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Secretary Hay has taken advantage of the Columbian treaty to express his opinion of the Monroe doctrine.

Colorado Republicans are undecided whether to weep or fight over that spilled pail of Senatorial milk.

If the president is looking for another term he ought to drop eating so much dark meat and live on a more stimulating diet.

The COURIER boasts of 1,800 circulation which is more than the combined circulation of all the other papers published in Clackamas County.

The implication of Lemuel E. Quigg in a recent bribery charges in Congress strikes dangerously near to the Senior senator from New York, Mr. Thomas E. Platt.

For every one of the 100,000 cattle Texas is exporting for the restocking of the war-ravaged wilds of South Africa she hopes to receive in return a Boer emigre.

It is by no means impossible that Germany will add to her other claims against Venezuela the demand for financial compensation for the expense of shelling San Carlos.

The Democrats in Congress have compelled the Republican majority to adopt a gold standard for the Philippines. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander so they say.

Governor Pennypacker makes a bad start by abusing the newspapers. Long experience in life ought to have taught him that politicians die of the dry rot when newspapers drop him.

Having tested the Monroe doctrine and finding it sound in wind and limb, Kaiser Bill has reluctantly given his consent to concur with the other judges in awarding it the blue ribbon.

The attempt to form a washergomans' union in Chicago, has ended in a failure because three negroes insisted on being admitted. It is plain that the unionists do not intend that the clothes line shall be the only one drawn.

It is a long time between canals. The French have wasted \$240,000,000 in money and much precious time on the Panama ditch, and Uncle Sam's first liberal allowance to himself for the completion of the great waterway is fourteen years and \$170,000,000.

Democratic sentiment in Washington and in fact in many parts of the country seems to be drifting towards the Presidential candidacy of Judge Alton B. Parker of the great state of New York.

It is becoming more and more apparent from day to day that the Republicans in the United States Senate do not intend that any reflective trust legislation shall be enacted at this session.

President Roosevelt invited a number of negroes to the last White House reception and a Southern Senator significantly remarked that "The President should be allowed to choose his own company and his invited guests always have the privilege of staying away if they do not relish mingling with a crowd of darkeys.

Seventeen Republicans and thirty-four Democrats, a total of fifty-one Senators, desire to vote for the admission to statehood of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

Senator Hoar, the veteran Republican Senator from the great state of Massachusetts has administered a much merited rebuke to the President for attempting to dictate legislation. "Teddy" can't lead he won't follow and he is going to run the Republican wagon if he runs it in the Democratic way.

Some Labor Union Troubles.

"All is not harmony in the ranks of the Federated Trades' Union of Oregon City. As reported in last week's Courier there was a mass meeting one night last week of the unions of Oregon City to endorse an eight hour law and do other things.

To the Editor:-When the Textile union assembled at their hall last Tuesday evening they found it well filled with people not members of their union. By request of J. H. Howard, he wanting the endorsement of the labor unions for labor commissioner, and knowing that he could not get it from the Textile union, he packed the hall with people of his kind by representing that he had some resolutions he wanted put before them.

H. F. MARBLE, E. E. HOWELL,

The Hand of Famine.

The present winter is remarkable for the unusually large number of human beings, in various parts of the world, who are the victims of famine. The sufferings resulting from the criminally inadequate distribution of coal in a large part of the United States is not a circumstance to that inflicted by the food famines, though the domestic situation is bad enough.

A special commission of the government has just returned to Stockholm from the extreme northern part of the peninsula, making a report that confirms the worst fears of the nation. Fully 75,000 Swedes are said to be on the verge of starvation, many of them eating the bark of certain trees and resorting to other expedients to sustain life until relief reaches them.

So bad is the situation that the Swedish authorities estimate that fully \$8,000,000 will be necessary to save the people from actual starvation. Active efforts are being made throughout the kingdom to raise the great sum required, some \$200,000 having thus far been subscribed and applied to the urgent work of relief.

One phase of the famine which menaces the return of the sufferers to their wretched condition of independence is the threatened extermination of the hardy breed of cattle upon which they so largely depend. It will soon be too late to preserve the breed, unless food is sent for cattle as well as people.

