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The Democrat.

Senator McBride has not yet made his maiden speech.

The Polk county platform is what people call "hot stuff." It might well be used as a model in several respects for other counties.

Congressman Hermann wants $150,000 spent for a topographical survey of the United States. What earthly use would that do anyway. It is time to cut down on these useless expenditures.

Money is what counts nowadays, and a dollar saved is a dollar earned. A good way to save it is by low taxes. The richer and more settled the county the lower the tax should be. How to get it will be developed before election.

That the republican party is utterly unable to legislate for the country is clearly shown in the failure to unite upon tariff legislation, the very subject upon which they have been boasting for years that the party was a unit for protection, and that they had the country at their back. Now, behold, leading members of that party in the United States senate engaging in bitter and heated personal altercations over the question of taking the sham tariff bill from the table. Yes, that party is utterly incapable of doing anything for the country, notwithstanding they made plausible promises of what they would do if the people would return them to power.

It is said that seven million pounds, or about $35,000,000, are to be spent on England's navy. This is to strengthen the vested interests of England and to increase the power of the privileged classes. The good to be derived from the expenditure of this enormous sum of money will go to those who do not live by their labor while the burden of providing the money will fall upon those who labor to live and who get the least benefit from the expenditure. The people themselves of England, as well as those of other countries, have little voice in directing the expenditure of their own money.—Ex. It shows though what England thinks of the situation.

Polk County Democratic Platform

Sec. I. Whereas, the present depressed condition of the country and the shrinkage of values are mainly due to the financial system which has controlled the country for more than twenty years last past, the Democracy of Polk county, in convention assembled, believing that the money question is the paramount issue before the people, hereby declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, and demand the immediate return to the constitutional standard of gold and silver by the restoration by the general government, independently of any foreign power, of the unrestricted coinage of both gold and silver into standard money at the ratio of 16 to 1, and upon terms of exact equality as they existed prior to 1873, the silver coin to be a full legal tender equally with gold for all debts and dues, public and private, and we denounce all discrimination by the government against the gold or silver currency of the country. We demand that the secretary of the treasury shall coin into standard silver dollars as soon as practicable, all the silver bullion now in the treasury of the United States which represent the silver seignorage or coinage profit to the government, and also all silver bullion that may hereafter be offered for coinage.

Sec. II. We demand the repeal of all specific contract laws, state and national.

Sec. III. We favor the construction of the Nicaragua canal, and its control by the general government.

Sec. IV. We demand a tariff so adjusted that it shall affect alike our commerce, our agriculture, and our manufacture.

Sec. V. We demand of the general government rigid enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

Sec. VI. In order that we may have an economical administration of state government, we demand that the salaries of all state officers shall be kept strictly within the letter of the constitution, that all laws now existing providing extra fees or compensation for any duty or service imposed by law upon such officer shall be repealed.

Sec. VII. We demand the repeal of the laws creating the Railroad Commission, the State Board of Equalization, the Domestic Animal Commission, the Horticultural Commission, laws creating and appropriating money for the support of the State and District Fairs, and the office of Fish Commissioner and Game Protector.

Sec. VIII. We demand the repeal of all laws providing for the organization and support of the Oregon State Militia, and also the law creating the office of Attorney General.

Sec IX. We demand the reenactment of the mortgage tax law, and the amendment of our assessment laws so that all recorded indebtedness of the taxpayer shall be deducted from his assessment.

Sec. X. We demand of our legislators the enactment of such laws as will utilize the labor of the state convicts for the improvement of the public roads in the several counties in the state, where such labor can be conviently used.

Sec. XI. As the excessive salaries at present paid to our county officials render taxation almost confiscation, we demand that the salary of the county clerk of Polk county be reduced from $1600 to $1200 per year; the deputy clerk from $1000 to $600; the county judge from $300 to $500; the county treasurer from $750 to $500; and that the salary of the county sheriff be fixed at $1600 per year, and his deputy at $900, the assessor $800 per year, he to pay his own help, and that the county school superintendent receive $500 per year.

