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The way to build up Stayton is to patronize Stayton merchants.

State Items of Interest.

Representative Lafferty introduced a bill authorizing an appropriation of \$2,000,000, to erect a postoffice building at Portland, on the site which is being acquired by condemnation.

The woolgrowers of Morrow county are forwarding to Washington some vigorous protests against the proposed tinkering with the wool schedule during the special session of Congress.

Thousands of posters warning campers against polluting of streams are being distributed throughout the national forests of Oregon by forest rangers, at the instance of the state board of health.

Vale expects to build an eight-room brick high school building this summer to accommodate the increasing attendance. An election for the bonding of the school district in the sum of \$25,000 will be held on May 9.

Governor West has declared quarantine for scabies against cattle in Klamath and Lake counties. The moving of cattle in or from those counties except after legal inspection is forbidden.

In conformity with the established practice the British residents of Portland and vicinity will celebrate Empire day with an entertainment at the Armory, for which arrangements are now being made.

John Hogan and J. M. Cavin are experimenting largely with broom corn on their farms in northern Umatilla county. These farmers tried the experiment on a smaller scale last season and it proved successful.

Archbishop Alexander Christie has completed preliminary arrangements for the establishing of a big industrial college for young men in the heart of the immensely fertile Tualatin valley at St. Mary's near Beaverton.

A. A. Prince, special representative of the Northwest Fruit Exchange of Portland, while at Eugene contracted with the Eugene Fruit Growers' Association to buy all the apples that pass through that association's hands this year.

H. M. Crooks, president of Albany College, returned from a trip of several weeks in the east in the interest of Albany College's endowment fund and reported that two-thirds of the proposed \$200,000 endowment had been secured.

A preserve for the propagation of wild birds, including about 15,000 acres and surrounding the capital city of Oregon, will be established by the new board of game and fish commissioners, created by the recent session of the Oregon Legislature.

A great combination business and pleasure trip of northeastern Oregon farmers to the head of Wallowa Lake for a three days' stay is planned by officials of the Farmers' Union, June 6, 7 and 8. The counties participating will be Baker, Union, Wallowa and Umatilla.

Charles M. Gardner, county judge of Lincoln county, narrowly escaped drowning in a treacherous ford of the Siletz River while on a road-inspecting tour through the north end of the county. His life was saved by the timely arrival of some Indians from the reservation.

County Judge Cleeton and Commissioners Lightner and Hart of Multnomah county were acquitted of having violated the federal law when the draw operators on the Morrison and Burnside bridges did not open immediately on February 16 for the steamers Gamecock, Ottawa and Oregon.

S. V. Proudft, assistant commissioner of the general land office, has issued to the register and receiver of the land office in Portland instructions to the effect that no filings on the 2,370,000 acres of Southern Pacific land returned to the government by Judge Wolverton's decision, will be allowed.

J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner, was indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury for failing to perform his official duties by publishing a monthly bulletin announcing the results of analytical tests made in his office. This is the second time Commissioner Bailey has been indicted for this offense, the previous indictment being declared invalid on a technicality when the case came up for trial before Judge Morrow of the state circuit court.

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

Umatilla Enters Protest.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county woolgrowers plan to enter as intervenors in the suit brought by Idaho growers before the Interstate Commerce Commission, contending the rate of \$2.19 per 100 pounds of wool from Idaho to Boston should be reduced on the ground that the rate of \$1.63 from Pendleton points is preferential. Idaho stockmasters base their suit on the shorter haul, while Umatilla county growers contend a close proximity to the Columbia River occasions a lower rate.

Astoria's Debt Is Less.

Astoria.—A comparison of the report of the city auditor and police judge for the quarter ending March 31 of the present year with that for the corresponding quarter of 1910 reveals a very gratifying decrease in the city's net indebtedness. On March 31, 1910, the excess of liabilities was \$124,369.25 and on March 31, 1911, it was \$89,310.43, a decrease of \$25,058.92.

COUNTY AND STATE AT WAR

Multnomah and Oregon Officials Present Counter Claims.

Salem.—What promises to be a lively war between the state of Oregon and Multnomah county has started in correspondence between Secretary of State Olcott and S. B. Martin, county auditor of Multnomah county. County Auditor Martin was notified some time ago that Multnomah county owes the state \$3256 for patients at the School for Feeble-Minded. Martin responded that the state owes Multnomah county \$9520 for non-resident poor and as a result there is a balance due to the county of \$6263.

Secretary Olcott has now responded that the state will require proof of the existence of the non-resident poor in each instance and that they are non-resident poor. A list has been submitted from Multnomah county dating back from 1903 and it is said that in many instances the poor are dead and it is impossible to secure affidavits.

Chief Clerk Corey Resigns.

Salem, Ore.—H. Corey, chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, resigned after a conference with Secretary Ben W. Olcott, in which, it is alleged, he was ordered to decline to be a candidate for the office of Secretary at the next election, as a consideration for holding his present position.

Rifles and Machine Guns for Fort.

Fort Stevens.—Two flat car loads, containing 19 three-inch rifles and several Colts automatic machine guns, have arrived in Fort Stevens. They are to be used as auxiliary weapons to prevent land attack or landing of marines from hostile fleets.

