

The editor of the Corvallis Gazette seems to think nobody can be found to all Judge Watson's place. It may be that Watson will decline the appointment of U. S. District Attorney and remain Judge of the second Judicial District just to please Woodcock and Walker.

The fight between Sullivan and Ryan, which took place in Mississippi, was a brutal affair, although it was watched with interest all over the United States. Even in Portland about \$2500 changed hands. Sullivan won on the ninth round.

Did you ever notice how very convenient it is for the Villard combination to have railroads to build this year in Democratic counties? Men to get work on their roads, most on the ground by March 1st sure. That will give them just ninety days in the county. It looks just a little significant.

Another lick has been made against the title to the land formerly belonging to the old W. V. & C. M. Wagon Road Co., but the telegraph tells us the authorities think the old company complied with the letter of the law at least and that further investigations can only be obtained through the Attorney General in courts.

GEORGE M. STRAUB, of Multnomah, is spoken of as a probable candidate for the nomination for Governor before the next Democratic Convention. Whether he will get the nomination or not we can't say, but we know he will get warm support in "The Forks." He used to spend a great deal of his time there, and was at one time Mayor of Seia.

WHEELS.

There is a class of wheels coming prominently before the people, and as soon as they can be arrested and punished the better it will be for the community at large. We allude to that class of scoundrels who make it a business to gain the affections of young ladies and then rob and betray them. The case of Lawrence, of Portland, last month, and that of Chase and Miss Metzger, of California, a few days since are fair samples of the proceedings of these accomplished villains. Young ladies should be on their guard, and accept the attentions of no man whom they do not know, or of whom but little if anything can be learned. Time will reveal the true character of a man, and well-to-do honest men are always anxious to have all the firms expended on their possible so to have their characters known to those with whom they are brought in contact. Every gentleman observes this rule, and ladies should not forget it. Strangers to each other, like Chase and Metzger, seldom succeed. Almost all cases of that kind result the same as this one. They are clear cases of "pick up" in every sense of the words. Lawrence and Chase both fooled their unsuspecting victims until they robbed them of their wealth and good name. Miss Metzger was left entirely destitute. Such a fate to overcome pure and innocent young ladies is horrifying. When a man presses his suit in violation of every honorable rule known to society, young ladies should learn that there is something wrong. Beware of the attentions of gay deceivers. Ladies cannot reform bigamists, nor unscrupulous men, nor impostors, nor they should see to it that they never fall into their company. Hanging after the Seattle code is a luxury for such men. The fact that Miss Metzger was a married woman running away from her husband does not make the crime of Chase any whiter.

BLAINE AND ARTHUR.

At this time the country is taking a rest over the Guiteau trial and refreshing itself with the breeze that comes from the sensational contest between Blaine and Frelinghuysen over the Chili and Peru troubles. Blaine has the reputation of being in the employ of some of the leading railroad monopolies of the United States. When Secretary of State in that trans-continental railroad interest he applied the Monroe doctrine to the building of the Canal across the Isthmus of Darien by the French Nabob. This was regarded as a small play of the lawyer on the part of Blaine acting in the interest of his monopoly clients. The English press made all sorts of fun of Mr. Blaine's statesmanship on this point. All nations want the Canal across the Isthmus and no section of the world needs it so much as the Pacific States of America. That Blaine should oppose the project with a wind bag, claiming the right to prevent its execution under the Monroe doctrine, was the wonder of the year just past. Now we have the same principle of interference with Chili and Peru affairs announced in his correspondence with our minister of Peru. That the United States can or will take sides in that war is absurd and Blaine knows it. If our country is called upon to act as a peacemaker, or to advise in the premises, very well, but to make herself offensive and defensive in that war it cannot be done. Mr. Blaine will never make his point as President Arthur in this way.

KASNER'S APPROPRIATION.

