

AT THE CONFESSIONAL.

The Goddess of Reform! How fair she is as painted by those who bow in public at her shrine. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and she holds the horn of plenty. No tear-stained maiden, she, in robes of white, but a radiant and voluptuous being, whom Dives entertains with sumptuous feasts.

There was an assembly of Reformers at Oregon City last week and the Reformers who intrigued against organization of the legislature at Salem were congratulated. Reformer U'Ren made an address explaining Reform financing.

Mr. U'Ren said: "The members of the opposition (of course he could only speak for the populists) received \$50 to \$75 apiece from a fund that had been made up by the enemies of Mitchell. I myself received \$80 from that source. Representative Ogle was the only one who paid his own expenses out of his own pocket." This means in brief that the populist members of the legislature, the Reformers, were in the employ of Corbett. It is unfortunate for Mr. Whitaker, of Benton county, that he was not named with Mr. Ogle.

No comment seems necessary. Mr. U'Ren's wondrous frankness estops argument. Those who desire any more populist reform, will be given an opportunity to vote for it.

THE farmers, especially those living near the Canadian border, have reason to be pleased with the Dingley tariff bill. It restores the McKinley duty on nearly all their products, including wool, hay, potatoes, butter, cheese, barley, apples and hops. American farmers, and especially those in the states of the Northern border, have suffered greatly because of competition from Canadian and other foreign rivals since the Wilson-Gorman act struck down duties. The new law will give our agriculturalists the protection of which the democratic party deprived them.—Astorian.

ENGLAND has the woman suffrage fever. A bill extending the right to vote to this fair sex, passed the house of commons, recently, by a majority of 71. The leading papers discuss the subject and the majority seem to favor the movement. In our country the suffragists have not relinquished their efforts. Kansas women voted in the elections Monday for the first time.

DESPITE strong protests from its respectable citizens, Astoria has licensed gambling. The city power cannot annul the state criminal code, and those who take out such a license practically confess that they intend to violate the laws of Oregon. The ordinance is so flagrantly unconstitutional, that only Astoria councilmen would attempt to make it a law.

WITHOUT organized effort, good roads in Oregon will only be a fair dream of farmers and wheelmen. The good roads movement must have a head, and the Oregon Road Club is such a head. The Corvallis branch, now organizing, should receive the active and financial support of prosperous Benton county farmers.

THE Portland Chronicle has its hand upon the lever that controls the universe. The cowardly, though natural, instinct of self preservation prevents the GAZETTE from engaging in a hopeless combat with such a powerful enemy.

LET us have a decent city election and a decent campaign. The candidates are all respectable citizens and should not have to urge the demerits of others, in asking for the votes of their fellow townsmen.

OF all the populist papers of the state, the Oregonian is the only one that has not a more or less repressed desire to see the new protective tariff bill become a law.

PRESIDENT McKinley is manifesting great firmness, without being boorish or harsh. He is no amiable weakling, but a strong man and a wise one.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

Senator Carter Retravers by Steam the old Emigrant Route.

Wife and I have just returned from a trip to the settlements up South Umpqua river, and partly over the same route that I travelled fifty-one years ago. Perhaps some comment upon the material changes that have been made since then, and especially the vast contrast in the modes of travel, then and now, would interest your many readers.

Then, the patient but slow-moving oxen toiled over the trail, hauling us and our worldly goods. At the end of the wearisome eight-months' journey, the teams were jaded and poor, and the emigrants were in much the same condition, if not worse. Now we are whirled along at the rate of twenty miles an hour, riding in comfort, and the trip is one of pleasure.

On my original trip, the first settler we found after leaving the Umpqua was at the spot where Corvallis now stands, the lone inhabitant being J. C. Avery, long since gone to his reward. In this last trip, we took the local train from Albany to Roseburg, that we might travel by daylight, and thus be able to observe those wonderful changes that perseverance, intellect and industry have wrought in the land of the Oregon, where naught was heard save the sound of its own dashings.

