

OREGON CITY COURIER.
Published Every Friday by
OREGON CITY COURIER PUBLISHING CO.
SHIRLEY BUCK, Local Editor and Manager.
H. L. McCANN, Editor.

Entered in Oregon City Postoffice as 2nd-class matter
SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
Paid in advance, per year 1.50
Six months75

Clubbing Rates
Oregon City Courier and Weekly Oregonian \$2.00
Oregon City Courier and Weekly Examiner 2.00
Oregon City Courier and the Commoner 2.00
Oregon City Courier and Twice-a-Week Journal 2.25
Oregon City Courier and Weekly Journal 2.00

The date opposite your address on the paper denotes the time to which you have paid. If this notice is marked your subscription is due.



The picturesque Senator Carmack has been endorsed for Vice President by the Democrats down in Tennessee. He accepts it as a good natured compliment but says the beginning of it is a good place to stop.

If the Nebraska Democratic convention had gone to smash as the Illinois Republican convention has, wouldn't the welkin ring with derisive laughter from administration organs?

In carrying on the mining business the Russians and Japanese seem to be all at sea. They are just learning the difference between placer mines and those that are out-of-placer.

Miss Alice Roosevelt is hustled, yelled at, hooted, elbowed, and crowded up against tramps, fences, and wagon wheels by enthusiastic multitudes and does not mind it a bit. She could hardly live a more strenuous life if she had been captured by bandits in Morocco.

Only three or four of the speeches nominating Mr. Roosevelt in the Republican Convention have as yet been submitted to him. He thinks that ex-Governor Black's will be sure to produce visible emotion.

Senator Quay was a model husband and father, but his political methods cannot be defended. Though dead and buried the influence that has made Pennsylvania politics the most corrupt in this country still abides to be wrestled with. Measured by any high standard of right, Mr. Quay's career was a pathetic failure.

Russell Sage says vacations unfit men for work and that during his career of 33 years he has never had a vacation. He must be one of those little fellows who think one instance proves a conclusion. The presumption is strong that Russell Sage would have enjoyed a vacation 60 years ago if he had not been afraid of losing a dollar.

This is likely to be a week of worry for the Republicans of Illinois. They adjourned their convention to the 31st because of shattered nerves and empty pockets and the delegates have already resumed living at the hotels on the funds lent them by the candidates. The riot has begun again, the delegates shouting applause for Roosevelt and imprecations for each other.

When a Southern Democrat is nominated for President, he will have to be a border stater. Senator Cockrell of Missouri is a Presbyterian elder who served in the Confederate army in all capacities, from private to brigadier general, and held a prayer meeting before every battle. Senator Gorman is a Methodist and though an admirer of Jefferson Davis, he was a Unionist and a Republican during the Civil War.

The fervent admiration of Hamilton and the disparagement of Jefferson by Republican newspapers and orators is a significant sign. Hamilton was the most pronounced monarchist of his generation. He wanted a Senate elected for life, and a permanent president and nobility, and if he could have had his way the states would have been extinguished and subjected to a strong central power. His were alive now he would hate the anti-imperialists as the arch enemies of mankind.

Replying to a questioner Mr. Bryan says, "While a Democrat presumes his convention will write a platform and nominate a ticket he can conscientiously support, it is not a conclusive presumption, and I do not believe anyone ought to be asked or expected to say that no matter what a convention does, he will support the ticket." In this little speech Mr. Bryan is clearly sound and he has for an example a conspicuous Democrat who didn't.

So many Republican Congressmen are seeking to manipulate the Pension Office machinery for their own and their party's ends, that Commissioner Ware has issued a defiant proclamation, in which he says, "I wish each of my co-workers in this Bureau to feel that no concessions must be made along the line of pressure. Applications must be de-

closed on cold law and 'cold evidence.' And when the deft was published, Ware and Hitchcock winked at each other in the most significant manner.

There is much food for thought in the action of the late Mrs. S. G. Reed who left a considerable portion of her estate for the founding and endowment of a school in Portland. Such action is not rare, but it is not so common occurrence that it should go by unnoticed. The real greatness of the donor is shown by her unselfishness in contrast with those whose fortunes are entirely left to shiftless heirs and for the building of magnificent tombs which only advertise to the thoughtful of future generations, the narrowness and vanity of the builders.

