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The sucker appears to have been the piece de resistance of the Harigs fish fry.

St. Louis could have forgiven Lee any crime but a continued residence in Chicago.

The conviction is growing among the British that the Mad Mullah is a Boer in disguise.

The toothpick trust might stand a show if the food trusts hadn't destroyed the necessity of its use.

The salary of the King of Servia is five times that of the President of the United States. The job is worth it.

The sixty lepers granted a divorce in Honolulu evidently held to the belief that marriage is a skin game.

Up to the present, Mr. Bryan has been strangely silent on the subject of a proper running mate for Judge Clark.

The claim of a vaudeville performer to be the daughter of the latest John Wilkes Booth is in keeping with the rest of the farce.

It is to be hoped that the election of a poet to the presidency of a railroad will not have the effect of increasing the number of poets.

The Illinois drummer and Kentucky school girl married after a five-hour acquaintance have left abundant leisure for repentance.

Peter of Servia, in promoting the men who aided the assassins of Alexander and Draga, has set a price on his own head.

The Tulloch brand of hot air seems to partake of the properties of the osculation bestowed by the baboon upon the monkey's sister.

The striking coffin-makers demand shorter hours and more sunlight. The people who use their product would doubtless appreciate a like concession.

The fact that the hog for which \$17,507 was recently paid is not a member of the British or Continental aristocracy gives the transaction unusual interest.

An effort is being made to prove that the former British Consul to Boston was insane because he attacked. Possibly he felt the need of sand in his craw.

Mr. Hanna has given fair warning that if the President attempts to make him swallow the dose that he administered to Roosevelt at Philadelphia in 1900 he will refuse to play.

The president of Raskin College recommends the study of psychology as a cure for divorce. The majority, however, are likely to prefer the disease to the cure.

England is outraged because the Servians wiped out a family to gain possession of the Government. The British custom under such circumstances is to wipe out the entire nation.

Pitasimmons says in explanation of his desire to get married two months after his wife's death that he is tired of running around alone with a grouch on. The language of love is almost as full of mysteries as love itself.

The city of Heppner is rapidly recovering from the disastrous flood which swept through its beautiful streets and demolished its homes and business buildings three weeks ago.

The mayor of that city announces that more than \$50,000 in money has been received to aid in relieving the distress of those in need and to be used in rehabilitating the city. No such disaster has ever before befallen a town the size of Heppner on this coast. Heppner is a rich city and its people are courageous and vigorous and no doubt her recovery will be rapid indeed.

The baseball team of Oregon City is "sinking the hind teat." However Oregon City is a length ahead of Portland, her suburban neighbor, in that regard as Portland has two teams doing exactly the same thing.

"The good old summer time" has arrived at last and from now on until November we will have continual sunshine and the world will be bright indeed for Oregon and Oregonians.

It would seem from the investigation now going on among the rascals in the Postoffice Department in Washington that thievery, corruption and rottenness has been the rule for half dozen years past. That our republican friends who have held the keys of the front door and the combination to the safe in the vault have stolen everything they could carry away. Had they been left undisturbed for a few more years they would no doubt have made themselves a deed for the government building and carried the safe around in their vest pocket. And mind you and don't you forget it, all the rascals were republican officials appointed and placed in power by republican presidents. It only illustrates that honesty does not exclusively belong to any one party or to any one set of men. When the democratic president is elected next year we will give the books a good overhauling.

In every village and hamlet in the land on Saturday of this week will be celebrated the anniversary of the Fourth of July. It is our natal day.

In many locations and localities the celebration may be primitive and inexpensive, but some firecrackers will be burned, some flags new or old will be spread to the breeze. In Oregon City and Clackamas county elaborate preparations have been and are being made to fittingly celebrate this day most important in the history of this country, and possibly the most important in the history of the civilization and intellectual advancement of the world. In addition to the program which will be carried out in this city, eight other localities in the county of Clackamas have made arrangements to have speaking, parades and the like. All of this is well. This is as it should be. The Fourth of July in its historic and holiday significance marks an epoch in the history of the world and the history of men. It is a date from which we reckon. It is a mile post upon which is blazoned the march of the human progress. All hail to the glorious Fourth. Let us all celebrate the day in a fitting way.

In the dispatches from Wilmington concerning the negro burning near that city it was stated that the mob was led by "a Virginian whose name and identification could not be learned amid the confusion." Many persons wondered how the alert press reporter could be so cock-sure that the Napoleon of the lynchers was "a Virginian" when "nobody could call his name or identify his personality. But it did not suffice to say that a Virginian was needed to show the neophyte Delawarians how to kerensne and incinerate a colored man. It was further sent out to the world that "he had been specially imported for the purpose!"

