

AT LAST.

At last, the methods of Standard Oil have been laid bare by the attorney general of Missouri. From Moffat, Archibald, Rogers and other officials of the octopus he has wrung the unwilling admissions that the Watters-Pierce, the Republic and the Standard Oil companies, though posing in Missouri as rival and competing companies, are in fact, one and the same, our own and only old original Standard. The methods were so shady that one official of the company instructed another to the effect that in writing letters and making reports, not to sign names, whereby information as to ownership of the so-called companies could be secured. Holding a monopoly of the oil business and owning banks, railroads, traction lines and reaching into every corner of the country for light and other utility works, profiting by falsehood, practicing everywhere and always deception and guile, laughing at courts and defying legal authority to the last extremity of tolerance,—such are the methods, such the citizenship, such the moral standard and such the example to the rising generation by this [boa constrictor of finance whose ugly body encircles this country in an embrace that an unbought president, the courts, the laws and the people seem powerless to throw off. The billionaire head of this financial serpent, even the processes of the law in his castle at Lakewood cannot reach, the one man, the only man in this country perhaps in the world, on whom the authorities, knowing where he is, cannot serve a subpoena. It is all humiliating, all shameful, all fatal to our countrymen, but so long as relatives and hirelings of the serpent are masters of the national senate, nothing else can be expected. How important that the people have the say as to who shall be elected United States senators. How important that Statement Number 1 be signed in Oregon.

PHILOMATH WATER.

Philomath is a "small up-valley town" as described in the Oregonian article printed elsewhere, and is the home of two educational institutions. At the same time it does not fall within the criticism of the article because as fine a water supply as there is in the world is about to be brought to the doors of its people by the city of Corvallis. Philomath is to enjoy for nothing that which it is to cost, Corvallis \$75,000 to provide, and, remembering the strictures in the Oregonian article, Philomath and her people ought, and doubtless do, in all ways sympathize with the great water enterprise on which Corvallis is spending so much money. If Philomath were actually spending \$10,000 or \$15,000 on this big water system, it would perhaps be no more than her part, considering the benefits in fire protection, reduced insurance rates, and pure water that system places within her reach. Since she is not spending a dollar, and since the same benefit that inures to Corvallis is hers also, Philomath people to a man should lend aid and comfort to the splendid new mountain system.

If you expect to buy an incubator call at Blackledge's.

For Sale.

Vetch and Cheat and Clover hay. White seed oats. Also one fine M. B. tom. T. A. Logsden. Ind. phone 55, Mt. View line.

For County Recorder.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county recorder, subject to the decision of the voters, at the primaries April 20th.

HARLEY L. HALL.

50 Cents Per Setting For eggs. Best brown Leghorns. J. B. Irvine, Corvallis.

For Sale.

S. E. 1-4 Section 23, Kings Valley at \$2.50 per acre. L. B. Lyons, Craftonville, Calif.

Dry Slab Wood.

At the Corvallis sawmill, delivered anywhere in town at \$1.25 per load, cash on delivery. feb27-1m.

CORVALLIS NOT GUILTY

Her Plea as to Water Supply —The State Board's Censure and a Newspaper Article.

Much local comment has been occasioned by an article that appeared in Wednesday's Oregonian, on the subject of water, typhoid fever and college towns. It condemns the policy of locating colleges or universities in a "small inland up-valley town" where a good water supply and a competent system of sewerage cannot be supplied. The article says:

"The state board of health has located the cause of the late epidemic of typhoid in Eugene in a polluted water supply, and censures strongly the city officials and the water company of the college town for permitting conditions to which the epidemic is clearly traceable to exist. "Of all places in the state, that which is the seat of a state institution of learning should be guarded from diseases of the distinctly preventable type. The trouble or mistake in locating a college or university in a small inland up-valley town is in the difficulty that is met in procuring a good water supply and a competent system of sewer-

WHY THERE WERE DEATHS.

age. Simply stated, a small community like Eugene cannot afford the expense incident to bringing in water from a distant point in the mountains that would insure its purity. Nor can a small community afford a sewer system that insures proper drainage and compulsory connection therewith. Here a well and there a cesspool; dead ends here and a great open sewer running through the town, and a water system contaminated at its source—surely it is no wonder that students of the university, and residents as well, sickened by dozens from typhoid, and that there have been many deaths in consequence in Eugene."

