

Oregon City Enterprise.

Published Every Friday.

CHAS. MESERVE,

PUBLISHER AND PROPRIETOR.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One year, \$2.00
Six months, \$1.00
Three months, \$0.50
A discount of 50 cents on all subscriptions for one year, 25 cents for six months, 15 cents for three months, if paid in advance.
Advertising rates given on application.

Subscribers will find the date of expiration stamped on their papers following their name. If this date is not changed within two weeks after a payment, kindly notify us and we will look after it.

Entered at the Post Office in Oregon City, Or., as second class matter.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1897.

AGENTS FOR THE ENTERPRISE.

Boyer Creek,	Dr. T. B. Thomas
Canby,	Geo. Knight
Clackamas,	A. Mather
Milwaukie,	Oscar Wisliger
Union Mills,	G. J. Trullinger
Meadow Brook,	Chas. Holman
New Era,	W. S. Newberry
Wileyville,	Henry Miles
Park Place,	F. L. Russell
Gladstone,	T. M. Cross
Stadium,	J. Q. Gage
Washburn,	C. T. Howard
Carus,	R. M. Cooper
Malina,	Annie Stubbs
Marquam,	E. M. Hartman
Butteville,	B. Jennings
Aurora,	Henry A. Snyder
Orville,	L. J. Perdue
Eagle Creek,	H. Wilburn
Damascus,	J. C. Elliott
Sandy,	F. Gotsch
Salmon,	Mrs. W. M. McIntyre
Orrville,	Geo. J. Currin
Cherryville,	Mrs. M. J. Hammer
Marmot,	Adolph Aschoff

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

GOV. LORD "TURNS MR. GEER DOWN."

Dr. Lane, through the columns of the Oregonian, charges that a grocery firm in the city of Salem, Oregon, some years ago was not very honorable in its dealings with the asylum while in Dr. Lane's charge. The Oregonian constantly refers to this. It charges that Hon. I. L. Patterson was a member of the firm, and is asking Senator Patterson to explain.

If this charge of Dr. Lane's was true, it was anything but right in the dealings of the firm with the state institution. Mr. Gilbert certainly was responsible for it, and knew something about it. It was before Gov. Lord's administration. As Gov. Lord was a resident of Salem he must have known something about it.

After Governor Lord's election, Mr. Geer applied to him for two or three different positions. The Governor "turned Mr. Geer down," not once, not twice, but three times. He was not even willing to give him a clerkship worth \$100 a month. But this is not the worst of it. Mr. Geer was a candidate for superintendent of the penitentiary. He presented strong endorsements. His petition was signed by various leading republicans, a part of the present congressional delegation was active in endeavoring to secure some recognition for Mr. Geer. The other applicant for this place was A. N. Gilbert, the senior member of the firm of Gilbert & Patterson, whom the Oregonian charges with swindling the state. Gov. Lord not only "turned Geer down," but appointed A. N. Gilbert. He not only appointed him at the beginning of his administration, but he keeps him there. He keeps him at the head of one of the state institutions, where he can, not only as a member of the firm of Gilbert & Patterson, sell groceries to the state, but where as superintendent of that institution he can pass upon and examine the purchases. He puts him in charge of one of the institutions that the Oregonian charges he had helped to swindle.

Either the Oregonian and Dr. Lane's charges are outrageously false, or Gov. Lord is very culpable. The Oregonian should call upon Gov. Lord to explain. It is time the people heard from him.

WHAT DOES MR. GEER MEANT

Mr. T. T. Geer in the statements he has given out lately regarding his political actions and motives, appears to have badly contradicted himself as the following extracts from an interview published in the Statesman of September 7 and from his letter of declination published September 15 shows. In regard to his "miscellaneous" candidacy the two following statements hardly agree:

STATESMAN INTERVIEW.	LETTER OF DECLINATION.
"However, I am turned down just as regular as these things come around every two years. It's a systematic thing. Some men would lose their enthusiasm after a time."	"I dislike very much to be considered a 'miscellaneous candidate' for any position on the political chess-board that may be parceled out to me by those having the placing of the men."

