

More of That \$1000.

The Salem Sentinel (Rep.) prints the following affidavit bearing up the Geer-Plummer controversy; STATE OF OREGON,

COUNTY OF POLK.

I, Beldeu H. Grant, being first duly sworn according to law, depose and say: That I am at the present time a resident of Fullman, Washington, keeping store in that city; that I was a deputy sheriff of Polk county, Oregon, during the whole of H. B. Plummer's last term as sheriff of Polk county, Oregon, commencing in July, 1898; that I have read the denial of Governor T. T. Geer as published in the newspapers regarding the matter of the purchase of the office of superintendent of the penitentiary by Mr. Plummer...

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, at Dallas, in Polk county aforesaid, this 25th day of December, A. D., 1899.

Oscar Haver, Notary Public for Oregon.

From the Indianapolis Sentinel: It is already evident from the introduction of the Payne bill that the Marz Hanna ship subsidy steal is to be pushed at the present session of congress. It is an essential part of the imperialist system to extend facilities for fleeing the people both at home and in the colonies.

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican: If this congress appropriates money up to the demands of the various departments of government, it will be not merely a billion-and-a-half dollar congress. This is the work of imperialism. It has been made the most extravagant of recent congresses, models of moderation and economy in the comparison.

The policy of the Republican party is to keep a permanent standing army of 100,000 men. This is a heavy burden on the back of labor, but the imperialists and the trusts demand that we adopt the military standard of Europe.

If you do not think the "war taxes" are here to stay, just keep an eye on the congressional appropriations and figure up the added millions necessary to prevent a deficit.

A "million dollar congress" started the people only a few days ago. Now half a billion has to be added to meet the constantly increasing extravagance.

Prof. A. B. Cordley, of the O. A. C., has just returned from a trip east. While gone he was in a wreck on the Delaware and Lackawanna in New York state in which seven persons were killed in his car, one man directly across the aisle from him.

There are twenty-eight applications for janitor of the new court house. There will be two under a new arrangement, one for the day and one for the night. Mr. John Cautin, the present janitor has a big backing for one of the places.

Albany's Prosperity.

Ex-Mayor Burkhardt in the New Year's Oregonian writes of Albany as follows: The year 1899 was one of exceptional prosperity for the city of Albany. A number of new brick buildings have been erected, the most important being the new courthouse, a magnificent structure, and also a number of neat and costly residences. Property has sold quite freely during the year at good prices, the contemplated building of the large sawmill and the extension of the C. & E. railroad being the chief factors in the sales. Business during the year has nearly doubled that of 1898, while the improvements are greater than for several years past combined.

New life has been infused in the citizens and the year 1900 promises to be most active in the city's history. The various factories and industrial establishments are in a prosperous and paying condition. The bank deposits show a large increase and indicate a healthy financial condition among the business men. The population of the city shows a steady increase during the year and from the best estimates obtainable is placed at about 5500. Many people from the Eastern states have settled in the city during the year, and all seem satisfied with their new homes.

The newcomers are among the better class of well-to-do people, and they will be a factor in building up the city in the future. The business handled by the railroads during the past year in the city has increased over 50 per cent in both freight and passenger departments.

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"Does any one imagine that if the president was really eager and determined on this subject as much in earnest, for instance, as he is to have his imperialist policy carried out in the Philippines—he could not find out some way of prodding the trusts and making them feel at least a little uncomfortable? What does the country pay a member of the cabinet to act as attorney general for if not to discharge his duties in such a manner as to serve the people along such lines?"

"With all the power of the federal government and with the Sherman anti-trust law to back them, could not the president and his attorney general do something to show that they are in earnest if they really do mean business?"

The National Rural voices the sentiment of independent thinkers in the following reference to that portion of President McKinley's message which refers to the trusts:

If the president and the administration are really in earnest they would have precipitated the fight against the trusts before the power of these monopolies reached such formidable proportions. The Sherman anti-trust law has been on the statute books many years and no attempt whatever has been made on the part of the attorney-general to enforce it, or call any of these aggregations to account under it, or to secure a decision as to whether it is constitutional or otherwise. The attorney-general simply took it for granted, and so stated that it was unconstitutional, and let the matter rest.

