

OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

Published Every Friday.

Subscription Rates.

One year.....\$2 00
 Six months.....1 00
 Trial subscription, two months.....25
 A discount of 50 cents on all subscriptions for one year, 25 cents for six months, if paid in advance.

ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION.

Subscribers will find the date of expiration stamped on their papers following their name. If this is not changed within two weeks after a payment kindly notify us and the matter will receive our attention.

Entered at the postoffice at Oregon City, Oregon, as second-class matter.



Morgan and the Panama Canal Treaty.

If the Senate adjourns without having ratified the Panama Canal treaty it will be because of the obstructive tactics of Mr. Morgan of Alabama.

Senator Morgan has been an earnest, eloquent and persistent advocate of the Nicaragua route for years. At each succeeding session of Congress he ably championed the cause of Maratic Canal Company until the concessions held by that company, granted by Nicaragua and Costa Rica, expired. No one has questioned the integrity or sincerity of his motives in advocating the Nicaragua route. Notwithstanding the judgment of the foremost engineers of the world, he still believes, no doubt, that the most feasible and economical route for an isthmian canal is through Lake Nicaragua.

But Congress and the country are against Senator Morgan on this proposition. He fought a good long fight and has been beaten. The adoption of the Spooner bill committed Congress to the Panama route, provided a clear title to the property and and concessions held by the Panama Company could be secured. It was ascertained that there were no legal difficulties in the way of the acquirement of a clear title, and an option was given the company fixing the price at \$40,000,000.

This option expires on March 4. A satisfactory treaty has been negotiated with Columbia for the right of way for the canal. Every thing is in shape for inaugurating the greatest engineering enterprise of the century, but the aged senator from Alabama stands in the way. He delayed the treaty in the committee on foreign relations for several weeks with his discussion of the many amendments he proposed and now threatens to consume many executive sessions in endless talk against the treaty.

It is of the greatest national importance that this treaty be ratified before the option on the property and concessions of the Panama company expires. Cannot someone dissuade the senator from his manifest purpose to delay action on the treaty? The treaty should be ratified at the present session.

Decision Against the Beef Combine.

In overruling the demurrer of the Chicago packers in the "beef trust" case Judge Grosscup has given new vitality to the Sherman anti-trust law and has encouraged the belief that the law is adequate to reach combines of this character if it is properly enforced.

In the case of the packers the demurrer was based largely that they were not engaged in interstate commerce under a strict construction of the Sherman act and hence the alleged agreement among the packers could not come within the meaning and intent of that law. In disposing of this contention the court's argument is lucid and apparently conclusive. Judge Grosscup holds that the body of the transactions in meats is two fold, reaching back to the purchase of cattle that come to defendants from states other than those in which defendants manufacture and reaching forward to the sale of meats after conversion to parties dealing with them from other states. This constitutes interstate commerce. In the case of meat sent to agents in another state and there sold from their stores the court holds that the transaction as a commercial entity includes the packing firms "as dealing from its place of business" through an agent, thus fulfilling the conditions of interstate commerce.

The demurrer of the packers having been overruled the injunction granted by the federal court last May against the further operation of the "combine" is made permanent. If the defendants appeal to the supreme court it will be decided on the questions of law involved. If they elect to answer the original allegations in the bill filed last May, however an exhaustive inquiry into the inside workings of the alleged combine will follow.

If the case should go to the supreme court and the decision of Judge Grosscup be sustained it means the dissolution not only of the combine but of all others working under "agreement" of this nature.

The report of the California assembly's committee on prisons shows conditions in the San Quentin and Folsom institutions that are repellant to humanity, and all the more painful to hear of because they are needless and without efficacy as means of discipline. The committee finds that the strait-jacket is in regular use in the two prisons, and that by it at least one death has been caused, while several prisoners have received permanent injuries.

The first step in the method of torture said to be in use at Folsom is to place upon the victim a hair jacket that causes profuse perspiration. Then the strait-jacket is put on and pulled as tight as possible. The prisoner is next placed on his back, and the guards kneel on him while they pull the jacket still tighter. Sometimes a stick is put through the lacings and twisted, on the principle of a Spanish windlass, so as to increase the agony. The prisoner is then thrown into his cell, where he remains in suffering.

The death of one prisoner twenty-four hours after such treatment was the climax of the horror at Folsom, but it is almost sadder to hear that several men have had their arms and hands so badly crippled by the torture that they will be unable on their release to resume their trades. No language is too severe for penal methods whereby men are not only not given better equipment for citizenship but are literally deprived of their power to make honest livings in the only ways with which they are familiar.

California has honored herself by adopting many liberal methods in her institutions, but the permission of such an evil as this shows a regrettable lack of progress. Brutal guards and brutalized prisoners do not always indicate a brutalized public opinion, but they certainly show an indifference or ignorance on the part of the public. It is fortunate that such devices have passed out of use in most of the states of the Union.