The Roseburg Plaindealer comes to the rescue of M. C. George, our Congressman, for having cut Yaquina Bay off with \$80,000, instead of \$200,000 for its improvement, as recommended by the Legislature of Oregon—a sum, absolutely needed for the purpose mentioned. Of course, the Plaindealer says "we know why the Democratic press makes this assault." If the astute Plaindealer had pointed out one Democratic paper, as such, that has made an assault on M. C. George for this peculiar proceeding, we might admit the premises, but no case of that sort exists. Inasmuch as the Plaindealer charges the assault on the Democratic party (when it knows that the issue is with the people) we accept it. Now let it be distinctly understood that with great care and scientific investigation, which were and are notorious, it was found that \$200,000 were needed for the Yaquina improvement. This fact was brought before (not a Democratic Legislature, though Democrats voted for the Memorial) the Legislature of 1880—and a memorial was passed asking Congress for this necessary aid. M. C. George, the present Congressman, made a canvass in the spring of 1880 for the position he now holds, and pledged himself to aid all these coast harbor improvements. He had an opportunity this winter to make his promise good, but the reading, thinking, and voting people of central western Oregon are not blind to the fact that M. C. George failed to comply with the prayer of the memorial of the Legislature of this State for harbor improvements on the coast at Yaquina. If this is to be made a political question, we are willing that Mr. George shall say that it is not consistent with his Republican (or Portland) principles to aid any other port than the Columbia river, or haven of rest at Portland. This piece of folly will retire Mr. George, though the Plaindealer shall cover him all over with "assaults of Democrats" that were never made. There is no party question in this thing; it is an expression of all parties that Mr. George has proved recreant to his trust. This is business, not politics, with the friends of harbor improvement at Yaquina, and no doubt Mr. George thinks it is business and not politics with him. He cannot ride two horses in this way. He may get all he can for all the harbors, but he should not ask for one that is not sufficient to do more than to wear it out with delay. The Plaindealer will find that it cannot help Mr. George by abusing the Democratic press in this matter. As the general Capt. Cottle would say, "overhaul your almanac, and when found make a note of it."

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GEORGE'S MISTAKE

Under this heading the Salem Statesman, a staunch friend of Yaquina Bay, comes to the front boldly and censures M. C. George for not acting in Congress as he had been instructed by the Oregon Legislature. We quote from it the following: Senator Grover has introduced a bill to appropriate \$200,000 for continuing the work of improving the entrance of Yaquina Bay. The last Legislature, by unanimous vote, adopted a memorial asking Congress to take this amount for Yaquina, and it was clearly the duty of Mr. George to demand it. The completion of the Oregon Pacific Railroad across the valley this season will guarantee reduced rates of transportation, and the people not only of the Willamette valley, but also of Eastern Oregon, will feel much aggravated if they are practically deprived of the benefits of this great enterprise through the failure of Congress to grant money sufficient to well advance the work of improving the entrance to Yaquina Bay. The depth of water now on the bar at high tide is but a few inches short of twenty feet, and it is estimated that \$200,000 will finish the jetty across the south channel and open the rocky barrier across the entrance so as to admit deep water vessels. Every farmer in Oregon is vitally interested in the consummation of this work, and it is the earnest wish of the Statesman that Congress will appropriate the amount asked for by the Legislature.

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KNOX BUTTE CORRESPONDENCE.

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On Saturday, Jan. 28th, the Knox Butte Grange, P. M., installed officers for the ensuing year and the good sisters spread a bountiful basket dinner, to which your correspondent did ample justice.

On the eve of the 28th, Onward Lodge I. O. O. T. elected officers, who will be installed at the next regular meeting. Onward is fast recovering her lost ground and will soon again be among the first in the good fight for temperance and total abstinence, (if you please to call it so).

It is whispered that one of the young men in this vicinity contemplates making the rating school mark a permanent institution of this neighborhood. Clodhopper says that Bob Chambers has the timbers on the ground for a substantial barn but forgot to say that they are scattered through 125 acres of oak grove. Be faithful in little things, brother correspondent.

All hands have been heaping the agony on the devoted head of the cook who got up the last oyster supper here. Mr. Editor, if it is a free fight let me have a hand in it. Bob says your contributors do more injustice in giving him (Bob) all the credit of the affair, and he thinks it an attempt of some one who is jealous of his (Bob's) aspirations for the position of County School Superintendent. Such an excellent culinary artist as he has proven himself to be, can hardly fail to be an ornament to any position he may be called to fill.

Your correspondent of two weeks ago is mistaken about Conn running down so many horses in the attempt to get game killed by himself. He was trying to get birds that his son, Willie had crippled the dry horse, Jerome was not diving for his gun at all, but was after a duck the Homer Miller wounded the day of the hay! Mr. Editor, when asked what he was doing that he was after a duck, and he knew it was there, for he "saw it there last night."

Bob Chambers is much obliged to Ruckensokoway for informing him that he is about to captivate so pretty a girl, but says he does not build much hope upon such assertions from the fact that he has been captivated by scores of pretty girls, but has not yet succeeded in captivating even a plain, much less a pretty girl, and now, when grey hair adorns his venerable brow, he is regretting the past, and wishes the fatal mistake of his life that he had not learned to cook oysters. History most conclusively proves this to be his one mistake. The hunters were cognizant of this fact when congratulating Mrs. Miller for the wisdom and foresight shown in "securing so efficient a cook for a husband."

In conclusion Bob requests me to advise the youngsters who are budding into manhood to learn to cook. If you do, when the hoar frosts of many winters have left indelible admonitions of the fast approach of second childhood, you will not like him, while he sits by the fireside of his bachelor's hall, but try to do better—oh! my early days! that I may learn to cook.

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