Sec. XII. We condemn the last legislature for its willful disregard of its pledges for economy and its failure to repeal the laws creating useless commissions, and we pledge the candidates nominated by this convention to favor reduction of salaries in all departments: state, county and municipal.

Ben Hayden, in a speech at Dallas, according to the Enterprise, reviewed the financial legislation of the past 25 years and denounced the demonetization of silver in both this country and Europe as a crime against the common people. It was done in the interest of the money power. Gold today is in the hands of the few, and so far as the masses are concerned it might as well be in Halifax or Hades. Capital has all the gold hoarded and is not willing the people should have silver. He denounced the action of the last state legislature for not fulfilling some of its pledges given the people. The speaker promised that the voters of Polk county would hear from him before the campaign is over.

Official Catholic Figures.

The official directory of the Catholic church in the United States has just been issued. It places the number of Catholics in the United States at 9,410,720 divided territorially into fourteen archdioceses and seventy-one dioceses, ruled by fourteen archbishops, including one cardinal and sixty-nine bishops. A few of the dioceses are without heads at present, but besides these prelates there are in this country three titular bishops.

There are 10,348 priests, of whom 7,756 are secular and 2,582 regulars—that is, members of religious orders, such as Jesuits, Paulists, Dominicans, Franciscans, Redemptorists, etc. These priests are in charge of 9,301 churches, 5853 of which have resident pastors and 3,648 are missions with churches—that is extra charges of the priests attached to nearby parishes. Besides these are 5,393 other places of worship called stations and chapels.

The educational force of the Catholic church in this country consists of nine universities, twenty-six secular seminaries, with 1,968 students, eighty two regular seminaries, with 1,713 students; 187 high schools for boys and 633 high schools for girls, and 3,361 parochial schools, which are attended by 796,348 children. The orphan asylums number 243, in which are 33,064 inmates, and there are 836 Catholic institutions, in which are 933,944 children.

New York is the premier archdiocese of the country, and, it is said, of the whole world. It comprises that city and the counties of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, Rockland and Richmond and the Bahama Islands, and contains 800,000 Catholics. Next in order comes Boston and Chicago, each of which has 600,000 Catholics. Fourth on the list stands Brooklyn, with 500,000 and then follows Philadelphia, 415,000; New Orleans, 325,000; Hartford, 250,000; Cleveland, 250,000, Baltimore, 240,000; Newark, 231,000; San Francisco, 225,000; Pittsburg, 225,000; St. Paul, 210 000; Providence, Springfield (Mass.) Milwaukee and St. Louis, 200,000 each. The other dioceses range from this figure down to 1,000 the number of Catholics in Alaska, the largest Catholic ecclesiastical district in area, but the smallest in population.

A comparison of these statistics with those for 1895 shows there are now 332, 934 more Catholic church members than there were last year.—Ex.

The Time Come.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 28th, 1896.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

The time has come in the history of Linn county politics when we should act with judgment and discretion, and do nothing that will tend to disrupt the democratic party. This is no time for experiments.

The party candidates should not be handicapped, by dragging issues into state and county politics, that properly belong to national politics. It is in my judgment, the best policy in making a platform for state and county officers to run on, to make them on county and state issues, and let the National financial question alone for the National convention to deal with.

It does not matter what the individual views of the candidates are on the silver or any other National question for county and state offices. I am in favor of nominating good representative democrats, whose views on the state issues are sound, and who have the confidence of the people and who will have the backbone, if elected, to use their utmost exertions to have them formulated into laws, that will cut off all the unnecessary expenses that the taxpayers are now being burdened with.

We cannot afford to adopt a platform or policy in the interest of any faction of the party and ignore the views of the others. We can all unite in a state and county policy that will place us before the people in such an attitude as will certainly gain the support of good men of all parties. For there has certainly never in the history of this or any other state been a policy more susceptible of attack than the two last republican legislatures of the state of Oregon. Whatever faction may have control of the county or state conventions cannot drive those of different views on National questions into the support of their views. The rule or ruin policy cannot prevail, and is certainly not democratic. We must make concessions if we want harmony.

