

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY

## THE ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENTS SWEEP THE FIELD.

### Shooting Affray—F. A. Meinig's Store Burglarized—Rousing Political Meeting—Lots of Republicans.

SANDY, May 13.—Sandy is in a great state of excitement just at present over a shooting scrape and a burglary, which were committed here the past week. The shooting affair took place the 10th of May between John Straus and Julius Stineberger. The trouble arose over the location of a county road, which Stineberger claims goes through his field while Straus claims not. This trouble drifted on slowly till it ended in the following shooting affair: While Mr. Straus was plowing for Mr. Bosham, and as Stineberger had threatened Straus' life and said he would kill him as soon as he got hold of him, and as he has not a very good reputation, Straus, while plowing, saw Stineberger come up to him, and Julius wanted to talk about the trouble, while Straus ordered Stineberger to throw up his hands. On the refusal Straus fired several shots at Stineberger, but they missed their mark. Since then both men have been arrested. This stirred up quite a commotion here as Straus was generally looked on as a respectable and upright citizen.

A daring burglary was perpetrated here Thursday night, in F. A. Meinig's store. The robbers effected an entrance by breaking a window and then broke open the door. The burglars, after capturing everything and tearing up boxes and strewn goods on the floor in a most confused manner they poured out sacks of wheat and salt in order to get sacks in which to carry away their stolen goods. They took all kinds of goods such as shoes, cloth, groceries, cigars and many other articles. They also emptied about a dozen bottles of whisky. Several persons were had under suspicion and search warrants were sent out.

Saturday evening May 12th was a great time for the Sandy republican club, as a grand rally was given under the auspices of the republican club, which was addressed by Hon. H. E. McGinn, of Portland, and Chas. Holman, of Meadow Brook. An immense crowd came to hear the speaker. It was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the people ever seen in Sandy, and it will be long remembered that Mr. McGinn is one of the most pleasant and able speakers ever at Sandy. At the close of the speaking three cheers was given for Mr. McGinn and Mr. Holman and the grand old republican party which was re-echoed till the hall fairly shook.

Mr. Mickelson has quite a force of men working on the roads, which is something our roads badly need.

#### REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETING.

The republicans of Sandy met at F. A. Meinig's hall at eight o'clock p. m. Herman Bruns, president of the meeting, introduced Henry E. McGinn, who spoke eloquently and logically adducing a great many facts on the political issues of the day. He was heartily applauded by both democrats and republicans. Mr. McGinn spoke of the governments of the old country of which our Sandy friends had personal experience. He spoke of the railroad which he says would be a good thing for Sandy. Charles Holman was then introduced. He spoke of the necessity of a railroad and capitalists. A few good remarks were then made by Edward Bruns. The meeting closed at 9:40 p. m.

#### DAMASCUS DOINGS.

DAMASCUS, May 15.—The Damascus grange sent Mrs. Morton, Mr. Newell and Mrs. Johnson as delegates to Gresham to confer with other delegates about holding a grange picnic at Gresham about the third Saturday in May. Several of the granges will meet there at that date and expect to have a fine time.

A large number of acres of potatoes will be planted at Damascus this year.

Pearl Lovelace is recovering nicely from her attack of erysipelas.

Nellie Fredolph has remittent fever. She has been sick several weeks but is getting better now.

Minnie Royer has been on the sick list again but is convalescing.

Mr. Hunt, a photographer staying at Mr. Farr's, took the pictures of the Damascus and Union schools one day last week. He has been taking a number of pictures in the neighborhood.

Several of the boys from this part of the county started early Sunday morning to the Columbia slough to fish. After staying all day the most successful fisherman caught a small turtle; one of the others caught some sort of a little fish. The rest got nothing. The boys say they are going every Sunday until they catch catfish. If they persevere long enough probably they will catch something.

Rob Childers paid his mother a visit one day last week. He came over on his wheel. The boys seem to be infatuated with Billy Buckman's bicycle, as they are taking turns trying to ride it.

The dance at Paulsen's was a success. There were people from Oregon City, Eagle Creek, and other places, in attendance. The young folks report a good time.

#### Logan Locals.

LOGAN, May 14.—The Logan ball nine played the Redlands on the 6th inst.; result seventeen to thirty-five in favor of the Logans. Quite a crowd witnessed the game. The boys wish to play the Oregon City base ball team.

There has been considerable visiting among the young folks lately, principally meeting to practice for various entertainments.