Evidently the Wilmingtonites used the week between the crime and the lynching with due deliberation, sending even to Virginia for an expert "Coal Oil Johnnie" and then following him to the number of between 4,000 and 5,000 people, eager for their bloody and fiery work.

Now "a Virginian"—that imported Virginian—has been caught and jailed. His name is Arthur Colwell and his home is in Hartford City, Ind., where he is a prominent member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles! He is no more of a Virginian than a crab is a Christian. He is an Indiana Eagle and not a Virginia vampire!

Still, how can we blame our northern friends? They feel the need of some excuse—any old explanation—and naturally they yawp about "a Virginian" and "within six miles of Mason and Dixon's line!" But the subterfuge wouldn't work and the deed falls back on its doers—the Delaware negro-philiasts headed by an Indiana Bird of Freedom!

TURN THE RASCALS OUT.

The deeper the Postoffice scandal is probed the greater is the extent of the rottenness revealed. There is the indication of fraud, favoritism, "graft" blackmail and pickings and stealings in nearly every branch of the postal service.

The Civil-service Commission report that the Washington postoffice has been used as a dumping ground for a large number of unnecessary employees is confirmed by the report of Special Examiner Bristow, made public in part today—though Mr. Payne seeks to put all the responsibility upon the late and lamented McKinley and his Post Master General Smith.

The rural free-delivery mail-carriers have been used as "drummers" for private business and electioneering agents for congressmen. Mail-pouches have been bought at three times the market price. Large printing contracts have been so drawn as to be secretly awarded to favored bidders at enormous profits. Cash-registers, mail boxes and other fixtures have been foisted upon the government through political "push," in the profits of which conniving officials or their relatives have shared. Promotions and an increase of salary have been obtained for a price.

A Washington despatch to a Republican evening paper in this city yesterday said that—

Although the crisis of the investigation of Post Office Department scandals is expected to come this week, and result in a number of arrests of persons both in and out of the postal service, the astonishing statement was made at the department this morning that the ramifications of fraud and scandal and criminality are widening at such an ever-increasing pace that the inquiry, which has now been in active progress for more than three months, will probably last all summer and may possibly extend through the next session of congress.

A "high authority" in the department is also cited by the same correspondent as suggesting that—

By the time the legislative body convenes the disclosures of corruption in the postal service will be such that the results will occupy a considerable portion of the time of both houses, and make the memory of the famous star-route cases pale into insignificance.

In this emergency what is the president doing? Has he removed the Postmaster-General who characterized the charges as "hot air" and denounced the honest man who brought them as a "wind-bag"? No; he has simply ordered them not to talk.

Has he directed the suspension or removal of any of the officials under whose administration these frauds and abuses have occurred? Only one, and that tardily. Two of them have been allowed to resign and another has been given a leave of absence.

Has the President made any public declaration of his purposes to go to the top as well as to the bottom and to see that "no guilty man escapes"? No; he has repeated his tiresome talk of the need of a big navy to protect us in our aggressive foreign policy—concerning which the people of the country are both innocent and ignorant—but as the Evening Post says "kept silent when the enemies are of our own household!"

If this policy of silence and looking for little scapegoats shall continue, the Democrats will need no other issue for the campaign of next year than that embodied in the war-cry that elected Tilden in 1876: "Turn the rascals out!"

WAS NOT A VERGINIAN.

The funeral pyre of the Delaware rapist and murderer was kindled almost in seeing distance of our esteemed contemporary, the Philadelphia Press. That enterprising journal next morning had an account of the burning of White, with the latter's portrait, a picture of the workhouse and other sensational accessories.

In the prelude to its story the second paragraph reads as follows: "This horrible exhibition of mob vengeance took place near the scene of the murder to which the unhappy creature had been dragged by the frenzied mob, and the hideous application of lynch law was not made until the countryside had seen enacted the story in which every detail of horror of the outbreak of a southern mob was exhibited."

Will our readers please notice the deliberate comparison with "the outbreak of a southern mob," so deftly introduced into the above quotation? Can any of them, or the esteemed Press itself, tell us why the Wilmington mob resembled "a southern mob" more than it did the Kansas mob that burned a negro at Leavenworth, or the recent Belleville mob that burned a negro in Illinois?

