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The state grange is in session at McMinnville, this week. The grange has outgrown the object for which it was originally created, namely, that of protection to the producer. Instead, it has become the leading initiative power in state politics, and a majority of the benches on our statute books, are due to the work of the grange body formerly, under the old regime, and before the initiative and referendum and the direct primary were secured, the corporations dictated the legislation at Salem, and the party "boesae" were all powerful. Then the grange was on the defensive, now it is the leading aggressive force in Oregon politics.

Since the Independent (in name only) -it doesn't dare to open its head on politics for fear of offending somebody- was lambasted by the Forest Grove papers for butting in where it had no business, it has been itching for a scrap with the Argus, and on several occasions has shown symptoms of being "worny." It ought to take a dose of some of the numerous patent medicines it is advertising on its "patent insoles."

It is understood that our "windy" local contemporary will soon take out letters patent on his discovery of the "necessity" for a sewerage system in Hillsboro, and will then seek to restrain the Argus from mentioning the subject. The Argus hopes to be able to mollify its petulant brother by the gift of a tin rattle and a big stick of striped confectionery.

Notice to Contractors: Sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, until 2 o'clock p. m. of the 23d day of May, 1909, and then opened for the construction of a bridge across the Tsunatin river, near the Mores place at Dilley, also for bridge near Hestway, known as the Holcomb bridge. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. For further particulars inquire of the County Judge.

A GENEROUS FELLOW: By ELBERT T. BENTLEY. (Copyright, 1909, by American Press Association.) June, as everybody knows, is a delightful month. A young man was walking on a suburban road on a June morning. The heavens were blue, without a single fleecy dash. The air was dry and warm, an atmosphere that accords with the hum of insects and the occasional piping of a bird.

He stopped and leaned upon a neat fence. Within were spacious and highly cultivated grounds. Directly before him was a flower garden partly hidden by Hele clumps of low trees. He was a flower lover. He coveted especially some beautiful Jacquemint roses he saw within. Surely the owner of the place would not grudge him one or two. The house stood back within a grove. No one was about. He felt again the glow of boyhood in stolen fruit. To his right was a gate-not the main gate-a little one for side entrance. He went and stood by the gate and looked and fell before temptation. With a quickly beating heart he opened it, stepped briskly in, plucked a rose and was about to retire when he saw a bed of American Beauties losing themselves in a leafy recess.

"I am very fond of flowers," he added. "I love flowers too." "So I judge by the roses in your lap." "It was wrong to pluck them, but I couldn't help it." "Why wrong to pluck that to which I'm sure you are welcome?" She looked at him inquiringly. She was herself a trespasser. It occurred to her that he was the owner. "Then I may keep them?"

He saw the situation. He, a thief, had stumbled on a thief who thought him the possessor of the place. Putting his hand on his heart, he bowed low and said: "All of them and more."

"Oh, how kind of you!" She was very pretty and, dressed as she was in sheer white, formed a lovely contrast with the green background and the roses in her lap. "If I were an artist," he said, "I would wish for no better subject." "Won't you show me your place?" she asked. "Certainly, but may I not sit for a few minutes in this entrancing bower?"

"You are quite welcome to them," said he who was the real owner. "I-I knew you would have done as much yourself," said the man trespasser, coloring. The owner took in the situation-at least enough of it-to give him a cue. He fancied the trespasser had brought the girl there and yielded to a temptation to give her the roses. "Would you like to see my place?" he said. "The girl gave her companion, trespasser a surprised look. 'Why, I thought you lived here?'"

When they were alone the girl said: "How nice it was that I was caught by two such nice men!" "Oh, we men can always depend upon one another. Any guest of mine in that place is a guest of my friend." "Delightful! I did you good morning. Thank you very much for the roses." "Don't mention it."

Humor and Philosophy by DUNCAN M. SMITH PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Living on Easy street is truly delightful, but the road to it is sometimes rough and beset with peril. Easiest Way Out. "Gilty or not?" asked the judge. "I haven't made up my mind," replied the prisoner. "If you don't know, who does?"

Everything For the Best. "I can't bear that man." "Why?" "He bores me with his lies." "You don't know what he knows; that is the reason you are bored."

Notice to Contractors: Sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Washington County, Ore., until 2 o'clock P. M. of the 22nd day of May, 1909, and then opened for the crushing and hauling of about four thousand yards of rock at the Gaston, Thatcher, and Cedar Mill quarries. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. For further particulars inquire of the County Judge or Commissioners. By order of the County Court. Dated May 13, 1909. J. W. Goodin, County Judge.

\$38.50 buys a Waldo Kale Plant Setter. Read this Lesson in Simple Arithmetic. Hand planting, 3 men a day to plant 1 acre Kale, equals at least \$6 Waldo planter, 2 men a day to plant 3 acres at cost per acre of but \$10. PLANTS KALE, CORN, POTATOES, PUMPKIN, SQUASH SEED.