Of course, the Oregonian writer's article is especially directed at Eugene, but in the absence of a saving clause, it will by people abroad be supposed to apply also to Corvallis. The latter is a "small up-valley town" and also a college town. The general statement in the criticism is that a "small community like that at Eugene cannot afford the expense incident to bringing in water from a distant point in the mountains that would insure its purity." Corvallis, as fast as men and money can do it, is eliminating the condition on which the criticism on this point will apply.

BEST WATER IN THE WORLD.

The fortunate existence of a magnificent stream far up the sides of Mary's Peak presents a source of water supply that chemical and bacteriological analysis oft repeated and long continued has shown to be absolutely pure and splendidly situated for a city water supply. Engineer Miller, after an experience of a quarter century with water works construction, declares it to be "as fine a stream for a water supply as there is on the face of the earth." All but three of the 13 miles of pipe line for delivery of this water into Corvallis homes is already constructed, and along the remaining stretch the pipe is already strewn, waiting for men to place it in position, under ground.

The water is taken from the stream but two miles below its source, and according to calculations can be delivered in Corvallis houses two or three hours after it gushes from the mountain side. The flow of the stream from its source through a rock-lined bed, over cataracts and down a declivity of beauty is fit to inspire a poet's muse. There is no spot or chance for contamination and what the people of Corvallis will get for household use will be water as pure and as sweet as there is in the world. Inasmuch, the Oregonian writer's article will not fit Corvallis very long.

AS TO SEWERS AND SEWAGE.

Nor does this article completely fit Corvallis with respect to sewers. Corvallis constructed a splendid system of sewers several years ago. A great percent of the homes in the town have complete connections and all the waste of every kind, is whirled as fast as the running streams in the underground drains can carry it into the Willamette river, by which it is swept away from the town. It is true that all houses are not connected with the sewers but an ordinance provides for such connections wherever water is obtainable, and within a short time water will be within the reach of all. One house after another is being connected up, and it is probable that within a reasonable time all the fifth of the town, as it ought to, will stream constantly through

the subterranean drains into the big river which was provided by nature to receive the sewage of the valley. Thus Corvallis, is very fast discharging the responsibility she owes to the people of the state in providing complete sewerage and a pure and safe water supply because of the presence here of the biggest educational institution in the state. Still speaking of Eugene the concluding paragraph in the Oregonian article is:

AS TO MOUNTAIN WATER.

"While there is strong assurance that everything will be done that can be done to remedy these conditions, and that much has already been done to mitigate them, the fact remains that immunity from the recurrence of a polluted water supply at Eugene can only be secured by bringing water from a distant point in the mountains—a matter not difficult except from a financial point of view. Censure having fallen from an official source where censure is due, it now remains for the authorities, city and health, of Eugene, to do what they can to purify the water in the city mains, and for students and others who do not care to take the risk of typhoid to continue to drink boiled water."

The water question is said now to be a burning one at Eugene. Two filters to cost an aggregate of \$50,000 are enroute from the East and are to be installed in the water system at Eugene. They are owned by the private corporation which owns the Eugene, Albany, Corvallis and other electric light plants. A large body of Eugene people want municipal ownership and if possible, water brought from the mountains. Others prefer the works to be run by the private corporation, and over these differences the water battle rages. The \$50,000 to be paid for the filters would have gone a long way towards getting mountain water for Eugene, save except for the fact that a suitable stream, it is said, is scarcely available for the purpose.

