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THEY ARE THIEVES.

One reads with regret the news of how timber thieves have robbed the people out of $15,000,000 to $20,000,000 worth of valuable timber lands The story that government servants in high places have bartered away for a sum of gold the information out of which the timber sharks profited is neither unreasonable nor strange. It is only the old habit in a new form in which shrewd and unprincipled men enrich themselves by the trick of cheating the common people through avenues opened by bribery of public servants.

Beginning with the colossal steals by land grants to railroad companies, the theft of public domain, timbered or otherwise has continued through many years, and will probably run on unchecked until the last acre is exhausted. The forest reserves, which in conception are based on a correct theory, will probably be the ultimate prey of the corruptionist. When the time comes to throw them open, it will be strange indeed, if the big, ultra-respectable thieves do not work a clause into the law that will enable them to carry off all that is of value in the reserves, It sounds pessimistic to say it, but it is none the less a fac, that one reason why it is so hard for the poor to get along in the world is, that, under one guise or another, great, grand rascals are stealing the country's wealth. The postoffice frauds show it. The timber steals prove it.

Governor Chamberlain never did a wiser, better thing in his life, than when he journeyed to Washington in an effort to use the prestige of his office to arrest the wholesale theft of public lands and to save their heritage of acres to the people.

THE INDIAN MURDER

Apostles of temperance, and those who believe in strict enforcement of all laws, find a world of material for argument in the killing of Indian Grant, at Siletz. It was in violation of law that Grant was furnished liquor by the Toledo saloon man. That violation cost Grant his life. What is the degree of punishment that should then fall on the liquor seller, since his unlawful act was the beginning of Grant's end?

And Grant himself, in supplying the liquor to his comrades, violated the same law, and that violation was another step towards his own death- Finally, it was the craze for liquor that was the chief instrument in the murder. Had it been left alone there would have been no tragedy.

True it is only an Indian that is dead, but the manner and reason of his going is fruited with eloquent moral.

MILTON SHANNON DEAD.

Passed Away at the Home of his Brother in Texas.

A private letter to T. Wellsher conveys the news of Milton Shannon's death in Texas, at the home of a brother with whom he went to reside about fifteen years ago. Deceased was a resident of Monroe, this county, where he was engaged in the mercantile business from 1867 to 1877, after which he retired from the active affairs of life.

Milton Shannon was born in Indiana, April 27. 1823. When 13 years of age he went to Illinois with his parents and in 1851, he came to Oregon via the isthmus. settling in Salem. He was elected the first county judge of Marion county after the admission of the state into the Union. Mr. Shannon also served as sheriff of the county during the regime of the territorial government.

Dinner.

The ladies of the Congregational church will give a dinner, Wednesday, October 28th, from six to ten.

Two houses to rent—one six and one seven rooms. with barns. 15 sheep to let on shares. S; H. Moore,

FOR GAMBLING.

A Gang at Play, a Raid, and a Subsequent Scene in Court.

In the deep silence of last Saturday night, the wheels of justice were grinding in the police court. As they ground along with His Honor at the helm, there was an accompaniment of ki-yiing and jabbering that always is incidental to a court when the heathen Chinee is the defendant.

In this instance there were six of them, all up before His Honor on a charge of gambling. Among them, much crestfallen and sad of countenance, was Big Jim, the Chinese cook, so many years of the Occidental Hotel, but now of Albany. Jim was in the Chinese wash house at the corner of Jefferson and Main when Officer Osburn swooped down unexpectedly and caught the whole gang in the act of gambling with their implements of war on the table before them. Big Jim was in fact the dealer in the game. When pulled Jim pleaded hard, accompanying his entreaties with offers of reward, but Officer Osburn marched the whole gang. six in number around to Judge Greffoz, where all pleaded guilty, and paid a fine of three dollars each.

It is supposed that some of the celestials are hot after the big money that a number of their countrymen in this vicinity made this year on hops, and that such is the attraction that brings them from neighboring towns to Corvallis. to gambol.

THEIR ROMANCE.

Mr. Harter and Miss Marvin—Strangers Then but Wedded now.

