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BETTER SEWERS.

The time has come when our city should begin to consider the health of the people as it may be affected by deficient sewerage. The wells of the city are already contaminated by foreign substances. In fact so apparent is the fouling of the wells in the city that many persons whose families were continually sick ascribed it to impure well water and have discarded them, with the result that health and strength have returned. There is every reason to believe that the doctors of this city, from a selfish interest, would oppose any change but for the very reason that they know so well the cause underlying the cases of sickness they are called on to attend, they will rise above mere selfish purposes and favor better sewerage. What is a positive fouling of the wells of water must also have some bad effects in the air we breathe, and therefore as our town grows the demand will increase for some method of providing a sewerage system. The question now arises, are we at the point where we must have sewers? As to the method of payment it would seem that the only proper way is one man sewer the length of city and branches leading to it, and as the expense of this man one cannot justly be paid for by property owners on street where located, it will therefore have to be paid for by the city and bonds will need to be issued. In the ordinance for the construction of a sewer the city might make a small charge to each person connecting with the city sewer, so that eventually the amount expended by the city would be paid by those making connection. However it is not necessary to go into details on the sewerage question. We either need sewers or we do not. If we need them the council in its wisdom will see that they are honestly and economically built and on as easy terms to the people as possible.

BOARD OF TRADE.

There is urgent need in Independence for an organization corresponding to a board of trade. A few of our leading business men might meet together and discuss public measures and from the variety of opinions gained and considered, action might be taken whose results would be of great value to our community. Why does not some one take the start? In an organization of that kind in Independence four or five years the total cost for dues and assessments was only about \$17 to each member for three years, and when the results of that board of trade are considered both direct and indirect we know it was of great benefit. It is not so much money that is needed to help build up a community as it is a unity of sentiment in favor of encouraging men with complete knowledge of business to locate with us. It has been said that a skilled business man is equal to a philanthropist. We believe it. He not only makes a success himself but stimulates others to take advantage of circumstances and also succeed. It is by knowing our needs that we are able to get our supplies intelligently. Every business man in Independence is interested in the town. Being all interested there should be no trouble in unity of action for the common good.

It is said the telephone newspaper, which has been in successful operation over two years at Budapest, has become almost indispensable to its 6,000 subscribers. The service has a main wire of 168 miles, which is connected to private houses and various public resorts. Between 7-9 in the morning and 9-10 in the evening twenty-eight editions are spoken into the transmitter, ten men with loud, clear voices acting as speakers in shifts of two. The news is classified

and given in accordance with a regular programme, so that any subscriber knows when to expect the kind of items of interest to him. A short summary of all important items is given at noon and again at night, and subscribers are entertained with music and lectures in the evening.

Our city fathers should pass more stringent laws regulating the sales of stocks of goods in our city by auction. If the present ordinances do not cover the situation more fully than they seem to do, new ordinances should be drafted, and at once. It is not just that our business men, who live here, pay taxes and spend their money in the town should be brought into competition with cheap auction goods brought in for the express purpose of finding sale here.

The railroad statistics of the State of Pennsylvania show that only 1 passenger out of every 4,325, 718 carried was killed during last year, and only 1 out of 204, 947 injured, but the employees were not so fortunate, as 1 out of every 432 was killed and 1 out of every 23 was injured. We have all along suspected that it was safer to be a passenger than an employe, even if you travel on a pass.

The inventor of a bicycle suit that will enable a woman to look as graceful standing on her head, or reclining in the middle of the road, as when dressed for an evening entertainment, is sure not only of fame and fortune but of the undying love of every woman cyclist.

Two democratic Senators - Brice and Pasco - have said that they would vote with the republicans to amend the present tariff law to the extent necessary to raise the revenue needed by the government and it will not be surprising if others do so.

ANTHONY HOPE, the English author, declines to lecture in this country, because he hasn't anything to lecture about and does not know how to lecture. Others have had the same reasons, but they lectured all the same.

There are idiots in the South as well as in other sections, but Gov. Evans and Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, are entitled to the champion belt, although the Gov. of Georgia was a close competitor.