Meantime, the censure of conditions at Eugene by the state health board, and the criticism in the Oregonian article, quoted above emphasize the forethought of the citizens of Corvallis in providing for their coming magnificent water system.

KNOWS PUTER.

And Burns—Some Incidents of Interest—Expects Puter's Capture.

Oswald West, state land agent, was in town Wednesday. He is the man who unearthed the big Puter-McKinley steal, in which \$70,000 worth of bogus Oregon school land scrip certificates were sold in various Eastern States. In one transaction alone, the swindlers exchanged \$30,000 worth of bogus certificates for \$12,000 worth of land and \$18,000 cash. The land their victims had did not lie in contiguous tracts. The swindlers represented that their 30,000 acres was all in one body, and that on that account the Easterners swallowed their bait like a trout. He has lived to discover his error. Fortunately the loss of the \$12,000 in land and \$18,000 in cash by no means impoverishes him, as he is a wealthy man.

Mr. West is a warm personal friend of W. J. Burns, the government special agent, and knows S. A. D. Puter, the man of spectacular finance. The encounter between the officer and swindler in Boston the other day was of startling interest to Mr. West. He is anxious to get Puter back into Oregon for punishment for the offenses against the commonwealth. He is much disappointed that Puter escaped Mr. Burns, but is confident that the outlaw will soon be in custody. Mr. West was with Mr. Burns in San Francisco recently, and it was there that the traces of Puter were obtained. It has long been known to Mr. West that Puter has declared he will never be taken alive, but that he intends to die before he will surrender and go to jail. Puter made such a statement to an intimate friend, and the latter confided the facts to the state land agent.

Mr. West has been the most active land agent Oregon has ever had. \$80,000 worth of land scattered here and there in small tracts and unlisted on the records have been dug up by him, and after listing have been put on the market. At last accounts, more than \$40,000 of this unlisted land had been sold and the proceeds turned into the state land funds.

Cards Engraved \$3 per 100, including plate. See Morgan, the Printer, Corvallis.

MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED.

In M. E. Revival—Many Converts and Good Attendance.

Decided interest has attended the revival meetings at the First Methodist church since first they began, and daily this interest is spreading and deepening. Not for many days has a more consecrated and earnest minister talked gospel truth to congregations than has Rev. T. L. Jones, the pioneer preacher of Oregon, who has daily and nightly addressed good audiences for the past two weeks. In the neighborhood of 60 people have been at the altar during these two weeks, and the number of converts is almost as great. A good choir has faithfully rendered music for the occasions. Wednesday night Mrs. Ida Burns sang very impressively, "Almost Persuaded," and other special music has been rendered at various times.

Rev. Jones on next Sunday morning will preach to the Christians and the church; at three o'clock in the afternoon he will speak to the children and parents, and in the evening his subject will be "What it is to be Lost, and What the Lost Lose."

Mr. Jones is called the "connecting link" between the old order and the new, and is probably the oldest active minister in the northwest today, as he is in the state.

The services are well worth attending, and the public is cordially invited to them all.

HERE APRIL 13th

Mr. Warde is absolute master of his subject. He is as a speaker majestic in the extreme, scholarly in the presentation of the subject and delightful in style. For two hours he held his audience spellbound, absolutely fascinated with his power of delineation, his subtle and delightful criticism, his magnetic oratory and graceful delivery. —Los Angeles Evening Express.

WHERE EAGLES NEST.

A Pair of Them and two Small Boys—Sheltered on Willamette Island.

The presence of eagles in the region along the Willamette six to 10 miles south of Corvallis attracts considerable attention. The big birds are frequently encountered by residents of the vicinity, and the sight of one swooping down on a flock of sheep and soaring away with a lamb is not unusual.

