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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

OREGON CITY, JAN. 14, 1898.

That the water supply of Oregon City is not as good as it should be is a well known fact and is partly the cause of much of the sickness now prevailing. It is but a matter of time that the water supply for this city will have to be taken from the Clackamas river instead of the Willamette.

At a conference of the democratic and people's party of Malheur county the following recommendations were agreed to: "We hereby recommend a co-operation of our respective parties, and invite the co-operation of the free silver forces. We also recommend that our respective county conventions be held at the same time and place."

The leaders of the various parties advocating the free coinage of silver were in conference at Washington Saturday. The meeting was held in the committee room of Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, and there were present, in addition to Jones, Senator Butler, chairman of the national committee of the populist party; Senator White, Congressman Bailey and Hon. Marcus Daly, democrats; Senators Teller, Pettigrew, Cannon and Mantle, and Representative Hartman, silver republicans, and Senator Allen, populist.

A FEW reasons why the Courier is the best paper in Clackamas county: First—It contains more reading matter than any other. Local, county, state, national and foreign news are published besides choice miscellaneous and farm articles. Second—It is the best advertising medium as is shown by the fact that it carries more paying advertisements than any other and gets better rates. Third—It is always found advocating the principles that will benefit the laborer and producer and is independent and belongs to no politician or faction as is the case with a majority of the other papers of the county. You can get it from now until after the June election for 50 cents.

The meeting of the silver forces in Portland on the 7th is destined to be a memorable one in the history of Oregon politics. It was a surprise to every one in point of numbers and the interest manifested. The silver men were elated over the success of the meeting while the gold men could read the "hand writing on the wall." The silver republicans likened it to the beginning of the Fremont campaign and the birth of the republican party. It was a striking spectacle to see lifelong political opponents meet and rejoice over one common bond of Union. It was an earnest, serious, yet enthusiastic meeting. It was a revolt against machine politics. The political boss was not there and his hirelings were dumb. The plain country folks, the "cow county politician" had invaded the city of Portland and captured it, and it argues well. Such a thing has not happened for years, it is the dawn of better politics, of honest politics and the people do and have a right to rejoice.

The various star routes of this section of the country have been awarded by the postoffice department, and, as usual, most of the successful bidders are Eastern parties, who, in most instances, have underbid the starving prices of the last term. We have been imposed on about long enough in this matter. Uncle Sam is willing to pay for the delivery of his mails, and we should see that they are delivered. Leave the Eastern contracting sharks in the lurch! The bids this year are lower than ever, and the only reasonable supposition is that bidders have figured on a basis of a thickly settled country, with a local business carrying baggage and passengers, and supplied with macadamized roads. They know nothing of our mountain roads, which are almost unimproved, except timber removed from the lines of road in most cases barely wide enough for the wagon, with no grading, except where absolutely necessary to get around points, and no graveling, or, to speak in Eastern lingo, macadam, except in rare cases. They cannot begin to supply the routes for the sums named.

SECRETARY Gage is the financial boss of the whole administration outfit. He made a bluff at resigning, if Mr. McKinley was dissatisfied with his advocacy of legislation to clinch the gold standard upon the financial system, and McKinley at once dropped to the gold side of the financial fence, and informed his wily secretary of the treasury that he didn't want his resignation and was perfectly satisfied with what he had done and what he was doing. If that doesn't convince the silver republicans in congress that Mr. McKinley has left them in the lurch and surrendered, bag and baggage, to the gold standard crowd, it

will be plain as the nose on your face that they don't want to be convinced. Although the democrats were not at all surprised at Mr. McKinley's action, they are much pleased with it. Delighted, in fact. It's worth many thousand democratic votes.

Quite a goodly number of democrats, populists, and silver republicans were present at the union meeting held in Portland on the 7th. Among them were Wm. Barlow, T. F. Cowing, W. W. Myers, G. O. Rinearson, Ira Jones, Robert A. Miller, J. D. Stevens and others of this county. It was the unanimous sentiment that a union of the reform forces was necessary for the coming state campaign. Upon this sentiment there was not a dissenting voice in the whole convention. Union of the silver forces is now an assured fact in the state of Oregon.

Mr. BAIN, of the Press, is trying to injure the Courier by stating that the editor was a republican in times past. It would not be a criminal act if we had changed our politics, which we did not do. If Mr. Bain, who, by the way, has the swellhead, can find when or where we ever voted a republican ticket, wrote a republican article, ran a republican paper or was ever identified with the republican party, let him show it.

The state convention of the democrats will be held at Portland on March 23d, and Clackamas county is entitled to 14 delegates. J. J. Cooke of Oregon City is committeeman from this county and a member of the executive board.

GOLD AND GRAIN.

