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THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

With but little ostentation, yesterday the administration of a mighty government was changed. William McKinley assumed the presidency of the United States, having been chosen by the people after one of the greatest political battles the world has ever known.

It is not expected that Mr. McKinley, as president, will be able to enrich the people. The government does not support the citizen. But it is expected, with reason, that McKinley's administration will be wise and good; that it will inspire confidence in our future, and that the doubts and fears which have driven capital into hiding will de dispelled. It is believed that with the infusing of hoarded wealth into the arteries of trade, there will be a general revival of business and prosperity will attend us.

THE Valley Record (pop) of Ashland, has this editorial mention on a familiar topic: "Will Messrs. Simon-Bourne-Corbett-Scott kindly inform us when they will get through with the Jackson county populist aggregation tagting along at the tail of the republican elephant? As soon as they get through jerking chestnuts out of the fire to the satisfaction of the different republican factions, the people that sent them there have several matters of importance to the citizens and taxaayers of Jackson county that need looking after. We don't wish to intrude upon your time, Mr. Elephant, but whenever you get plumb through useing our monkeys, just drop us a postal card."

THE Oregonian takes occasion to "burn up" the Corvallis GAZETTE, but it is apprehended that the great heat will be reflected about June, 1898, and Johnson, of the GAZETTE, will be permitted to see the browning and sizzling of the Oregonian and the Simon-Bourne-populist outfit. The GAZETTE has the people with it, which the Oregonian will realize more clearly a little later on.—Hillsboro Independent. Editor Gault is a consistent level-headed republican. The citizens of Washington county are done with Simonism and repudiate the Oregonian. Every real republican paper in Oregon refuses to recognize the Oregonian as, a republican journal.

W. G. STEEL, brother of Geo. A. Steel, national republican committeeman for Oregon, furnishes the Chicago Inter Ocean some curious misrepresentations concerning the management of the McKinley campaign in this state. There is so much of untruth in his article that even the Oregonian failed to comment up on it approvingly. His criticism of the splendid work of the central committee is sometimes astonishing. For instance he elaborated a theory as to why speakers were not sent into Coos county, where the fact is that the committee did send speakers there among whom were S. M. Yoran, Tilman Ford and Con Congressman Tongue.

EVERYBODY knows that the pretended desperate attempt to organize the "Davis house" after the tired and disgusted members who really tried to organize, had gone home, was a farce. There could be no legal organization after adjournment, unless the governor called a special session. Besides, Davis was not speaker of the "Davis house." He had been deposed and Dr. Smith, of Marion county, elected in his stead.

EVERY populist paper in the state, from the Albany Imprint to the Portland Oregonian, is now explaining that "it is a good thing after all, that the legislature did not organize." Then why not perpetuate the present condition and elect a Czar? The GAZETTE nominates Bourne.

The Legislature.

The ante-Mitchell combine is at outs. The straight populist element say that Simon didn't play fair in allowing the senate to adjourn. So the Davis house continues alone. The Oregonian states that it may adjourn today but that paper is rather poor authority. Davis cannot allow his house to adjourn without proclaiming his former rulings to be wrong and unfair.

John Whiteaker went to Salem Tuesday in response to a telegram. He did not have time to answer many questions but stated that if organization was finally accomplished, there would be but little done except passing the appropriation bill.

Mr. Lake said Monday that he would go to Salem whenever organization was really possible, no matter who had control, but that the pretended efforts on the part of populists this week to organize was a thin bluff. They had forty-five days in which to help organize the house, but they obsolutely refused. Nothing has occurred since to give them any more reason for doing their duty They are posing now for effect merely. Mr. Lake thought that the governor would call an extra session within a month or so.

Mr. Lake refused to enter the joint assembly chiefly because he knew that 46 members could not be induced to come in and he did not propose to "go rainbow hunting." While he was elected with the understanding that he would vote for Senator Mitchell, that was not his chief duty and he was more interested in possible legislation. He would vote for Mr. Mitchell whenever opportunity arose, although the senator was hardly his personal choice.

Mr. Lake was perfectly independent, while at Salem, and for a while was lampooned from all sides. But he maintained his own policy and those that had abused him finally acknowledged his good sense and honesty.

He stated that more than the defeat of Mitchell was behind the holdup and that the revolutionary tactics of Mitchell's opponents could not be justified.

Senator Carter is at home, disgusted with politics and legislators.

School Directors' Report.