A DEMOCRAT.

One of the peculiarities of life in congress is the willingness of the statesmen to be amused. This is particularly true in the house of representatives. The faintest attempt at a joke brings forth laughter, which is duly inserted within brackets in the Congressional Record. Some of the jokes at which the house is officially recorded as laughing are very thin, measly jokes, and the wonder is that anyone ever smiles at them. The capacity of the popular branch for amusement on the slightest provocation may be judged by the fact that whenever the name of Mr. Sauerhering, of Wisconsin, is sung out on the roll call the house titters like a primary department schoolroom. Mr. Sauerhering's name was a little funny when it was first heard, but that was months ago. Since then the house has heard it many times a week, yet every time the reading clerk sings out "Mr Sauerhering!" there are smiles, twitters, winks, guffaws and facial grimaces on the floor. Mr. Sauerhering is tired of it, and the galleries are tired of it, and the house ought to be.—Walter Wellman in Times Herald.

It is surmised in financial circles that the richest man in the world is not a Vanderbilt, an Astor, a Rockefeller or a Barnato. The thrifty person is believed to be plain Mr Robinson—John B—of South Africa. In 1878 Mr Robinson was considerably involved; it might not, indeed, be holding too high language to say that he was in that unhappy condition sometimes described as "head over heels in debt." At that time he was keeping store in the Orange Free State, and his customers proceeded largely on the theory that groceries were free as well as the state. This insane delusion kept Robinson's nose on the grindstone until the wonder is that it was not worn off up to the eyebrows.

Robinson nailed up the grocery store, his customers having the groceries, and he and Mrs. Robinson begged their way 300 miles to Kimberley, where he picked up a rough diamond, which he sold for $1200. With this as a nest egg he started in the mining business and today his fortune is estimated at $350,000,000.—Toledo Bee.

A Philadelphia woman, the daughter of a wealthy citizen shot a negro boy who was stealing an apple and was sentenced to three hours in jail and a nominal fine considering the wealth of her father. Had she been a poor man she would have gotten a good many years in jail.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

Cupid never sleeps.
Long haired but brainy.
A penetrating subject.
A thought reader.
Not very funny either.
Economy a timely word.

It is a rare thing that a man ever gets so old, if he is in good health, that he would not like to get married, if a widower. During the week a gentleman 78 years of age told the DEMOCRAT man that he would like a wife and was watching out for an opportunity to unite his fortunes with some one.

Cupid's bow is always strung,
Age plays no part with him,
No matter whether old or young,
He sends the shaft with vim.

There is an old saying like this: "Beware of long haired men and short haired women." The DEMOCRAT editor admits that the saying has always had an influence over his mind.

The cathode ray continues the absorbing topic. It is spreading out into all quarters. Everybody is experimenting. Perhaps there will be too much experimenting. There is liable to be a general demand by old timers for examination in order to find out the location of old bullets, needles, etc., that have been lying harmlessly imbedded in solid tissue for years. The result might be fatal. Then every other person will want to know about the quality of his brain, and the result will be fatal to many a fond hope. Think of the big heads that will be reduced in size.

This cathode ray business is a marvel, but it is mild beside the thought reader, a machine which placed a foot from a man's head is to record his thoughts. It is anticipated this will be a great help in detecting crime. For instance located near Durrant's head it would record his actual thoughts about the great Emanuel church tragedy, and the public would be a unit as to his guilt. Set near the head of the young lady he adores the young man might be saved the embarrassment of a refusal. But this is no funny business. The invention actually exists and promises to be a success.

During the week a San Francisco man shot his wife through the heart, and when arrested said he did it just for fun, and coolly lighted a cigar over the fact. One may expect anything of a San Franciscan nowadays. A cathode ray turned on that city would reveal a condition of affairs that would make even a reader of dime novels start back with horror.