Why cannot our northern contemporaries be fair to the south once in a while, just to make their record less monotonous? The south did not originate the burning of people for crimes. The practice originated in Massachusetts. If we have sometime—not often—applied it in cases that put in fearful jeopardy the sanctity of our isolated homes and unprotected wives and daughters, we have but responded to an impulse that events prove indisputably existent, even though often suppressed, in the hearts of white people in both the north and west. For what sinister reason, then, is this Wilmington burning made the occasion for a renewed vicious dragging of the name of the south into this distastefully northern bloody drama?

On the same page of the Press is an account of a man hunt for lynching purposes in Delaware county, the quarry being a negro desperado; and in an adjoining column the story of a mob's endeavor to lynch another party in Salisbury, Delaware. Three

local lynching stories in the same issue of The Press, within its territory of observation and influence, and all within five columns on its front page! But not a line of comment or denunciation on its front page.

Upon the heels of all this comes a dispatch that a wild mob is howling through the streets of Peoria, again in Illinois, for the blood of an imprisoned negro.

We do not touch upon these things in a spirit of retaliation, or because curses heaped upon our people have gone home to roost with their authors. Our desire and our endeavor is the securing of orderly and lawful government in the north as well as in the south. But we repeat, it is no more or no less a crime to lynch a negro in Delaware as in Georgia, and it is no more a reflection upon the authorities and people of Georgia that mobs override the laws of this state than it is a reflection upon the state of society and official dereliction of duty when a like mob does the like thing in Delaware.

This is a good time for just men in both sections to agree that their first duty is to sweep before their own doors, further civilize their own local societies and increase the efficiency of and confidence in their home judiciaries before either party undertakes to read righteous oracles to the other and pronounce judgments of damnation without discrimination the one upon the other.—Atlanta Constitution.

Additional Local

Wilkinson & Skinner have purchased Verphal's blacksmith shop at Canby.

The lawn social at Mount Pleasant has been indefinitely postponed on account of bad weather.

Married, at the Congregational manse in this city, on June 23, Mr. Thomas Harlan and Mrs. Sarah C. Nicklin, Rev. E. S. Bollinger officiating.

Charles Pursell and family, of Green Point, leave next week for their home in Nebraska. They will make a detour to Walla Walla to visit Mrs. Pursell's sister.

Mrs. Pearl Stevens left on the overland last evening for San Francisco, Ore., where she will join her husband. Mrs. Stevens has been visiting relatives in Oregon City for some time past.

The annual meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Monday night. The annual report was issued yesterday. The secretary of the Board, T. Leonard Charman, will retire with the next meeting, Monday night, and will be succeeded by J. E. Hedges.

The Lord's Supper will be commemorated at the Congregational church next Sunday morning. In the evening the service will be of a practice nature. The choir is preparing a number of special and appropriate selections for the occasion.

It is surprising the amount of money that goes out of Oregon City for clothing. The recent expense of the faking clothing company that felled half a hundred Oregon City people should convince all that the best place to buy clothing is from home merchants, and if they must get "skinned" let home merchants "skin them."

The new house of the W. P. & P. Co. on its 200 acre ranch at the mouth of the Molalla is nearly finished. George Boyles will occupy it. The Company will add to the 1000 peach trees growing on the place, and in time its reaches may become as famous as its name. A slough cutting into the farm will be used as a reservoir for Spaulding's logs.

The young people of the Presbyterian church gave an entertainment in pantomime at Shively's opera house Wednesday evening. The entertainment consisted of a Japanese Wedding and was one of the most successful entertainments of the season. The stage was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns entwined with flowers. The hall was well filled with a large and delighted audience. The entertainment was given solely by home talent.

On last Sunday afternoon in the presence of a number of immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties, Manley M. Manning and Pearl May Ream were married. The wedding occurred at the bride's home at Willamette Falls and the nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Bollinger of the Congregational church. A magnificent dinner was served and the occasion was one long to be remembered by the gathered friends. Mr. and Mrs. Manning will begin life's career together in their own home in the near future at Willamette Falls.

Doings of the City Council.

The city council was in monthly session Wednesday evening. Judge F. Ryan's elevator franchise came up as usual and was referred to a committee of three, Messrs. Koerner, Kelly and Pheister, who will report on the matter at a special meeting held July 10.

On the instigation of hotels and restaurants an ordinance was passed to the effect that any hotel or restaurant doing business in Oregon City should pay a license of \$10 per annum. This ordinance purposes to do away with transient eating houses which are run for a day or two during big events, to the injury of restaurants and hotels regularly conducted.

W. E. Wilson and Mr. Rambo were granted a license to sell liquor in Oregon City.

The water committee reported that there were seven miles of mains, sixty-five hydrants in Oregon City. The receipts for the past six months are \$5052. Balance due on outstanding warrants, \$19,230.42. A special meeting of the council will be held on the 10th inst.

