

Oregon City Enterprise.

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Council meets first Wednesday of each month in city hall.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1898.

CHAT ABOUT TOWN.

Service will be held in St. Paul's church on Ash Wednesday, February 23.

Rev. Dr. Williams will conduct service in the chapel at Canemah, Sunday at 2 p. m.

Rev. Dr. Butler will preach in the chapel at Parkplace next Sabbath at 3:30 p. m.

Last year's patterns of wall paper at reduced prices on 5 and 10c counters at Bellomy & Busch.

Remember the firemen's ball next Tuesday evening at Weinhard's hall. Admission 75 cents.

The Woman's Relief Corps have changed their night of meeting to the first and third Mondays in the month.

We must have room for our immense spring stock. All trimmed hats just half of the regular price. Miss Goldsmith.

For a quiet place to hitch your horses away from the motor line and a place to get a first class job of repairing or horse shoeing call on S. F. Scripture's shop on Fifth street.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Charman & Co., druggists, Oregon City.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all other throat and lung troubles. Geo. A. Harding.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Charman & Co., druggists, Oregon City.

Dr. L. L. Pickens, dentist, does all kinds of dental work. Gold crowns, porcelain crowns and bridge work a specialty. All operations guaranteed for 5 years. Call and get my prices. Office in Barclay building.

James Buckley, a hobo, was arrested last Saturday by Chief Burns on a charge of stealing a pair of trousers from a dry goods house and Justice Schuebel sentenced him to pay a fine of \$20 in default of which he went to jail for ten days.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. Geo. A. Harding.

The undertaking business conducted by W. N. Godfrey, now deceased, will be continued under the name of Mrs. Godfrey, at the old stand, corner of Ninth and Main streets, Oregon City. E. E. Martin has been put in charge of the business as agent.

The following subjects will be presented at the Congregational church next Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. "The Christians Possessions," 7:30 p. m. "Boundless Love." A good musical program will be presented at each service and the public is cordially invited.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. Geo. A. Harding.

It will not cure everything. It is not claimed that it will cure but one complaint, that is, dyspepsia. We cannot say that it will cure every case of dyspepsia, but it will cure a large majority of them. Such cases as are adopted to its use will derive immediate benefit. One small bottle will be sufficient to test it.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial is especially adapted for emaciated or elderly people whose food does them but little or no good because it is not digested. The Cordial contains an artificially-digested food and is a digester of food happily combined. Read one of the little books which your druggist is now giving away and learn of this wonderful remedy.

A really palatable Castor Oil can now be had under the name of Laxol.

The Power

of Schilling's Best baking powder is wonderful.

An assault was committed on the person of Mrs. Vanover, by an unknown man near Courtney, this county, on Feb. 9th. The assault was of such a nature that several days later a physician was summoned to render medical aid but not until February 14th, five days after the offense was committed, giving the guilty party sufficient time to make his escape. A warrant was issued but the officers were unable to capture the offender. It is understood that two other attempts at assault on other women and girls were made by the same man, one prior to the 9th and another last Sunday, the latter being on two girls who made their escape.

It has been ascertained that the man who died at Medford last Monday from injuries received near Central Point, a few hours previous, was Peter Nelson, of South Bend, Wash. R. A. Proudfoot, of Medford, knew him there in 1891. It is certain now that he was murdered. The murderers were tracked toward the house on the porch of which Nelson was found, he having been led across the two cattle guards, as was shown by the trail of blood. There are some suspicions, but no clue that seems to offer evidence sufficient to warrant arrests. Efforts are being made to apprehend the guilty parties.

The Enterprise having passed from the control of Mr. Charles Meserve, the former editor, to L. L. Porter and by him leased to J. R. Beegle, all accounts due the office are payable to the latter. We trust our friends will find it convenient to settle these accounts at an early date in order that our books may be posted up promptly that we may know the financial status of the business and at the same time become personally acquainted with the patrons of the paper.