HOOD RIVER SUIT OUSTED

Supreme Court Reverses Cases in Controversy Over Ferry Landing.

Hood River.—Unusual interest is being manifested in the decision of the Oregon supreme court in its action relative to the controversy which arose here four years ago over the right of vessels navigating the Columbia River to land on private property which was overflowed during the summer freshet. The suit which reached the highest court of the state, as Dean vs. Washington Navigation Company, appealed from Wasco county, was reversed and the suit dismissed, the opinion holding that a petitioner for ferry license must show his ownership or control of the ground in Oregon where his ferry lands, and that the county court in such matters, acts as a court of limited jurisdiction, and every fact essential must affirmatively appear.

Astoria Postal Bank Open.

Astoria.—The Astoria branch of the postal savings system was opened for business by Postmaster F. J. Carney, in accordance with the instructions received from the Department in Washington, and the interest it has aroused locally indicates that the new institution will be liberally patronized.

300 in "Spelling Bee."

McMinnville.—Three hundred pupils of the public schools took part in the county spelling and ciphering contest held here by County Superintendent Bell. The best in each grade received a gold medal.



SECRETARY OF STATE BEN W. OLCOTT

Prominent State Official who Attended Farewell Banquet in This City Tuesday Evening.

TERRIBLE WEAPONS.

Ferocious Knives Wielded by the Natives of Hindustan.

The weapon common to every part of Hindustan, so as to deserve the name of the national arm, is the "katar." This is a broad, two edged dagger, the hilt of which is formed something like an H, the band grasping the crossbar, which is generally double, while the side bars extend on each side of the wrist.

Some katars are made with five blades which unite into one, but by squeezing together the crossbars diverge like the fingers of a hand when the thrust has been given. Other katars are made in sets of two or even three, of diminishing sizes, the blades of the larger being hollow and forming sheaths for the smaller.

Some of the southern Indian katars, known as "death givers," are immense weapons, nearly two feet long in the blade, and the hilts are a mass of fantastic scrollwork and mythological moisters, the cobra with expanded hood figuring largely.

There is also the "bich'hwa," or scorpion's sting, a doubly curved dagger; the "khanjar," a larger form of the same, and the "peshkabz," or hunting knife. But none of these elaborate weapons has about it the terribly "businesslike" look of the Khyber knife (ch'hura), with its ponderous single edged, tapering blade and plain ivory hilt.—Chambers' Journal.

Splendid addresses by some of Oregon's leading educators marked the annual meeting of the Oregon Academy of Sciences, which was in session for two days at Albany.

The Oregon Association for Highway Improvement is the name of the organization that was formed at Portland to take the place of the Oregon Good Roads Association.

No Black on Nature's Palette.

Nature uses no black in any part of her work. I will not except the blackberry and the so called black pansy. On a bright, clear day shadows on the snow are pale ultramarine blue; under a blue sky in midsummer the color of the placid lake is cobalt blue and the shadows on the grass are lilac; on a weathered gray boardwalk they are nearly as blue as the sky itself. The palpitating atmosphere of a warm July day lifts the coloring of the landscape to a higher but softer key instead of reducing it with gray, and in the autumn, when the sugar maple's leaves are turned to gold, the shadows on the trunk and every gray rock in the vicinity are tinged with strong lilac. In fine, when the sun shines everything, even the shadow which we are prone to believe is gray, is replete with color.—F. Schuyler Mathews.

Pie in Art.

An artist in Chicago tells of a lady in that town who, with her maid, went to purchase a still life picture for her dining room. She selected a canvas on which were painted a bunch of flowers, a pit cut in two and a roll and was about to pay \$25 for it when her maid approached to whisper in her ear.

"Excuse me, ma'am," said the servant, but you are making a bad bargain. I saw a picture very much like this sold the other day for \$15."

"And was it as good as this?"

"Better, ma'am. There was a good deal more pie in it."—Lippincott's.

Indisputable Proof.

The Landlady—The gentleman that was occupying the room last, sir, was a literary person. The Possible Tenant—What makes you think he was literary? The Landlady—Why, he had ink on his fingers, sir, and he went away without paying his board.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CLEAN-UP SALE

OF

Ladies' Tailored Suits

We have sold as much up-to-date in the ready-to-wear section as we have previously sold up to July 4th, and also having two late shipments of suits --one received since Easter, and one yet to come. We feel that, owing to the large business already done, that we will be satisfied if we can now close out the entire remaining suits at greatly reduced prices, and, owing to the lateness of the arrivals, we will need to put forth every effort to have our department empty before the fall season. Consequently we offer the following big reductions:

\$50.00 Suits	-	-	\$39.00
35.00 Suits	-	-	29.00
25.00 Suits	-	-	19.50
22.00 Suits	-	-	16.75
14.00 Suits	-	-	9.90, 7.75

STOCKTON

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Sale Continued

In order to accommodate our numerous customers who have not been able to take advantage of the many special bargains we offered during our great twenty days sale, we have decided to continue making the same reductions for an indefinite length of time. At the close of the sale we found in our stock many odds and ends which must be closed out. Therefore you can get even better bargains now than before.

We are not going to try to quote you prices because space does not permit us to do so, but we ask you to call at our store and see for yourselves.

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