The word economy is being used about as much as any nowadays. It is very timely, in fact a necessity with individuals, and yet the national, state, county and city governments hardly know its significance. Big salaries continue and all manner of tricks are resorted to to increase the already big incomes by extra perquisites, while the people scrimp in every manner possible to pay their taxes and make ends meet. The farmer with an income of $1000 would be in clover; but the official on double the amount or more is not satisfied without ringing in extras. It is no wonder the people are beginning to think.

From England comes the news of a new and ingenious way to make hens lay. The plan has only just been put into operation, but already it has been attended with some measure of success. Its inventor is a young man who was driven to hatch this device out of his fruitful mind because of the worriment his hens caused him. Day after day they would not lay, and they flouted and they scouted him by walking around and taking things very easily, much to his financial loss. So he put his wits together and made these domestic bipeds "walk the treadmill" until they laid. His machinery, an elaborated bit of carpentering, consisted of what is called in England a "hen run," which was a sort of Midway Plaisance for poultry. It was a beautifully working minature treadmill. A hen who had done her full duty was allowed the full privileges of the "run," a hen who had not, and from whom Mr. Jerdands considered an egg to be due, was placed, in spite of all her fluttering, upon the treadmill, and made to walk it until she evened up her score and delivered an egg. The weight of the new laid" would act upon a spring and the hen would then be liberated to the enjoyment of the "run." Not quite all the details have come to hand as yet, but this much is known, that the poultry treadmill was a success, and a sure shot to get eggs on demand. The only thing a hen can do, once placed within, was to go up and up until she got over her sulks and was ready to deliver the egg.

On page 35 of the school laws, section 43, you will find the law on school election, as follows:

First, any citizen of this state shall be entitled to vote at a school meeting who is twenty-one years of age and has resided in the district thirty days immediately preceding the meeting, and who has property in the district upon which he or she pays a tax, or have children of school age to educate, but this act shall not be applicable to districts with a population of 1,000 or upwards.

Second, in all school districts in this state, with a population of a thousand and upward, any citizen of this state shall be entitled to vote at a school meeting who is twenty-one years of age and has resided in their district thirty days immediately preceeding the meeting, and has property upon which he or she pays tax.

Offers, princely in their nature, are repeatedly being made to Mary Anderson de Navarro to return to the stage, writes Edward W. Bok in March Ladies Home Journal, but she turns a deaf ear to them all. Only the past summer overtures came to her from an American manager which insured a big fortune if she would consent to return to the stage for a brief period. There were six figures in the amount stipulated, and the first figure was equal to the total number of numerals in the whole amount. But it had no effect upon her. She turned away from it easily and without an effort. "No," she said, "I am through with the stage." And that was all.

The number of depositors in the savings banks of New York State at the beginning of this year was 1,695,787. That is one in ever four of the population, if the present number of inhabitants be 6,750,000, and it hardly can exceed that figure, as the census of five years ago placed the population at a little less than 6,000,000. The average to each of these accounts was nearly $470.

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MISFITS.

Attorney General Idleman is at his office engaged on several cases.—Journal. What does he get $3000 a year for anyway.

J. B. Eddy, the R. R. Com. is said to be a candidate for congress in the E. O. district. If true it is a sample of cheek not often witnessed.

If the populists that were not nominated for office at the convention have changed their minds, like one we know, the democrats will poll a strong vote.—Waterloo Cor. Express

The Journal says Mr. Toothwort, Miss Trillium, who paints her face, Mr. Lambtongue and Johnny Jumpup have arrived in Salem's suburb. Translated it means that spring flowers are appearing.

A Eugene paper says God's Regular Army has left that city leaving their creditors to mourn over various small sums of money due in the city, ranging from one to three dollars. An army with that name should not do things that way.

