

Recitation, "The Wayside Inn," Bessie Holmes, Edna school.

Quartette, Ella Fennell, Alta Estes, Harry Clodfelter, Joshua Talbott.

Drills—Tambourine drill, pupils of McCoy school.

The I. O. O. F.

A great many of the Independence people who bought tickets expecting to use them in going to Salem to witness the I. O. O. F. parade last Thursday were greatly disappointed when they found that they would not be allowed to go on the steamer Elmore. The managers of the excursion did what they could to furnish other transportation and succeeded in getting most of those who wanted to go taken to Salem in carriages.

The steamer reached here nearly an hour late, keeping the crowd waiting impatiently, and when it did come but twenty-five were allowed to go aboard her, owing, so it was stated, to some mistake on the part of the boat's officers in counting her passengers, the number of which is regulated by law. Such treatment of the public does not tend to increase the love of the public for a company or a boat.

The parade was one of the longest and most imposing ever held in Salem. Over a mile of members of the order on foot, with endless carriages and other features, made it a great event.

FOR STEALING BACON.

John Conlee Found Guilty on Purely Circumstantial Evidence.

When the jury in the case State of Oregon vs. John Conlee, charged with stealing 300 pounds of bacon, handed in their verdict at Dallas Friday, it was "Guilty as charged."

The case against the prisoner was very strong, and although the evidence was purely circumstantial it was convincing enough for the jury to decide on his guilt. A gentleman who was over at the county seat during the trial stated that Conlee was given a fair trial and had been convicted by his mates.

The testimony was to the effect that on the 22d of February the smoke house of V. C. Turnedge was broken into and 300 pounds of bacon taken; in the morning the theft was discovered and tracks were found leading from the rear of the smokehouse, from which a board had been torn, to the barn lot, where were found a wagon track and foot prints of a team of mules, only one out of the eight hoof-tracks showing the mark of a shoe. By these tracks the vehicle was traced to the home of Conlee, by a search party of about forty men which was organized early in the morning. From the Conlee place the mule tracks led to a deserted cabin about a quarter of a mile distant, the doors and windows of which had been nailed up that day by Conlee. In the loft of this cabin the bacon was found and easily identified by Mr. Turnedge. Conlee's arrest and subsequent conviction followed as a matter of course.

Taking in consideration that about thirty witnesses were examined, District Prosecuting Attorney James McCain is deserving of much credit in the dispatch of this case.—*Record.*

The following day Conlee received his sentence of two year years' imprisonment and this week Sheriff Plummer took him over to Salem.

Speaks Well for Independence.

The first of the week Isaac Claggett went down to Portland in company with G. L. Hawkins, to superintend the placing of the monument over the grave of Mrs. Elizabeth Claggett who is buried in Lone Fir cemetery.

Mr. Claggett spent some time in examining the different monuments and stones that in everything but size the stone which marks the last resting place of his mother compares very favorably with the most expensive monuments in Lone Fir.

This was highly gratifying to Mr. Hawkins who dressed and engraved the stone at his marble works in this city, and Independence may congratulate itself on having a workman of such ability. Mr. Hawkins has also secured the work of erecting a $500 monument over the grave of the late Dr. Davidson.

Putting the Track in Order.

At the last meeting of the directors of the Polk County District Fair Association, W. W. Percival was entrusted with the work of putting the track in good condition for the coming races.

Mr. Percival has had enough experience in such matters to make a first-class job of the work in hand, and there will be no complaint on the score of poor track when the races come off.

BUENA VISTA.

There will be a restaurant at the picnic on Soap Creek, June 1st, run by the ladies of the Evangelical church. Meals, 25 cents. Don't bring your dinner.

Mrs. Henderson, a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller arrived here from New York City, Saturday. She will remain for several months.

The excursion passed by last Thursday, and left several on the bank, wanting to go aboard, but the steamer took no heed.

Out of the twelve that applied for the Buena Vista public school, Prof. Swann, of Monmouth, will hold the position as the principal.

Mrs. Shives, and daughter Dorelle, will soon leave Buena Vista for Newport for the benefit of Miss Dorell's health.

J. M. Prather and Wm. Wells, were delegates to the grand lodge, at Salem. Newt Prather and wife attended also.

A. J. Richardson, a business man of Portland, came up to Buena Vista Saturday to remain for some time.

Mrs. Docksteader was a visitor at the home of her parents several days last week, at Independence.

