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ONG STEP BACKWARDS.

By the enactment of the last legislature we are to go back to the old method of appointment of road supervisors by the county court. The law providing for their election by the people was a progressive step and its repeal by the last legislature was a political move which is certain to arouse the just indignation of the public.

The people for a long time recognized the fact that the inhabitants of a road district were best qualified to judge as to what individual in the district could best superintend the construction of roads. They saw no reason why they themselves should not be permitted to select the man. They demanded a pledge from candidates for the legislature that they should enact a law granting them this privilege.

The law was passed to give entire satisfaction, but without the mention of such a plan in the June campaign, without any warning or opportunity for expression of public opinion on the proposed action of the legislature the law was repealed. The county court may now be expected to return to the old system of appointing road supervisors with regard to their influence in political affairs and with little concern as to their ability to perform the duties of the position. The fact that in Clackamas county we happen to have a court above such methods does not argue that the fortunate condition will always prevail and we feel that the legislature in its action in the matter deserved the upbraiding censure of the people.

BE MEN—NOT BABIES.

The striking carpenters and painters of Portland are threatening to resort to the referendum for the purpose of defeating the Lewis and Clark fair appropriation, in case their demands for better pay and shorter hours are not acceded to. Suppose the carpenters and painters should succeed in killing the fair altogether, what more would they accomplish than to stop all building and improvements in Portland. But when building stops, where are the carpenters and painters jobs?

If the men want to enforce their rightful demands by strikes or other lawful means they have a right to do so, and public sympathy will be with them so long as they show a manly spirit. If, however, there should happen to be a general demand for the referendum on the appropriation, this fact would not excuse the men to threaten it in any spirit other than a sort of blackmail on the business on the business men of Portland.

The power of organized labor is in the fact that in its struggles it has the sympathy of the general public. Such methods as the one anticipated in respect to the 1905 fair will destroy the efficacy and strength of any organization, and members of unions should recognize the importance of choosing leaders with ideas broad enough and minds big enough to grasp and deal with the questions of the day like men and not like babies.

The "Elks" of Baker City have under construction a hall to cost \$10,000. It will contain a lodge room, banquet room, library, gymnasium and billiard room, besides rooms for social enjoyment. Baker City is a town of about the same size of our own, and we are reminded that Oregon City can claim little in the way of public conveniences or pleasure resorts. Couldn't we have a town hall, a public library, or some little luxury such as cities usually enjoy.

Florence Olsen, referee in bankruptcy, was in town Saturday and disagreed to the petition of George S. McCord, who filed a petition to be adjudged a bankrupt about a year ago.

Rain prevented the clerks and teamsters from playing ball at Canemah Park yesterday.

W. D. BOWERS, OF CAEMAH.

His Memory Eulogized by His Comrades of the G. A. R.

On Sunday evening at 11:30 o'clock, April 4, death laid his cold and pallid hand upon all that was mortal of W. D. Bowers, of Canemah, Oregon, and called from earth a citizen and friend of which any community should be proud. Mr. Bowers came to Oregon in the early nineties, and has been a resident of Oregon City and vicinity ever since. He was a member of the Baptist Church for about forty years and all who knew him intimately can aver that his life was one of consistent Christian, always ready with a helping hand for the needy and oppressed, true to every principle of manhood and at home an affectionate husband and father. Mr. Bowers was a member of Meade Post, No. 2, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., where he was highly esteemed by comrades of the Post, who deplore the loss it has sustained in his death. Our heartfelt sympathy is given in the sincerity of comradeship to his wife and family. Comrade Bowers enlisted as a private in G Company, N. Y. Inf., in 1861, and saw service in the Army of Potomac until the end of the struggle—from Bull Run to Appomattox. He participated in all the great battles fought, was with McClellan in his advance on Richmond, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, through the battles of the Wilderness, siege of Petersburg, and ultimate capture of Lee's army at Appomattox. He was through the ranks of the different non-commissioned offices to the rank of 1st lieutenant, commanding his company in many battles.

DEATH OF CHARLES C. DANIELS.

Prominent G. A. R. Veteran Succumbs to Heart Disease. Charles Daniels died last Saturday night at his home in Oak Grove, aged 66 years 2 weeks. He was born in Albany, N. Y. He enlisted in Co. B, 91 Ill. Inf. and served during the war of the rebellion with the 17th army corps. He was a member of Segwick Post, No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic, of Salem, where he resided for many years. His death was caused by a complication of heart disease and dropsy. He is survived by a wife and four sons. Mr. Daniels had been ill four months. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock this morning under the auspices of Meade Post, No. 2, G. A. R. and the interment was in Milwaukie cemetery.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Robert DeShazer, of Dover was in the city on legal business Saturday. Miss Hazel Bickers, of Portland, visited relatives in this city yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Smyth, of Portland, visited friends here yesterday. H. Leighton Kelly, of the U. S. Fish Commission, is spending a few days in this city. John C. Elliott, a prosperous merchant of Damascus was in town Saturday on business.