Eugene was to have a creamery meeting today. That is at least one step forward. Albany is proud in not only having a creamery in very successful operation, but one with a long distance telephone, so that orders can be made directly to the creamery for butter from Spokane to Eugene.

Hereafter we will charge for all local notices of entertainments where an admission fee is charged at the door. We must live.—Gervais Star. That is business. People have to pay for poster advertising. Why not for newspaper advertising, which is much more effective.

In removing the postoffice fixtures to the new location the original Medford postoffice was unearthed. It consisted of a wooden box 12 inches wide, 22 inches long and nine inches deep, with pigeon holes for the mail for all inhabitants of Medford at the time—in 1884.—Medford Monitor.

A Washington county paper boasts as follows: "The whole cost of assessing Washington county for the year 1895, including field and office work, was no more than $1,850." Linn county hasn't been able to boast that way for several years.

Another former Oregon man leaps to the front, Mr. H. Maitland Kersey, who once resided in Benton county, an English friend of Wallis Nash, is engaged to marry Miss Fair, daughter of the famous millionaire. Fair is a very ordinary man and has been married before, having a divorced wife.

The Salem evening papers are getting very good naturedly personal again. Here it is:

Who will take Bill Nye's place? We mean in this world.—Journal.

The colonel, perhaps, in this world, but not in the next, for we believe Bill Nye went to heaven.—Salem Post.

See here, are we to have your company forced upon us in the hereafter too? One evening paper will be enough in the next world.—Journal.

The students of the university were pleased to learn of President Hawley's success at the wood-chopping contest at Albany last Saturday night when the gentleman took first prize, being most skillful at the art. One pupil showed his appreciation by placing the following inscription upon the blackboard: "Prof. W. C. Hawley, professional woodchopper, $7.50 per stick."—Salem Journal.

There is an old adage that says, "dogs and cats will fight." Persuing the thing still further it is demonstrated by the following that women, too, have their differences. The other day a couple of ladies, whose back doors face, were absorbed in a fiery argument, when one woman said, "you think I'm a fool?" "No, I don't," responded the other, "but you're next door to one."—Astoria Budget

The following was telegraphed by Peter Maher to the N. Y. World just before the big fight, and shows what a windy business prize fighting is anyway: "I feel splendidly today, as well as I ever did before the sand storm struck me. I shall be in the ring Friday morning and, unless my calculations are away off, it will be Fitzsimmons the has-been, instead of me. This man Fitzsimmons is a funny fellow. He is not satisfied with one fight at a time, but wants to bring poor Corbett down to wallop him. He must think he is a holy terror, but if I get a wipe at him he'll wish he had remained in Australia, he and his boasting manager.

Our correspondent from South Beaver touches upon a new idea in politics by proposing to furnish a good man to assess the county for $400. It cost about $1,000 last year. The idea might be enlarged upon. How would it do to let the various county offices out to the lowest responsible bidder, in the same manner that county bridge contracts are let. After all it is only a question of service and pay therefore, and it ought to be just as reasonable for the offices to be let out to the lowest bidder that can put up a good and sufficient bond. The idea can be largely elaborated on, at any rate.—Lincoln County Leader.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Resolve for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—By the overwhelming vote of 64 to 6 the senate today adopted a concurrent resolution favorable to Cuban belligerency and independence. The resolutions adopted are as follows:

"Resolved, By the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that, in the opinion of congress, a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba; and, that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

"Resolved, That the friendly offices of the United States should be offered by the president to the Spanish government for the recognition of the independence of Cuba."

Political Talk.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A special to the Record from Washington says: The remarkable speech of Mr Carter in the senate, taken in connection with that of Secretary Carlisle in New York, a few days ago, has started a good deal of talk about a reorganization of the old political parties and a division of the people upon new lines. Both the republicans and democrats seem almost hopelessly divided upon the same issue, and that the most important issue before the American people today.

Weekly Review.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—R G Dun & Company's weekly review of trade, says: In some lines, business gains at the West rather than at the East, but there is no general change for the better, although hopefulness still predominates. The want of a sufficient demand for the products of the great industries still retards actual improvement.