A couple of weeks ago they met, as strangers, H. C. Harter of the Lobster country and Miss Alta Marvin, who came to Corvallis about three weeks ago from Iowa.

Miss Marvin came with her mother. With them was Miss Marvin's child, a little girl of four years, the fruit of a former marriage, in which it turned out that Miss Marvin was a second living and undvorced wife, and her husband a bigamist

After their arrival, Mrs. Marvin and her daughter applied to the conuty court for assistance. Their means, they said were slender, and they were strangers in a strange land. While the county court deliberated over the matter, Mr. Harter whose home is in Lane county near the Benton County line, appeared on the scene and offered assistance. A house was rented and within a short time it was aggreed that there should be a wedding, and that Miss Marvin and her little girl should accompany Harter to his home. The tying of the nuptial knot Saturday by Rev. John Reeves, is the climax to this romance whose length is that of only one silver moon.

Mrs. Marvin the mother has employment in town, but the word is that she will reside at Portland, where she has friends.

AT PHILOMATH.

Funeral of Fred Ellsworth—Students on Mary's Peak—Other News.

Prof. Haroun of Eugene is spending a short time in Philomath.

Mr. Shrader has sold his property and will go to Kansas to engage in stock raising.

Victor Moses, the county clerk, showed his smiling face in Philomath last week.

Miss Faith Keezel has been appointed teacher of drawing at the College of Philomath.

Miss Florence Clark has returned home after an absence of several months in Southern Oregon.

Mr. Campbell of Albany, was here last week and sold several pianos and organs for the music house of Mr. Will.

Several wagon loads of students went to Mary's peak last week and another large crowd went Monday. The weather conditions were not perfect on the last occasion, yet they could see that one or another of the party did not wander too far in the clouds.

A large audience was present at the funeral of Fred Ellsworth at the Methodist church last Friday. Prof. Emerick preached the sermon. A delegation of Woodmen met the special train at the depot and conveyed the remains to the cemetery.

Philomite.

For Sale.

Two wagons at a snap. Twelve months time. Call or address Corvallis Carriage Factory,

ALL HAVE RETURNED.

Delegates to Good Roads Convention—Some Things They Have Heard About.

The delegates from Benton who attended the Good Roads convention at Poatland, have all returned. They were. County Judge watters, Robert Gellatly, John Horris, Henry Hector and Eli Spencer. The account is that the proceedings of the convention was full of interest, and that much of value in the line of good roads endeavor, was accomplished. Conventions of the sort of course have their sphere of activity limited largely to creation of sentiment for better roads, by the dissemination of information and otherwise. Along this line, Superintendent Abbott, one of the officials of the Agricultural department of the government was in attendance, and gave startling figures that show the loss to farmers and others by reasons of poor roads. In the facility of transporting products to market with greatest ease. and at all seasons so that the highest market may be taken advantage of, the figures are such that could they be fully understood by all people, there would be an immediate stampede for better roads, even if great public indebtedness had to be incurred to build them.

Other features of the convention were measures taken for a man in the field to hold local conventions for creation of a sentiment for best roads, and the discussion of practical methods for building highways. It was brought out in the convention that some of the Oregon counties spent large sums last year in road building. In Clackamas over $35.000 was spent on the roads. In Marion very large sums were spent and many miles of permanent road constructed.

ROBBED A BANK

Escaped with Eive Thousand—Californian Wants Benton Cows—Other News.

Three bandits blew open the safe in the vault of the Sheridan bank at three o'clock Monday morning and secured $5,000 in cash, with which they escaped. With the mayor of the town shooting at them with a rifle, they climbed into a buggy about three o'clock and drove to the southward, disappearing in the fog and darkness. The operations of the gang were similar to those of the men who attempted to blow up the safe in a Newberg bank recently. They left no clue and their disappearance seems complete. The bank was in a one story brick, the interior of which was wrecked by the explosion.

Invitations have been issued by Rev. and Mrs. Handsaker to a Halloween party Friday evening. They are in verse and—

Invite all the spooks to come for some fun.
From 7:30 p. m. until they are done;—
Fun and joy-making will be our intention—
No- 622, 8th street is the haunt for convention.