Mrs. George Harding and her daughter, Miss Ino, assisted by Mrs. T. A. Pope and Mrs. J. G. Pillsbury, gave a "Mother Goose" party at their home on Tenth and Main streets, this city, on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Lucy Stanton, of Roseburg. The house was decorated in a manner fitting to the occasion and popular games were indulged in, until 10:30 when dainty refreshments were served.

A dime social will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albright this (Friday) evening for the benefit of the Congregational church. An interesting program has been arranged in which gentlemen only will take part, a sort of anti-Mother Goose entertainment. A large crowd is expected and a pleasant evening assured.

The steamer Ruth, while coming down the canal into the basin became unmanageable and crashed head first into the bulkhead on the west side of the canal. It was necessary to shift her cargo into the stern of the boat before she could be released. The damage done to the boat and the canal is considerable, although the exact amount is not known.

Daniel Williams, at the northeast corner of Center and Seventh streets, has a choice and well selected stock of family groceries which he is selling at very reasonable rates. His motto is "live and let live, with honest weights and measures". Goods delivered to any part of the city.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. Geo. A. Harding.

James Hall, of Portland, was killed at Willows Junction last Sunday night by walking off a car platform, falling down an embankment. He was until recently in the employ of Wolff & Zwicker at Portland.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy; sold on a guarantee. Nasal Injector free. Sold by Charman & Co., druggists, Oregon City.

The roll call and conundrum lunch at the Methodist church last Monday night was much enjoyed by those present. There was a large audience present who appreciated the program.

Owing to the scarcity of marketable beef cattle Oregon City butchers have advanced the price of beef 2 and 2½ cents per pound. This is not due to a short crop abroad.

The Redmen have changed their place of meeting to the hall over Holman's undertaking establishment, where they have refitted headquarters for themselves.

If you want a fine set of teeth, gold crown, or fine bridgework and all kinds of fillings call on Dr. J. H. Miller, dentist, 7th St. near S. P. depot.

Rev. Dr. Williams' subject next Sunday morning, "The Uses of Lent," in the evening, "The Law of Love."

For the best dairy or creamery butter go to Harris' grocery.

Our hats must go regardless of cost. \$3.00 hats for \$1.50 at Miss Goldsmith's.

Schilling's best coffee, tea, spices and baking powder at Harris' grocery.

Money to loan on good real estate security by A. S. Dresser.

Fresh compressed yeast cakes at Harris' grocery.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills stop Headache.

IT WILL NOT WORK

The Initiative and Referendum an Expensive Law.

Some of Its Dangerous Features Outlined From a Practical Standpoint.

Still the wheels grind. The initiative and referendum has been ground out and displayed for analysis by the thinking men of the nation. But this is not all; now comes the "imperative mandate," a scheme still more wild and impracticable, more dangerous but less wildly approved.

The imperative mandate is the name applied by its supporters to a proposed change in the constitution which would provide that upon the petition of one-fifth of the legal voters a special election must be called to vote upon candidates for an office already occupied. For instance, if there should be dissatisfaction with any public officer, one-fifth of the voters could, by petition, compel the question of his continuance in office to be submitted to the people, in order that they might by their votes manifest their approval or disapproval, and elect a new officer if they so pleased.

This scheme has some very good arguments to support it, but it also presents some features that do not commend it as a wise measure. There is a prevailing opinion that we already have too frequent elections, that the business world is too often thrown into a chaotic state by political strife, that the expenditure of time, money and labor incident to a campaign and election, are at present too large for a healthy state of society, and that an increase of the burdens of that nature would be as determined as unnecessary. The assertion that the people should have in themselves the power of removing an unsatisfactory officer sounds well and appeals strongly to the impulse and unreasoning, who follow the lead of the so-called reformers. But when the second thought is given the subject and it is viewed in all its phases, its impracticability and ineffectiveness of the power, if exercised, must be apparent.

