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The stock in the Oregon City Courier owned by the writer and his family, has been transferred to Mr. Shirley Buck and Professor H. L. McCann, both of this county, and this issue of the Courier substantially ends our connection as editor and manager of this paper. For the past seventeen months we have published the Courier to the best of our ability and have aimed to make of it a paper worthy of the good opinion and support of the citizens of this county. It is with some regret that we part with its ownership and turn it over to new but worthy hands. The publishing of a country newspaper is a many-sided job, and he who does it well and satisfactory both to himself, his party and his constituency, must be a many-sided man. We have made many friends in Oregon City and this county whom we shall very much regret to leave. We feel that there is no better town of its size and no richer county in the world than Oregon City and Clackamas county and that each of them have bright days stored up for them in the womb of the future. It is not needful that we discuss the reasons leading up to and bringing about the sale of the Courier stock and the disposal of our interest in the plant and business. Suffice it to say that labor troubles and the feeling that we were possibly not giving to the party to which we adhere in this county as radical and efficient a paper as they deserve, had much to do with the motives that brought the sale about. While we regret to sever our connection with the Courier, we feel that we are leaving its future in most excellent hands, and that the paper under the new management will be better and more prosperous and more efficient in every way under their management and control than it has been in our hands. We commit to their hands that which we have attempted to build with all confidence that good will come from it. With a thousand thanks to those of all creeds and all politics who have been our friends and with nothing but the kindest wishes for those who have criticised and found fault, we lay the burden of editorial management down and pass over the control to new and abler hands.

J. H. WESTOVER.

When Sheriff John B. Shaver goes out of office on the first day of next June his deputies will give him a banquet. He has a sufficient number of deputies, if they will put up a dollar apiece to give him a pretty good farewell.

Democracy means a broad and liberal government. Republicanism means a government for the trusts, by the trusts and for the trusts, choose ye between toem.

The political pot is beginning to boil and a few of our Republican office holding friends are beginning to stew.

The Democrats of Clackamas county have their opportunity now, if they will embrace it well and good.

An honest man is the noblest work of God if he is a Democrat.

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TURNING THEIR BACKS ON INVESTIGATION.

If there is one thing more certain than another, it is that the republicans are afraid to have the lid removed from the postoffice department. The real reason for their fear is that they want no more exposures on the eve of a national campaign. Indeed, they have demonstrated that they dare not venture upon an investigation at this time. They made every effort to escape it, and were at last driven to plead a mere technicality as their excuse.

Mr. Williams, the minority leader, was pitiless. He was so persistent, indeed, that no doubt he earned the reputation of impoliteness during the last week or two. He proposed an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill providing for the appointment of a select committee of five members of the house and three senators to make a complete investigation into the alleged frauds of the postoffice department. Thereupon, the point of order was made that the amendment was not germane, and was new legislation. It was in vain that Mr. Williams urged the withdrawal of the point of order; the attitude of the republicans was such that they might as well have said, "If we do not insist on this point of order, our party will be injured by the exposure that will ensue."

The point of order was made by Mr. Overstreet, and Mr. Williams reminded him that he stood in between this investigation of the postoffice department by congress with his point of order. Then the minority leader appealed to the house from the decision of the chair, and followed this up by some very embarrassing remarks. He wanted to know what a miserable little rule of the house amounted to when it is considered that it is the only obstruction lying between the republicans and a righteousness far greater than the righteousness of a technical decision, and he declared emphatically that the only way honesty can be secured in the postoffice department was either by the gentleman withdrawing his point of order, or by the house marching over the point bodily.

Mr. Williams begged Mr. Overstreet to withdraw his point of order, so that the country will not have it to say that, rather than have an investigation of rottenness, the house will stand upon a bare little parliamentary technicality that amounts to nothing in any citizen's mind; and he warned the republicans that the people of the United States are a greater power than the house, and would know that when a gentleman makes a point of order as the representative of his party, it is because his party does not want the postoffice investigated.

Such republicans as Grosvenor, Payne and Cooper felt it incumbent on them to come to the defense of the tactics agreed on by the republicans to smother an investigation, but they were wise enough to confine themselves to showing that the amendment of Mr. Williams was clearly obnoxious to the rules. In reply, Mr. Williams said he had not sworn to support the rules of the house, but to do his duty to the country; and he declared he was not hypocrite enough to disguise his purpose and object.

Whereupon the republicans turned their backs on an investigation which they could not afford to make at the beginning of a national campaign—and surely the people are wise enough to understand their motives.

THE DIAMOND SUPPLY.

The people of the United States take the larger portion of the \$400,000,000 worth of diamonds which the South African mines have added to the world's supply. In 1903 the diamonds brought directly to the United States from the Cape of Good Hope were worth \$8,403,232 and in 1902 the total importation was \$17,087,195. Rough diamonds are usually cut and polished at Amsterdam, Antwerp, London and New York. There are so many large fortunes in the United States that a great deal of the money seeks investment in diamonds, though they draw no interest. They are considered nice to have, and are regarded as good stuff to lay by for a "rainy day" or an emergency in Wall street. In the heat and rush of our property it is easy to account for the absorption of so many beautifying gems. It requires, too, a good many diamonds to keep third-rate actresses advertised. The paste articles will do for entertainers of a lower grade.