From the Appeal to Reason: Just to emphasize the good times, the tin-plate trust has closed down indefinitely sixteen of its thirty-one plants, throwing out of employment over 2,000 men in the rolling department alone, and thousands more in other departments. The testimony of an owner before the investigating committee was that he made 20 per cent net profit when tin-plate sold at \$2.60, and it now sells for \$5.65, so you see the law of supply and demand is an immutable law!

"I do not see any necessity for additional legislation on the trust question," says Grosvener of Ohio. Mr. Grosvener is the president's mouthpiece in the house. He voices the wishes of both Hanna and McKinley in the most official way. Of course he cannot see any necessity for additional legislation against trusts. The trusts have done too much for Grosvener's party. To interfere with their schemes would be gross ingratitude. So long as the McKinley Hanna crowd are in power at Washington, the trusts are as safe from federal molestation as the tropics are from Dakota blizzards.

TELEGRAPHIC

Pitcher's Report.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The war office has received the following from Cape Town: Col. Pitcher reports through his officer commanding at Orange River: "I have completely defeated the hostile command at Sunnyside Laager, taking the Laager and 40 prisoners, besides the killed and wounded. Our casualties are two privates killed and Lieut. Adie wounded."

Boer Victory.

FRETORIA, Jan. 1.—Last night the British in great force attacked Command and Cochoeman's command in the Golea district and tried to storm the position. They repeated the attack this morning but were forced to retreat, the Boers holding the position. The loss of the British is not known, but it is reported to have been heavy.

Bryan Endorsed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—The state central committee representing the people's party, the wing recognized by the national committee, and the free silver republicans met today together. As a result of the conference the representatives of both organizations, pledged themselves in favor of 16 to 1, and the renomination of Hon. W. J. Bryan. They also endorsed the Chicago platform and condemned the gold standard policy of the republican party.

Martindale, of Albany, is styled the kicker of the teachers meetings, but he gets there just the same.—Salem Journal

It is not a good idea to publish the resolutions you make today, for you know very well that you don't intend to keep them.

The soap fiends were out during their night practicing writing 1900 and the bell and whistle ringers rung around and blew some.

The old council will retire tonight as well as several other city officers and the new ones take their places. Which ones are to be congratulated.

By decree of the emperor of Germany, the great book making country of the world, this is the first day of the twentieth century in Germany and German provinces. The Germans may possibly not be good figures but they can see a point sometimes.

From the Stayton Mail: The intelligent tip will have much to answer for in the next world. In one paragraph in the last number of The Mail the words "no one ever believed" came out in print "no one ever believed"—leaving the meaning about as clear as a fog at midnight. There were others—but what is the use in mentioning them.

The Democrat man missed it on the Portland fight but won easily on the New York fight.

There are financiers left. A bill for \$8 was presented the city council for a cart used for conveying the man who died after having had the smallpox, to the cemetery, and it was proved that the cart had only cost \$1.50. The latter sum was allowed.

D. W. Semple, a Dawson editor, was recently fined \$1,000 for abusing the officials there for making a speak on the gamblers and discovering some marked cards in a game. The fine which had been made small was promptly paid and now Semple is said with the gamblers.

Buy your spectacles and eye glasses at French's Jewelry Store.

For good clean work Viereck's Tonsorial Parlor is the place to get accommodated.

Mr. P. J. Smiley has sold his fine residence on Third street to Mr. John Shaw, consideration \$2,000.

See French the Jeweler if you are in need of a first class clock. We have bargains.

Governor Geer and State Superintendent Abernethy went south this noon probably on a trip of inspection to some of the Southern Oregon Normal schools.

NOTICE.—Thomas Johnson, the experienced shiner, has moved his stand to Viereck's Tonsorial Parlors on 2nd street where he invites his patrons and all others who wish good work.

The stores of Pollock & Warner, and C. F. Hulbert were robbed at Junction, the thieves getting about \$100 worth of things of the former, and \$20 worth of the latter.

Tom, the expert boot black, has moved his chair to the Viereck shop, where he will be found ready to serve the public with a polish.

C. H. Moulton, of Tacoma, has filed on 10,000 acres of lieu lands in Linn county, for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

The Salem Statesman has just issued a very creditable New Years edition of 56 pages. It is an artistic production well edited.

The death rate in Portland last year, was 8.98 per thousand, a very low rate. It is doubtful if it is that much in the valley towns, certainly less in this city.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. L. E. Blain on Thursday, the 4th day of January at 2.30 p. m.