As to whether he had no intention of accepting the land office, as his letter of declination states, the following will do to compare:

STATESMAN INTERVIEW.	LETTER OF DECLINATION.
"I have not decided yet whether I will accept the office or not; neither have I been notified of my appointment. I will probably go to see Col. Miller and ascertain the true facts as to the position."	"Regarding your recommendation for my appointment as register of the United States land office at Oregon City, I beg leave to say that extended reflection has only served to confirm my first conclusion not to accept the appointment if made."

OREGON REPUBLICANISM.

The republican party in Oregon cannot afford to grow excited over one man's personal disappointments, no matter how good a republican he is, even were that disappointment well founded. The woods are full of solid republicans who have never been offered any office, and whose political reward is simply that enjoyed by every citizen, the blessings of a safe, progressive and wise government.—Corvallis Gazette.

The above is true to the word. The re-

publicans of Oregon are too broad-minded and patriotic to be broken up into factions because each one who had done some service to the party is not rewarded with an office. The day for blind partisanship is past in Oregon and the man, or set of men who arrogate to themselves the right to dictate to the party what offices they or their friends shall have, will find themselves sat down on very hard when the great body of republicans go to the polls to express their preferences. There was a time when Ben Holliday with his red shirt brigade, in which H. W. Scott, now editor of the Oregonian, was a lieutenant, could dictate the work of the party in this state. And in a lesser degree Joe Simon, with Mr. Scott as his chief assistant, has succeeded in recent years in setting himself up as a party boss. But the day of his power is gone and in the desperation of his defeat his gang attempts, by means fair or foul, to regain the lost prestige of their leader, and will hold up a legislature, or play a false friendship, as they are now doing with Mr. Geer, to break down opposition to their plans, or bring discord into the party that they may profit by it.

The republicans of Oregon will not be made victims of this rule or ruin policy of the Oregonian-Simon crowd and the conventions next spring will be conducted on the broad lines of party harmony and fellowship and the candidates will be men selected for their worth and ability and not that they shall be the tool of some gang, or boss seeking reward.

The McKinley administration does not appear to have the difficulty in keeping up the gold reserve in the treasury as did the late Mr. Cleveland. The gold now in the treasury amounts to \$145,000,000 and is the highest it has been since the Harrison administration. This administration will be a bond-paying instead of a bond-selling one.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The price of wheat is a very important question, especially with our farmers, many of whom are storing their grain and holding it for better prices. In this connection the following from the Chicago Inter-Ocean will be of special interest: There is no more conscientious and reliable statistician than Mr. John Hyde of the agricultural department. He had charge of the last census of agriculture, and did his work with conspicuous fidelity. Many were the shafts of criticism shot at that census, but none of them were aimed at agriculture. And now Mr. Hyde is out with a bulletin on the wheat crop of the world. During the six years from 1891 to 1896 the annual wheat crop of Europe was, according to Hyde, 1,428,000,000 bushels, and according to Bronhall's Corn Trade News the yield of this year will be 1,329,000,000 or 99,000,000 below the average of the last six years. According to another base of calculation, Beerbohm's estimate of this year's crop, the deficit will be 115,000,000 bushels. The average annual export from this country to Europe during the last six years was 169,373,872 bushels. In making up this deficit very little help will come from Canada and the wheat lands of Manitoba. All other wheat countries are short not only in their last crop, but in their supplies on hand. Mr. Hyde calls attention to this latter point. The shortage of last year is telling upon this supply. Mr. Hyde speaks of two countries which have been very short of wheat when the crop prospect at the time of his report was good, Argentina and Australia. Both are in the southern hemisphere. January is their harvest month. He reports in regard to the Australian and Argentina outlook as follows: "The latest accounts from Australia indicate that the drought from which that country has suffered for the last two or three seasons has been broken and that the wheat crop is giving good promise throughout most of the Australian colonies; but the area was narrowed by drought at seeding time, and, as stocks must be low, it is not likely that, even with a full yield, the crop will be one out of which any great amount can be spared for exportation. If the Argentine crop shall escape the ravages of locusts, it seems likely to turn out unusually well, and from January, 1898, when the bulk of the harvest will be got in, in Argentina, that country may have more or less wheat to export, as the latest mail advices represent the crop as being in fine condition and the weather highly favorable. There are, however, many chances of serious damage in the next three or four months." Advice from the Argentine republic published the very day Mr. Hyde's report came out, are to the effect that the locusts are destroying the growing grain.

