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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1892.

The way to build up Oregon City is to give thegon City people your patronage.

Some Queer "Republicans,"

The child-like simplicity manifested by certain persons labeling themselves "repub-I cans" who pour their heart-throbs through a democratic paper and tearfully beseech the dear republican voters to beware lest some naughty naughty (other) candidate woo them, is a spectacle quite too touching to contemplate without deep enution. It is so tenderly pathetic, so wofully hopeless, so consummately asinine that it should be stuffed and preserved as a memento of the

Last week there appeared appropriately juxtaposed on Colonel LeMahleu's engaging editorial page two letters relating to republican politics in Clackamas county. One of them was designed to boom a certain of the council. " native son" and purported to have been written by one "who has never voted any other than the republican ticket." Judging by the degree of unsaltedness displayed in this letter the writer lacks several years of being qualified to vote any ticket in the land of the free and the home of the brave. The earnestness with which the "native son" plea is presented, however, leads to the suspicion that the candidate has no other qualifications-a suspicion that would probably never have been suggested but for this performance of "Don Haughy." The other letter was a sour snari at the recent republican organization. "Republican voters living in the country," it sobbingly cries, " see that your delegates to the county convention are good, solid men and not in any way allied with this ring in this city." (Yes, the horrid, wicked ring! It wouldn't let me run it for my own personal ends.) "Put men up for office from the people of this county," continues the faltering voice, " not strangers whose antecedents we know nothing about." This leaves us to infer that in the opinion of the writer, who signs himself "A Black Republican," nothing so surely establishes one's claims to public office as a long term at the public crib. For the writer of that letter to prate of "antecedents" is judges. rather rich.

Amusing as are these letters they still point a moral. They are not republican. No matter what professions the writers of them or the ones who inspired them may make they are in no sense truly republican. They are treacherous, sneaking and revengeful, and so far as the republican party is concerned they should be treated as democrats. The people of this county believe too thoroughly in the rule of the majority to take counsel of one or two sorehead grum blers and traitorous croakers. The people of the county outnumber those of the city and they are invited to join and enter into the fullest communion with the republican organization that has barely been started here. It is no office-seekers compact, no mutual admiration society. It means business, political business, and it is honorable and patriotic. It is significant that there is no reputable objection to the organization made here. But let the writers of such letters as are berein referred to be treated as democrats throughout the campaign. They have no claims upon the republican party

### Christianity in Oregon Colleges.

The first state convention of College Young Men's Christian association was held in Salem last Saturday. There were some 200 delegates present from the different colleges of the state and the meeting is described as

being a successful one, Some interesting and suggestive facts were developed at this convention. In ten of the leading educational institutions of Oregon it was reported that the enrollment showed 963 young men of whom but 371 were Christians and the remainder non-Christians. These included three state institutions-the agricultural college, the nor mal school and the university-in which 420 young men were enrolled, 107 of whom professed to be Christians and 313 otherwise. Of the remaining seven colleges five require hible study in the course and even in those five enrolling 354 young men the Christians predominate by the small difference between 179 and 175. The report also shows the number converted during the preceding twelve months to be fifty-nine while the number of new students entered this year was 598. Of the total of 371 admitted Christians in the ten colleges but 169 are set down as "active"-which we suppose means working members of the Young Men's Christian association-or about seventeen per cent, of the total enrollment of young

These figures, being compiled by the association, are not likely to underrate its

Oregon City Enterprise. strength in the Oregon colleges. Still they do not show a very gratifying state of affairs from the standpoint of Christianity. They show that nearly sixty-two percent of the young men in the colleges are avoweally non-Christians and that the yearly Attention Called to the Lack of Business Source conversions are but little more than ten per cent, of the new enrollments. It seems pretty clear that the coileges cannot be depended on for very large reinforcements to the ranks of the church militant. But another question is presented: In this age of emlightened investigation are not healthy col-1 00 and traditions that constitute so large and and in the condition of our country reads. orthodox church?