Amid all these calls upon the universal heart of charity, those who desire to give of their abundance to a worthy cause are finding abundant opportunity, and Americans, as usual, are doing their part.

In Oregon, and especially in the Willamette valley, there can be no scarcity of fuel, and there can be no shortage of crops. The good Lord in making this coast country has provided against each of these dire calamities to mankind. Here the crops are un-failing. Here there is neither wind nor cyclones nor tornadoes. It never lightnings and thunder is heard but once in a life time.

water for man and beast during all seasons. Here a man can make more on a farm working one month in a year than a farmer with a like number of acres and opportunities can make in New England working twelve months in the year.

Senator Walcott's counsel to accept without protest "the wicked and unforgivable wrong done the Republican party" is a highfalutin' but none the less recognizable way of "hollerin' 'nuff."

Will some microscopic expert search for the brains of the Governor of Pennsylvania who reproached Andrew Carnegie for scattering the money he made in the state of Pennsylvania into other states.

Every honest man in every state of the union ought to rejoice over the election of Henry M. Teller as a Senator from the state of Colorado. Few men in public life have won a higher place in our country's history than hal Senator Teller.

Two hundred years ago people had small pox as we now have the measles. No class was exempt. From 1781 to 1805 in the city of Berlin 3,422 in a million died in every year of this disease; today, thanks to a rigid system of vaccination, the rate is less than one in two million.

CORRESPONDENCE

Canby. Hon. Thomas F. Ryan was in Canby last week. Mr. Lee Echerson is attending business college in Portland.

Gus Rock from Aurora was shaking hands with the boys last Monday. Edward Sawyer representing the Clackamas county Record, was in our city Monday in the interest of that paper.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sleight from Oregon City came up last week to visit friends and also to attend the I. O. O. F. banquet. A little child came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shank last week but only lived a few hours. The little one was laid away in Canby cemetery.

Weldon Shank and wife from Oregon City came up to visit with old friends and also to attend the I. O. O. F. celebration. John Kohler and wife have moved to Portland Mr. Kohler will work at the carpenter's trade.

Mrs. Stalnaker died at her home in Canby last Thursday evening at 6 p. m. The body was laid to rest in Zion cemetery last Saturday. A little child came to the home of J. Wilkerson last week both mother and babe are doing well.

Mrs. Dodge died at her home in Oregon City last week, the body was brought to Canby last Saturday. Mr. Dodge and Ken Knights people came here from Michigan about two years ago. Fred and Gus Vorpahl formerly of Canby have opened a grocery store in Portland on the East side.

Canby Lodge No. 136 I. O. O. F. celebrated its first anniversary last Friday evening at their hall. About 60 were present. The surrounding lodges were well represented. The lodge put on work of the second degree, followed by a banquet prepared with the help of the Rebekahs of Canby a program was rendered consisting of music singing and dancing, which lasted until about 2 o'clock, after which all returned to their homes well pleased with the entertainment.

Molalla. There will be a big ball at the school house on the evening of the 13th. Several sports from this vicinity are in the mountain, since the snow hunting has been good.

Several men are engaged in setting poles on the farmers telephone line from W. P. Herman's place to Molalla, which will be in operation in a short time. P. M. Royle has been called to the home of his father-in-law, who lives in Polk county. The old gentleman is very low and is not expected to recover.

There has been about two thousand acres of timber land sold lately, situated a few miles east of here, bought by eastern men. The price paid being fifteen dollars per acre. It is reported that a camp will be in operation on the land in a short time. The basket social last Saturday evening at the hall was well attended. The program was not very extensive, but it was well rendered. The social was given by the Molalla Grange for the purpose of raising money to purchase an organ for the new hall.

During the recent high water, several rail road ties were seen floating down the river and it was thought that Russell Bros., had lost all their ties, but it proved to be a mistake, it was a few culls that had been thrown into the water. X. Y. Z.

Eldorado.