The report that Mr. Geer has declined the Oregon City land office appointment will be a source of surprise and regret to his many republican friends in Columbia county, who would have been pleased to see him installed in the custom house at Portland, but recognizing the custom long in vogue whereby the congressional delegation may recommend, and believing implicitly in the ability of Senator McBride and Congressmen Ellis and Tongue to do the very best thing under all the circumstances, a large number of Columbia county republicans think Mr. Geer has acted unappreciatingly toward these gentlemen, and more especially so since the present delegation is the only one that has ever recognized his services to the party as being meritorious, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Simon, Mr. Dolph, Mr. Scott, Mr. Lord and Mr. Corbett have been in a position for many years to assist Mr. Geer to responsible positions.—St. Helens Mist.

It is the opinion of the Transcript, as light weight as it may be, that Mr. Geer has made a mistake in refusing to accept the land office at Oregon City, and in so doing he has been a victim of misplaced confidence at the hands of a coterie of politicians that have been running things on the rule or ruin plan for the past three or four years. The Oregon delegation did just what they thought was best for Mr. Geer. As a gold democrat, Mr. Black, the present incumbent of the Portland custom house, will very probably be retained in the position. The congressional delegation took this view of the matter and recommended Mr. Geer for the position the best in sight. But this would not do. The Oregonian thought it was a chance to score a point against the

loyal wing of the republican party—those who stood for organization last winter, while it was pursuing its disrupting methods—sent up a howl which was taken up and passed along the line by the "me too" contingent, and hence Mr. Geer is left holding the sack in the political "sniping" farce. The way things have turned out, all honor is due the Oregon delegation, while Mr. Geer will probably wait for a \$1,500 plum as superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary or reform school—for which position Governor Lord, one of the chief yappers, saw fit to turn Mr. Geer down, when he was as much entitled to it as he is now entitled to the Portland custom house. With all due regard for Mr. Geer, there is a double side to this case.—McMinnville Transcript.

Since our last issue of the West Side, Hon. T. T. Geer has formally declined to accept an appointment to the Oregon City land office and C. B. Moores, of Salem, has been recommended by the Oregon delegation. The action of Mr. Geer we deem ill advised. There were, no doubt, some very good reasons why he was given the Oregon City land office instead of collector of customs at Portland. The members of our delegation are honorable gentlemen, having the interests of the state at heart, and surely would not stoop so low as to side-track Mr. Geer without a good reason. When that reason becomes known Mr. Geer may regret his action. If it should turn out that Mr. Geer has acted wisely he will be the idol of the people, and be our next governor, and some say our next congressman. Of the two Mr. Geer is the best fitted by nature for governor. If, however, it should turn out that Mr. Geer has been actuated by apparently sordid motives more than for the good of the party, and efficiency of the public service, enthusiasm will die out very quickly and Mr. Geer will be placed in the catalogue of the politicians who are for office, first, last and all the time and skulks out of the work whenever they fail to get just what they ask for.—Independence West Side.

The Oregonian said, September 9th: "The Oregonian asks no recognition in the matter of appointments, nor does it expect any. It cares very little what men may be appointed to the minor offices." The casual reader who puts this and that together, may think that the Oregonian's pretended anger over the Geer matter is not consistent with the above quotation. The charge of inconsistency could hardly be sustained, however, for the Oregonian really cares nothing for Mr. Geer. Time and time again he has been really turned town, and yet the Oregonian chose not to lament. This time Mr. Geer was offered a splendid position that almost any farmer or anybody else in Oregon would be glad to have, and Mr. Corbett's paper does the contortion act and tells Mr. Geer that he has been greatly insulted. The Oregonian wishes Black retained and knows that he will be retained for some time. It cares nothing for Mr. Geer. It is simply trying to injure the Oregon republican delegation and the republican party in Oregon.—Corvallis Gazette.