It is a terrible pity that Theodore Roosevelt and Frederick Funston cannot have any of the prizes which Carnegie has offered to heroes. Since it became universally known that Lieutenant-Colonel Roosevelt was not the whole thing at the battle of San Juan Hill, and that Major Funston could not swim and was towed across the Bag River on a raft, the school books are now being revised to fit the facts. The revelation that they were merely common people, sends a shock down the sensitive spine of Americans, that will continue to vibrate for some little time.

It is with a feeling of patriotism and pride that one should view the exercises of Memorial Day as conducted by the old heroes of the Grand Army of the Republic as they pay their remembrance to their fallen comrades. The work and influence of this grand organization can be seen all over the country in better kept cemeteries and greater public spirit for public undertakings. A traveler passing a neglected cemetery overgrown with weeds, and with dilapidated fences, does not need to be told that there is no G. A. R. Post in that locality. Where there is no Post to direct the work, why should not the citizens form a Cemetery Association with the view of taking better care of "God's Acre"? Next year let there be twenty places in this county where Memorial Day shall be appropriately observed.

The results of last Monday's elections are fraught with meanings that deserve the careful attention of every citizen who is interested in the perpetuation of not merely the form but the spirit of free government.

Absurd as it may seem to the thoughtful voter, the election of Hermann to Congress indicates in-use loyalty to Roosevelt; not that the president has any love for "Our Binger," but because the leaders of the Republican party made "loyalty to Roosevelt" and "support of the entire ticket," the keynote of their campaign oratory. Hermann's election also indicates an alarming indifference to the character of the person who represents us in the halls of Congress. No man who has such charges hanging over him as has Hermann, can be chosen to a high official position unless honesty is considered of less importance than party fealty. If this be true, do we not thus encourage fraud and speculation on the part of officials? If so, then farewell to any semblance of fair dealing in affairs that concern public interests.

The vote on the minor state officials shows the real strength of the two parties, so far as the voters went to the polls, and the greater strength is decidedly on the side of the Republicans. With this we have no fault to find—if a majority of the people support Republicanism as opposed to Democracy and do so on principle, there is no question of honesty involved. The only point concerned is as to the policy which will conduce to best government.

The vote on county officials is an unequivocal indorsement of high taxes. The complaint in regard to the burden of taxation, has been almost universal and as common among Republicans as among Democrats. The Republicans announced in the beginning of the campaign that taxes will be still higher during the next year. It is to be presumed that no one who supported the Republican county ticket will have any complaint to make during the next two years, in regard to high taxes or unequal assessments.

The vote cannot be taken as an indorsement of the lax methods in which the official reports have been made. Attention was first called to the discrepancies and omissions in these reports by the Courier just after change of ownership, and at the beginning of the campaign. This latter fact led many to suppose that the charges against the present officers, were merely campaign material and therefore unworthy of serious attention. Had the people known that in making this report, the Clerk had violated a plain and important provision of the law, one that vitally concerns the people of the whole county, the result as to that office at least, would have been different.

Democrats believe in majority rule and have no kick to make on the election. If the majority can stand it to be taxed beyond all reason, the minority is able to stand the same treatment. One good result that will, in all probability, flow from the campaign just

closed, is that officers' reports will hereafter be made out in correct form, thus enabling the people to see a little more clearly the financial condition of the county. This will be a result worth all the trouble and expense of the campaign and that will prove a great satisfaction to the candidates who went down in honorable defeat; greater indeed than will be the satisfaction resulting from political victory won by sophistry and distorted statements.

JUSTICE WAITS ON POLITICS.

It is too much, perhaps, to expect absolute purity in politics; but when it is openly announced that the investigation of a criminal charge against a federal office holder will be delayed for the purpose of furthering the interests of a political party, it is time for the people to call a halt.

The following is taken from last Sunday's Oregonian:

"For political reasons it is mutually agreeable to Senator Mitchell and to Postmaster-General Payne that the case of Postmaster Bancroft should hang fire until after the election Monday."

