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CORVALLIS, OREGON, DEC. 29, 1895.

THE PRESS DECLINES.

The press of Corvallis must kindly though firmly refuse to be muzzled. This is not Russia, and the newspapers can safely decline the offices of these self-appointed censors. While the GAZETTE stands aghast at the mighty genius of those who conceived that brilliant attempt to effectually vindicate the police officers, it musters up tenacity enough to suggest that in the excitement of the moment, they forgot to be logical.

The Corvallis newspapers certainly published the facts concerning the doings of our police force on an eventful occasion. But, respected censors, don't you believe that those doings were right and proper and a credit to our city? You espouse the officers and their actions, openly, publicly and zealously. You surely would not uphold anything you considered discreditable or disreputable. The GAZETTE cannot, will not, believe that you are so unmanly. Then, since those actions of our officers were so eminently proper and noble, how could the papers injure the city by "making them public?"

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works," is a divine command. Respected censors, as you are temporarily so sensitive regarding the city's fair name, and as the episode of November 30th is a source of pride to you as citizens, would it not be well to publish a complete report of the affair in pamphlet form and distribute it in the hope of increasing our population? The GAZETTE rests in the belief that it was really the intention of the petitioners to uphold the papers, but that the authors of the document, being unused to literary labor, failed to properly express their sentiments.

It is right that the world should know that public virtue, as practiced by the police officers of the city, is upheld by some prominent citizens of Corvallis, though the newspapers and public generally condemn it. Those gentlemen who have so kindly and freely lent their valuable time and assistance to force the city to formally endorse such virtue, will long be remembered by the people of Benton county.

It is a matter of general regret among his constituents that Congressman Hermann failed to be given first place on the committee of rivers and harbors. However, he was given second place on the committee, which will make him a member of the conference committee, and place him in a better position to care for Oregon's interests than ever before. In refusing him the chairmanship, Speaker Reed really pays Mr. Hermann a compliment. He thinks the Oregon congressman has too extravagant an idea of the importance of river and harbor improvements, and on that account would be altogether too liberal with the public funds. The written request to Speaker Reed for the appointment of Representative Hermann to the chairmanship of the committee on rivers and harbors was signed by: Senators John H. Mitchell and Geo. W. McBride, of Oregon; George C. Perkins, of California; C. D. Clark and Francis Warren, of Wyoming; Watson C. Squire and John L. Wilson, of Washington; G. L. Shoup and Fred T. Dubois, of Idaho; Thomas H. Carter and Lee Mantle, of Montana; William M. Stewart, of Nevada, and H. C. Hansbrough, of North Dakota. The same request was also signed by the republican-members of congress of Oregon, California, Washington, Nevada, Idaho and Montana. The Lake Carrier's Association, a powerful union of shippers on the great lakes and the republican state central committee of Virginia also interceded with Speaker Reed in behalf of Mr. Hermann.

THOMAS B. REED is aptly described as "a candidate who has nothing to explain." It fits him well.

THIRTY republican congressmen from the "solid South" is something new under the sun.

AN OREGON SCHOOL.

Editor Train, of the Albany Herald, visited the Oregon Agricultural College last week, and after reaching his office wrote the flattering comment of how the institution impressed him:

"A recent visit to the city of Corvallis, gave an opportunity to look in on the workings of the Oregon Agricultural College, and to say that a most agreeable surprise was given, when the extent and perfectness of the workings of that school were seen, is but stating a simple fact.

"In every department the equipment is full, complete and as perfect as the advancement of science can make it, and the work in instruction bears the impress of being thorough and of solid worth. President Bloss, with the professors in charge of the various departments form a corps of earnest and efficient educational workers.

"Limited time only allowed of a hasty view of the work of the young ladies in the mending and making classes, and a glimpse of the department where instruction is given the culinary art, but enough was seen to show that no part of domestic life is neglected, and that the best and most approved methods are illustrated and ably taught.

"So to in the mechanical department, and the agricultural horticultural fields, every operation is brought out and thoroughly illustrated by applied methods until pupils are so thoroughly instructed that they are equipped to meet all the requirements of life in whatever occupation they may engage.

"In the experiment station work, in the chemical department and in the microscopic photographic development of facts, wonderful and most useful things are demonstrated, which are of great value if acted upon, and which should be more widely known and applied.

"Oregon has reason to be proud of her Agricultural College, and the advancement it is making, and appreciates it, too, in a measure, as evinced by the largely increased attendance this year. But if our people fully appreciated the advantages throughout the state, there would be a still larger use of the privileges of this educational institution."

Those would-be muzzlers of the press, do not propose to go far enough to effect their purpose. They wish the papers to sanction rottenness by silence, but public journals are not the only means of disseminating news. A committee of censors should be appointed to open all private letters going through the post office and blot out everything containing the forbidden information. The O. A. C. students especially should be kept under surveillance; guards should be stationed at all points of egress from the city, and nobody allowed to leave, unless he gives bonds to keep silent. Half-way expedients will not suffice. Adopt heroic measures, pull down the blinds, put out the lights, and let us have a rough house. Otherwise, the GAZETTE will continue the even tenor of its way; and, believing that fire is the best disinfectant, will, as ever, expose and "burn up" public rottenness.

THE preachers of New York sermonized Sunday on the war question. Most of them took the ground that "a war between Great Britain and the United States would be a crime, because we are the same people, same blood, same tongue; our fathers are the same fathers; and we have the same principles." What has tongue and blood to do with it? By what authority do these preachers tell us that it is less a crime to war with Germany, France or Japan, than with England? Is a German, Frenchman, or Japanese, less human, or less regarded by the creator, than an Englishman? Then, too, we are not the same people, and we have not the same principles. Such sermons are no credit to religion. War is not an unmixed evil. It is costly in lives and property, but a war for principle betters the world otherwise.