Ms. Marary in charging the county cart with knowingly doing injustice to Cauly by granting a license to sell liquor in unity appears to present evidence. which, if substantiated before the court in its proper time, might have operated to attain the result be so much desired. The time to show that the signatures on the Susbatter petition were invalid was at the time of the trial to determine the fact. The court had no means of knowing it unless it was established in a legal manner. The attorneys for the remonstrants were present and did not order to the counting of the names that were retained on the petition. In Mr. Mathew's letter published roday his statement that Surbange, sware that the 129 petitioners were all local voters is incorrect. The published proceedings of the court specify distinctly that three names were not covered by the verification. Admitting that Susbader practiced a sharp trick and that the remonstrants did not present all the evidence they had against lidar we do not see how the county court can justly be blamed for its action in the matter.

Turn is one street at least on the binff' that ought to be improved. It is the only one running at right angles with Seventh that will permit of improvement at reasona-Washington street. The new theatre and and while they all want good roads they all Those signing the constitution and by reached from the north part of town without traversing Main street or going back eight blocks to Jackson. School children from the southern part of town must make | ject lesson for the socialists who expect peothe same detour to get to the public school or travel through the mud and over the rocks-and they usually choose the latter mode. Washington street could be opened and improved at a comparatively small cost and the matter should receive the attention

Manion Hansand has written for the historic town of Williamsburg, once the object to any kind of taxation capital of Virginia and a center of colonial magnificence and fashion, new interesting chiefly for its reminiscences and its old time mansions "where ghosts walk." is the place where lived Mary Cary, the Mr Mathew Says the County Court and not first love of the Father of his Country; and the Law is to Blame. Mrs. Harland relates some interesting facts concerning the affair in which young Washington lost his heart, but about which history is silent. The article is handsomely

THE appointment of W. B. Gilbert to the new United States circuit Judgeship meets with general approbation. It is the best appointment that could have been made under the circumstances. Mr. Glibert is (Very cunning.) It is said that the court pleasure in pursuit than in possession. twenty years and is a man of much ability Whether that be true or not it is a fact that ment does not mean the recognition of any political faction. Though republican from principle Mr. Gilbert has not been a politician. He is of the timber that makes good

THEY took a notion to move a heap of rubbish from a lot in the business section of Victoria the other day and found a dead Chinaman. The remains had been there a year but nobody had suspected that anything was wrong. Now, if anything of that sort should happen in Oregon City, where we are not troubled with sewers, somebody would be likely to smell something and the detection of the corpse might follow. Therefore, down with sewers.

THERE IS PLENTY OF GOLD IN THE STARS.

[The following poem by George Horton in the Chicago Herald, while augyested by the falling steor containing gold in California re cently, seems admirably to fit the dream of the free silver, greenback and other trash money cranks, who, because sliver and paper serve as a legal voter when he signed the remon- stock, raised by M. Sterling, of Island money when properly restricted in volume, think the removal of the restriction would give voter and had made his home with him all unlimited wealth. This wealth is just as since May, 1891. Some six or seven others attainable as the gold in the stars.]

Ho, poor folks all over the earth? Have you heard it, the beautiful news, To relieve you from poverty's dearth. And to save you from poverty's blues? A meteor fell in the West

That was striped with auriferous bars, And scientists therefore have guessed That there's plenty of gold in the stars,

Then away with all hunger and woe, And away with all sorrow and want, Let your spirits exultingly flow While you join in the glorious chaunt. Oh, why be with sorrow oppressed? There is gold in Arcturus and Mars,

In the Dipper, the Twins and the rest-

There is plenty of gold in the stars. Oh, ye tollers with sensitive souls, Who are chained to a tedious grind, Now the burden away from you rolls And is left in the distance behind Cast the shuckles that bound you away And lorget the diefiguring sears: You can soar as you will from today-

There is plenty of gold in the stars Oh, ye slaves to the rigors of fate, Who live but to struggle for bread, Whose love has been curdled to hate Till ye sigh for the peace of the dead; ed by to the era of wrong, Bid good by to the pitiless bars Behind which ye have struggled so long,

There is plenty of gold in the stars.

Let us hear of injustice no more Nor of riot surrounded by dearth; God is merciful now as of yore, And has never forgotten the earth. Ye who grovel in poverty's ditch, They are nearer by far than the rich And there's plenty of gold in the stars!

