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## THE POST.

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PORT ORFORD, CURRY CO., OR.

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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ADVERTISING RATES REASONABLE.

L. P. FISHER, Advertising Agent, 21 Merchant's Exchange, San Francisco, is authorized to receive advertisements for the columns of this paper.

### Two Easter Sundays.

The year 1881 has already produced one of Mother Shipton's wonders—at least so far as Ellensburg is concerned—to wit, "Two Easter Sundays in one." We think that event was forecast by the good old Mother many hundred years ago. But Frank Manciet and the guests of the Cosmopolitan Hotel simply reversed the process by celebrating "one Easter Sunday in two." Sunday April 10th, and again the 17th were duly observed in this behalf. A sumptuous repast of eggs was served on the two several occasions, and if the host was happy, the guests had every reason to be.

### School Fund Apportionment for March.

The school fund apportionment for March published in THE POST week before last, was furnished by our worthy County Treasurer, M. B. Gibson, and we regret that due credit for the courtesy was omitted at the time. Current statistical matter of the kind under consideration is of the first importance to the local paper, which has to depend largely upon such kind remembrances as that shown by Mr. Gibson, for the due reception of such statistics.

### The Jail at Ellensburg.

Some one suggested the other day that a larger and more commodious jail ought to be built at Ellensburg, when Capt. Riley spoke up with some animation to the point that he would ever in the future oppose the building of any jail in the county that lacked sufficient capacity for "owners to keep their tide lands in."

Michael Doyle, the indefatigable, stirring and accommodating ferryman at Rogue river, is, in connection with Mr. McCormick, sowing a large acreage to oats this Spring. They have a splendid grain farm in addition to their large and excellent stock ranch.

Splendid strained honey at Wolfcott's for 12½ cents per pound.

### Teachers' Institute.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has appointed a Teachers' Institute to be held at Ellensburg on the 5th and 6th of May next. All teachers holding certificates are expected to attend; and we hope many others who are interested in the cause of education will favor us with their presence and co-operation.

Prof. Powell will lecture each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

We expect to secure good music and carry out such a programme that the Institute will be entertaining and instructive. All are earnestly requested to attend, especially at the evening lectures.

CHAS. E. PHILBROOK,  
County Superintendent.

### Twenty-first Annual Exhibition.

We are indebted to E. M. Waite Secretary of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, for the list of premiums for the Oregon State Fair to be held at the fair grounds, near Salem, for the year 1881, and the programme and regulations of the same; reports of committees, and of Secretary and Treasurer for 1880; together with the premiums awarded at Fair of 1880. We will take occasion to refer to such statistics of the Society as we deem of most interest to readers in this section, in our next.

### Blooded Stock.

Mr. R. D. Hume, whose large stock farm lies contiguous to Ellensburg, is breeding from the most approved blooded animals, horses, horned cattle and sheep. His breeds are those best adapted to this region and climate. His fine stallion, "Royal George," and bull "Duke of Baden," are at the service of breeders the present season at the ranch.

### Unsuccessful Trip.

The "Alex Duncan Jr.," in command of J. B. Tichenor, left this port for Cape Blanco, Saturday morning, with a crew consisting of one mountaineer and a deputy postmaster. The vessel returned the same evening having been unable to land freight at the Cape on account of the heavy sea running.

### More Fine Stock.

Judge Woodruff lately brought up from San Francisco a Short-horn Durham bull, 13 months old, which weighs 1030 pounds. Curry county stock men are fast moving to the very front in the matter of the introduction of improved breeds.

E. O. Norton, publisher of the Oregon Literary Vidette, monthly, has commenced the publication of a Weekly Vidette in conjunction with the monthly. We are pleased to notice this evidence of the popularity of his journal.

### Slight Reversal of Past Policy.

During our absence at Ellensburg, the Junior of this paper took advantage of the situation to regale readers with just a little Democracy, by inserting a pretty elaborate extract from the the fulmination of a Bohemian at Washington City who sends out "correspondence." This "correspondence" contained some fulsome allusions to Ben Hill, whom we had denounced as a "popinjay" the week previous. He says he is even with us now for deserting our post. It may all be fair—in his view. We must stand it.

### New Deputy.

During the absence of Sheriff Gauntlett below, and as a fitting rebuke for his seeming tardiness in rejoining his wife here, that lady concluded to divide prerogatives with her absent lord, and at the risk of becoming amenable for usurpation of authority, proceeded to appoint a new deputy. The Sheriff may deem this stroke of feminine strategy as an unwarranted interference with things all his own, yet under the law, almost any act is excusable under sufficient provocation. Mother and child doing well.

### The State Assessment.

The total assessment for the State for 1880 was forty-eight million four hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars; the total tax yield for State three hundred and thirty-nine thousand, four hundred and fifty-nine dollars. Curry county's assessment was two hundred and nineteen thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars; her contribution to the State for the present year is one thousand five hundred and thirty-five dollars.