Dr. A. L. Beattie and Harry Draper took a fishing trip yesterday and brought home 85,000 trout. G. C. Kinney, formerly an Oregon City contractor, now resident of Los Angeles, will leave this week for Southern California.

Capt. Newt Graham, Charles Miller, and Messrs. McLaren and Bushnell, of Portland, came up Saturday night and early Sunday morning went fishing up Clear Creek with James W. Church and R. C. Ganong.

Miss Mary Conyers, who has been clerking in the sheriff's office for the past several months, left last night for Portland. She will remain there until Friday when she will come to the city to attend the Y. P. S. C. E. entertainment and social at Shively's opera house, and Saturday evening will sing at the high school athletic benefit in Willamette Hall. Miss Conyers will probably spend the summer at her home in Columbia county.

Hal A. Rands leaves June 1st for Wallace, Idaho. He has a contract to survey three townships in the Coeur d'Alene mountains which are heavy timbered, so that the work will probably consume the entire summer. Most of the quarter sections have been squatted on and the settlers are all anxious to have their holdings entered at the local land office there, so they will probably render all the assistance possible to the surveying party in order to keep posted on the lines, as these manifest themselves. Mr. Rands will take most of his crew from Oregon City.

The Oregon City Maccabees had a big time Thursday evening. Many members and friends were present, and speeches were made by local men of prominence, among whom was Judge G. E. Hayes. Judge Hayes' remarks were in relation to the benefits of fraternal organization and were highly appreciated. The Maccabee quartette furnished good vocal music for the occasion.

SCALE TO CONTINUE

NO CHANGE MADE IN PAY OF WOOLLEN MILL OPERATIVES.

Employees Well Satisfied With Past Treatment—Conference Results in Adherence to Present Condition.

The Oregon City Manufacturing Company and its employees have agreed to continue for another year the scale which has been in force for the past year, and ever since the termination of the big strike. The local textile union several days ago, presented a revised scale to President Jacobs, and among other things asked that the employees be paid semi-monthly, instead of monthly. A conference was held with the result that there will be no change in present conditions.

President Jacobs said that the employees had declared themselves well satisfied with the treatment they have received and assured the company they would do all in their power to further the interests of the woolen mills.

Local Teachers' Institute

Twenty-five Clackamas County teachers held a local institute at Aurora Saturday. The program commenced at 10 A. M. by an interesting talk on school law by County Superintendent J. C. Zinser, after which was a very instructive paper on "The Art of Questioning," by G. A. Prentiss, principal of the West Oregon City schools.

The afternoon programme consisted of a paper on "Nature Study," by Prof. Millard Hyatt, of Willamette Falls, illustrated by a number of splendid natural history specimens. He was followed by a masterly address on the same subject by Prof. E. R. Lake, of the Oregon Agricultural College, of Corvallis. The pupils of the Aurora schools rendered an interesting programme.

Our City to Have Liquid Air.

Oregon City is to have an opportunity of witnessing the marvelous things done by Liquid Air, an engagement having been made for the splendid lecturer and expert demonstrator to appear here on Thursday evening, April 30 bringing a supply of genuine liquidified air, and complete apparatus with which to perform the dozens of startling experiments that have recently attracted world-wide attention. Liquid air boils violently when placed on ice, and freezes water when placed over a fire; it renders tin and iron brittle as glass, freezes quicksilver so hard that nails are driven in a two-inch plank, steel and electric light carbons will burn in it, rubber becomes like glass, tin and iron are made so brittle that they will crush in the hand. Liquid Air can run a heavy engine, can be made a more powerful explosive than dynamite, will produce complete combustion of coal, garbage, etc., and there are cores of practical uses for its component gases. An entertainment on this up-to-date subject cannot fail to be interesting and profitable. Reserved seats 75 cents, general admission 50 cents. Get tickets early at Huntleys.



Liquid Air boiling on a block of ice.

In another column will be found the time card of the Oregon City Transportation Company's steamer Leona, which makes four round trips daily between Portland and this city. This a comfortable and speedy way of traveling and the public is appreciating the convenience. No way landings will be made between Oregon City and Portland except on Sunday. Through trips will be made and schedule time maintained.

River Trips To Portland.