T. T. Geer has declined the appointment as register at the Oregon City land office. While Mr. Geer was advised by friends to take this action, it looks as though his aspirations are a little too high. The registration is a good thing, and now Mr. Geer will probably get nothing. The recommendations and work of the Oregon delegation in congress are meeting with general approval throughout the state. The people are well pleased with the appointment of C. B. Moores as register of the land office at Oregon City. The Oregon delegation will do the right thing by the people.—Silverton Appeal.

Geer has injured no one but himself by refusing to accept the registration. The Oregon delegation consider that they have discharged all obligations the party may have been under to him, and are glad to have him out of their way. The friends (?) who advised him to refuse the place because he was entitled to something better are chuckling in their sleeves at the success of their scheme and Geer will have to rustle like fun to make his farm pay him \$3,000 a year.—Jefferson Review.

Grave doubts exist touching the authorship of Hon. T. T. Geer's letter to the congressional delegation declining their recommendation for the Oregon City land office. The reason for this is seen when the several paragraphs in the Oregonian are read, commencing the document. The paper itself must have had a pen to the paper.—Hillsboro Independent.

The friends of T. T. Geer have made him so sour that he declines the recommendation of the Oregon delegation to accept the position of register of the Oregon City land office. Most republicans with a grain of sense will be inclined to ask, "Who the devil is this new dictator and great god in the republican party of the state of Oregon?" We answer, a man decidedly out of Geer.—Troutdale Champion.

The hold-up crowd has Mr. Geer out as a sort of "miscellaneous candidate." They are running him for most everything in sight now, from the gubernatorial place down. But when the conventions come on—well, they won't be in them.—Salem Statesman.

THE MOUNTAIN HATCHERY.

The Mountain hatchery is situated on the east bank of the Clackamas river about fifty miles above its confluence with the Willamette. This hatchery was built by the C. R. P. S. P. Company of Portland and Astoria in the spring of 1895. The hatchery consists of two buildings each 20 feet wide and 80 feet in length and all the necessary equipments. The hatchery was operated during the seasons of 1895 and 1896 by the C. R. P. S. P. Company and about 2,750,000 eggs were taken during each of the seasons. The United States fish commission is operating the hatchery this season with W. F. Hubbard as superintendent and King Spurgeon of Clackamas station in charge as foreman. 5,045,000 eggs were taken at the hatchery this season, the first eggs being taken on the 17th day of July.

Mr. Spurgeon states that ninety per cent of the eggs taken are hatched and produce fish which are turned into the river when they reach the proper state of development.

Nearly twice as many eggs were taken this summer as in any former season. The employment of a number of men is required to operate this hatchery and the season's work will be completed about the first of the coming year. The remarkable success of this hatchery this season is largely due to the able supervision of Superintendent Hubbard and the skill and experience of Mr. Spurgeon who is well and favorably known among the hatcherymen of this state.

Mr. Spurgeon favors the enactment of a law by the state legislature prohibiting salmon fishing in the Clackamas river except for propagating purposes. I hope it is only a question of a short time when the legislative assembly of this state shall enact a law prohibiting salmon fishing not only in the Clackamas river but in all other tributaries of the Willamette river except for propagating purposes. We must protect and encourage the artificial propagation of salmon, or the famous Chinook salmon, which is Oregon's pride, will sooner or later become extinct. Fishing is one of the leading industries of our state and is the means of giving employment to thousands of men and also the means of supplying hundreds of families with the necessities and comforts of life.

WILLARD W. AUSTIN.

Logan, Ore., Sept. 27, 1897.



ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail—samples free, by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 24 Warren St., New York City.

The Neighbors Say—

and they ought to know, for they've dealt with me for several years, that the finest Tea they've tasted yet in my establishment they get. My coffee, too, in many ways comes in for a right good share of praise. Its strength, aroma, flavor, too, your drooping spirits can renew. The sugars, spices that I sell are said all others to excel. My butter's always fresh and sweet—the prices your approval meet, and I will guarantee to please all customers in eggs and cheese.

A. ROBERTSON.

The Seventh street Grocer. Successor to Marr & Robertson.

HELLO!

1800 miles of long distance telephone wire in Oregon and Washington now in operation by the Oregon Telephone and Telegraph company. Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Salem, Walla Walla, Pendleton, Albany and 96 other towns in the two states on the line.