Special Meetings will begin in the M. E. church South Sunday Jan. 14 to continue indefinitely. Rev. Fred Lark of Lebanon will assist the Pastor.

The delinquent tax sale Thursday will be the smallest one ever known in Lane county. Only \$420 taxes remains, out of nearly \$151,000. Pretty close collection, Mr. Sheriff.—Guard.

The new tower clock for the court house arrived today and is at F. M. French's, where it will be kept until the tower is ready for it which will be ten or fifteen days.

The total cost of running the city of Salem last year was \$16,987, exclusive of an interest payment of about \$11,000. The total is about double the cost of running Albany's city affairs.

River and Harbor Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Representative Ball, of Texas, member of the river and harbor committee, says that it is pretty safe to say that a river and harbor bill will pass this session. In support of his claim he points out that in the 15th congress Reed held up the river and harbor bill at the first session and thereby caused the defeat of many republicans. He points out that the republican majority is now small, and that in the face of that fact, Speaker Henderson will not dare hold up the bill. Mr. Ball does not regard Burton's declaration as dangerous to the river and harbor bill.

Blackburn Nominated.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 2.—After three years of retirement, J. C. S. Blackburn was chosen tonight by the joint caucus of the democratic members of the legislature as the successor of William Lindsay in the United States senate.

Plenty of Money.

SALEM, Jan. 2.—State Treasurer Moore today filed in his semi-annual report, showing cash on hand, July 1, 1899, \$933,838.72; receipts, \$801,911.85; total, \$1,735,750.57. Disbursements, \$998,432.14. Balance on hand, January 1, 1900, \$741,361.43.

A Boer Defeat

REINSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesburg. The general continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed the closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand, and when day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy.

The Boers were utterly surprised, and finding their retreat threatened, fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colesburg in General French's hands.

A Fight

MANILA, Jan. 1.—The first movement of the general southern advance occurred this morning, when 100 battalions of the Fourth infantry landed and occupied Cabuyo, on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed and two wounded. Twenty-four of the enemy were found dead in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and four six-pounder rapid-fire guns were captured.

Just Rumors.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 1.—Ugly rumors are in circulation of a Dutch rising, with the object of seizing Cape Town and the docks and capturing the governor of Cape Colony—Sir Alfred Milner. The center of the movement is said to be Paarl, a village about 30 miles from Cape Town, where a meeting of the Afrikanerbund was held yesterday.

A Financier.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 1.—It was announced today that County Treasurer E. H. Hershey, who has been absent from the city for some time, is a defaulter and absconder. His son was in charge of the office last week, endeavoring to straighten out the books. He called County Auditor Marsh to his aid, and they found a defalcation of \$65,000. There is on deposit in the hands of this city \$61,840, while the books call for \$126,840.

McCoy Won.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Kid McCoy again placed himself in the championship class by defeating Peter Maher in a brisk, well-fought battle of five rounds before the Coney Island Athletic Club this afternoon. The fight was scheduled to last 25 rounds, and the purse was to have been \$20,000, but the attendance was not as large as was expected, and fore the fight was begun the principals agreed that the winner should receive gross gate receipts.

A Bettle Imminent.

MANILA, Dec. 31 6:10 P. M.—An American advance in Cavite province, south of Manila, is expected shortly. Reliable reports from native sources show that there are upwards of 2000 organized insurgents under arms within a mile of Imus. They are strengthening their entrenchments, and possess artillery.

Rather Sensational.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It has been reported in Washington that the cruiser Montgomery was sent to Liberia and Sierra Leone because this government deemed the presence of a warship in those waters necessary to show that the United States still "exercised a parental interest in the black republic," and was ready to resist the attempt of any foreign nation to gain a foothold there. In support of this theory it is said that European nations were contemplating the seizure of the little republic of Liberia.

A Peculiar Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Hilliard F. Johnson, a reporter for the Chronicle, was found dead in a bath tub at his lodgings yesterday morning. The tub was full of water, and appearances indicated that Johnson had fainted and fallen into the water.

Didn't Work.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—Four explosive bombs, a few firearms and 600 rounds of ammunition, were discovered in a house in the center of Manila this morning, while the police were seeking Recarte, the insurgent leader, who was said to have come to Manila in the hope of effecting an outbreak yesterday, by taking advantage of the mobilization of the American troops at General Lawton's funeral.