Is She Alive.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 28.—Attorney Clay, of Wayne county, W. Va., who has been retained to defend Scott Jackson, alleged to be implicated in the Cincinnati murder mystery, makes the startling statement that Pearl Bryan is alive and will be produced at the right time. He has three witnesses who will divulge the secret and expose the mystery in few days.

Already Dropping.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows:

Available cash balance $266,087,954
Gold reserve 123,894,515

The treasury today lost $1,259,500 in gold coin and $1200 in bars, which leaves the true amount of the reserve $122,244,229. This is a net loss since last Wednesday of nearly $2,400,000.

Vest's Eloquence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A stirring speech by Vest on behalf of Cuba was the event of today in the senate. White and Gray contended as a legal proposition that the United States could not, at this time, recognize Cuba's independence. This aroused Vest. He spoke of Spain as the toothless old wolf who had lost, one by one, her litter, and was still clinging to this single remaining cub. He pictured Spain as the impotent giant Despair of the "Pilgrim's Progress" gazing on defeat. In impassioned words he made an apotheosis of liberty of rare beauty and fervor, adding with ringing emphasis, that the Cuban patriots would never, never, never, again become the unwilling subjects of Spain.

Oregon P. O. Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The receipts of gold and "representatives" of gold at various postoffices in the states of the Northwest are shown in the elaborate statement gotten up and made publicly the postoffice department. The figures show that in Oregon the gross receipts for the year in all first and second-class postoffices were $186,835, making the average per month $15,570. The gold receipts per month were $3712. The gross receipts for the year of postoffices of all classes were $419,653, and the department estimates the gold receipts at $151,042.

Garment Workers Out.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 27.—Four thousand garment workers, members of the American Federation of Labor, struck today. Two thousand more will join them before night. The strike is a result of the refusal of the clothiers' board of trade to employ none but members of the Garment Workers' Union. Members of the Knights of Labor are not involved.

A Wardner Tragedy.

WARDNER, Feb 27.—Ed Green, a miner, and Dick Stewart, a gambler, became involved in an altercation in a saloon this afternoon. Green attacked Stewart with a knife and Stewart drew a revolver and fired four shots. The first struck Reddy, the saloon keeper, in the left arm. One shot struck Green between the elbow and shoulder, causing a bad fracture, and another struck him in the abdomen. The latter is not necessarily fatal. Stewart gave himself up.

The Revolution On.

MANAGUA, Feb. 27.—The revolution is now in full blast, and all the cities of Nicaragua on this side of the country are in arms and preparing either to support President Zelaya or contribute men for the march of his enemies upon the capital, Managua.

A Spanish Massacre.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A cablegram from Havana says: A reckless massacre of inoffensive persons has occurred at Guatao, 10 miles from here, and the country is in a state of abject terror. The people are fleeing from their homes in panic, and in momentary dread of murder.

Their Chances.

CHICAGO, Feb 26.—A special to the Inter Ocean from Washington says: The friends of presidential candidates continue to speculate and count the delegates that have not been elected. The friends of Governor McKinley claim that he will have 443 votes on the first ballot, or within 24 of enough to nominate. The friends of the other candidates do not admit any such strength for McKinley as his friends claim. The Pittsburg Dispatch estimates that McKinley will have 335 votes, Reed 215, Morton 97, Allison 80, Quay 76, Cullom 38, Bradley 26, Davis 22 and scattering 18.

Burglary at Newberg.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb 26.—Burglars broke into the hardware store of J P Mount last night and took what small change there was in the money drawer. A hole was drilled in the safe, but the burglars were evidently frightened away before finishing their work, as the drill was left in the hole and other tools on the floor. It seems there is a gang of burglars all along the West Side. There have been six or eight crimes such as that last night committed in Newberg within the last four years.