To the Taxpayers and Citizens of School District No. 9, of Benton County, Oregon:

Your board of directors would respectfully submit to you the following general report for the year ending March 1st, 1897:

That the board entered into written contracts with eight teachers—one principal and seven subordinates—for a period of nine school months, beginning September 14th, 1896, the principal to receive for his services the sum of $75 per month, and each of the subordinate teachers to receive the sum of $40 per month; and that all of those teachers entered upon their duties and are still performing the same;

That the interest on the $16,000 bonds of the district, held by the German Loan and Saving Society, for the year has been paid; that in the last installment of the interest there was a deficiency of $160, and to meet this the clerk was authorized to borrow that amount from F. Berchtold, executing the note of the district therefore, with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum;

That the note of the district for $1,200, held by F. Berchtold, was paid in full in June, 1896.

During the past year a few necessary repairs were made to the school building, and the same was repainted on the outside, including the roof, with two coats of lead and oil, at a cost of about $350.

The yard on the east front of the building was greatly improved by the spreading of 28 loads of sand on the same.

The principal having recommended establishing the ninth grade in the school, which after due consideration by the board was adopted, Miss Mildred Linville was elected to the sixth grade and entered upon her duties on the 26th of October, 1896, and is still performing the same. Miss Augusta Turney and Prof. S. I. Pratt were then transferred from the sixth and eighth grades to the eighth and ninth grades respectively. In order to make room for the ninth grade, a partition seven feet high was run through the room of the eighth grade, making two rooms in which the two grades are taught.

That there are no outstanding warrants or notes against the district, except those herein mentioned, and there is now sufficient funds in the hands of the clerk to pay the Berchtold note when it becomes due;

That the board has contracted for 20 cords of oak grub wood and 60 cords of old-growth fir wood, to be delivered at the school house on or before August 1st of the current year;

That, in the matter of school apparatus, the board has purchased during the year, one Physical Geographical map or chart, three International Dictionaries, and two large maps of Oregon;

That harmony has prevailed in the school district during the year, the teachers having the hearty cooperation of the board of directors in their efforts to do faithful work;

That other features of the work of the year are set forth in the financial report of the clerk of the district, which is submitted at this time.

Very respectfully submitted,
J. D. JOHNSON,
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THE HARBOR BAR.

Something Concerning the Side Outlet of the Willatette Valley.

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The work already accomplished by the government has resulted in a permanent channel of sufficient depth to allow the entrance of vessels drawing from 15 to 20 feet of water and this, with the building and operation of the road now known as the O. C. & E. R. R., has lessened freight rates. The benefit to the farmers is perceptable in the higher prices paid for grain in the markets along the line of the road as compared with the prices paid in remoter towns.

Over $600,000 have been spent by the general government in the improvement of the harbor, the first appropriation being made in 1880. The government received back nearly a third of this amount in the way of duty on duty on steel rails used in the building of the railroad; an enterprise that would not have been commenced but for the work done in deepening the channel. It has been estimated by trustworthy staticians that the direct saving to producers and consumers in freight rates, on the actual tonnage over the bar, is not far short of $1,000,000.

The railroad, at present extending from Yaquina City to the Cascade mountains, represents an expediture of millions piled on millions. The future extension of the road to Boise City, giving an outlet to Oregon's great Inland Empire, and the proposed branches to Eugene and Salem, doubtless depend upon a continuation of government work on the harbor.

Yaquina bay, naturally, has its enemies, and powerful ones, too. Commercial Portland is bitterly opposed to any such undermining of her supremacy, as the development of an independent first-class harbor at Yaquina would bring about. She has exacted tribute from the rest of Oregon for years, and is not disposed to forgo her advantage without a struggle. Yaquina, like Astoria, has had to fight the wealthy metropolis of the northwest.

Fortunately for both ports, Oregon's representatives in congress have represented Oregon. While not neglecting Portland's legitimate interests, they have not catered to her selfishness and have worked faithfully and effectively for government aid for all worthy rivers and harbors. The defeat of Hermann for nomination was due to Portland machinations. Portland tried to defeat Ellis. Portland prevented the re-election of Mitchell and the Portland Oregonian constantly attacks Senator McBride. Of course there is more than mere political sentiment in all this, and the only wonder is that many "cow county" citizens allow themselves to be deceived by the Portlanders' pretences, and for the sake of political issues that are definitely settled, and for doubts that have no just cause for existing, urge the defeat of the very men whe have, in congress, accomplished the most for the whole state.

A continuation of this subject in the next issue of this paper, will discuss the material benefit to the state of the important improvments to Yaquina bay, contemplated in the act of congress authorizing the letting of a million dollar contract.

Wells Items.

Everybody is busy and news is very scarce.

Grain and grass are growing very nicely since the warm weather has come.

There was religious service at the Palistine Baptist church last Sunday, condncted by Rev. Thompson of Albany.

The young folks here will play the drama, entitled "The Granger" at the grange hall on Saturday evening, March 6th. They have taken considerable pains to prepare for it, and we have no doubt that those who attend will be well entertained.