To make a change in a county office, for instance, would require six or eight months, at least, from the time of the commission of an act meriting removal. In order to avoid justice and secure the probability of the change for the better, more time than that would be necessary. After the commission of an act of which the people disapprove, a petition must be circulated and signed, presented to the proper officer, and if found in proper form and signed by legal voters, a notice of election must be given, primaries and conventions must be held to nominate candidates, an election must be held, and the new officer, if one be elected, must qualify. All this takes time, and even if there should be no contest as to the legality of the various proceedings, still in nine cases out of ten the official's term of office would have expired by the time an election could be held.

It is not usual for an officer to commit wrongful acts or to be negligent in his duties, during the first year of his incumbency, so that in very rare cases could the officer be removed before the expiration of his term.

It requires no effort of the imagination to see how very easily the imperative mandate could be used by blackmailers. A disappointed office-seeker or a disreputable newspaper publisher could make charges against an officer that were false, or even make rightful acts appear wrongful in order to get the requisite number of signatures to a petition for an election. Only a small part of the whole number of voters being required to sign the petition, the party in minority could keep the party in power in a continual campaign to keep down unfounded charges of corruption.—Astorian.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portions of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO. Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Populist Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted at the populist convention in Polk county last week:
"Realizing that the fusion deal in the last campaign demoralized our forces, we believe it both wise and prudent to place a full ticket in the field to be voted for at the June election. Be it further Resolved, if any candidate resigns or withdraws from the ticket in favor of

any old party candidate, that the county central committee be and is hereby instructed to place another candidate in his place; and be it further

Resolved, that the delegates to the state convention are instructed to vote first, last and all the time against fusion under any and all conditions.

Resolved, We denounce Penroyerism, Mitchellism and Bryanism as the relics of modern political barbarism."

STARVATION IN CUBA.

Story Told by a Woman Who Has Witnessed the Scene.

The following pitiable story is told by a woman who has been in Cuba and understands something of the situation there:

"Almost within sight of the Southern shores of this exceptionally prosperous and divinely favored country, there are fully half a million men, women and children on the verge of starvation, and unless help be promptly afforded, death will claim them and claim them quickly. We have heard and generously answered the cry of Russia's starving peasantry, Armenia's widows and orphans, and the million of famine-stricken Hindus, and shall we not cheerfully, liberally and promptly respond to Cuba's piteous appeal for bread. Shall these, our unfortunate neighbors, be left to perish from hunger, while plenty abounds within a few miles of their unhappy country?"

"The president of the United States has earnestly appealed to the generous American heart, which never yet has turned a deaf ear to the pitiful cry of the destitute, the desolate, the distressed or the hungry, and contributions have commenced to pour in from every direction, but so much is needed, so much is to be done, so much of misery and famine is to be relieved, that unless everyone does a share, and does it quickly, but little can be accomplished to stem the tide of the suffering, starvation and death.

"Hijita, little daughter!" said the woman, who was so weak she could not even turn over to see me, "I am dying; I know it. Do not waste any time on me, but please save my little girls. I have three; they are so hungry, and I have not a crumb to give." When I asked those who stood around where the children were, they became me to follow, and when we were out of hearing, told me that the children were all dead and buried. "She will be with her children in a very few hours," said an old man, shaking with fever, "and so will I, praise be to God."

OREGON POINTS THE WAY.

The Coming State Election is of National Importance.

The Philadelphia Press calls attention to the fact that while Rhode Island in April next will hold the first election this year for choice of state officers and to the legislature, the first state election to attract general attention will be held in Oregon June 6. The Press says:

The latter will be important for two reasons. It will in the first place give some indication of the drift of public sentiment on the Pacific coast on the currency question. The position of Oregon on this issue is not so clear as it should be. There is undoubtedly a strong silver sentiment there, but it was held enough in check to permit the state's electoral vote to be given to McKinley in 1896. It will be interesting to learn from this year's election whether the silver tendency has been increased or diminished. Another important point to be decided by the election is the political complexion of the next legislature, which will be called upon to elect a United States senator. The last legislature, which should have performed this duty, failed to do it, and was prevented by divisions from organizing even. So the duty will devolve upon the next legislature. As the republicans need every vote in the senate they can get, the party in Oregon cannot begin preparations too early to insure a republican majority that will elect the right sort of a senator.