A Bright Student.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 26.—Clyde Fogle, a member of the junior class in the university of Oregon, has received the second prize for the American Institute of Sacred Literature for excellence in New Testament Greek. All the colleges of the world were represented in this competition. Mr Fogle has received all his instruction in Greek in the university of Oregon, under Professor John Straub. The value of the prize is $50.

A Wonderful Invention.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Eugene Gregory, ex-mayor of Sacramento, and his son Julius E Gregory, now attending the state university at Berkeley, are the inventors of a process by which railroad companies get even with the scalpers. The invention consists of a camera by means of which the likeness of a purchaser is photographed on the back of a ticket. The ex-mayor is now in Washington attending to the final arrangements about the patent.

The Report Received.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The report on the great project of the permanent improvement of the Willamette river from Portland to Eugene has been received by the secretary os war, together with numerous maps, the result of nearly one year's work by the local engineers. It will be before congress and the river and harbor committee in about two weeks.

The Six Men All Right.

ASTORIA, Feb. 16.—The six men who were thought to have been lost were found today on Sand Island by the Fort Canby life-saving crew. They were in good spirits, hunting and fishing and the entire scare, no doubt induced by the heavy storm of Monday, was without foundation.

For the best Drugs Dawson's.

Time and Tide.

A good sized audience witnessed the presentation last night of Time and Tide by the Crescent Dramatic Company of this city. The play was warmly received, the applause being often. Some live comedy runs through the drama, well done by Holmes, Wallace and Crawford. There is enough tragedy to keep up the interest in the serious parts, while a plot runs through the play that is watched and anticipated with interest. Between acts Mr. Charles Fuller was heard in a couple of songs, and Miss Maud Hulburt once, both enthusiastically applauded. The Troutman orchestra furnished some excellent music for the occasion.

Attention Democrats.

A meeting of democrats of Albany and vicinity will be held in the circuit court room, at the Court House on Monday the 2d day of March, 1896, at 8 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is requested. All democrats from other portions of Linn county who may be in the city are cordially invited to be present.

COMMITTEE.

WILL BE PLOWED UP.—No more will the great army of people gather at Dr. Davis's hop yards to pick hops as of yore. He informed us that he will plow up between 30 and 35 acres of hops and put the land into something in which there will be more remuneration. Fifty acres he will not cultivate at all, and the remaining 25 acres he will put into the best possible state of cultivation, in order that what hops he gets will be the best that labor and care can produce.—Harrisburg Review.

REACHED EUGENE.—The O. R. & N. Co's steamer arrived here this forenoon at 11:30 o'clock with 40 tons of freight on board. As soon as unloaded, about 2 o'clock, she left for Harrisburg and will return tomorrow and bring up another load. She took no down freight as it would not pay to unload it at Harrisburg. The captain reports the river in good condition. The boat will leave here again Sunday morning and will carry away between 60 and 70 tons of freight.—Guard.

THE MINES.—W. B. Lawler returned from the Blue River mines yesterday and went to the Lawler mines this morning. The mill has now been running nearly three weeks, and if reports are true the result is far beyond expectations, being very rich. Reports, though, cannot always be traced, and it is not anticipated the cleanup will be made public. Mr. Lawler will leave for the east and probably London in a few days.

A large and elegant line of silverware, novelties in jewelry, statuary, etc, may be seen at Will & Starks, one of the choicest displays in the valley, with prices in reach of everybody. You can find what you want at their store.

O. C. & E. Time Table.

Passenger—Leaves Yaquina at 7 a. m. Arrives at Albany at 11:50 a. m. Leaves Albany 1:05, arrives at Bay at 5:40 p. m.

Mixed—Leaves Albany for Detroit at 7:44 a m, arrives at Detroit at 12:15 p m. Leaves Detroit at 12:55 p m, arrives at Albany at 5:30 p m.

Freight—Leaves Albany at 7:15 a m on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Arrives at Yaquina at 4:05 p m; leaves Yaquina at 8:15 a m on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; arrives at Albany at 4:55 p. m.

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