Bert Joy and Nora Prather went to Wells Station to visit the family of Mr. Hecker, last week.

Messers. Averret and Kinman Vanderpool, living near Wells Staton were visiting here Sunday.

Mr. Pillar and family, of Albany, were the guests of Georgia Scott last week, as was Mrs. Culver also.

Mr. Gregory, and family of Drain, were visiting Mr. Docksteader Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Dorrell left last Monday, for Eastern Oregon, to be away through the summer.

T. M. Yoder, who went to Portland last week on private business, returned Saturday.

Miss Nettie Hall, of Buena Vista, is visiting her uncle, at Airlie.

John Sullins is quite sick at his home with phenomena.

Fred Veness, of Independence, was in town Sunday.

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PARKER.

Wm. McCurdy is very busy pulling weeds from his section. Weeds are an unnecessary article for a rail road; they cause the driving wheels to slip, and the S. P. company have a motto: "Take long steps Ikey, and don't "wear your shoes oudt."

This burg is booming as far a improvements go. L. Kukarts and three carpenters are building three railroad buildings, and A. Bridges is putting himself up a neat little residence.

Frank Brown, who oversees Wm. Fuqua's extensive domains, has wheat four and one-half feet high and starting to head. He also says the aphis is appearing on the spring oats.

Next Sunday there will be divine services at 11 a. m. V. J. Turnage and at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Lister of Albany.

J. O. Davidson will have a crew of painters working on his fine residence this week, if the weather permits.

The girls in these parts are getting that freckled, it looks like it would effect their health.

Miss Annie Olson, of Monmouth, spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting friends.

Speed Bevens is again peddling juicy steaks from the green prairies of Airlie.

Supervisor Wm. Fuqua has been looking after his road district.

Bradly, Boone & Co. have their hop work nearly completed.

Link Baker is on his way from Indiana coming to Parker.

Bob White quails are quite numerous this spring.

There is no lice on the hops yet.

DALLAS.

The public schools in this place closed last Friday, and in the evening commencement exercises were held at the city hall with fourteen graduates, all of whom handled their subjects in a manner that the people were convinced the teacher have been very active during the year. The graduates were: Hallie Reynolds, Lina Stouffer, Vernia Compton, Dina Risser, Mary Muscott, Nannie Wilson, Bertha Blessing, Julia Loggan, Eloise Phillips, Stella Headley, Della Oxley, Nellie Muscott, Vesta Southwick and Lester Smith. Miss Eloise Phillips was elected by the audience to represent the schools in the contest of the county schools which occurs at Independence. Her subject is "Two Scenes From the Life of Benedict Arnold."

F. J. McHenry, of Portland, last Friday organized Dallas Camp, Woodmen of the World, with about twenty members, with officers as follows: C. F. Belt, past counsul; V. P. Fisk, consul commander; C. L. Hubbard, adviser lieutenant; J. S. Ashbough, banker; I. N. Woods, clerk; A. Dray, escort; H. B. Stanley, physician; H. S. Brown, Watchman; J. C. Hughes, sentry; C. W. Beckett, H. G. Campbell, Gus Bassett, managers. This lodge is a secret order something on the same plan as the Workmen.

The meeting of the Farmers' Institute at this place Wednesday and Thursday was very interesting and those who attended learned many thing in the line of agriculture and horticulture. Profs. French, Bloss, Coats, Washburn and Pernot, of the Agricultural College at Corvallis, were present and imparted much useful instruction to these in attendance.

Quite a number of Dallas people intend to attand the Chautauquan assembly that meets in Oregon City in July. Those entitled to deplomas, already holding them are: D. P. Stouffer Mesdames D. P. Stouffer, Sada Wells, Grace Miller, L. P. Smith, J. J. Daly and F. H. Morrison, now of Oregon City.

At the last meeting of I. O. O. F. lodge, it was decided to observe Decoration Day (Thursday) and spread flowers on the graves of deceased brothers, within the old Dallas and Odd Fellows cemeteries. L. C. Parker, A. W. Teats and A. J. Martin, committee on arrangements.

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening Ed Biddle was elected councilman from the second ward to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of I. N. Woods; and the ordinance prohibiting bicycles to be run on the sidewalks was defeated.

C. F. Royal, the Salem bridge builder, was in Dallas last Saturday, figuring on the materials of a 100-foot bridge to be built across Soap creek, for which he has the contract.

