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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903.

Outside papers are full of exaggerated reports of the smallpox conditions in our city. Some of the most absurd reports have been printed. It seems like papers even feigning accuracy should be careful to print the truth, or at least what they believe to be the truth.

The Review was last week made the victim of a "joke" by a non plume who has left the car marks of our former well known contributor "E. A. C." upon the article. While his suggestions regarding a minister's right to visit those afflicted with smallpox may or may not be good sentiment, his practice would be in direct contradiction to hygienic laws and could be suggested by none other than one impractical.

The National Stockgrowers' convention held in Kansas City last week decided upon Portland as the next place of meeting. The convention will be held next January, and will no doubt be largely attended by stockmen from our section. As a delegation of 4500 stockmen will be there from other states it will afford a rare opportunity for local stockmen to meet with and get ideas from other growers.

Major General Miles' report of the Philippine condition have just been made public, and are the result of keen observation during his recent visit to the Islands. His criticisms and recommendations should be sustained for they are good. He lays especially emphasis upon the fact that the abolishment of the army condition has had a wonderful effect for good among the soldiers doing duty in the Philippines, and that intemperance has greatly decreased as a result.

"Salem, April 21.—County Judge W. A. Booth, of Crook county, has filed his resignation with Governor Chamberlain, to take effect May 1st. The Judge is a Republican, and as the vacancy will have to be filled by the Governor, his successor will be a Democrat."

The above news dispatch appeared in the Portland Journal of April 21st, and shows how inaccurate a paper can be when it tries. Judge Booth was elected at the last election on the Democratic ticket and has been a life long exponent of that faith.

Sheriff C. Sam Smith informs us that he intends to enforce the new game law rigidly. The new law was printed in a recent issue of the Journal and puts the power of arrest and prosecution in the hands of the sheriff and his deputies as well as the game warden. Heretofore the latter have had complete control and owing to the small force employed on that capacity, the protection to game amounted to practically nothing. The empowering of the sheriff to act makes the protection much more effective, and is a good departure.

It usually remains for outside papers to sing the praises of a local hero. That the smallpox situation has developed genuine heroes in our city no one doubts, but in the excitement consequent upon its existence the fact is nearly overlooked. When a person know-

ingly risks his life to aid a sufferer of this dread disease, he or she stamps themselves as a brave person deserving of praise. Of those unfortunates in our little city who met the emergency and contracted the disease none are deserving of greater praise than Dr. J. H. Rosenberg. Immediately upon developing symptoms he isolated himself from his home, wife and baby and took up his abode at the posthouse, where he is doing nicely. Miss Neva Kiser, who nursed Miss Ronda Claypool through her illness is also deserving of the greatest praise. Mrs. George Summers and Robert Harrington contracted the disease in the faithful performance of their duty and are included among those who made a sacrifice which should be and is appreciated. It is such people that rise to an emergency with good grace, meet it and make the best of it, and to them we all owe a debt of gratitude.

Another army scandal is threatened and this time it comes from Alaska where Gen. Funston has been ordered to investigate the charges. The officers are accused of gross dishonesty in the handling of commissary contracts. Commissary officers in the regular army should be required to furnish adequate bonds for the honest performance of their duty. This rule has long been followed in the paymaster's department, where an officer is required to give bonds exceeding many times the sums to be handled. Those connected with the commissary department often have occasion for handling contracts involving very large sums of money. Why they should be allowed to do so without giving bonds is more than we can understand, as past examples show conclusively that the desire to graft is only refrained from in some individuals by the placing of some restrictions. Unfortunately we have a few of these scoundrels in our regular army organization.

### H. R. Biggs Succeeds Judge Booth.

Hon. W. A. Booth's resignation as county judge, which was filed with Governor Chamberlain some time ago, has been accepted and City Recorder M. R. Biggs was appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation. Judge Booth's exit from office has been the cause of many expressions of regrets among men of all parties, and was prompted through business interests which call him away for the summer making it impossible for him to attend to his duties as county judge during that time. He was elected last June by a very complementary majority, and has given general satisfaction in the conduct of county affairs. He expects to leave about June 1st for different parts of the state where he has business interests, but will continue Prineville as home place and will return some time in the early fall. In his long Crook county career he has been a very capable and popular official.

Hon. M. R. Biggs, who succeeded Hon. W. A. Booth on May 1st as county judge is a native Missourian, being a distinct type of that species. He was born in Pike county in 1864, was raised on a farm, where he attended common school. He finished his education at the Missouri state university graduating with honors in the class of '89. He came west immediately upon graduation and settled in Harney county, this state, where he practiced his chosen vocation of law. After five years of residence in that section, during which time he served in different official capacities he came to Prineville, where he has since resided. During his nine years of Crook county residence Mr. Biggs served at different times as deputy clerk; also two years as justice of the peace for Prineville precinct, and has been for a year past city recorder. In these capacities he has displayed a marked ability, and a desire to do "what's right" characterized all his official

acts. As a successor of Judge Booth, Mr. Biggs will give entire satisfaction, and the Journal predicts for him a very successful administration.