When a United States Senator and a Cabinet officer let the demands of justice wait on the needs of a political campaign some ground is furnished for the contention that we have a republic in form only—that practically we are under an oligarchy of political bosses. We do not believe that oligarchy to be so firmly established but that it can be overthrown; nor do we believe the American people so indifferent to their liberties that they will not rouse from their present apathy and teach the "boss" a lesson he will remember. It requires only a little further application of the methods of bossism to awaken a storm of indignation and protest that will reach the most unwilling ears, and will compel the office-holder and the office-seeker of whatever name or creed, to hear and obey.

FAULTY OFFICIAL REPORTS.

The election of last Monday closed a campaign in which the finances of the county were discussed fully, the present management meeting with approval from the speakers of one party and with condemnation from those of the opposition. Much that was said was looked upon by many as mere political banter, indulged in for partisan purposes. Whether this be true, the future course of the advocates of the two parties will show.

It is not for the best interests of the people that governmental affairs be discussed from a partisan standpoint, nor that unnecessary agitation be kept up in regard to the course pursued by those in public office. But it is for the interests of the people that they be permitted to know at all times, as nearly as may be, the exact condition of the government for the support of which they are taxed.

In this county, proceedings should be instituted to compel the Clerk to make a certified statement of the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid on the 31st of March, 1904, as the law requires. The people are entitled to this information, and it is with no ill-feeling, political or personal, toward Mr. Sleight, that we make this demand. It is only with the purpose of giving to the people reliable information which the law says must be given.

Further, the people should demand that the county court proceedings be published as directed by statute. As we have said in previous issues of the paper, it is impossible to know from the published "Proceedings" how the people's money is being used. A mere compliance with the law will remedy this, and the reports can be so arranged that the cost of printing will not be increased.

Climate and Crop Service, U. S. Weather Bureau.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Oregon Section, for the week ending Monday, June 6.

The rains during the fore part of the week were timely and very beneficial, but in the Willamette valley and a few other localities more rain is needed for late crops and meadows.

Fall wheat and barley are heading nicely, and the trosted wheat in Umatilla county is improving and will probably turn out better than expected. In Wasco county there are numerous complaints of weedy fields, but the fall grain crop as a whole is very promising. Spring wheat, barley and oats are doing well. The alfalfa harvest is progressing well. The alfalfa being cut for hay, the yields in both cases being above the average.

Ranges and stock are in excellent condition, and the flow of milk in the dairy districts continues good. Orchard grass vetch and clover will be ready to cut in about ten days. Hops, corn, potatoes and gardens have made good progress during the week. The hop yards apparently are free from vermin and the vines look promising.

Strawberries are plentiful and their quality is extra good. Cherries are ripening, and while they have suffered considerable damage from frost and cold rains, the yield will be larger than expected earlier in the season. Italian prunes will be the lightest in years. Peaches promise fairly good returns, and apples are extra good. In the coast counties and in some portions of the Willamette valley caterpillars are more numerous than usual.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Terry, Multnomah county.—Cold rains have damaged royal Ann cherries considerably; black republican cherries and strawberries look fine and are ripening;

Some Specimen Farms and Ranches

For Sale at Low Figures and on Easy Terms

Write for Full List

- 40 Acres** in Julia Ann Lewis Claim, 2 miles from Oregon City, all good, level land, at \$50 per acre.
- 128 Acres**, level, living water, on Molalla, 60 acres in cultivation, rich soil, on main road, \$40 per acre.
- 344 Acres** on O. W. P. & Ry. line, 160 acres in A 1 cultivation, small house, large barn, orchard, living springs, two million feet timber, \$30 per acre.
- 100 Acres**, level, 60 in cultivation, good buildings, 1 1/2 miles from terminus of O. W. P. & Ry. line, at Springwater, \$40 per acre.
- 82 1-2 Acres** in famous Logan country, 60 acres in A 1 cultivation, new frame dwelling cost \$1500, large barn, living water, \$50 per acre.
- 160-Acre Stock Ranch** in Sec. 17, T. 4 S., R. 5 E., two acres cultivated, small house and barn, two million feet fir and cedar, land mostly good, range immense, \$5 per acre.
- 225 Acres at Logan**, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 more nearly ready to break, house, barn, fruit, good neighborhood, \$30 per acre.