Logan school closed on the 11th with an entertainment. The program was long the crowd large, and the applause hearty.

Miss Wendling, of Eagle Creek, spent a few days with Miss Hampton.

B. F. Ritzinger, of Mount Tabor Villa, spent Saturday with M. W. Baker.

Jacob Gerber has repainted his house.

The roads are much better. Quite a number of persons were out riding lately.

Farmers are about through seeding and grain looks well.

## FOSSILS AND MORTGAGED FARMS.

To THE EDITOR: I wish in this number to speak of the assertion so often made by populists that 9,000,000 farms in the United States are encumbered with mortgages. But permit me before doing so to pay my respects to a scribbler in the Industrial Herald of the 11th. He characterizes your correspondent as an "addle-brained fossil." This is good, and just as sensible as anything else ever put forth by a populist writer or speaker in defense of their dogmas. A fossil is "a petrified plant or animal dug from the earth." So says Webster. And it is "addle-brained." So says Frank or the other fellow. How funny! Let me say to him that whether he be man or animal, or a mix compounded of both, he will never reach a state of petrification. He is too far gone in putrefaction for that, and will be thought of in a few brief years, if thought of at all, only as a putrid reminiscence. But let him hurry up before he reaches an utter state of decay and publish if he dare the extract from President Lincoln's first annual message to congress, wherein he urges the establishment of "national banking associations." It matters not whether Senex is capable or not of "comprehending the grandeur of Abraham Lincoln's nature." Let the Herald man give to his readers Mr. Lincoln's views of national banks, and leave them to judge whether such views are "venomous slime," or whether the time ever was when "the minds of voters could be poisoned by its emission." The Herald says in effect that such is the case. I opine that the "fair-minded men" among populists, when they come to know such of Mr. Lincoln's views as the Herald thus far has not dared to give, will cease to land Mr. Lincoln and curse the banking system in the same breath. The laudations or cursings, one or the other, must cease; but which, is a matter of some interest just now.

Let us now give our attention to the big farm mortgage story. "Nine millions of farms in the United States are under mortgage" said General Weaver when here in Shiveley's hall. The assertion had nearly passed out of mind, and might have been forgotten had it not been repeated lately in populist prints. Let us examine it a little and see if it will bear analysis. If the reader will look around his own neighborhood where he is well acquainted he will find that there is an average of at least five members for each household. And this is the accepted basis in estimating the number of inhabitants in any city, town or village. Count the number of families and multiply by five and you approximate somewhere near the actual number in any community—it may be a little more or a little less. Now it is to be supposed that these 9,000,000 mortgaged farms spoken of, most of them, at least, have families settled on them. Well, 9,000,000 multiplied by five make 45,000,000. That is to say, 45,000,000 of people in this country live on mortgaged farms. I haven't before me the figures of the last census and do not know the exact number of inhabitants given. But we will call it 70,000,000, which I know is some millions in excess of the true number. Forty-five millions subtracted from 70,000,000 leave 25,000,000. Thus, according to General Weaver, and the lesser lights of the populist party who reflect his statements, about two-thirds of our population live on mortgaged farms! The vast numbers in our many great cities, the laborers scattered everywhere, those engaged in factories, shops, mills, stores, and a thousand and one branches of business, as well as a large number who live on farms not mortgaged—all these, aggregated, constitute only one-third of the population of the United States! Does any one believe it? "The people are beginning to think," says the Herald. When they can believe such a statement they have ceased to think. Now there is no use in daubing walls with untempered mortar when in building a sacred temple or repairing breaches made in a political edifice, and I am free to say that the man who states that there are 9,000,000 mortgaged farms in the United States and does not believe it is a knave. The one who does believe it after having the figures placed before him is a fool. It is a question you cannot argue any more than you can argue that the three equal parts of a circle are exactly equal to the whole.