Let those who are harping upon the mistakes that are to be made by Tom Reed point out some of the mistakes he made when he was Speaker of the House before, and they will receive more attention.

There will not be so much democratic kicking when the same old Reed rules are applied to the house, as the greater portion of those rules were adopted by the democrats of the last house.

If our democratic friends will only be patient they will in due time learn what the republican Congress proposes to do, and we venture the prediction that it will be disappointing to them.

If his message represents all the hard thinking he did while fishing in Buzzard's bay Mr. Cleveland should lose no time in having his thinking apparatus examined by an expert.

WELL, it isn't Mr. Cleveland's fault that some people expected a different sort of message; he never said he had changed his opinions. It was his knowledge of friends.

The multiplication of republican candidates for the senate in Kentucky is a good sign. It indicates that Blackburn's successor will be a republican.

Of the 104 democratic members of the new House 56 are free silver men and 7 are doubtful, or at least that was their status when elected.

Mr. Reed may have shaved off his mustache because of the growing tendency of the caricaturists to make him look like Mr. Cleveland.

If the Sultan of Turkey can succeed in playing Germany against England he can defend on indefinitely postponing the partition of his empire.

There is a suspicion that Mr. Brice will devote more attention to his railroad business than to the business of the Senate this winter.

The messages of congress to the president promise to be much more interesting than the president's message to congress.

If Senator Hill was paid \$1000 per lecture somebody was losing about \$900 per lecture; hence the cancellation of all his dates.

The next man that suggests Georgia as a good field to lecture in, to Ex-Congressman Bland, of Mo., will be brained on the spot.

Everybody else having had a say as to what Congress will do, Congress will now be allowed to talk for itself.

It begins to look like one of the certainties of the Congressional session is a restoration of duty on wool.

Mr. Cleveland has not expressed any regret over Senator Hill's failure as a lecturer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PARKER.

Tom Newton is working for Cleve Parker.

L. L. Baker is laboring for Ed Bidwell.

Miss Addie Modie returned to her home in Corvallis Monday.

The Oregon Pottery Company are slowly working their clay pit below town on the railroad. Three car loads of wheat were shipped this week to Portland to the Portland Flouring Mill Co. Last Monday at this place wheat was worth 44 cents and fluctuating.

Friday of last week Mrs. Peterson, nee Miss Inez Davidson, of Butte, Montana, came home on a visit to her father and mother at Buena Vista. She states the weather very cold in Montana.

We would say to the Oak Point correspondent that W. P. K. is proprietor of the Glen Allen property on Front street with his interests wrapped around his own domain and does not go in society as in his youth. Your informer was mistaken.

MCROY.

Mrs. Fletcher is on the sick list. Butchering is now the order of the day.

I. P. Reese returned from court last Saturday.

Wm. Wisner and family spent last Sunday in town.

Hon. E. T. Hatch spent a few days in Dallas last week.

J. D. Kelly visited Dallas and Independence this week.

Mrs. Geo. Howe went to McMinnville one day last week.

Ed Lindsay hauled wood for Paul Kingston, Saturday afternoon.

J. D. Kelly sports a new buggy top since returning from Portland.

McRoy has a singing school under the supervision of E. T. Hatch.

Myrtle Post is in Amity this winter learning the dress-making trade.

Bert and Maude St. John visited friends in Salem the first of the week.

O. G. Shurtleff, of Portland, was in our vicinity last week and went to Dallas while here.

D. W. Sears and J. S. Cooper, of your city, passed through here on the train not long ago.

Our home talent will give a drama sometime during the holidays. Will give particulars later on.

The ladies' missionary society met and spent a pleasant afternoon, last Friday at Mrs. Kingston's.

A. J. Teeling's mother, Mrs. Johnson, has gone to Amity to live with Mrs. J. W. Bredwell this winter.

The strange man, who has been sick in town and is now able to go to work, would like a place to work for his board.

Since having been discharged from the employ of the State Insurance Co. J. F. Lentz has returned to his old trade of buying apples.

Geo. Kelly went to Portland with a car load of sheep last Thursday. He is a bachelor now, his wife having gone to California to visit her sister.