James A. Davis, of Taylor California, has read in the Times accounts of the sale of dairy cows at prices that have prevailed recently, and he writes and asks to be put in communication with dairymen who have good grade Jersey or Holsteins for sale. He wants six or eight head of such cows, accustomed to dairy uses. Persons with such cows to sell may write him at the above address.

Albany Rebekahs to the number of eighty came to Corvallis by special train Monday night, and fraternized with the local membership of the order. The goat was exercized on a couple of candidates in good style, and after that there was a banquet. The Albanians returned home by special train at a late hour, much pleased with their visit. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Weatherford.

Robert Strayer, who has been in the employ of the Hotel Corvallis since its opening, left yesterday for Portland where he has a position in the commissary department of the U. S, army.

The Congregational ladies are to serve a chicken dinner from five until a late hour this, Wednesday evening in the Zierolf building. Price 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G, Davis entertained with a dinner party at their country home near this city yesterday. The guests numbered fifteen.

After a few day's visit at the Cathey home, Colonel and Mrs, J. N. Poorman returned Monday to their home in Woodburn.

The new school building will be occupied for the first time a week from next Monday.

Immigration statistics for the last fiscal year are of interest, because of the great increase in the number of new arrivals. Of the total of 494,-300, the month of May brought the most, 82,054; and in the past four months the arrivals numbered 268,-307, or considerably over one-half. Austria-Hungary, Italy, Germany and Russia sent the most immigrants. It is of interest to note that only one-fourth of the whole number were women, and that not the newer parts of the country, but New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey were the destinations of the majority of the incomers. Many went far west, even to California.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Benton county.

Sarah S Ball, Plaintiff
vs
Cyrus Perham, Ed Perham and Lona Chamberlain, Defendants.

To Cyrus Perham, Ed Perham and Lona Chamberlain, the above named defendants

In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled suit, in the above entitled court, now on file in the office of the clerk of said court, on or before the 21st day of November, 1903, said day being the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons made by the county judge of Benton county, Oregon, (which said order is hereinafter referred to; to wit:

On or before six weeks from the day of firs publication hereof

And you are hereby notified that if you fail so to appear and answer the said complaint as herein required, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled court for the relief demanded in her said complaint, namely, for a decree determining all conflicting and adverse claims, interests and estates in and to all that part of the northeast quarter of the north west quarter of Section 33 Twp. 10 S. R. 5 W, Will. Mer, which lies north of the Alfred Writsman branch or creek, in Benton county, Oregon: that defendants have no claim, interest or estate therein; that plaintiff's title thereto is good and valid; and that defendants be forever barred and enjoined from asserting any claim whatever in and to said premises adverse to plaintiff; and for general relief and costs and disbursements of said suit.

This summons is published in the Corvallis Times once a week for six successive and consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of October 10th, 1903, and ending with the issue of November 21, 1903, in pursuance of an order made by the Hon. Virgil E. Watters, county judge of Benton county, Oregon, (being the county where the above entitled suit is pending in the above entitled court) dated October 9, 1903. Date of first publication is October 10. 1903.

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Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

CORVALLIS & EASTERN RAILROAD.
Time Card Number 22.

2 For Yaquina:
Train leaves Albany.....12:45 p. m
" " Corvallis.....1:50 p. m
" arrives Yaquina..... 5:35 p. m

1 Returning:
Leaves Yaquina..... 7:30 a. m
Leaves Corvallis.....11:30 a. m
Arrives Albany.....12:15 p. m

3 For Detroit:
Leaves Albany..... 7:00 a. m
Arrives Detroit.....12:20 p. m

4 from Detroit:
Leaves Detroit.....1:0o p. m
Arrives Albany..... 5:55 p. m

Train No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with S P south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S P north bound train.

Train No 2 connects with the S P trains at Corvallis and Albany giving direct service to Newport and adjacent beaches.

Train 3 for Detroit. Breitenbush and other mountain resorts leaves Albany at 7:00 a. m., reaching Detroit at noon, giving ample time to reach the Springs the same day.

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