Pneumonia Prevented.

The greatest danger of a cold or an attack of la grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. How to prevent this will certainly interest almost everyone, especially those who have weak lungs. No one need fear that their cold will result in pneumonia when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia and will cure a cold in less time than any other treatment. During the epidemics of la grippe a few years ago, many thousands of bottles of it were used, and in not one single instance did any case result in pneumonia so far as we could learn. For sale by G. A. Harding.

What Dr. A. E. Salter Says.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—GENTS:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced Consumption, I am prepared to say that it is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Charman & Co., druggists, Oregon City.

ROYAL Baking Powder.

Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report. All pain banished by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

THE CATTLE KINGS.

ONCE A GREAT POWER IN THE WEST, THEY ARE NOW DISPLACED.

Small Stock Raisers Have Driven Out the Larger Ones—Big Ranges and Water Holes Fenced In—How the Bonanza Cattle Outfits Made Enormous Profits.

The great cattle ranges of western North Dakota and Montana, where for nearly 20 years, the bonanza cattle outfits have held complete sway, and where cattle have roamed the vast prairies at will, like the buffalo a quarter of a century ago, are passing out of existence.

The deathknell of the large cattle companies has been sounded by the innumerable settlers who have taken up vacant government land in the great grazing region, built "shanties" in the vicinity of every natural spring and water hole, fenced in thousands of acres of grazing land and driven the immense herds of the bonanza cattlemen from place to place, until there is no place left for them to go. All the years that the vast prairies of the west have remained unsettled have been worth millions to the cattle princes. Hundreds of thousands of cattle have been imported, placed upon the ranges at a cost not to exceed \$16 a head for the 2-year-old steers, allowed to roam at will for two years, at an average animal cost not to exceed \$3, and then sold in the market at Chicago for an average price of \$45 to \$50. The free ranges offered by the millions of acres of unsurveyed and unoccupied government land have been turned into millions of dollars in cold cash by the cattle kings, but the tide of immigration to the west has sealed their fate and they are ready to go.

For 20 years nearly a vast region lying along the western part of North Dakota and the eastern strip of Montana measuring 100 miles in width and 150 miles in length has been entirely given up to the interests of the cattle kings. Thousands of head of cattle have been grazed year after year, countless trainloads of beaves have been shipped to market and millions of dollars have gone into the pockets of the cattlemen. Pierre Sieboux, the Montana stockman, said to be the largest single owner of cattle in the United States, has numbered his total possessions of cattle at 50,000 head. The Berry-Boice Cattle company has owned and grazed each year not fewer than 30,000 head, and there are numerous companies that have essayed to keep on the ranges an annual total of from 10,000 to 35,000 head. The vastness of the business of these cattle companies may be estimated from the fact that the annual shipments for the past few years have been from 3,000 to 6,000 head for each of the large companies. The annual profits of the larger companies, after deducting the original cost of the cattle and the cost of their maintenance upon the ranges, are from \$75,000 to \$150,000—all that from the free ranges of the government, given without taxation or any return whatever.

To understand the situation that has existed up to the present time it must be remembered that this broad region which has been given up to the interests of the cattle growers has not been intersected by a fence, disturbed by a plow or grazed with a field of grain up to a few short years ago—nothing for miles but short nutritious grass, which cured on the prairie, as clover in a stack, and served equally well for food in dead of winter as in the heat of summer.

Forth upon this vast area every spring have been poured streams of gaunt, ill shaped, long horned and lean ribbed southern cattle. Left to roam at will, they have thriven and waxed fat, until in two years they have become sleek and fat and comely to the eye. During all that period they have been as free and untrammelled as ever were the buffalo. But at the close of the maturing period they have been rounded up, driven to railroad stock shipping pens and loaded upon the cars for a trip to market. Their places are taken by fresh importations from the south. And so, year after year, have the processes been repeated, until the profits that were known to have accrued from the business have tempted thousands of small holders of cattle to settle in this region and engage in the beef business on a smaller scale.

