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**GUILD & MCKINNEY**

The Oregonian, after years of party service, has at last cut the cord that binds, and is no longer a party paper. It announces that it will hereafter be independent. The Oregonian has a right to fill any field it chooses. Its editor, H. W. Scott, is today the ablest writer in the United States, and the criticism he is now receiving from certain republican papers, is in some cases both intemperate and unjust. The writer has not always agreed with Mr. Scott's views on certain political questions, but has at all times been forced to recognize the editor's splendid ability, and give his paper credit for its great work in assisting to develop the northwest. As a republican paper the Argus has no sympathy with the trust wing of the party. It hopes to support Theodore Roosevelt on an anti-trust platform, and believes the Oregonian, as an independent journal, will be found leading the republican anti-trust fight on this Coast.

On Monday next, business will resume its old channels without legal restrictions. The people are ready for it, and pleased to get out from under the holiday lid. The business of the country, generally, is good. In Oregon there are no hard times. Farmers and business men are practically out of debt. Crops have been good this year, and prices have been equally good. There is much yet in the country to be sold, and prices have not suffered by the financial scare, so, really, there is no cause for anything but an optimistic outlook in any direction. The time for runs on banks has gone by. There is now no occasion, nor has there been, at any time since the scare. All that is needed just now is the exercise of good common sense. If the people use the right judgment, business will soon be in its usual healthy condition, and here in Oregon we will hardly know that we have passed through a prosperity panic.

Certain of the republicans of Multnomah county want a state convention before the primaries, while Chairman Westgate thinks the convention should be held after the primaries. It is not known how the matter will be decided, but in any event there will be a republican state convention, as there seems to be a popular demand for the maintenance of this feature. At the primaries candidates will be nominated for Supreme Judge, Dairy and Food Commissioner, two Railroad Commissioners, United States Senator, two Representatives in Congress, several Circuit Judges, numerous Prosecuting Attorneys, 60 members of the State House of Representatives and fifteen members of the State Senate, and for county offices.

Butter is quoted in Portland at 85 cents a roll. We will soon all be obliged to take off our hats to the cow, and science will be forced to invent something to take the place of butter as an article of every day food. The butter trust is fat and greasy, but the farmer who feeds the cow, doesn't get his proportionate divvy—and that is what's the matter.

**TIME TABLE**

Passenger train schedule follows:  
 Leaves for Portland—  
 Forest Grove local..... 6:51 a. m.  
 Sheridan Flyer..... 9:07 a. m.  
 Forest Grove local..... 1:42 p. m.  
 Corvallis overland..... 5:08 p. m.  
 Arrives from Portland—  
 Corvallis overland..... 8:16 a. m.  
 Forest Grove local..... 12:07 p. m.  
 Sheridan Flyer..... 5:38 p. m.  
 Forest Grove local..... 6:47 p. m.  
 Leaving Portland—  
 Corvallis overland..... 7:30 a. m.  
 Forest Grove local..... 11:00 a. m.  
 Sheridan Flyer..... 4:10 p. m.  
 Forest Grove local..... 6:40 p. m.  
 Arrival in Portland—  
 Forest Grove local..... 8:00 a. m.  
 Sheridan Flyer..... 10:30 a. m.  
 Forest Grove local..... 2:30 p. m.  
 Corvallis overland..... 6:35 p. m.  
 The Forest Grove local does not carry baggage.

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 "I must confess I am falling into the same pernicious habit. Yesterday I wanted to jolly a friend who has a strong predilection for ghostly literature. I read a paragraph in a paper that exactly expressed my meaning, so instead of digging into my own thoughts I sent the clipping. To another friend whom I wished to interest in a book I sent another printed article that admirably answered the purpose. Since every subject can be found adequately treated in the newspaper and on post cards it is no wonder that an accomplished letter writer is now a curiosity."—New York Press.

Learning to Swim.  
 Never waste time at first in attempting to learn to swim by means of the breast stroke, the side stroke or any other stroke. Simply wade out to where the water comes to your shoulders, lean forward, with arms extended and with one toe on the bottom, then suddenly throwing back both feet, splash and kick as wildly as you like, hand over hand and foot over foot—"dog fashion," as the boys call it. By repeating this vigorous performance a few times you will feel a momentary sense of buoyancy beneath you, and as your efforts are continued, making no attempt to propel yourself forward, but simply to keep your nose above water, you will gradually come to the perception that old Neptune will hold you up with surprisingly little effort on your part. And once that confidence gained, it is a simple matter to learn the more intricate and showy strokes.—Outer's Book.

The Old Round House.  
 St. Albans is said to possess the oldest inhabited house. This distinction is said to belong to the old Round House, now the "Fighting Cocks" Inn, which stands close to the river Ver. It is a curious structure—of octagonal shape—of early Saxon origin, having been built as a bathhouse to the ancient monastery founded at St. Albans by King Oda about the year 755, and is thus over 1,100 years old. A subterranean passage, now blocked up, runs from the basement to the ruins of the monastery, a distance of about 200 yards. There is a shed at the back of the house where, it is said, Oliver Cromwell stabled his horse, himself once sleeping under its roof during the civil war.—Westminster Gazette.

Looking After Number One.  
 The seedy actor shuffled his feet and looked into his hat apologetically. He laughed conscientiously at the joke the manager made, but it was a hollow laugh.

In fact, Mr. Perkins, otherwise Claude Cremorne, juvenile lead, felt hollow generally, particularly in the part which should have contained his dinner.  
 "A sovereign on account of my salary would be of inestimable service to me just now," he murmured to the manager. "You can deduct it at the end of the week, you know."  
 "Ah, yes, dear old darling fellow," said the manager benignantly, "that's all very well, don't you know. But the difficulty comes in here. Most likely I shan't be able to pay any salaries at all at the end of the week, and if I give you a sovereign now where should I be then? No, be sensible, d'yar boy."  
 —London Answers.

Slow Fever.  
 "You don't mean to say the engagement is off between Jack and Mary?"  
 "Yes. It seems she told him the other evening that she wasn't beautiful enough to be his wife, and he didn't deny it quick enough to suit her."  
 Smart Set.

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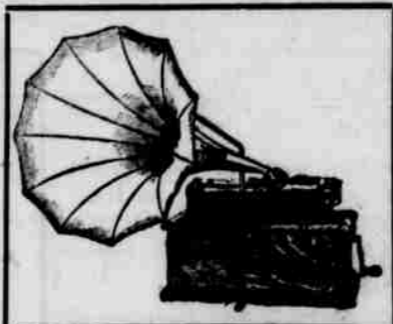
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