Ours is still the greatest gold-producing country in the world. The product of the several lands for 1897 is estimated as follows by the N. Y. World:

United States.....	\$61,500,000
Africa.....	58,000,000
Australasia.....	51,000,000
Mexico.....	10,000,000
Canada.....	7,500,000
India.....	7,500,000
Russia.....	25,000,000

Thus Africa, with all its Kaffir mines, produces \$3,500,000 less than the United States. Colorado alone yields three times as much gold as all of Canada together, including the Klondike and the gold-fields of British Columbia. California, once thought to be exhausted, has a product nearly twice that of Mexico, and more than two and a half times that of Canada or that of all India.

And yet our gold producer, though the largest in the world, is of small value in comparison with the results of the farmers' toil.

For example, while our gold output is worth \$61,500,000, our corn is worth \$491,000,000, our wheat \$310,600,000, and even our lowly oats \$132,500,000.

The country's yield of any one of these golden grains is worth from twice to six times as much as all the gold dug out of the ground.

More than that, the corn grown in the United States each year is worth more than twice as much as all the gold mined in all the world.

Corn and its kind are real wealth; gold is only a counter.

MULINO.

Mr. and Mrs. Goucher were given a surprise party on January 8th, last Saturday evening. The party numbered 23. Mr. J. Mallet, wife and family, Mr. and Mrs. Penbrook and family and a scattering ones around the neighborhood were present. They amused themselves with all kinds of games. Prof. E. J. Hammond gave them a few dialogues and also some fine singing, both comic and sentimental, and also mystic and clog dancing. About 12 o'clock the party sat and ate a bounteous supper, which was prepared by Mrs. Kate Goucher. About 2 o'clock they went home well satisfied having had a good time at Rosebud farm, Goucher avenue. Jan. 10. OO.

SANDY.

The New Years mask ball at Sandy was a success, financially and otherwise. Some 110 numbers were sold and several very handsome costumes were worn. Francis Emmet McGugin bore off in triumph a splendid dictionary, given for best sustained gents' character, and Miss Nellie Donahue, the album, the lady's prize.

The appointment of J. H. Revenue as road supervisor was a surprise to some of our citizens, as two different petitions advocating good men were presented to the county court, and ignored. As Mr. Revenue is in favor of good roads the people seem to be satisfied that he will do his duty faithfully and honestly.

I am pleased to learn that the prospect is good for the friends of silver uniting to down the common enemy and compel them to step down and out of power and place everywhere. The people have had more than enough of their gold standard, their high and robbing tariff, shutting this country out from unloading its immense surplus product on the markets of the world. The laborers, producers and consumers in this country should unite and down the party that has and is building up a monarchy of wealth that is seeking to control the politics, the legislature and the whole business of the country in its interests. I believe union is the right, the common sense move and should have the hearty support of everyone who desires manhood and not money to rule in our country. XXX. January 4.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Only two cases of tardiness last month with a total enrollment of 607.

The superintendent's report, which appears elsewhere in this issue, shows a gain of 3% in attendance for the past month when compared with the attendance for the corresponding month of last year. The gain is doubtless due to the filters, the sterilizers, and the gymnasium.

The first term will end on February 4th. New pupils for first primary departments should enter on February 7, as no special arrangement can be made for the instruction of those that enter after this date.

Mr. B. S. Pague, of the U. S. Weather Bureau, will address the members of the high school department on some afternoon of this month in their rooms at the Barclay school. The lecture will be free to the pupils and such of the patrons and friends of the school as may wish attend. The subject and exact date will be announced at some later date.

In order that parents and other interested persons may have an opportunity to gain some definite idea of the work that is now being done in each department of our schools, an exhibit of the written work of each month will be kept in the postoffice building for as long a time as the interest taken by parents in examining and comparing work submitted each month, may justify.

The members of the high school have organized a literary society styled "The Barclay High School Club" which has its regular meeting at the Barclay school at 2:30 p. m. on the first and the third Friday of each school month. This organization bids fair to do good work and is comparatively exempt from the many objections that are usually urged against societies holding evening sessions.

Report of the public schools of Oregon City for the month ending Jan. 7, 1898: Days taught 19, days attendance 10032, days absence 620, cases of tardiness 2, boys enrolled 295, girls enrolled 312, total enrollment 607, average number belonging 556, average daily attendance 527, per centum of attendance 95, per centum of attendance for corresponding month of last year 92, gain 3 per cent. LEE W. McADAM, Supt.