About twenty members of the I. O. O. F. lodge, of Dallas, attended the Odd Fellows grand lodge at Salem last week, and the Dallas City band took part in the parade Thursday.

Maggie Stanley was 8 years old Saturday and she gave quite a pleasant little birthday dinner to about thirty of her little friends.

Sheriff Plummer and Deputy Ashbough took Conlee over to Salem, Saturday, where he intends to reside for about two years.

Geo. Snyder took a trip to the Rowell hop yard, on the Luckiamute, Saturday and returned the next day.

Miss Georgia Gaynor returned home Tuesday, from her visit to friends in Suver.

George Hyland and wife are the proud parents of a sweet little girl baby.

Johnny and Arthur Uglow took a trip to Salem and back Sunday evening.

Prof. Sanders, of McMinnville, has been in Dallas this week on business.

Miss Dora Craven has been visiting friends in Salem the past week.

Bertie Stiles went to Portland Tuesday, on a visit to relatives.

MONMOUTH.

While two Dallas gentlemen were driving through town a few days ago their horses took a lively little spin through the streets of this town, preferring the sidewalk to the road they ran up on it in front of Thomas' Drug store and did not stop till they were in front of Mrs. Dalton's residence when a wheel caught on a tree. The buggy was completely demoralized, but luckily for the gentlemen, they escaped uninjured.

Preparations are being made at the Normal for an excursion to Salem to attend the intercollegiate tournament to be held there in the near future. If you wish to go just hand your name to Mr. Briggs who has charge of the excursion.

The public school will have their commencement exercises in the Normal chapel Thursday evening; a full account of the exercises will be given next week.

The Christian Endeavor delegates who attended the state convention at Salem last week report a very good time.

Mr. Lewis' photograph gallery is nearing completion. It is a neat little structure.

Miss Mella White spent last week in Salem visiting relatives and friends.

Business men report business to be picking up.

The Christian Women's Board of Mission will hold their first district convention here beginning the 29th of this month. Mrs. H. A. Denton, state president, of Salem, and Mrs. A. C. McKern, of North Yamhill, will be present to carry on the work.

Miss Annie Powell, who has just finished a successful term of school at Ballston, was in town this week visiting her sister, Mrs. B. L. Murphy.

Now comes the busy season at the Normal, orations to be written and learned, choruses to be practiced, and decorations to look after.

Decoration Day will be observed at the Normal in the forenoon by appropriate exercises and the afternoon will be a holiday.

Miss Hallie Reynolds, of Dallas, is spending a few days in town this week the guest of Miss Emma Phillips.

J. J. Russell, who lives below Independence, was visiting his son Oscar, who attends the Normal.

Miss Mary Coats has gone to Southern Oregon to spend a few weeks with friends.

WELLS ITEMS.

Bob Stewart, the enterprising expressman of Albany, attended church here last Sunday. Although an Albany boy he is still popular with the Soap creek ladies.

John Johnson has thrown up his barber shop and has gone to training hops. "Stay with em" John, that's the way we made our raise.

All the girls here have new hats; the prettiest girl wore a salmon colored dress and a hat trimmed in white flowers and blue ribbon.

The grange picnic to be given at Ridders grove June 1st promises to be a success in every particular and a large crowd is expected.

Chess Hall has taken his buggy to Corvallis to have it painted, so he had to go to Buena Vista in his gig last Sunday.

Asa Taylor, of Independence, is shearing sheep at Tolbert Carter's. Although a boy Asa makes the wool fly.

Rev. Kyle, of Salem, preached at North Palestine last Sunday at 11 a. m. and Rev. McKee, of Albany, at 3, p. m.

The dramatic people are hard at work to produce the celebrated drama, "Triss or Beyond the Rockies," on June 1st.

Henry Cauthorn is talking of going to Buena Vista to live. Henry says he likes the people of Buena Vista.

Jake says he will be a merchant by and by, if he can hold his job down at Suver. How about it, Jake?

Mrs. Esteb is very low from the dreaded disease of consumption and her recovery is doubtful.

Henry Cauthorn is contemplating building a ferry at Buena Vista soon.

Henry Ridders is now giving music lessons on the guitar and violin.

Avert Vanderpool has engaged his hop pickers for this year.

Bob Steel was at Mr. Hecker's buying hop poles last week.

Frank Hall says his time is occupied every Sunday.

Remember the picnic the first of June.

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