The presence of these smaller operators is the inevitable doom of the cattle kings. Their vast herds are no longer allowed to roam the ranges undisturbed. The small ranchmen have built fences and inclosed the water holes. The prairies have been made to yield to the mowing machine, and the former free grass has come to be cut and stacked as hay, until the ranges in many places are bare of feed for the herds of the larger companies. These conditions are responsible for the closing out of the cattle princes. There is no longer room for their thousands of beaves. Fifteen thousand cattle, the property of one of the larger operators, succumbed to the severity of the weather for no other reason than that the ranges had been denuded of grass by the numerous smaller ranchmen. This was a warning that the most obstinate must heed. And so the cattle companies that formerly numbered their possessions by the thousands of head may now number them easier in hundreds. The small ranchman is the man upon whom the market of the future must rely for its beef.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Out of His Depth.

"What," said the girl with loose hair around her ears and a spasmodic manner, "is your opinion of the ultimate destiny of the human race?"

"Did I—er—understand you to say the ultimate destiny of the human race?" inquired Willie Washington.

"Yes."
"Why—um—if you want my candid opinion, I should say that—uh—that it's a long ways off."—Washington Star.

EAGLE CREEK POPULISTS.

They Resolve to Bolt Fusion Either Directly or Indirectly.

EAGLE CREEK, Or., Feb. 16.—The people's party of Eagle Creek met Saturday and adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, The people's party has been delayed in its great work of reform, in being betrayed by some of its leaders into fusion and Bryanism; therefore be it

"Resolved, We utterly reject fusion and Bryanism in any and every form; but favor straight populism to the very letter.

"Second—We fully indorse the Omaha platform, and urge that a thorough system of education be at once begun and persevered in.

"Third—We fully indorse the action of the Nashville conference, and the national organization committee, which met in St. Louis, January 12 and 13, 1898.

"Fourth—We pledge ourselves to bolt any convention that adopts or sanctions fusion, either directly or indirectly."

GREAT EXPLOSION

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not accounted for. The cause of the explosion is yet to be investigated. The Spanish captain-general and army and navy officers rendered every assistance. Captain Sigbee and most of his officers are on board the City of Washington. Others are on a Spanish gunboat, and in the city. I am with Sigbee, who has telegraphed the navy department."

(The Maine which was built at the Brooklyn navy yard in 1890 was one of the best vessels in the new navy. She was of 6682 tons displacement and cost the government \$2,588,000. She carried a crew of 874 men.)

Whalers in Distress.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Lieutenant H. G. Hamlet, on the revenue cutter Bear, which was taking a relief expedition to distressed whalers at Point Barrow, writes of the landing of the relief expedition and their trip up to the Arctic. The letter was brought to Seattle by the Lakme today. The Bear touched at Dutch Harbor on her way up. She left there a part of her cargo, to be taken up again next spring. The ice so badly impeded the ship's progress that the expedition was forced to land at a village called Tunuk, near Cape Vancouver. There it started to carry supplies overland with a guide, who promised to get them to St. Michaels within 19 days. The Bear returned to Dutch Harbor, and will follow in the spring to Point Barrow.

Opposed to Armed Escort.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The British government shows a disposition to refuse to allow the United States troops who will escort the war department relief expedition to Klondike to pass through the Northwest territory. Correspondence between Paunceforte and Meiklejohn, acting secretary of war, shows that the objection of the British government is based on the fact that 55 of the enlisted men composing the escort will be armed. The Dominion authorities want the United States to consent to an escort composed of their mounted police. It is said at the war department that the success of the expedition depended on the consent of the Dominion government that United States troops accompany it.

The Bark Coloma Lost.

VICTORIA, Feb. 14.—The bark Coloma for Dutch harbor, Alaska, is reported lost, with the entire crew. The vessel sailed from Tacoma on December 26, and was consigned to the Alaska Commercial company. The Coloma has been on the trade between Portland and China for many years and has been considered one of the successful ocean carriers. She made about one trip each year and was a regular and welcome visitor to the Columbia river.

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