Mr. Divilbiss went below to Ellensburg to make arrangements for bringing up his family to occupy the place recently purchased by him from Jos. Noah.

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow, she washed it off with Phosphate Soap, and that's what made it so. For sale by Bates & Johnson.

The schooner "Ester Cobos" was hauled upon the ways at Ellensburg last week with intention of converting the vessel into a steam propeller.

Mr. William Blacklock who has been on a visit to his home at this place, for a few weeks returned to Poseburg Monday.

Residents of Port Orford and vicinity who are ruptured, or otherwise ailing, should secure "Dr. Pierce's Magnetic Elastic Truss," or Electric Belt without delay. Read their ad.

### MR. CRESSWELL'S DEFENSE.

He Proves too Much Which is Equivalent to Self-conviction, or, Proving Nothing.

With the fight between Mr. Cresswell and Mr. Enos we have nothing to do; nor did we assume for a fact what our Chetco correspondent had written, in our comments upon the matters stated, but rather treated the subject from a standpoint of supposition. But since Mr. C. in his communication in THE POST of last week disclaimed any inclination to have noticed the matter but for our brief comments, we may be pardoned for a brief reference at this time to Mr. C's defense which we did not hesitate to publish promptly upon its receipt at this office. A defense similarly lame and self-contradictory, if made against a charge for murder would hang him, except a jury could be convinced that he was either non compos mentis or the biggest liar in the world; he proves too much or else proves nothing. Though the facts may not bear out the conclusion, yet Mr. C's showing clearly develops a conspiracy between himself and some one else to defraud Mr. Enos out of his land. The "separate transactions" mentioned by Mr. Cresswell in his communication to THE POST were either the work of stupidity or a culpable purpose to perpetrate a wrong. To be brief, one must conclude from the showing in hand—First, that Mr. Cresswell was one of the most benevolent men in the world in doing what he says he did for Enos, or, secondly, that he is a man utterly incapable of transacting intelligently the most ordinary business; or, thirdly, that there was a deliberate purpose lurking in the transaction to get possession of the land by an illegal artifice. Because, firstly, Mr. C. went all the way to Crescent City to borrow the money (\$250) at 1¼ per cent. per month, to invest in Enos' land; secondly, we find Mr. C., at the solicitation of Enos, offering to re-deed to him the land in question if he should happen to return and want it, upon the payment to him of the \$250 with ONE PER CENT. INTEREST; executing a bond in the penal sum of \$500 stipulating for specific performance; and, thirdly, we find him tendering the forfeit rather than re-deed as agreed. And Mr. C. does not pretend to controvert the main allegation in the Chetco correspondence, viz: That he took from the table the \$312 tendered him by Enos.

Mr. Cresswell concludes his defense as follows:

"You are probably correct in your statement of law, in case the deed and bond had been executed at the same time, and had been

parts of the same transaction, but such are not the facts of the case."

Exactly. And the subsequent agreement and undertaking with Enos to re-deed was a waiver of all right to title in fee under the deed, and the only relief left Mr. C. was a suit to foreclose as he must an ordinary mortgage.

As a matter of fact, it is obvious enough that there was no two transactions in the matter; that the first was a part of the last and the last a part of the first, and without the completion of both neither would have stood alone at the time.

### Another Murder.

A man named M. NyKard who had been working in the logging camp of Mr. J. Wikman on South Slough left the camp last Friday in a skiff saying he was going to Marshfield and would return to camp on Sunday. On his way to Marshfield he called at Empire, where he remained till about nine o'clock in the evening.

On Monday last the body was found a short distance North of Empire City on the beach and upon examination several bullet holes and a cut from a sharp instrument were found upon it indicating that he had been foully dealt with. We understand that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the supposed murderer.—News, Apr. 13th.

Since the above was put in type the Coast Mail has arrived and states that the Evans brothers and one Jordan all half breeds have been arrested and charged with the crime.

The "Mary D. Hume" is expected to arrive at this port to-day with a large freight for this place.

The Mose arrived at the Coquille Sunday last.

### Fine Farm for Sale.

This choice Ranch is situated six miles from Port Orford, one quarter of a mile from the County Road. It contains 160 acres of excellent land—80 acres bottom and 80 acres grazing land. A good house and barn on the place—house 24x24. Ten acres pasture under fence; twelve acres fallow land, and one acre garden, together with three stands of bees, and all the farming implements on the farm. Enquire of

J. B. TICHENOR,  
Port Orford.

Sheriff Lane made his settlement with the County Court last week; his accounts were all O. K. and books in good shape. The Colonel has proved himself a thoroughly efficient officer in every respect. In fact Coos county has a very good corps of county officers, even if some of them are Republicans.—News.

### EORN.

At Port Orford, April 19th, 1881, to the wife of Wm. Gauntlett, a son.