EARLY STEAMBOATS.—Capt. J. F. Smith, a pioneer steamboat man, has been writing a series of articles for the Portland Tribune on early steamboating on the Willamette. It appears that Oregon City, or rather Canemah, was at one time an important boat building center, as is evidenced from the following clipping from one of the articles:

In October, 1861, the steamer Unio was launched at Canemah and went into service on the Yamhill route. She was built by Capt. J. T. Apperson and was christened without the final "n." But soon afterwards she passed into the possession of Captain J. D. Miller, who was patriotic enough to finish the name, regardless of the war then pending. She was a small stern-wheeler, 96 feet long, 16 feet beam. In 1863 the Enterprise was built, being the second boat bearing that name to ply on the waters of the Willamette. She was launched at Canemah late in that year and was soon absorbed by the P. T. Co. During her existence she proved to be paying property, netting her owners a handsome dividend annually. Her dimensions were length 125 feet, beam 24 feet, depth of hold 4 feet, engines 14x48 inches. In 1864 the Reliance was built at Canemah and on completion ran between upper Willamette points in command of Captain John Cochrane, who continued in charge throughout her existence, being relieved occasionally by Captain George Pease. She lasted until 1871, when her engines were removed and placed in the steamer Alice, belonging to the same company. The dimensions of the Reliance were: Length 143 feet, beam 24 feet, depth of hold 4 feet 8 inches, engines 16x72 inches. Two years after she was built she made the trip from Oregon City to Salem, making nine landings, in 6 hours and 30 minutes. When she was demonstrating her speed with the Active each boat carried bands to enliven the trip. The Active was built at Canemah in 1865 and on completion was commanded by one of her owners, Captain John T. Apperson. But with the transfer to the P. T. Company the following year she was put in charge of Captain George Jerome. The Active was 121 feet long, 23 feet beam, and 4 feet 4 inches hold. She was owned and operated by the Willamette Steam Navigation Company, who also built the Echo.

GEORGE.

On December 31 Mrs. Kowal died of cancer and was buried January 3d. There was a large attendance at the funeral services which were conducted by Rev. Father Anselm, B. N. T., of Portland. Mrs. Kowal (nee Theresia Ranch) came to George in May, 1877, filed on a homestead and made final proof. She married Mr. Kowal and moved to Portland, where they went in the soda water business, which Mr. Kowal carries on yet. Mrs. Kowal was sick a long time and consulted San Francisco doctors, but they did her no good and when there was no hope she came back to die on the homestead. She leaves two grown daughters to mourn her loss. XX.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure, 25c

Marvelous Effects

System Broken Down and Hope Almost Abandoned—Health Restored by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"For fifteen years I have suffered with catarrh and indigestion and my whole system was broken down. I had almost abandoned any hope of recovery. I purchased six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and its effects have been marvelous. It has made me feel like a new man. I am able to sleep well, have a good appetite, and I have gained several pounds in weight." JAMES WILDER, Oroville, Wash.

"I had a scrofula swelling on one side of my neck and ulcerated sores in my nostrils, caused by catarrh. I also had small, itching sores on my limbs. I bought three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it and the sores soon healed. My blood is purified, and the scrofula has disappeared." O. D. McMANUS, Mission, Washington.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness, 25 cents.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

The event of the season will be a grand concert at the Congregational church Friday evening, January 28th, under the direction of Mrs. C. D. Latourette and Mrs. E. E. Charman. Several new features will be introduced making one of the most interesting concerts ever given in this city. Reserved seats at Huntley's without extra charge.

Grand clearance sale. Buy a hat at Miss Goldsmith's.

Kenworthy's restaurant and confectionery is now opened and ready to serve first-class meals on short notice. Oysters a specialty. Wheeler & Oram's old stand.

The most reliable goods at lowest living cash prices are kept by the grocery store of Marr & Muir.

With a little cost one's rooms can be made as good and bright as new. Call at Holman's and see styles and pattern—all up-to-date 1897 goods. Seventh street, near bridge.

When in Portland drop in and see our immense line of Christmas Chinas. Everything new. Haines', 288 Morrison street, Portland.

For best groceries at cheapest price go to Marr & Muir.

Justice court blanks 15 cents per dozen at COURIER office.

Fine new line of umbrellas and canes at Burmeisters & Andresens's Jewelry store.

Inspect those adjustable window screens at Bellomy & Busch's. They are certainly the right thing.

Grand clearance sale begins today of the latest and newest things in millinery and trimmed and untrimmed hats at Miss Goldsmith's.

For the best shave or hair cut to be had go to P. G. Shark's shop. Shaving 10 cents.

If you want a nice steak, roast or boil call at Albrig. t's shop and get some of his cold-storage meat which is acknowledged by all to be superior to the meats commonly sold at butchers' shops. He also keeps on hand a full stock of lard, hams, bacon, etc., made by himself and warranted purest and wholesome. Remember the old established shop on M street.