### PRIVATE OPINION

OUR PLAN OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

in the Matter.

Wilhort, Feb. 14 -- [To the Editori]-1] suspect that you, and perhaps some of jour readers, are becoming heartly tired of the road question, and yet it is a question that will never be exhausted until we have a rudleges fatal to the acceptance of the dogmas | leaf change in our system of making reads. inseparable a part of what is known as the When one sits down and considers our present system in sober camest and from a the remedy within their own power.

be carried on with any degree of success under a system. Involving a change of homagement every year, and that change being brought about by some one totally upable e judge of the qualifications or fitness of the person appointed to take charge of the week the committee on temporary or basiness where the last man left off? And ganization met at Zeek's hall for the cisor, however competent he may be, can start on any permanent plan for the improvement of the routs of his district with any assurance that his ideas will be carried out by his successors. In fact they may adopt an entirely different plan and io on that we get nothing but patchwork done, and W. W. Jesse; W. B. Marye, recordand that of such quality that it results in ing secretary; Case U. Barlow, corresno improvement to the roads.

Nor would the election of supervisors by the voters of the districts be any improvement. We all know by experience that it is not by any means the men who are best fitted for any position who are able to command the most votes. In fact it has been ors who do the most and best work are the meeting and it was agreed that they most unpopular ones. People seem to have might then be admitted, as charter mem ble cost entirely through the city. It is an inborn hostility to any form of taxation, business houses on Seventh street cannot be | want some one else to build them. They are like the people who are always praying for the blessings of this world and making as effort to get them. And herein is a good obple to take hold and work for the common interests with the same spirit as they do for their private interests.

I have endeavored to show the inefficiency of our present road system. Will some one else show as a better one? I will munication is already too long, but will try to do so at some future time, even at the irrent Harper's Weekly an account of the risk of arousing the hostility of some who

E. P. CARTER.

CANBY SALOON MATTER AGAIN.

CANBY, Or., Feb. 20 .- [To THE EDITOR:]times to license a saloon in Canby, but were beaten by a remonstrance each time.

G. Susbauer's petition was the fifth effort was conscious of their plan to defeat us. the court had no lawful right to petitioners from Barlow precinct twentytwo days after the Canby precinct was divided, while the court must have known at the time they received the Barlow petitions been engaged and the occasion bids fair ers that the division the court made them- to be a grand success in every particular. selves did work to us an injustice. The The hall has been tastefully decorated court did know that their act did cheat us with flags, evergreens, etc., and every out at a lawful opportunity to succeed with part allotted to the respective commitour remonstrance. Hence the court is to blame and not the law.

The saloon men were fearful after all their advantages that the remonstrance might yet will meet the teachers at the train and worse. Mr. Susbauer swore that his 129 pe- word of welcome will then be given by titioners were all legal voters, which was Miss M. S. Barlow, and music by the not correct by a long way. Other saloon band followed by the program of the men swore that Nathan Colewas not twenty- teachers. At one o'clock the refreshone years of age when he signed the remonstrance. His father's affidavit says his son Nathan was born October 21, 1869. They also swore that Clarence Wilson was twenty one years of age when he signed the petition. His mother's affidavit says that he was not nineteen until January 4th, 1802. "Mamie H " to Frank Nau, the Port-They also swore that Elmer Gleson was not landdruggist, for \$350. She is registered strance. Mr. John Cole says he was a legal City, and bids fair to become a swift mag since May, 1891. Some six or seven others have been found to not be legal voters of the 120 that signed the petition. Since we have detected so many we believe there are others that are illegal also, such persons as cannot be found in the precinct.

S. MATHEW.

### ALGER'S WAR RECORD.

on General Alger's military record will not set a value on the Oakley estate adjoindo him any political harm, but it may pre- ing town. vent him from getting a pension.

Pittsburg Telegraph: No one can be president who has been "discharged," and least of all can the so-called soldier element, among which Mr. Alger's popularity chiefly this aspect of the case.

St. Louis Republic: The Anchor-to-Windward gaug is running the Harrison haft are " J. G. B.

if he became a presidential candidate. He bolders, and it is expected that the any other kind of reputation if the usual campaign roorbacks could accomplish their

### NEWS FROM BARLOW

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TPACH ERS' MEETING SATURDAY.