It is said that the Mormons are calculating upon Democratic support for Reed Smoot in the Senate, and that they assert that neither party can afford to ignore the strength of the Mormon vote in the West.

They have, however, a much greater reason for confidence in the inherent difficulties of Smoot's case for Smoot's opponents. The Democrats are a small minority of the Senate, who do not count except in combination. The Mormon vote is a very small factor in the vote of the country. But the religious distinction is certainly a poser.

Smoot, it should be understood, does not practice or publicly advocate polygamy. In observing his religion he does not break any of the laws of the country. The general charge that he is a Mormon is all that is urged against him, and when the implication of polygamy is removed from this charge it is not by the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom, by the fact that the nation has set itself in word and act against religious discriminations.

When we arrive at this point references to the Roberts case are of no avail, because although Roberts may have suffered from the general unpopularity of Mormonism he had to answer for his individual conduct. The senate can receive no help from the decision of the House.

A FEW YEARS ago there was a campaign in this county when the candidates said that the salaries of the county officers were so high that the officers should pay the salary of the deputy in each office. The democrats and populists put up a fusion ticket and elected Mr. Luelling county recorder and he paid his deputy. Some little time has since elapsed and a short time ago Luelling asked the the county board to reimburse him and when refused he brought suit for the amount claimed as deputy hire and the Courier claims that through neglect the county has a judgment against it for something like \$2,000. There is nothing of the kind. The attorneys for Mr. Luelling filed a motion for judgment which will not be allowed by any court as the district attorney had sent in a motion in plenty of time to hold the case open. In fact it required the court to pass on the motion before the answer could be filed. This motion was mailed to the clerk and arrived on the afternoon train, but was not filed until the next morning. Under these circumstances the attorneys for Mr. Luelling undertook to get a technical advantage but they will gain nothing by it. It is all a little baked atmosphere.

Gov. CHAMBERLAIN has intimated that the congressional election will not be held until about the first of June. In the meantime there is quite an array of candidates. Brownell, Geer, Gatch, Hermann and others. We know of no reason why Clackamas county should not have the nomination. Senator Brownell has taken a leading part in state politics for a number of years. In fact took a very leading part in the election of Mitchell and Fulton and by all political rules should have the support of the machine. As far as knowing the needs of the district or having the ability to get things for his constituents no man mentioned is his equal. He is a good talker and worker where it is necessary to have one to do anything for the state. The fact that he is in close touch with Senators Mitchell and Fulton will help materially in doing things for the district. Senator Brownell without doubt will have the unanimous support of this county. We believe him to be the logical candidate for the place and can and will do more for the state than any other man. We believe he should be nominated and we think the outlook is bright that he will be the nominee of the party.

THE election of Hon. C. W. Fulton to the Senate was a very popular one especially is that true in this county. Probably no man was more popular in this county than Mr. Fulton unless possibly it was Senator Mitchell. There is no man in the state that can more ably represent the people at Washington. Mr. Fulton is a fine lawyer, a logical and brilliant thinker and the peer of any man in the state in debate. Further he is broad enough to represent the whole state and not his own section alone as has been charged by some of his opponents. Mr. Fulton is only about fifty years old and in the ordinary course of things has many years of usefulness ahead of him. Oregon can congratulate herself on her able representation in the Senate.

"The Poetry of the Orange."

"It appeals to you, when the fruit hangs ripe and sweet on the tree late in February or early in March. Then the blossoms break out, and the trees re yellow with golden globes, and with orange flowers. It may be that a flurry of snow has whitened the mountain tops, and then you have an artistic background for a tropical forest. The air is full of sunshine, and heavy with fragrance as night comes on, and then, if the moon be shining, you may hear at midnight through open windows the song of the mocking-bird in the scented grove, and it never seemed so melodious before.

An experience like this is possible any winter and it is worth a journey of a thousand miles, while you can have it, by taking the scenic Shasta route through the grand and picturesque Sierran and Shasta mountains to Southern California. Complete information about the trip and descriptive matter, telling about California, may be had from any Southern Pacific agent or W. E. COMAS, General Passenger Agent S. P. Co. Lines in Oregon, Portland Oregon.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.

The only positive cure for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, cuts, eczema, bruises, eczema and all abrasions of the skin. DeWitt's is the only witch Hazel Salve that is made from the pure, unadulterated witch hazel—all others are counterfeits. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is made to cure—counterfeits are made to soil.

For Young Men and Young Women.

There is nothing that will arouse the ire of a young man or woman so quick as to have inferior laundry work put off on them. They may dress ever so well, but if their shirt front or shirt waist is unclean, their neat appearance is spoiled. The Troy Laundry makes a specialty of ladies' and gentlemen's fine work. There can be no better work than is done at the Troy. Leave your orders at Johnson's barber shop.

Honesty Chinesemen.

Honesty is a prevailing virtue among most Chinesemen. Some of them, in their native towns and cities, often leave their places of business unguarded while they go off for half an hour or more. Should customers arrive in the meantime they find the prices of goods plainly marked, and what they want and leave the money for them.