There is no better country than Oregon, notwithstanding that it propagates Republicans as other countries propagate weeds.

The Republican primaries on last Saturday were amazingly quiet. The G. O. P. Brownell party in this county is laying back for something.

Senator Brownell is looking pretty hard after that congressional nomination. It is an ignatus fatus Senator, the closer you get to it the farther away it looks to be.

Farmer John Bradley has come to town. He has sniffed the political battle from afar and is now in the thick of the fight.

PANAMA SANITARY PROBLEM.

The report that the members of the Panama canal commission have already sailed for Colon to inspect the route of the canal preparatory to the delivery of the property to Uncle Sam, will be received by all friends of the great enterprise with a sense of satisfaction mixed with enthusiasm, for they are reminded that the work of actual construction is now but a question of a short while.

The present mission of the commission, while primarily one of inspection, has largely to do with the vitally important question of sanitation within the canal zone. The United States will not commit the criminal folly of hurrying the excavation of the Titanic ditch before every means known to modern science for the stamping out of pestilential germs and conditions has been resorted to by the sanitary department of the enterprise, which is under the immediate direction of the surgeon general of the United States army.

It is gratifying to know that Colonel William Gorgas, who accompanied the commission to the isthmus, will be the active force in the great task of making the route of the canal sanitary. It was Colonel Gorgas who performed the remarkable sanitary feat of practically stamping yellow fever out of Cuba during the American occupation of the island. Dr. John W. Foss, medical director of the United States navy, who also accompanied the commission, is quoted as having expressed the opinion that under proper sanitary arrangements the canal zone can be made as salubrious as Cuba. This is indeed encouraging, for since the American army instituted a vigorous housecleaning down there, the public health statistics show that the sickness and mortality is quite normal, with no epidemic disease to speak of. Havana seems to be permanently free of yellow fever.

This is what is necessary, and Colonel Gorgas is the man for the work. We expect to see a vigorous scientific campaign for the cleansing and proper sanitation of the canal zone begun at once under his experienced direction, with confidence that his efforts will make life and health comparatively safe in the labor camps across the isthmus after the active operations begin.

A Chinook man was so stingy too subscribe for a newspaper so he sent his little boy to borrow a copy of the Courier of a neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a watery summer squash. His cries reached his father who ran to his assistance, and failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into it, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy, and ruining a \$5 pair pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into a corn field and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket his wife ran, upsetting a four-gallon churn of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning them all. In the hurry she dropped a \$25 set of teeth. The baby, left alone crawled through the spilled cream into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up eleven setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts.

John L. Sullivan, the once mighty premier of the prize ring, has at last seen the error of his way and is turning his talents to good account by writing a series of articles for the New York American urging young men to avoid whiskey. He says no man can whip John Barleycorn, and has tried it himself and knows. He presents a picture of himself in perfect manhood, when he knocked out all comers with ease, and asks all youthful readers how he would like to tackle John L. in his prime. Presuming that they would decline the proposition, he then wants young men to say to themselves, "If I know enough not to tackle John L. Sullivan, he ought to know enough not to tackle whiskey, the thing that could beat Sullivan or any other man that ever lived."

Judge Thomas F. Ryan has been out during the past week looking at the country roads. Judge, you are somewhat late; there has been some three thousand country farmers looking at these roads all winter and they have been saying things about them that are not entirely complimentary to the county court.

O G. Huntley, he of the good looks and Republican proclivities, caught 33 trout on last Saturday or Monday, we forget which. From now on until the first Monday in June he will fish only for suckers. It is the open season for fish of that kind.

At the Baptist church on Friday evening Rev. J. H. Beaven will give an illustrated lecture on "Ben Hur" "a tale of the Christ." The lecture will begin at 7.30 p. m.

On Sunday there will be regular services at the Baptist church, morning and evening. The evening sermon will be illustrated. The young people will have a special meeting at 6.30 p. m.

Important Announcement

It has been apparent for some time that Clackamas County was not receiving its just share of immigration flowing into the State. This has come about largely from the fact that other localities have made special effort, through local organizations and in the distribution of literature, to induce and invite new comers into their respective Counties. Clackamas County has to pay a large sum as its part of the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair, and it ought in all conscience to receive its proportion of the rewards in the way of new settlers to buy up our surplus lands and aid in the building up of new industries.

For the purpose of helping myself, and directly and indirectly this great County, I have opened a real estate office in Portland, at 233 Washington Street, Labbe building, first floor, and will be open for business on and after April 1st. Capt. James P. Shaw, late of Hood River, who was associated with the real estate department of my office some years ago, will have charge of the Portland office, and will be a full partner in the real estate department of the business, both in Portland and Oregon City. Having lived many years in Portland, Capt. Shaw has an intimate acquaintance with the metropolis and its people. From now on we will have special opportunities for selling real estate left with us. We shall make a specialty of the following properties:

- Clackamas County Lands. Oregon City Investments. Gladstone Property. Hood River Fruit and Berry Lands.

And shall at all times try and attract Capitalists to take advantage of the untold resources of this great County.

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