Then why discuss the question here? Simply to show the kind of stuff given out by populist leaders to influence unthinking voters. Go through the whole catalogue of their charges against "plutocrats," "congressional conspirators," "the money power," their assertion that "legislation is directed in favor of the rich and against the 'poor farmer,'" their advocacy of fiat money and numerous other fads, and you shall not find one of them having a better basis for truth and practical results or any more argument in its favor than the one relating to farm mortgages. It is lie upon lie, humbug piled on humbug, here a little and there a good deal, without the slightest admixture of good. Upset one and you upset all, for all are based on the one same thing—a mean and narrow prejudice—a concerted effort of demagogues and office-seekers to come into power by exciting and fostering the envy and hatred of those who have but little against those who have more. That it will ever prove a success to any great extent I cannot believe. But it works injury to men's moral natures and raises here and there excrecences on the body politic. In due time, however, the people will cleanse themselves of these impurities. I may be permitted to have faith in the people as had Lincoln, even though I am "incapable of comprehending the grandeur of his nature;" and having that faith I expect to see the populist party of this county buried so deep on the 4th of June next that the hand of resurrection can never reach it.

In the mean time let the Herald add to the bulk of the avalanche by giving its readers Lincoln's views of banking.

#### SENEX.

##### Oregon City, May 14.

#### Letter List.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the post office at Oregon City, Oregon, May 17, 1894:

Mrs. E. L. Herrick, Joseph Hodge, E. A. Lowe, J. T. Moorey, A. W. Murphy, Mrs. Ella Newman, A. S. Parker, Paul Schultz, Wm. D. Skinner, A. Warshoer.

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## TAX PAYER'S PROTEST.

To THE EDITOR:—It was very difficult for the farmers and business men of the county to pay their large tax levy for 1892. Business was paralyzed and the price of all farm products ran down to a low figure. Still the tax was bravely met and the people only know how great was the sacrifice made to keep the sheriff from the door. This tax was heavily met, however, until we were called upon to meet nearly as large a levy for the year 1893, and now comes the declaration that this tax must all be paid at once and the delinquent list with large added costs is now being made out and the sheriff will soon be in the saddle. Petitions and remonstrances and pleadings have been of no avail and the hardest year in the history of Oregon is to be characterized by the greatest severity and most unrelenting strictness upon the part of the tax gatherer, why has the sheriff been in such great haste? Hardly had the tax roll gotten in his hands before he had printed notices out and posted up everywhere warning the hard pressed people to hurry up and come to the front or costs would be added. The notices can be seen in all the districts of the county and when first read no doubt caused a cold chill to creep down the back of many a tax payer.

But why this haste and this unseemly thirst for blood? I can tell you why in a word. If the sheriff can by cold blooded calculation (and he is doing it) close up his tax roll and collect his whole delinquent list before July 1st, he makes every cent of fees connected with the whole collection before he goes on a salary which takes effect at that time. The sheriff's fees in the preparation and collection of the delinquent list, with mileage and all, amount to a sum large enough to buy a good farm. After July 1st the fixed salary pays for that work; before that time the already overburdened tax payers must pay the extra cost, always large enough, directly into the pocket of the present sheriff, already bulging out with the outrageous amounts charged and collected by him under the old fee system. It wasn't enough that Sheriff Ganong went to Salem and openly lobbied against the passage of the salary bill that, but the sheriff of Clackamas county on a salary of \$2000 a year, too large for the service rendered, but effecting a direct saving to the tax payers of the county of \$800 a year, but he now proposes to stick the knife in a little deeper and give it another turn before July 1st, because after that date the same work would have to be done for nothing. He is also getting serious about his re-election and this makes him double anxious to run his fees up to as high a notch as possible before the date when he may have to step down and out of an office that has in two years, put him beyond want for all time to come. Tax paying time has been extended to July 1st in fairly good times; why not now in this most disastrous of all years? The answer is given and the way-faring may through the fool can see the truth of it. The facts can't be disproved and as the hard pressed farmer pays his tax with charges added he can smile and look happy and take his medicine—he has no redress.

#### TAX PAYER.

## A CHILD'S PRAISES.

Several weeks since at the meeting of the Junior society in connection with the Park Place Congregational church, Laurel H. Chase, the nine-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chase, was the leader of the meeting was, "How does God show his love to us? Laurel wrote the following lines to present on that occasion:

Dear Juniors—God loves us  
And should we not praise  
The goodness and mercies  
That crowneth our days?

He gives us great blessings,  
He gives us good things,  
And do we not love him  
While gratitude springs.

The sun shines in gladness,  
And birds in their glee,  
The flowers in the wildwood  
And every green tree.

The fish in the water  
Are gamboling all day,  
While the brook is still running  
And singing its lay,

Till it reaches the river,  
The river the sea;  
These are all joining  
In praises with me.

These speak of his benefits,  
These join in the song  
And tell of his goodness  
All the day long.