The Socialists will open the campaign in this county next week. M. W. Wilkins, of Lorin, Cal., J. W. Ingle, Socialist candidate for congress, and Mrs. C. B. Harritt, will speak at Canby on the afternoon of Thursday, April 30, and will address the voters of Oregon City the same evening in Willamette Hall.

C. R. Stephens, a worker in the Crown pulp mills, met with an accident Friday that will lay him off for a few weeks. His hand was caught between a pair of grinders and the tops of the fingers baply squeezed.

AN ARAB'S HORSE.

The Story of an Englishman's Attempt to Purchase It.

In his "Souvenirs d'un Voyage" M. Spill describes a visit to Arabia and the attempt of an English friend to buy an Arabian horse. The Englishman was at great pains to induce the Arab who owned the horse to agree to sell him. He persuaded the man to make an appointment to conclude the sale after employing "as much diplomacy as would be used in a year in making or breaking the balance of power in Europe."

On the eventful day the Englishman, with M. Spill and M. Lascaris, rode to the rendezvous and found the Arab sitting by his horse, which was browsing quietly.

"Las salam aleik" (I salute you), began the Englishman cautiously. "What shall I pay you for your horse?" "Who knows?" said the Arab. "Throw on my cloak here whatever you offer."

Three thousand piasters fell at the feet of the impassive Arab, then 10,000, then 10,000 more. The Arab's eyes shone. Ten thousand piasters more won him. "Ah," he said, going up to his magnificent animal, "we must part."

The Englishman began to bridle the horse. The Arab sobbed. Suddenly the intelligent animal, perceiving his new owner, sprang away and neighed mournfully. No one could doubt that he knew what was going on.

With one bound the child of the desert was in the saddle. "Adieu!" he said. "Your money could never replace my only friend!" And he vanished in a cloud of dust.

"Stupid!" cried my English friend, and then we rode home in silence.

Mirth, Not Misery, Loves Company.

I have always doubted the proposition that "mirth loves company" and have believed that such a statement was first put forth by some arch hypocrite whose misery was but a pretense and who was beckoning some other sham sufferer into a quiet corner where they could both be jovial on the sly. However slight my knowledge of universal misery may be, I can attest from personal experience that my own misery claims solitude and slips away all by itself and turns the key upon the curious world, asking nothing so much as to be "let alone." I do not care to weep in company, nor would it cheer me to have a chorus of other weepers to sob in unison with me. Rather would I remain in unmolested wretchedness until my tears had vanished and my eyes and nose assumed normal appearance.

'Tis mirth then, and not misery, which pleases for company. Fun cannot thrive alone and flourishes only among congenial spirits. Our laughter must be shared, our smiles responded to, and every glance of merriment needs recognition to make it worth the while.—Caroline Ticknor in Atlantic.

The Essential Thing.

The primary class in Sunday school was listening to a lesson on patience. This, according to the Boston Herald, was what came of it, at least in the minds of the more literal minded children:

The topic had been carefully explained, and as an aid to understanding the teacher had given each pupil a card bearing the picture of a boy fishing.

"Even pleasure," said she, "requires the exercise of patience. See the boy fishing. He must sit and wait and wait. He must be patient."

Having treated the subject very fully, she began with the simplest, most practical question: "And now can any little boy tell me what we need most when we go fishing?" The answer was shouted with one voice: "Bait!"

Pat's Puzzle.

Five or six men were recently chatting in a village inn when one of them said:

"I say, I bet ye dinners all round ye can't tell me the answer to a puzzle I know of."

"Done," they said. "I bet we can. What is it?"

"Well," said Pat, "why is a journalist the funniest creature in the world?"

"After vainly trying for about two hours they sadly said they must give it up.

"Why," said the delighted Pat, "because his tale comes out of his head, don't it?"—Spare Moments.

Willie and His Politeness.

Willie (reading his verse at Sunday school)—"And they took Joseph's coat, killed a boy and dipped the coat in the blood."

"Now, Willie," said the teacher, "you know the text reads 'killed a kid,' not a boy."

"Yes, but didn't you tell us it is vulgar to say 'kid' when talking about little boys?" replied the apt scholar, beaming with delight at his good memory.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Good Fall.

"How does your Swift manage to uncork so much champagne? He doesn't earn any money?"

"Well, he pulls the same cork over and over."

"Why, how do you mean?"

"Has a rich uncle with a cork leg."—Boston Transcript.

Not Without Reason.

Sunday School Teacher—Well, who was sorry at the return of the prodigal son? Little Girl—The fattest calf.—Boston Christian Register.

Every city should study its own opportunities for beautifying its surroundings and improve them.—Hartford Post.

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