Wet Astoria.

ASTORIA, Dec. 31.—The annual report of Weather Observer Johnson, closed this evening shows the precipitation during 1899 to have been 101.40 inches, the heaviest by far since the records have been kept here. The average for the previous 15 years was 73 inches. The rainfall in 1884 was but 49 inches, and in 1895 it was 94.82 inches, the highest until the present year. The greatest precipitation of the year was during January, when 18.84 inches of rain fell.

A Fast Boat.

PORTLAND JAN. 1.—The torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborough, on her second contractor's trial yesterday, covered eight miles in 15 minutes, which is at the rate of 32 miles an hour, against a 2 1/2-knot current. Steam was made without effort, and not a bearing was heaved. The run was made to the Columbia river, near Kalama.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 1, 1900.

Present—Mayor Burkhardt, Recorder Henton, Marshal Lee, Street superintendent Westfall and Councilmen Whitney, Danna, Richards, Pfeiffer and Graham.

The following bills were ordered paid: C. O. Lee, \$3.50; F. P. Nutting, \$7.00; Alb. Trading Co., \$60; P. W. Howard, \$13.95; F. L. Ruch, \$30.45; F. E. Allen & Co., \$1.00; H. C. Watson, \$100.00; J. W. White, \$1.50; E. B. Davidson, \$6.00; Mayor and councilmen, \$54.00; E. A. Parker, \$25.00; Engineer Cleland, \$25.00; Water Co., \$38.60.

Bill of Mrs. Moos for \$50 for things destroyed after small pox, and \$40 for board of two men were continued, after discussion.

Councilman Richards reported that he was satisfied the citizens at Montgomery and First streets, recently built, was not right, and should not be accepted. Upon motion the citizens were rejected.

Councilmen Richards reported progress on electric light investigation. Bonds of the new city officers were reported approved. Council adjourned sine die.

The new city officers took possession. Retiring Marshal Lee pinned the star on Marshal Coates, courteously remarking: "I hope you will wear that with pleasure to yourself and credit to the city."

Recorder Henton swore in the new officers, and Mr. Van Winkle took the table. Mayor Davis announced that at the next meeting he would name his committee and make his recommendations. The council adjourned without business according to custom and the new mayor opened a box of cigars that ended in smoke.

On Editor Finch.

From the Telegram: From Mail Clerk Kidder, who at present is enjoying the luxuries and other accessories of Portland's pesthouse, where he is endeavoring to kill time with a very mild case of varioloid, a good story is obtained on an Albany editor, whose name need not here be given, as it might injure the circulation of his paper.

It appears that smallpox exists or did exist in several localities in Linn county, as well as in Yamhill, Polk and several other counties. Little attention, however, was paid to the fact by the authorities who would be expected to take effective measures to stamp out the disease. This indifference on the part of the authorities so expatriated a farmer living in the interior, who had a siege of the disease in his own family, that as a last resort he concluded to appeal to the aforementioned editor, who is presumed to carry great weight in his community in more ways than one.

He accordingly wrote to the journalistic power at Albany, giving the details of the extent of the epidemic, and scoring the authorities for their neglect in the matter. In conclusion he said: "As you may not believe that we have smallpox, here I inclose you some pox that you can see for yourself."

How the Albany editor got out of his office at the time he made it no record. It is said, however, that it was two days before he was able to muster up sufficient courage to return to the editorial sanctum. He has since then been in correspondence with the United States postal authorities for the purpose of securing the arrest of the man, who doubtless thought he was doing the editor a favor by furnishing him with ocular proof of the prevalence of smallpox in his vicinity. Thus far his efforts have been in vain. Oregon has no state quarantine law, and there is nothing in the postal regulations apparently suggestive of a punishment to the crime.