Mrs. Sturges is very sick. Our school district voted a two-mill tax to pay interest on the bond. Ida Boynton, of Union Mills, spent Saturday evening and Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Emma Lyons is spending a few days at Brooks this week. Say, all you folks who like to dance to be sure to come to Union Hall next Saturday night, Feb. 7th.

School closes this Friday. Mr. Maricle, our teacher, has the best wishes of all the scholars and parents. The dance at E. A. Howard's Saturday night was a grand success. The "boss" had a bad chill, that was all.

Highland.

Mr. Nelson is on the sick list. Miss Mable Jones is quite sick. The burnt horse is improving very slowly.

Mrs. North closed a very successful term of school Friday. Mrs. and Mr. Jack Paterson were in town a few days last week. Mrs. John Welsh was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Kandle Friday.

Willie Trailer is making flying trips up to Mr. Jones quite often. Miss Ellen Kirk and Myrtle Gard were out horse back riding Sunday. There will be church at the hall Sunday. Rev. Dunlap will preach. The snow put a stop to the farmers work for a while, but we hope to see sunshine soon.

Ely.

Mrs. Moulton, of this city visited her nephew, Theo. Weed last Sunday. Retta Pierce has been employed in the court house during the past week. Mr. McGeehan and family visited at the home of Ed Andrews of Falls View last Thursday.

Rev. Craig, who has been very ill with pneumonia is expected home this week if the weather is favorable. The Salvation Army held a meeting Monday night in the church with a fairly good attendance and three conversions.

The Methodist South, will hold meetings in this place, commencing Friday evening and lasting over Sunday. Everybody welcome. Melvin S. Smalley, who has been in the employ of Ely Bros., for the past four years left for Seattle Monday. Mrs. S. and children will remain here for a short time.

What we need most in this place is a hall in which to hold socials and church entertainments. It is reported that Wiley May intends to remove the partitions from over head in his store building and rent it for such purposes.

Wiley May met with a painful accident last Tuesday night by falling on the back porch of his house. Three ribs were broken and he was otherwise bruised and injured by the fall. Dr. Strickland was summoned and soon had Mr. May resting comfortably; but it will be some time before he will be up and around.

Springwater.

Snow five inches deep. Mercury 18 degrees. Kandle & Shibley's sawmill has shut down for a few days during the bad weather. The sawmill at the power plant is running regularly and employs quite a number of men.

The Y. P. S. C. E. recently elected the following officers: President, Earl Shibley; vice-president, Charles Bard; treasurer, Mrs. Hatch; secretary, Miss Libbie Bard. Mrs. W. J. Lewellen, who has spent the past two months in Phoenix, Ariz., with her daughter, Miss Ora, is at home again. She came through California on her return, and was delighted with the orange grove, beautiful scenery, etc.

About once a month Springwater is visited by a very strange character in the form of a genus hominis. He usually appears at one of the stores just after dark to purchase provisions which consist of a sack of flour, a dozen cod fish, etc. The silver he gives in payment for the groceries appears to have been very recently unearthed, or to have come in contact with quick silver. While making his purchases he keeps his face towards the door, or away from the merchant. He is a man about 55 years of age, blue eyes and hair streaked with gray.

ALL SORTS OF WEATHER.

Enjoyed by People of Clackamas County During the Week. A heavy fall of snow is reported from points out in the eastern part of the county during the week. Out in the foot-hills of the Cascade range the snow is more than a foot deep and sligh-riding is a sport that is much indulged in, and the snow is on the ground to the depth of several inches only a 3-2-3 miles out, but here in Oregon City which nestles like a cup in the Willamette valley at a much lower elevation only a few scattering flakes have fallen and the ground has not been whitened.

As we write this Wednesday afternoon, the sun is pouring his effulgent rays down upon the city and river with gracious lavishness, the temperature is above forty in the shade and the air is redolent with the breath of spring. The only intimation that we have of the wintry weather in the foothills is the dropping into the office of a rancher from the eastern part of the county and reporting the heavy snow-fall, while occasionally a buggy comes into town covered with the beautiful snow. Truly this is a great county and it has a wonderful future.

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