Dear Juniors, let's join  
In glad song of praise,  
For his goodness and mercies  
Are crowning our days.

#### CARUS.

CARUS, May 14.—Frost did considerable injury to small fruit. All growths are arrested until there shall be a warm atmosphere and plenty of sunshine.

McCord's mill is in operation again. We learn that he has an order for a supply of lumber to be delivered at Oregon City this week.

A. O. Hayward and family drove to Canby last Saturday. They found a good market for dried fruit and other farm products.

Eph Jones has given up his work at Martin's saw-mill. We hear he is intending to make improvements on his ranch.

Henry Hornshuh expects workmen to begin putting up his new barn on Tuesday.

Prof. Evason closes a nine months term of school on Friday next. The scholars are making preparations for closing exercises.

An epidemic of influenza cold has been raging in this vicinity for a few weeks past. Children and adults are equally its victims.

Supervisor Jaggard and his crew of men have been doing fine work on the road in the line of new corduroy. Twice the amount of appropriation would not prove to be money thrown away, if applied as wisely as the present.

#### CALLA.

##### Palmetto Pointers.

GARFIELD, May 12.—A few more days of sunshine. There was a frost the three mornings past, but the fruit does not seem

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to be hurt yet. A few potatoes were up to meet the frost and got nipped.

All the farmers are through with grain seeding and about done putting in garden, and as there is no work at which they can make a few dollars to buy groceries and shoes, (they can mend up the rest of their cloths with gunnie sacks, thanks to the administration for the industry army and see if they can get some of their old shoes, but fear they would not get back to vote for the coroner to bury democracy as all are very tired as they say, and yet two more years and better till we see a change. Strong democrats of the past say they would not vote at all if they had to vote for democracy.

We expect a good time as usual at our debating and literary society next Saturday evening, which meets every two weeks.

Mr. Hoover has moved away to work this summer, but finds the work all gone after the industrial army or somewhere else.

J. W. Palmateer is some better at present writing.

Mr. Holloway and family are the guests of Mr. Hay.

There are several parties up in the Palmateer settlement who have some fine land for small homes, cheap, as there is no land agent fees in it. You deal direct with the parties themselves, therefore you get them at first price.

Mr. Byer is talking of selling his interest in farming and moving out with his cattle as he has too many to graze on rented land.

M. Stingle also has the Mexican fever if he can sell his farm.

#### Jack Knife Whittlings.

EAGLE CREEK, May 14.—The farmers will finish sowing and planting their crops this week if the weather is favorable in this vicinity.

For all the bad weather farmers think they are a little earlier this year than last with their crops.

John Douglass is able to be out after his accident, by the aid of crutches.

Mrs. E. Foster and Mrs. H. Wilhern leave here the 15th inst for the mid winter fair.

The political meeting was largely attended last Saturday. Hon. Henry McGinn held the attention of his hearers for two hours and many regretted that it could not last two hours longer.

#### Gladstone Gleanings.

GLADSTONE, May 16.—Mr. Linscott has moved back to Gladstone with his family and says this place is good enough for him. About three months ago Mr. Linscott, dazzled by what he thought would be a small fortune for him at the Tualatin, working for the General Electric Company, moved up there, but he soon found out by experience there that Gladstone wasn't such a bad place after all, so back he came.

Hon. H. E. Cross is having the white house repaired with a view of moving here to live.

Dr. Norris has bought some lots in Gladstone which he is having fenced in.

The saw mill has been running the past few days filling out some urgent bills.

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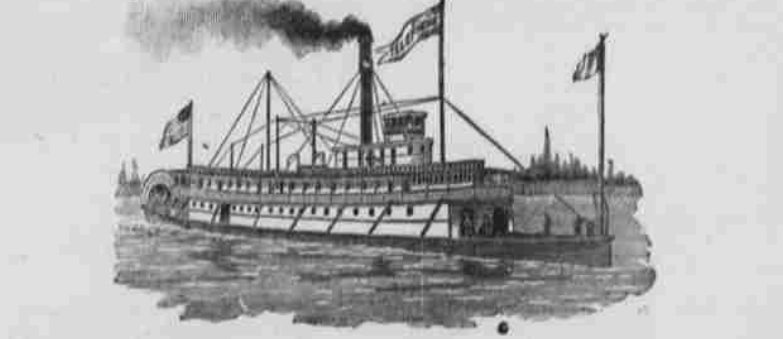
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