WELLS.

Alpine Notes.

G. R. Hall was in Monroe on Saturday.

Gus Buckingham, of Bandon, is visiting neighborhood.

Mr. Walters is making improvments on his place near the school house.

A new daughter has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Judkins.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Thompson spent the first of the week at Junction.

Rev. Bennett, of Philomath, occupied the pulpit at Simpson's chapel on Sabbath.

Frank Watkins closed a very successful term of school in the Belknap district Friday.

Messrs. R. Kile, M. Judkins and J. Starr visited the Alpine literary society last Friday evening.

A meeting was held at Monroe Saturday in the interest of the creamery and a committee of five was appointed.

There is to be a joint debate between the Alpine and McKinley literary societies, Friday evening, at the Belknap school house.

Miss Maggie Woodcock who has been in the millinery business at Cottage Grove, has returned, and at present is visiting her brother at dusty.

The entertainment given at Bunker Hill last Friday evening under the management of Mr. Ward, the teacher, was a decided success. The Bellfountain band furnished the music.

A. W. Hawley, who boasts of his skillful driving, on returning home from the entertainment Monday evening, tipped the hack over, spilling all of its occupants. As a result the blacksmith had employment repairing the hack.

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Philomath Items.

W. H. Buoy has secured the agency for the Waverly bicycle.

Ad Hogan has moved into Miss Copeland's property in North Philomath.

Dr. Loggan had a valuable cow choked to death Sunday while acting carrots.

Miss Lottie Hurlburt has been quite sick with la grippe, but is now convalescent.

Wm. Zimmerman is in a precarious condition, suffering from a complication of diseases.

Frank Ellsworth has rented and Tuesday with a force began work on the Lon Henkle hop yard.

Mrs. Anna Kriens, widow of Wm. Kriens, who was drowned at Salem last week, is at her parents near this city.

Prof. G. W. Brown, after a week's vacation here, returned to Hoskins Monday, to enter on his second term of school.

Elder Bell, of Portland, came here last week to hold quarterly conference, but had to return home Saturday prostrated with la grippe.

Friday evening a crowd of young people gave Lant Mulkey a surprise party at the residence of Mrs. L. E. Rolf. A pleasant time was had until a late hour of the evening. Refreshments were served and and enjoyable games played.

The event of the season was witnessed at the college chapel on the evening of Feb. 22nd. Standing room was at a premium. The Philomath public schools rendered an interesting program in honor of Washington's birthday. The teachers, Prof. Guthrie and Miss Minnie Bryan, deserve credit for the careful training the pupils had received.

The annual school election on Monday was well attended. Dr. R. R. Loggan was re-elected director, and W. H. Boles, clerk. Prof. Sheak offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved—That we as citizens of Philomath, express our appreciation of the services of the directors of the public school, the clerk, and also to the teachers of said school, by extending to them a vote of thanks." This district closed the school year with a surplus of $360.43 on hand.

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Settled in Court.

For two years the people of Lincoln county and the citizens of Toledo, in particular, have been interested in a law case known on the docket as Lincoln County vs. Grady. According to the plaintiff a butcher shop and dwelling owned by Grady were located on the terminal point of the county. The county desired Grady to get off the grass. As Grady considered the grass his grass he told the county court to go to grass, all of which made hay for the lawyers. The supreme court has decided that no legal road was ever located at the point in question and that in any event Grady's 10 years adverse possession gave him superior title.

Lincoln county is enjoined from interfering with Grady's property and is thus shut off from water privilege by way of the alleged road. The county has a pretty cost bill to pay.

In the Sime road case, appealed from Benton county, the decree of the lower court has been reserved, the supreme court holding that no legal public road had been located.

Judge Fullerton has rendered a decision in the suit of the Corvallis Water Company vs. the city of Corvallis, overruling defendants demurrer.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other, "if it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." Allen & Woodward.

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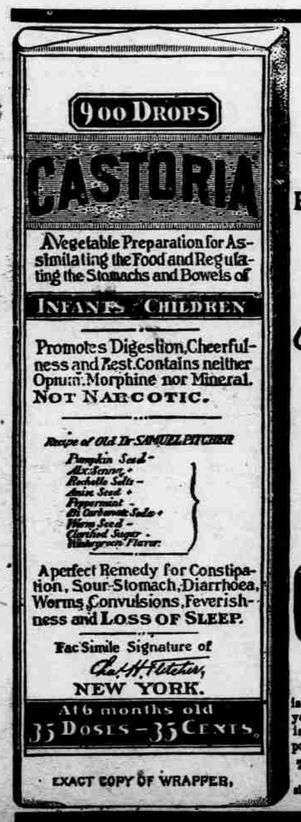

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Very truly,
G. W. DENMAN.