The Board of Trade Etects Officers-The Debating Society-Improvement Notes.

BULLINGS GOING UP. - People who E. J. BOWEN'S have purchased here are now arranging for material and no less than eight buildings will be commenced within a practical, scusible point of view, it mems week or two and rushed to completion. one of the greatest farms ever enduces by Among those that will build are Mrs. G a sensible people, especially when they have A. Sheppard, John Sims, Honry Brown, What private business could prosper or J. McGrath and E. Ramsby. Aside from these there will be our church and school house buildings and some six or ten others are in prospect

BOARD OF TRADE. On last Wednesday yet that is just the planumder which our purpose of organizing a board of trade. road work is being done. No road uper- A large crowd gathered and every one present seemed to realize the benefit of such an organization and did not hesi tate to sign the constitution and by-laws from year to year, and the consequence is elected were S. O. Gribble, Wm. Irvin ponding secretary; T. C. Andruse, treasurer. The board of directors and committeemen will be appointed by the president at the next meeting, March 5, at 7 p. m. Several letters were received from parties unable to get here, stating my experience that very often the supervis- that they would be present at next bers without the necessity of balloting laws were: S. O. Gribble, Wm. Irvin Geo. Schele, Wm. Barlow, W. S. Tuil W. B. Marye, E. Brackett, Eph. Ramsby, Ed Hope, Henry Wills, J. I Dozier, W. W. Jesse, John Cole, Cam U. Bartow, Jay Green, and T. C. An-

LAND SALES, -- Several sales of lots and acre tracts were recorded in Barnot attempt to do so at present as this com- low & Co's office the past week and the prospects for '92 are promising DEBATING SOCIETY. - Our debating could be seen by the crowd present at the last meeting. The hall was crowded to its full capacity and the debating and other features of entertainment were highly appreciated. The debate was led on affirmative by Jay Green and by J. W. Scoggins on the negative and was won by the former. The readings, songs, and recitations were exceedingly good The saloon men petitioned the court four and the Mystery of Death, by Mrs. J. W. Scoggins was a masterly piece. It was decided to postpone the next debate unfor a saloon in Canby. They being alarmed til Friday, March 4, at the usual place for fear they would be beaten again hastenest on account of the teachers institute to have the precinct divided so as to cut off meeting on Saturday. The subject for our remonstrance from the Barlow precinct. debate is "Resolved that there is more

SCHOOL TRACHERS' RECEPTION. - Every one in this town and vicinity is look forward for the 27th of February when Barlow. The Aurora brass band has teemen is being carried out to the letter. The reception committee with the band So they went from bad to escort them in a body to the hall. A ment committee will escort the teachers and guests to the hotel where a sumptuour spread will be served

> "MAMIE H" SOLD, -Cass U. Barloy has sold his Bashaw mare, registered with the proper training

PERSONALS. Mr. John Kimsay of Salem is in town

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pilsbury of Oregon City were visiting friends here over Sunday.

and registered at Tull's cafe.

Mr. Reuben Wright administrator of the Oakley estate, came down from St. Louis Globe Democrat: The attack Molalla Tuesday and with the appraisers

Manager R. Koehler and Superintendent L. R. Fields of the Southern Paclific went south in a special car Monday. They held the train for an hour looking and almost exclusively lay, be indifferent to over the ground with a view to some improvement.

Salem is soon to have a Friends' Polyadministration and it intends to renomi- technic institute, and the stockholders nate Harrison at all hazards. There is a have decided to take active steps in knife sticking under Mr. Alger's fifth polit- that direction. At a recent meeting it ical rib at present and the initials on the was determined to raise \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting a suitable school Indianapolis Sentinel: General Alger is building. One-fourth of the sum has getting a foretaste of what he might expect already been subscribed by the stockwould not have a shadow left of military or Friends' church outside of the state will subscribe a like sum. The remaining \$5000 the citizens of Salem will doubtless raise by subscription. A commit-School deportment cards one cent tee has been appointed to push the each, good for term, at the ENTERPRISE movement. By June it is expected to have the institute completed.

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