Rev. Mr. Streiffeller's invention. The lighting plant of the Memorial Evangelical church, East Eighteenth and East Tibbets streets, devised by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Streiffeller, and carried out by William Overlin, has proven a great success. The gas used is generated from gasoline. There is but one other church in the state that has the same sort of lights, and that is the Evangelical church at Albany, where Mr. Streiffeller was formerly pastor, and that one was put in by Rev. Mr. Streiffeller. The process of manufacturing the gas is very simple, and is accomplished by pumping air through a five-gallon can of gasoline, and storing it in a galvanized iron tank, which will hold 300 gallons. There are two tanks, one containing water, and the other one fits down on the inside of the first one. Into the second tank the gas is pumped by hand, enough being generated in 10 minutes to light the church for two weeks. Mr. Streiffeller said the cost had been 60 cents a month. Eleven jets are used, and a brilliant light is secured. He is highly pleased with the plant, and all the more so for the reason that it is his invention, and on account of its cheapness. The whole plant is on the outside, and the ordinary fixtures are used inside. Mr. Streiffeller has no intention of going out of the ministry on account of his invention of this lighting plant, and has no objection to its being duplicated.—Oregonian.

LINN COUNTY.

This county is written up in the Oregonian Annual by C. B. Winn. From it we clip the following:

Linn, the banner county of the great Willamette valley, has been forging ahead during the past year, and all interests show a marked improvement. Agriculture takes precedence in this county, and the area of grain-producing lands was greatly increased last year.

Our people are prosperous, that is, those who desire to be, for a small proportion will be found in every community who are always behind, and Miswaver like, waiting for something to turn up. A drive through the county will result, as a rule, in showing pleasant homes, well kept farm buildings, good fences, plenty of schools, which are well attended by those upon whom the future of the state will depend.

The "Man with the hoe" could not find his counterpart within the boundaries of Linn county. It is the opinion of the writer that no locality offers such an incentive to the industrious farmer of limited means as does Linn county.

The business of the county has been well managed. A new and commodious courthouse has just been completed and paid for, entirely out of the regular collections of the taxes. All obligations of every kind and nature have been met, and there is money in the treasury. The bridges of the county are in good condition, and the wagon roads in the settled district are above the average. More attention is being paid from year to year to systematic road making. The members of the farming community are realizing that nine-tenths of the benefits arising from good roads go directly to them.

Great strides have been made in the development of the dairy industry during the past year. Four creameries are in successful operation. All reported gains in output of from 15 to 40 per cent last year. The Plainview and Albany creameries alone produced upwards of 100,000 pounds. Last year over \$125,000 was received for stock raised and sold in Linn county.

Many new orchards have been planted, the large returns received from those now bearing demonstrating that fruit-raising in this locality has long since passed its experimental stage. The output of nursery stock of one nursery alone for the year was over \$100,000 trees.

Our most urgent need is for more people to settle and improve our rich lands. The industrious agriculturalist on stockraiser need have no doubt that he will realize an abundant return from his labor, with all the advantages that accrue from living and rearing his family in the midst of a peaceful and highly civilized community, where plenty reigns and peace and contentment prevail.

War Matters. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Secretary Root has ordered Otis to open the ports of Southern Luzon.

Root has ordered abolished the steamships from San Francisco to Manila in government transport service.

From the E. A.: Dr. Lamberson has purchased from Geo. Buhl the strip of land upon which the Dr.'s office stands, and running back to the alley, paying \$350.

Prof. J. G. McCully and Miss Allie Parrish were married at the residence of the bride's parents, near Sodaville, at noon Monday, Jan. 1, 1900, Rev. L. D. Beck officiating.

Messrs. G. H. and John Blaud, A. F. Blackburn, J. G. Boyle, C. E. Pugh, J. Arm and Ed Kellenberger, members of the I. O. O. F. encampment of this place, went to Albany Friday evening to visit the encampment in that city and assist in the initiation of some candidates. They report having a splendid time. Visitors were present from ten encampments.

Adjutant General Gantenben, of Portland, was here Saturday evening and mustered in the members of the cavalry troop. Forty-seven members were taken in, and the following officers were elected: Captain V. M. Coplan; first lieutenant, C. H. Young; second lieutenant, E. L. Power. The non-commissioned officers will be appointed by the captain later on, he waiting to see who is best fitted for the different positions.

G. W. Cruson's warehouse, back of the Aldrich buildings, is being fitted up for an armory, and the troop will be housed at least once a week.

Oysters by the pint or quart at the Leading Restaurant.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned Administrator of the estate of J. C. Lyons, deceased, has filed with the county clerk of Linn county, Or., his final account as such administrator in said estate and the court has fixed, Saturday, January 6, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., to hear objections to said account and for the settlement thereof.

J. J. Whittey, attorney for adm'r.

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