The Cradle of the Race.

Dr. Morris Albert in his work on the descent of man accepts as plausible Schottensky's idea that Australia was the cradle of the human race.

An Early Astronomer.

Thales, born 624 B. C., was the first to note the four distinct divisions due to the position of the sun—namely, the solstices and the equinoxes. He also taught that mensuration was simply reflected sunlight and was the man who first made a prediction of a solar eclipse.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

The best and most famous compound in the world to conquer sores and kill pains. Cures Cuts, heals Burns and Bruises, subdues Inflammation, masts, Piles. Millions of boxes sold yearly. Works wonders in Boils, Ulcers, Felons, Skin Eruptions. It cures or no pay. 25c at Geo. A. Harding's drug store.

Tons of Food For the Atlantic.

Commenting on the tremendous amount of food consumed on the average Atlantic liner nowadays, a writer in the Springfield Republican says: "At 8 comes the monumental breakfast; at 11 the deck steward fills up the commode figures in the morgue with their beef tea from those thick, obese English cups; at 1 the magnificent lunch; at 5 the sleepers assaulted by the deck steward again; at 7 the awesome English dinner; at 9:30 a trifling lunch to ballast you for bed. Besides this bar-baric mounds of sandwiches, olives, cheese, crackers, perpetually stare you in the face in the smoking room. Food, food, food; the sight and smell of it pursue the unwilling stomach in every corner of the place; food tasted, wasted, thrown away. There is one port hole on the storage deck, which belches it forth in a continuous stream—half loaves of bread, great remnants of meat; we have left a trail of it across the Atlantic. If some one would only estimate the tons of wasted food which are annually thrown into the Atlantic or could calculate how much cheaper those steamship companies could give us our travel if they substituted plain, self-respecting fare for this gilded glut-tony, it would certainly be interesting and worth while.

The Gallotine and Its Invention.

One of the most widely disseminated of popular errors is that Dr. Guillotin invented the guillotine which still bears the name. The real inventor of this sinister contrivance was Dr. Louis, a well known medical man and permanent secretary of the Parisian School of Medicine, or Academie de Medicine.

Dr. Guillotin, who died in 1814, energetically but vainly protested against the use of his name in connection with this disagreeable subject—an evidence. If one were wanted, of the great difficulty there is of correcting a popular error. Needless to say that the legend that Dr. Guillotin was among the victims of his friend's ingenious and merciful instrument of destruction is wholly apocryphal. He died at a good old age and in his bed, surrounded by his children, who, however, obtained permission to change their name.

Outward Show In Italy.

All over Italy social life is characterized by a great love of outward show. Here is an anecdote which Mr. Luigi Villari relates in "Italian Life In Town and Country" to illustrate this national feeling:

An American gentleman who was spending the winter in Naples had taken a flat in a palazzo, the first floor of which was occupied by a noble family in somewhat reduced circumstances. He noticed to his surprise that every day he met a servant going up or down the stairs carrying a pair of carriage doors. At last the mystery was explained. The said noble family shared a carriage with some other people, but each had its own doors with the family coat of arms, to make their friends believe that they both had carriages.

Take the Enterprise

CATARRH THIRTY YEARS.

The Remarkable Experience of a Prominent Statesman—Congressman Meekison Gives Pe-ru-na a High Endorsement.



Congressman Meekison of Ohio.

Hon. David Meekison is well known not only in his own state, but throughout America. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress by a very large majority, and is throughout the state, only one name known of the otherwise complete masses of this rising statesman, Catarrh with its insidious approach and insidious grasp, was his only opponent. For thirty years he waged unflinching warfare against this personal enemy. At last Peruna came to the rescue. He writes:

"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison, Member of Congress.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Wanted—An energetic manager for office to be opened in this city for large manufacturing concern. Salary, One Hundred Dollars per month extra commissions and expenses. Five Hundred Dollars cash security required. Best of references. Address Manager, P. O. Box 2124 San Francisco, Calif.

Taxes Due. Notice is hereby given that taxes will be received on the 1902 list on and after February 18th, 1903. All persons wishing to get the benefit of the 3 per cent discount must pay their taxes before March 15th. One half of the taxes must be paid before the first Monday in April or penalty and interest will be added. JOHN E. SHAYLER, Sheriff of Clackamas County.

The Enterprise \$1.50 per year.

This is Your Chance!

To buy goods at prices to suit your purse. We have just finished stocktaking and must reduce our stock to make room for Spring and Summer Goods. Big Reductions in Shirt Waists, and Skirts of the latest Styles, Dry Good, Underwear, Hosiery, Shoes and etc, of the best make and quality. Men's and Boy's Clothing, Hats, Gloves and etc, at prices that no prudent buyer ever overlooks.

The Red Front

COURT HOUSE BLOCK

OREGON CITY, OREGON.