Quick, accurate, cheap. All the satisfaction of a personal communication. Distance no effect to a clear understanding. Spokane as easily heard as Portland.

—Oregon City office at—

Huntley's Drug Store.

J. H. THATCHER, MANAGER.

Portland, - - - Oregon.

FARMERS...

Your team will have the best of care and

Full Measure of Feed

—At the—
City Stables.

W. H. YOUNG, Prop.,

Successors to W. H. Cooke.

Livery Rigs on Short Notice.

Telephone No. 42.

Germania Cash Market

PAUL J. SCHOLZ, Prop.

Best Quality of Cold Storage Meats.

Smoked hams and bacon cannot be excelled. Game in season.

Highest price paid for live and dressed stock.

Seventh St between Main and Depot

Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. for their \$1.00 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

To the Public

The undersigned having found the Boston Rubber Shoe Co.'s goods UNSATISFACTORY will in the future handle the Woonsocket and the Wales-Goodyear rubber boots and overshoes. We are sorry to have to make the change, as we found the Boston Rubber Co. very nice people—BUT BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

Yours to command,
M'KITTRICK, "The Shoe Man."

WHEN YOU BUY, ALWAYS

GET THE BEST

This applies to real estate as well as other commodities. Every family in need of a home desires the best location.

SOUTH OREGON CITY

Has the greatest number of advantages to its credit, of any of the suburbs of Oregon City. It will pay you to investigate this property. Good clear lots at reasonable prices on easy instalments. Call on or address

T. L. CHARMAN, Trustee.

Charman Bro's. Block, - - - Oregon City.

150 Rooms. John Stearns, Chief Clerk

HOTEL ST. CHARLES

Front and Morrison Sts., Portland Or.

DAVIES & McCauley, Props.

Rooms from 25c. to \$1.00 per day

Elevator, electric lights and bells and all modern conveniences.

Free 'Bus meets all boats and trains

Restaurant Connected With Hotel.

J. ZEEK,

BLACKSMITH AND WAGON MAKING.

HORSE SHOEING.

All kinds of repairing done on short notice. Satisfaction guaranteed. Business done on the pay down system.

Produce taken in exchange for work.

Clackamas, Ore.

A. W. PHILLIPS,

EXPRESS AND DELIVERY

Prompt attention to hauling to any part of Oregon City.

Moving attended to promptly and carefully.

Special rates given on hauling to and from Gladstone and Park-place.

NOBLITT'S STABLES

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable

OREGON CITY.

LOCATED BETWEEN THE BRIDGE AND DEPOT

Double and Single Rigs, and saddle horses always on hand at the lowest prices. A corral connected with the barn for loose stock.

Information regarding any kind of stock promptly attended to by person of letter.

Horses Bought and Sold.

Horses Boarded and Fed on reasonable terms.

A Personal Matter

A well painted house is like a neatly dressed person—always attractive and pleasant to look upon.

YOUR HOUSE

Can be repainted and freshened up at a very reasonable price—paints are very cheap now. Don't leave it until the sun makes any more marks and cracks in it.

SEE MURROW

The painter. He can guarantee first-class work.

JOHN A. BECK,

— THE —

RELIABLE JEWELER

No. 270, Morrison Street,

PORTLAND, OREGON,

IS STILL ON EARTH.

For general repairing he stands without a peer. For first-class, reliable goods his store is second to none. Try him!

Wanted RELIABLE MAN OR WOMAN. ASSURED INCOME TO IMMEDIATELY RIGHT PERSON. THE BEST PAY EVER OFFERED FOR SIMILAR SERVICE.

The Cosmopolitan Magazine, edited by JOHN BRIDGES WALKER, wishes to add a quarter of a million to its clientele, already the largest, of intelligent, thinking readers possessed by any periodical in the world.

IT IS PREPARED TO PAY HANDSOMELY FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED. It wishes the services of one reliable man or woman in every town, village, country district, or manufacturing establishment in every State. All that is required of any one is reliability, earnestness and work. No matter on what other work you are engaged, it will pay you to examine into this offer.

Apply, stating position, capability and references, to THE COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York