L. L. Pickens, dentist, does all kinds of dental work. Gold crowns, porcelain crowns and bridge work a specialty. Office in Barclay building, corner Main and Seventh streets.

D. E. Kenworthy at the East Side Ry office serves meals or oysters at all times. He also keeps a line of confectionery, fruits and cigars.

Prescriptions carefully compounded G. A. Harding's drug store.

WANTED.—\$300 or \$350 for two or three years, good security. Address "Security," this office.

Dan Williams has added to his stock of groceries and provisions a full line of feed and hay. Goods delivered to all parts of the city free. Corner Seventh and Center streets.

We have received a fine of silver plated ware, which will be given to our patrons. The quality is a extra coin silver plate 1487 Wm. A. Rogers. We solicit you to inspect the same at the store of I. Selling.

Remember the Racket Store opposite Charman's Drug Store.

WANTED.—An elderly lady to do general house work. Apply to J. M. Likes, Oswego.

G. H. Young's second-hand store can furnish you with furniture, stoves, hardware, etc., at less than one-fourth what same would cost new and they are just as good and will last as long. Give him a trial.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Oregon City post-office, January 12, 1898:

LADIES' LIST.	
Hart, Mary	Smith, Laura
Simmons, Laura	
GENTS' LIST.	
Erickson, Jno	Munson, L C
Hartnell, R R	Muchaw, C
Lacray, Smith	Paquet, Jas
Lambrecht, Wm	Reed, Jas L
Macdonald, W C	Smith, H J
Moyer, Mr	Sulyon, Jas

In calling for the above letters say "advertised." J. J. Cooke Acting P. M.

Sole Agent in Oregon City for the
CELEBRATED W. L. DOUGLAS
\$3.00 SHOES
McKITTRICK... The Shoe Man

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—FOR—
DOORS, WINDOWS, MOULDING AND BUILDING MATERIAL.
LOWEST CASH PRICES EVER OFFERED FOR FIRST-CLASS GOODS.
Shop Opposite Congregational Church, Main Street, Oregon City, Ore.

FOR CHOICE CUTS AND TENDER MEATS GO TO
RICHARD PETZOLD'S CASH MARKETS
Seventh Street, Corner of Center, on the Hill.
Main St., Opposite Caulfield Block.
Two Shops, Oregon City, Oregon.

HARRIS' GROCERY...
Fresh Stock of First-Class GROCERIES
Depot for HAY and FEED Willamette Block, Oregon City

MARK'S SHOE CO.
253 Morrison St., near Third St.,
PORTLAND, OREGON
Special Bargains! Special Bargains!
Children's School Shoes from 50 cents upwards
Ladies' Solid Durable Shoes from \$1.50 upwards
Boys' " " " 1.50 " Ladies' Dressy Stylish " " 1.75 "
Youths' " " " 1.25 " Men's Solid Working " " 1.20 "
Men's Dressy Stylish " " 1.75 "

WHY IS IT...
That every day our store is filled with buyers from every part of the city, regardless of distance? There must be some reason. People—especially ladies—don't go out of their way to buy unless there is a reason.
IT IS BECAUSE we have established a reputation for absolutely fresh goods—especially in the line of table delicacies, and our customers are sure of a superior article—and then the prices are right.
GIBSON & LINDSEY
PROPRIETOR OF
HARDING'S BAKERY AND GROCERY
BREAD AND PASTRY A SPECIALTY

S. G. SKIDMORE & Co.,
Pioneer Druggists—Established 1866
GREAT ANNUAL SALE
of DRUGS and Druggists' Sundries. Everything in our store is reduced. Drugs, Patent Medicines, Rubber Goods, Leather Goods, Brushes, Combs, Soaps and Perfumes. Our great cut-rate sale prices on these articles is lower than any other store in Portland, and we guarantee that everything is fully up to what is represented for it. Our record as the leading druggists for 32 years, establish our right to claim that we sell the best.

S. G. SKIDMORE & CO...
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGIST
151 Third St., near Morrison, PORTLAND, OREGON
CLEARANCE SALE FOR 30 DAYS!
KRAUSSE BROS.' SHOE STORE

Oregon City Auction House
W. J. BLOCK, Proprietor
FURNITURE CARPETS STOVES
HARDWARE GLASSWARE CROCKERY
COME ONE! COME ALL! There is no need of going to Portland to spend your money as you can get better value at home. We take the lead in LOW PRICES while others try to follow. Get our prices before buying and that will convince you. We are agents for the Empire State Air Tight Heaters. They are fuel savers, control the fire, rapid heating, made of durable material and are beauties, which make them altogether a perfect stove.
OREGON CITY AUCTION HOUSE, Opposite Postoffice, MAIN STREET, OREGON CITY