### The Smallpox Situation.

As we go to press the situation remains practically unchanged. Since our last week's issue eight cases have been developed. They are Dr. Rosenberg, Mrs. Geo. Summers, Perry and Ralph Poinbexter, John Gets, Robert Harrington, Mrs. Ivan Tatten, and Robert McIntirey. All are progressing nicely except Mrs. Turner, who has developed other complications and is quite ill. These cases make 14 new in our city, and one suspected, Chas. Carey, who has been isolated for several days, and who has not yet developed the disease. It is hoped that the spread has been checked but owing to the great number of exposures, it will take time to tell. Owing to Mrs. Summers' illness the postoffice is changed, but all mails are being handled regularly and little inconvenience has been experienced. There is no danger of infection from the mails, as the fumigation given it by the authorities is sufficient to kill all germs.

### DIED.

In this city last Friday afternoon at 5:15 John Cyrus age 51 years, 1 month and 12 days.

In Mr. Cyrus' death Prineville loses a substantial citizen and business man who has for six years just been identified with business enterprises in our city. His illness was of long duration, having first made its appearance in 1897 as a complication of troubles which finally developed into tuberculosis of the lungs and stomach, resulting in his death. He has been a patient sufferer and died a consistent Christian, being a member of the Baptist church at the time of his death. Rev. Triplett, his pastor conducted the religious services. Burial was had in the Masonic Cemetery under the auspices of the Knights of Macedonia, of which order the deceased was an honored member, and carried a policy of \$2500.

### OBITUARY.

He was born in Seio, Linn county, Oregon, on March 12, 1852. Came with his parents to this county in 1882, they settling in what is now known the Haystack country. He has lived here continuously ever since with the exception of brief intervals spent in quest of relief for his physical sufferings. On March 12, 1897, he was married to Miss Elvira Dillon, of which union there is an infant son. In June 1897 he purchased the business now known as the Powell & Cyrus barber shop later taking Mr. Powell as a partner. He also owned the Cyrus Jewelry store, having purchased it last July of his brother Harvey. Throughout his entire illness his sufferings were ministered to by a devoted wife and loving relatives. He leaves a father, mother, four brothers and two sisters, besides a widow and baby boy, to mourn his demise. X.

### Additie and Locals.

Dr. MacLinnon of Portland who recently visited our city, is reported confined to his room in Portland quite ill.

Mrs. Mary Spaulding, of Abnott, Washington, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Wm. Wicks, arrived in our city last Thursday for a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. Winnie Hilly arrived in our city last Thursday from Walls Walla for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Joe Crooks. This is the first time they have seen each other for 18 years.

Judge Barnes arrived Saturday from Fossil, where he had charge of four of the criminal cases. Three of his clients were cleared while the case of Glick the murderer, was postponed until the next term of court. John Maxwell for bribery and Tony for assault with a deadly weapon were both cleared, while Tony was fined \$20 for the privilege of taking 12 shots at the city marshal at Mitchell. The Judge reports a very strict quarantine having been inaugurated at

Mitchell, and that he was obliged to sleep on the public scales, it being the only available place for a smallpox suspect. Owing to the fact that he is retired unable to procure a supper, the scales registered him about 22 pounds shy in weight after his night's rest. He says that "going aboard" now a year is not what it cracked up to be, and that Mr. Santos Dumont with an air ship equipped with diving facilities would certainly make a hit.

### The Belknap Mine.

Word was received by Dr. Belknap last week that a new vein had been encountered in the north split of the Belknap mine. It is 120 feet in thickness and carries values of from \$3000 to \$75000 per ton of free milling ore. While no estimate has been made of the quantity it is good news nevertheless. The Dealer has sold most of the stock that was placed in his hands, some of our most substantial business men being the heaviest buyers, and the late reports all go to show that their investments were gilt edge.

By October 1st, the management hopes to have everything in running order. It is only a question of a short time until the Belknap mine will be the center of one of Oregon's richest mining camps, and will be evidence that Mother Earth has nurtured a treasure that will bring reward to the men who had the push to develop the Belknap mine as well as those who were fortunate enough to subscribe for their stock.

### Married.

At the M. E. parsonage Tuesday evening April 28, 1903, Robert L. Bradford and May E. VanAstram. Rev. H. C. Clark officiating.

### Fantina Sittings.

Smallpox is all the talk nowadays. With fine weather and good grass the stock are getting in nice shape.

The smallpox scare has stopped drummers and peddlers from operation.

Hank Stewart and wife suffered a runaway last Friday. Mrs. Stewart was thrown out the wagon, but luckily suffered no injury.

A happy event occurred in the Mowry neighborhood last week when Marion Morgan and Miss Lucy Smith were united in marriage. It was a surprise to all. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

### WILD CAT.

### Gems of Crooked River.

Every one is staying at home on account of the smallpox scare.

Miss Florence Merrill has gone to Haystack to spend a few months with relatives.

David Weaver has sold his entire band of horses and brand to Mrs. J. B. Merrill.

Miss Clara Montgomery, who has been confined to her room with scarlet fever, has recovered.

Alex Davenport, has bought an interest in the F. Forest store. It is now F. Forest and Co.

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