Two boys on horse back saw a pair of them sitting on a fence not far from John Porter's, the other day. One of the birds was a bald eagle and the other of the gray variety. The former species is described as much wilder than the latter. At any rate when the boys were still a long distance away the bald bird soared away but the gray remained on his perch on the fence. The boys rode so near that they say they could see his eyes distinctly. They had nothing to shoot with and encouraged by the close proximity to which he allowed them to approach, they hurried away to John Porter's house for guns. There was nothing but a 32-calibre rifle available, and with one boy riding and the other foot they returned and sought the eagle. He remained on the fence until they were nearly close enough to shoot, and then suddenly spread his huge wings, and swept over them, rising to a great height and sailing away. His spread of wing, the boys declare to have been at least seven feet, and the sight of him as he began his flight, most magnificent.

Inhabitants of the vicinity believe that the eagles nest in the huge cottonwoods on Smith island, portions of which are so thick with underbrush and forest that they are but little frequented by man. Every spring time they appear about the unfrequented portions of farms lying along the river bottom and prey on lambs at their pleasure.

For Sale.

Defiance Seed Wheat extra good. Seventy five cents per bushel. Address F. M. Sharp, Corvallis, R. F. D. 1. Seed is at the farm, known as the Scholl place, at Granger.

Wanted.

Competent girl to assist in general housework. Apply to Mrs. A. Wilhelm, Monroe, Or.

MURDER WILL OUT

Benton County Circuit Court in Session this Week.

For murder in the first degree, R. J. Moses of the firm of Moses Bros will hang April 5th, 1906 for murdering prices on everything in the store. For CASH ONLY is the verdict.

Will hang up large list cards in store stating what will be included in the murdering price sale. There will be good bargains in every line we handle. It will pay everyone in and about Corvallis to save on what they buy at our

3 Days Sale April 5th, 6th and 7th.

Don't forget the date. Regular customers can have all orders filled and delivered as usual.

No appeal from this verdict to a higher court MOSES BROS.

There are no better than the best The flour that stands the test, Pure quality, appearance grand, So surely, White Crest brand.

Good Bread

Delicious Pastry Fancy Cakes, Etc.

So easily made with White Crest the flour of excellence, so good you always want more, order a sack today, 105 cents per sack.

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THE GEM CIGAR STORE

All Leading Brands of Key West and Domestic Cigars. Whist and Pool room.

JACK MILNE, PROP.

A "Rain or Shine" Hat

made in all the season's latest shapes and colors in both berby and soft styles

The Mallory Cravenette Hat



Rendered rain-proof by the celebrated Priestley Cravenette process.

Rrin will not spot or streak or fade it—Three grades, \$3, \$3 50 and \$4.

J.M. Nolan & Son

Good for Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

"Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have done me a great deal of good," says C. Towns, of Rat Portage, Ontario, Canada. "Being a mild physician the latter effects are not unpleasant, and I can recommend them to all who suffer from stomach disorder." For sale by Graham & Wortham

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Woven to Order

From old ingrain or brussels carpets or chenille curtains, any shape, from 12 inches to 11 feet wide and long as wanted. First class workmanship and prompt service guaranteed.

I Pay The Freight.

Write today for particulars. A. L. FERRINGTON, 318 E. 1st St., Albany, Oregon.

CHOLERA INFANTUM.

Child Not Expected to Live from One Hour to Another, but Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey of Agnewville, Va., was seriously ill of cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "I happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale by Graham & Wortham.

Sawmill for Sale.

I will sell my mill property located 4 1-2 miles southwest of Philomath, Oregon, consisting of 160 acres all good second and old growth fir, excepting 12 acres which are under cultivation. House barn, mill, and outbuildings all new. Mill was put in two years ago, 35 horse water and steam power combined, 44 and 50 in. saws, edger, planer, saw-dust and slab conveyers, large water tank and tower, all complete and in perfect running order, capacity 10,000 feet per day, worth \$3,000, will take \$1,500 if taken soon. Call on or address OTS SKIPTON, 309, Second St., Portland, Or.