RIKREALL.

Rev. Bonnell, of Dallas, preached here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Nellie Townsend, of Perrydale, is the guest of her friend Mrs. Hatton, this week.

Mrs. Robt. Hatton returned home last week from a trip to San Francisco, California.

The young ladies, of Rikreall, are talking of giving a leap year ball, New Year's night.

Mrs. Ed. Clark, Mrs. V. Dempsey and "Uncle" Marion Goff, have been quite sick for some time past.

The Rikreall Literary Society is progressing nicely, but on account of the rain Friday night the programme was quite short.

Vocal music is all the rage here now. Prof. Ginn, of Monmouth, having a class of over forty pupils, with Joe McKee to keep order for him.

OAK POINT ITEMS.

Why will we get to eat that turkey for Xmas, or not?

Some of our boys are having big times hunting coons.

Elmer Yarnell will move out to Talmage for the winter.

Spelling school every Thursday evening at the Rikreall school house.

There is some talk of our boys having a big hunting match during the holidays.

Miss Sadie Huntley, who has been visiting Miss Lettie Osborne for the last week, has returned home.

"Say Mr. — we invite you to leave your dogs at home the next time.

Steve Shellhammer, of Woodland, California, is among us, and will stay all winter.

Parents should bear in mind that education is a growth, not a stuffing process. Hence as all healthy growth

is slow and steady, it follows that unless children attend school regularly, they make very little progress. If all parents would strive to send their children regularly, it would not only benefit their own children directly, but it would raise the effectiveness of our public schools.

It is really appalling how utterly devoid some men are of all noble ambition and all honest efforts to improve their condition. This is well illustrated by a man who does not live far from here, whose sole ambition seems to be to care for a scalliwag of a team he has. Too improvident to provide for the winter, he is now on the verge of starvation though himself alone to care for; he keeps life and limbs together by making frequent calls at his neighbors about meal time.

AIRLIE.

H. Simpson butchered several fine porkers last week.

Our school is prospering finely under the care of Miss Vina Gilbert, of Falls City.

Mrs. Sam Hastings, of Corvallis, was visiting relatives in town last week.

Hoffman and Jamison shipped several car loads of wheat and oats last week.

Our old friend Speed Bevins, of Buena Vista, was among us several days last week.

Win Wilson, the genial butcher of Independence, was doing business in the burg Monday.

T. B. and W. E. Williams are building new plank fences which help the looks of their farms.

John Hastings and Clyde Williams, who are attending college at Corvallis, spent Thanksgiving at home.

Mrs. T. B. Williams has gone on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. T. D. Goyens at Natron, Lane county.

Cricket Bevins has bought a band of goats to grub out his mountain ranch and says they are doing it in good shape.

Boys, what's the matter with having a hunting match on Christmas to include with a grand supper and ball at McKisson's hall?

C. O. Hamlin and family, who moved to the state of Washington last September, write back that they have seen enough of that country and will return next fall.

Ike Simpson, W. E. Williams and C. E. Staats turned out as carpenters last Saturday and put up a very substantial wood shed for the school, to which we all say amen.

A. D. McKisson, of Wren Station, has built and opened up a first-class store here and, judging from the amount of goods arriving by every train, he must be doing a good business.

DOVE'S ISLAND.

Mable Dove is visiting friends and relatives in Salem.

Joe Barker, of Monroe, has been visiting the Dove brothers.

Gus Lemons has finished sewing his eighteen acres of fall wheat.

Chinaman Joe has returned from Portland in better spirits about his hop yard.

Ernest Jones has rented thirty acres of meadow land of J. W. Hudson which he will put in oat hay.

Judge Hayden has had the slough bridge on his land repaired with the assistance of several neighbors.

Some of the hop growers on the island are talking of plowing up their hop vines and growing hay on the land.

Mr. Howard, a renter of Joe Hirschberg, is removing the stakes of his ten-acre hop yard and will replace them by the more convenient way of wires.

Ernest Nicolls, who has been working this summer for Ed Dove and left after hop picking for Nebraska, changed his mind and returned and is now established as cook during the winter months at the bachelor ranch of D. G. Dove.