Foley's Honey and Tar  
The children safe sure. No opiates.

Oregon City Loses

Schiller's Cigar Makers Win an Easy Victory.

An Exhibition of Bum Ball Playing.

In the interstate league game between Schiller's and Oregon City last Sunday the home team was defeated by a score of 10 to 3. The first three innings of the game was as rotten an exhibition of ball playing by the local team as was ever seen anywhere. Inexplicable errors were responsible for two runs in the first, one in the second and at least five out of the six in the third inning. After the third inning the boys in the home team seemed to wake up to the realization that they were playing baseball and not football and held the cigar makers down to one run in the last six innings. Lettow, who pitched for the home team, was batted pretty freely but if he had good support would have made a much better showing.

Some of the players in the Oregon City team play baseball with mighty little judgment. At one stage of the game Kretz was on first with a base runner on third, and instead of stealing second as he should have done, stood on first like a dummy until the batter went out. A good catcher or two would be worth considerable to the team. Saturday's game will be between the Monograms of Portland and the home team and will be called at 2:30. A brass band will march with the team to the park.

New Board Organized.

Wednesday evening the board of water commissioners met and reorganized with C. H. Canfield president and J. E. Hedges, secretary. Mr. Canfield succeeds himself, having been president of the board since its establishment some thirteen years ago. Mr. Hedges succeeds T. Leonard Charman, who has been secretary of the board for the past nine years. Under the new organization Mr. Charman will still retain the position of collector. W. H. Howell was re-elected superintendent while W. Zomwalt is the remaining member of the board. The report of the commission for the six months just passed is as follows:

Table with financial data: Total paid treasurer for six months, Balance outstanding warrants, Grand Total, Total disbursements.

For Sale or Exchange

For country property east or west of the mountains, a 6-room house and 8 lots. Good well, barn and chicken house. Sightly. C. B. JOHNSON, Oregon City, Ore.

Box 134.

Ten thousand demons gnawing away at one's vitals couldn't be more woe-inspiring than the tortures of itching piles. Get there's cure. Doan's Ointment cures them.

Canby.

Miss Emma Evans has returned from an extended trip to Hood River. L. E. Grazer is erecting a pretty residence for Barney Cronin. West Riggs has given his house a new coat of paint. Mr. Zollner our enterprising bicycle merchant has painted his stores in honor of the celebration.

Don't forget to attend the celebration at Canby, July 4th. The Silverton band has been secured and the following is a short outline of the program and sports: Sunrise salute. At 10:30 the parade will be formed. Headed by Grand Marshal, W. H. Bair and staff of deputy marshal Silverton Marine band. Liberty car. All lodges. At the ground the address of the will be delivered by Hon. Gordon E. Hayes, of Oregon City. Singing by the Canby choir.

Reading of Declaration of Independence by Miss Veve Knight. In the afternoon the following list of sports will take place: Baseball game Canby vs Oregon City. Bicycle races. Boy's races. Girls' races. Hammer throwing. Jumping. Fat man's race, high jump, hop step jump, the greased pole, greased pig and several other sports as advertised on the posters.

There will be a swing on the grounds, a doll rack, shooting galleries, candy stands, a restaurant and good water. Remember in the evening there will be \$200 worth of fireworks and a grand ball will be held in both halls. Good order will be maintained both on the grounds and in the city. An ox barbecue will be served.

NOTICE.

The report that admission will be charged to the celebration grounds at Canby, Or., July 4th, 1903, is a deliberate falsehood and we the committee wish to state that the admission is free.

OTTO EVANS, ADAM KNIGHT, J. W. NEWTON, HOWARD ECCLES, H. C. GILMORE, W. H. BAIR.

One of Oregon City's Young Men.

Charles Humphreys, who has for several years been connected with the Postal Telegraph Company in Portland has been appointed to the management of the Astoria office of the same concern. Mr. Humphreys is an Oregon City young man, and after serving the Portland Electric Company and the Postal Company several years in this place he was appointed operator in Portland. He has been doing duty as delivery clerk for the past few months and the manner in which he filled his position having won the respect of the management, he was promoted to Astoria when the office there became vacant. Mr. Humphreys will assume charge after a short vacation.

A wheelman's tool bag isn't complete without a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Heals cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Moisturizes over-pain.

Big 4th July DANCE Canemah Park Afternoon and Evening Prize Waltz Music by Turney's Orchestra of 5 Pieces

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