- 80 Acres 4 miles from Oregon City**, 2000 cords wood, over-half good land, improved farms on three sides; wood will pay for the place; \$20 per acre. Will trade.
- 349 Acres**, 220 in A 1 cultivation, orchard, buildings, 7 acres hops, 6 miles from Hubbard, \$35 per acre.
- 90 Acres** on main plank road, 45 acres in good cultivation, large frame barn, no house; land rich; \$3000.
- 41 Acres**, 5 miles from Oregon City, 2 miles from New Era, 25 acres in cultivation and in crop, living water, good orchard, buildings only fair; crop and all, \$1500.
- Two or three thousand acres of good land** near line of O. W. P. & Railway, in lots of from 80 acres up, and from \$10 per acre up to \$15, on easy terms.
- 30 Acres**, 2 1/2 miles from Oregon City, 16 in cultivation, orchard, all varieties of fruit, splendid little place, on main road; \$2800; terms.

CROSS & SHAW

Main St., Oregon City, Or. 233 Washington St., Portland, Or.

grain and potatoes growing very fast; hay fine.

Tualatin, Washington county.—The weather favorable for grain and potatoes; hay making rapid growth; prunes very poor; apples will be plentiful.

Hubbard (Elliott Prairie), Clackamas county.—Showers timely and very beneficial, although more rain is desired; fall grain heading nicely and spring wheat, oats and barley doing well; potatoes up, but other root crops are only now showing above ground; corn has come up well and very little replanting will be necessary; grass abundant; clover crops about average and will be ready for first cutting next week; hop yards much benefited by late rain, and owing to previous hot spell there appears to be no vermin; stock getting fat; dairy products normal; apples fair; wild blackberries will be abundant.

Pedee, Polk county.—Weather cool with light showers; all crops doing well; hay promises good yield; fruit doing well; hop conditions could not be better; pasture abundant and stock in good condition; potatoes making good growth; gardens doing well; the harvest of clover hay will begin by the 15th; all crops would be benefited by more rain.


Albany, Linn county.—Week showery and all crops benefited; strawberries and early cherries beginning to ripen; apples continue to give promise of an abundant crop; pastures still good; stock doing well; sheep shearing in progress; clip light.

Crawfordsville, Linn county.—Light showers during week; crops fine especially meadows; strawberries ripe and quality extra good; plums and cherries falling badly, but still enough left; gardens fine; stock doing well.

Bellfountain, Benton county.—Week showery and cool; all crops in fine condition; fall grain heading; gardens growing nicely; stock in fine condition.

Goldson, Lane county.—Weather ideal, with nice rain first of week, which was very beneficial to grain and gardens; sheep shearing about completed; stock doing well.

Cresswell, Lane county.—Week showery and ideal for all crops; apples promising well; strawberries plentiful; fall wheat not filling well; winter oats heading.



SHANK & BISSELL
Undertakers and Funeral Directors

Office Phone 1021
Res. 1564
Main Street, Opposite Huntley's

We carry a complete line of Coffins, Caskets and Robes.
The only licensed embalmers in the county.
Calls receive prompt attention day or night.

Phone 1121
Res. 1833

Williams Bros. Transfer Co.

Safes, Pianos and Furniture Moving
a Specialty

Freight and Parcels Delivered to all Parts of the City Prices Reasonable and Satisfaction Guaranteed

TRAVELERS MONEY ORDERS

We are prepared to furnish visitors to the Saint Louis Exposition with Money Orders payable in Saint Louis. These Orders are self identifying and will save the delay and annoyance of furnishing personal identification. The convenience and safety of carrying funds in this manner will recommend them to experienced travelers. Come in and let us explain them to you.

BANK OF OREGON CITY, Oregon City

A New Home Industry

The Cascade Laundry

Does not wear out or destroy your linen

Our Wagon will call for your soiled linen each week and deliver your laundered goods to your home. Perfect satisfaction assured.

E. L. JOHNSON, Proprietor.