A GOOD deal of attention is being directed to the fact that the year 1900, though it will come four years after the year 1896, will not be a leap year. This is a matter calculated to make a deep and solemn impression on the mind of the end-of-the-century girl.

HURRAH for Hermann! He has second place on the committee of rivers and harbors and the chairmanship of the committee on irrigation and arid lands.

WHAT OF THE WINTER!

The Portland Farmer and Stockman, of November, cites several peculiarities of this season that resemble those of 1861-2. "The summer and fall of the present season is very much like that of 1861. The Indians in Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Washington were, as they said, led by the actions of their horses, the elk and deer, to believe that a hard winter was to follow. The Indians said their horses were inclined to seek the higher south-hill sides. While the elk and deer came early from the mountains, and inhabited the lower-flat ranges. We are told that the Indians are now calling attention to the similar actions of these animals." After calling attention to the impressions these animals have, the editor asks:

"Why do the wild birds migrate? Why does the hog often commence to build his warm bed, even when the weather is warm and pleasant? Instinct is natural, it cannot be cultivated, as the trotting horse editor sometimes talks."

It is a common occurrence that straw is burned in the fall. Why not keep it till spring to ascertain whether it will be needed for the stock. The good farmer's motto is "Get, thee, food for thy stock; keep them well in hand," for should an 1861 December storm come again, the stampede before the blizzard cannot be checked.

DURING the present year, the State Agricultural College has grown more than all the other colleges in Oregon. At the present rate of increase, the attendance next year will be more than twice what it was last year. This will call for more dwellings than have been occupied; and it will call for more neighbors. Already there are within our midst several new families who have come to breathe the intellectual atmosphere that hovers about Corvallis; and since the average Corvallisite will not be outdone, it is safe to say that our visitors will be entertained. They are our guests, and "we are the people."

"THE Oregonian wants a reapportionment of this state, so as to give Portland a greater proportion of the senators and representatives in the legislature. We hope to see this delayed, at least for some time. That city's proportion is large enough now. In the event of a new apportionment it would be better, if any change were made at all, to reduce rather than increase the proportionate representation from that city. In several of the Eastern states having large cities this doctrine has been adopted as the fixed policy—to prevent the control of the political affairs by the largely foreign, un-American elements contained in such dense metropolitan populations.—Salem Statesman.

Miss Ora Spangler is spending the holidays with her parents in this city. She arrived home last Saturday and was accompanied by her friend Miss Erma Laurence, who will visit here until next week.

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The machinery arrived soon after, and work commenced. The stockholders, however, began to grow dubious as to the financial success of the enterprise, and Joe Watt, one of its most active organizers, contracted for all the mill's output at a certain figure, profitable to the company. The stockholders considered themselves fortunate for a while, and were inclined to pity Mr. Watt. Soon they realized, however, that his profits were in excess of theirs, and that he had a bonanza. As he was interested in the factory from a public more than from a personal standpoint, he agreed to cancel his contract for a consideration, a proposition the company hastened to accept.

Salem is now building a new mill to replace the one recently burned, and while some of the stock subscribers probably contributed for the public good chiefly, they will, doubtless, enjoy the experience of the pioneer stockholder, whose brand, cast upon the waters, made a speedy return.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The students' dance at the Opera House Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, was well attended; probably all of the students, professors and friends who enjoy the "maza," being present. An enjoyable time is reported.

The students are nearly all away for the holidays and the college and dormitories look very blank. The steamer Eugene, on Friday, December 20, carried about 120 of the students to their homes, down the river and up the Columbia. The second term opens January 2nd, when it is expected that all will return, accompanied by a number of new students.

Prof. Emmett and Fulton are spending their vacation in California. They will visit Stanford and Berkeley while there.

Owing to the fact that the State Association is not to hold during the holidays, our professors will not be able to attend. The association will meet at Portland, January 1, 2 and 3.

A few weeks ago, the moot house of representatives of the college gave a mock trial, which proved very interesting to the audience.

One more of old O. A. C.'s students has succumbed to Cupid's darts—Mr. Elmer Shipley.

Every student in college from abroad should send copies of the GAZETTE to their homes to enable their friends to see what is going on at the college and the city.

PHILOMATH ITEMS.

Schools have dismissed and a number of the students have gone to their homes to spend the holidays.

Miss Vella Chapman, who is attending the business college at Portland, came home Monday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. Minnie Bryan, who has been engaged in teaching a two months' school at the Summit, finished last week and is home again. The prohibition party opened the campaign for 1896, with a mass meeting, last Monday evening. At the close of the meeting a prohibition club was organized to meet every Monday evening.

Prof. Roberts' election class gave an entertainment last Friday evening, consisting of a drama, readings, recitations, etc. The program was well carried out, and netted the class about \$2.00.

Miss Clara Betters returned to Philomath Monday to live, after a residence of a year and a half in California.

The high water took out the dam at the Kleppie mill Saturday, and the prospects are that it will not grind again this winter.

Notice.

To the republicans of the second judicial district of Oregon—being Lane, Benton, Douglas, Lincoln, Coos and Curry counties, Gentlemen: Believing my past experience as assessor of Douglas county fits me for the office as a member of the state board of equalization for this district, I respectfully ask that you nominate me for said office, as I will fill the same without fear or favor to the best of my ability if elected.

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