BUENA VISTA.

Mrs. Johnson, of Baker City, was here last week.

Mr. Whitman and daughter went to Salem Tuesday.

Mrs. J. A. McClain went to Portland last Saturday to visit friends and relatives.

J. M. Prather and family went to Salem yesterday to have Mrs. Prather's eyes treated.

Sam Wilson, of Portland, was here last week to erect a monument at his mother and sister's graves.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Prather and family spent Sunday over at Seio, visiting Mrs. Prather's brother.

J. W. Simpson, of Corvallis and Mr. Kennedy, of Independence, were doing business here last Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Williams and children moved to Albany last week for two or three months where their children will study music and attend school.

The first party of the year was given at Mr. Charles Beck's last Friday night. There were about twenty-five present and all report spending a most pleasant evening.

Andrew Hansen, of Salem, took his best girl to Suver to the Young People's meeting and tied his team up and they got loose and ran off, breaking the buggy all in pieces.

OPPOSITE INDEPENDENCE.

Last Wednesday a populist club was organized here.

Rev. L. S. Fisher is holding a protracted meeting with good results.

A party of duck hunters bagged fifty ducks one day last week.

There was a coon hunt here last week and Emmet Maxfield killed two coons.

Miss Cora Snel, of Independence, is teaching school here and has thirty pupils.

A Union Sunday school has been organized with W. T. Elder as superintendent.

MONMOUTH.

Miss Ella Fisher is quite ill with typhoid fever.

An exchange suggests the wearing of bloomers is a form of lunacy—pantaloonism.

The district school entertainment, under the management of Miss Cassavant, will be given next week.

The Monmouth hotel was opened to the public by our townsman Jesse Gross, on Saturday the 7th instant.

Not much credit should be given to him who does right by accident, nor to him who is a contributor for the sole glory that is in it.

Sidney Perival is visiting his relatives and friends here and will remain until January, when he will resume work on the Polk County Observer.

The W. C. T. U. meets at the Christian church every Tuesday at 2 p. m.

W. L. Worth, who has been teaching school in Southern California, returned home last week.

The Woodmen gave a pleasant social to their friends Thursday evening. Particulars next week.

The cantata, "Jepphath's Daughter," will be presented at the Normal chapel next Thursday evening, Dec. 19th.

Miss Allie Butler will start the last of the week for California where she will spend the winter with her brother.

Frank Hall's family, who have been quite ill with typhoid fever, are much better.

There will be Christmas festivities in both the Evangelical and Christian churches. Both are preparing excellent programmes.

A number of the young people gave Miss Edith Perival a surprise party at the residence of her parents last Thursday evening.

Prof. Weimer and wife, of Independence, visited chapel at the Normal Friday morning and afterward the training department.

Ike Dempsey and wife, of Salem, spent Sunday in town visiting relatives. They went to California the first of the week to make their home there.

John Emmett is getting considerable fame as a performer on the horizontal bar. He performed here last week with a traveling troupe and has now gone to Falls City.

Mrs. Crosby is quite ill and her daughter, Nettie, who teaches the Cochrane school, is waiting on her. Mrs. Ella Seward is teaching in Miss Nettie's place this week.

Miss Tutill's lectures on Shakespeare are commanding good attention at the chapel exercises. She gave a very interesting story of "Midsummer Night's Dream" last Tuesday morning.

The exceedingly warm weather of this week makes one feel like having the spring fever instead of bundling up to keep out the cold. Verily, the Willamette valley is all right when it comes to equitable climate.

On last Monday evening after the regular meeting of the Rebekah lodge, Mrs. Lotta Higgins, Mrs. Retta Powell, Mrs. Sarah Smith and Miss Maggie Butler gave a luncheon in the I. O. O. F. hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, who will soon take their departure for East Portland where they expect to make their future home. A very pleasant evening was spent though all regretted very much to lose Mr. and Mrs. Miller from the lodge. Mrs. Miller has just closed her term of office as N. G. They have lived in this community for many years and will be greatly missed.

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