CONNELL & CO., Hillsboro.

J. S. LORSUNG Contractor and Builder. Large Barns a Specialty. Hillsboro, Ore., R. F. D. 2.

MOORE & HOOVER Second Street Meat Market. Fresh and Cured Meats. ALWAYS IN STOCK. Second Street, Hillsboro, Or.

Administrator's Notice: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of Loeza Baughman, deceased.

CITATION: IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. In the Matter of the Estate of Loeza Baughman, Deceased.

Humor and Philosophy: Being able to dictate terms to the landlord is enough to give any man a swelled head. The man who looks like a loud noise may be nothing but a big bluff.

Bank Report: Report of the condition of the Bank of Sherwood, at Sherwood, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 28, 1909.

Summons: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. Carrie B. Hall, Plaintiff, vs. F. J. Hall, Defendant.

Administrator's Notice: In the matter of the estate of Solomon Wasserman, deceased. Notice is hereby given that H. W. Metzger, administrator of the above entitled estate, has filed his final report and account as such in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

Executor's Notice: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the last will and testament of Gottfried Matthes, deceased.

Sheriff's Sale: Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of a writ of sale, issued out of the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, dated May 5, 1909, in favor of George H. Barrett, plaintiff, and Clarence Miller and Jane E. Miller, defendants.

Referee's Sale: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Referee, by virtue of a decree and order of sale duly made, rendered and entered in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, in a suit therein pending, wherein Mary Becker (Now Mary Van Damme) is plaintiff, and Henry Becker is defendant.

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Monuments: Forest Grove Monumental Works CAN SAVE MONEY FOR YOU. Designs and Stock, none better. Quality and Workmanship unexcelled. PRICES LOWEST on the coast.

Benson's Confectionery. Second Street, Hillsboro. Two doors North of Commercial Hotel. Largest and best Stock of Cigars and Tobacco in city. Nuts, candies, and fruits in season.

MT. HOOD ICE CREAM. The sweetest and finest flavored cream in the market. Try it, and you will be our patron. AT LANES, 2nd Street.

KERSHAW is in Town. To serve the Public as its House Painter and Paper Hanger. Church work given a Discount. Graining, Kalsomining and Inside Finishing my Specialty.

The Watkins Remedies Man Still is in Business. In Washington Co. and is here to stay, notwithstanding contrary reports. Farmers, reserve your orders for Watkins' Remedies, Spices, Extracts, and Poultry Foods.

Can you See This Little Point? Am now Starting my third year in the making of First-class Harness in this city, predictions to the contrary notwithstanding. Good material, good work, right prices.

There's a reason for you and reason enough, and that's the reason I am at the same old stand. Fine Leather Findings of all kinds, whips, robes, saddles, etc. Repair work.

NO GENTLEMAN. Would permit his wife to work herself sick tearing up carpets, worrying over the torn-up condition of the house for a week, if he knew how fine my Vacuum Compressed Air Cleaner does the work.

A. F. TINGSTROM. Would permit his wife to work herself sick tearing up carpets, worrying over the torn-up condition of the house for a week, if he knew how fine my Vacuum Compressed Air Cleaner does the work.

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W. F. Rudolf, of Forest Grove, was in town last Saturday. W. B. Maitland, of Forest Grove, was in the city, last Friday. Ulrich Kempf, of the Halverson cheese-maker, was in town yesterday.

Victor Crop, of near Glencoe, was in town yesterday. Read his notice. Sam Reilly, of Portland, came out yesterday, and went up to his Mountaineer ranch.

The baseball game at Farmington last Sunday, between the local club and the Verboort team, resulted in another victory for the latter club, the score being 13 to 10.

The Hunt Club, of Portland, a corporation, filed a deed to a 20-acre tract of land near Gardiner Home, this week. The tract was purchased from Christian Gerlach, and the price paid was \$9000.

Sam Galbreath, of Tualatin, a well known real estate dealer of that section, was in town Tuesday. He says the lower end of the county is prosperous, with many land tracts changing hands.

Frank Mitchell, late of Pendleton, is visiting his old home at Hillsboro for a time, having just returned from California, where he spent some time for the benefit of his health.

A fire alarm was turned in about 4 p. m. last Saturday, and the fire was turned out with their usual alacrity. A burning chimney at the residence of T. H. Tongue on East Main street, caused the alarm, but no damage resulted to the premises.

The Oregon Electric Company has begun suit against Mrs. Ludmila Anderson, to condemn her property for a depot site. It is understood that the company has options on the Zina Wood and Mrs. Thomas Pelton lots which adjoin the Anderson tract, and that it needs the Anderson lot to give it the required ground for its depot.