After passing Eugene, the railroad follows our old road for quite a distance, and then, turning south, proceeds in that direction. Before reaching the waters of Pass creek, the road passes the old hotel stand at the south side of the Calipooia mountain. The hotel was kept by a Mr. Estis, and was well known to all early travellers. I readily recognized the place by its location and surroundings. The next place that I recognized was the home of the late Jesse Applegate, the first emigrant of Umpqua valley—the emigrant of all emigrants. I remember reading in the Oregon Spectator, long ago, a burlesque story concerning a traveller, who, lost in the forest, heard voices one dark night, and following the sound, found the cabin of Jesse Applegate. The old gentleman, with most of the early pioneers, has passed away. Long may their memories be fresh in the minds and hearts of the generations to come, who will dwell in the homes of the Pacific Northwest, that these sturdy pioneers have left for an inheritance.

The next familiar spot was Yoncolla, originally a school or college, founded by Mr. Applegate. It is now quite a flourishing town. Then came the thriving little city, Roseburg, on the original emigrant route. We soon left South Umpqua, striking across to Riddle, thirty miles from Roseburg. From Riddle we took the stage to Canyonville. This town is built on the spot where we camped fifty-two years ago, after emerging from that miserable Umpqua canyon, and I venture the remark that no one who made that early passage would ever forget it. We were three days and two nights traveling nine miles, with nothing for our stock to eat, and most of the people in the fifty-two wagons but little better off. Getting through the canyon, the stock fared better, but the people found their condition hardly improved, as far as provisions were concerned. However, the Indians were friendly and allowed us to hunt—a privilege that had been denied us for months. In casting my eye down the creek, and bringing memory to bear on bygone circumstances, I thought I could almost see the spot where I killed a deer the first morning after we made a camp at this place. I am certain that no one can ever appreciate the value of that deer, as I did, for I had a widowed lady and two children in my care, and neither they nor myself had had anything to eat since the morning before, and there was not a scrap of provisions about the wagon. How changed the times, the circumstances and even the face of nature itself!

After a visit here with friends from whom we had long been parted, a conveyance came for us and we struck out again, going ten miles up the river, through the delightful valley, finally stopping at the residence of my brother-in-law, Mr. Calaway Hodges, who has a beautiful farm, with a splendid orchard, containing all kinds of fruit trees. The bustling towns and villages, the cultivated and enclosed farms, the public roads and all the evidences of civilization that we met along the way on our comfortable journey from Corvallis to Canyonville, were in strong and happy contrast with the country as I saw it over fifty years ago.

TOLBERT CARTER.

Correspondence.

OVER THE COUNTY.

The Monroe Creamery—New Odd Fellows Hall at Philomath.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Miss Julia M. Taylor is having a neat fence built around her property.

After the 1st of May, there will be a daily mail between this place and Alsea.

Mrs. Blackwell, of Columbia City, is giving lessons in painting and drawing.

Miss Emma Ross and Mrs. Beth Crow, of Albany, are visiting relatives in the city.

Editor Robinson left for Portland Friday. His family will remain here a short time.

The Odd Fellows are planning to build a hall on College and G street, opposite the office of Dr. Loggan.

On Monday evening some 20 young men, equipped with penny whistles, created a great deal of amusement by serenading the residents of the city.

Last week Mrs. George Emrick, who has been afflicted with epilepsy for 35 years, was examined by Dr. Loggan and W. H. Boles, J. P., and adjudged insane and was taken to the asylum on Thursday by Jos. Emerick and Mrs. J. F. Ouster.

The funeral of Wm. Zimmerman, on Sunday, was largely attended. President Emrick delivered a very impressive address, the theme being, "If a man die, shall he live again?" The obsequies were conducted by the I. O. O. F. The remains were laid to rest in the Newton cemetery.

PHILOMATH COLLEGE.

There were no services in the chapel Sunday morning, on account of Wm. Zimmerman's death.

The Woman's Missionary Society met Monday at 8 p. m. in the library and will meet at the same place and hour on the first Friday of each month.

The young ladies' prayer meeting was held last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Parker. Plans were arranged for the year and the next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Gertie Sheak.

The Laurean Literary Society has adjourned, subject to the call of the president. The students are so busy with the closing term of the year that it will be impossible for them to carry on the literary work in addition to the regular rhetorical work.

Saturday morning we were favored by a call from Bishop Dillon, who conducted chapel exercises, making an impressive address that will long be remembered by the students. We were pleased to greet a number of the students of the College of Philomath.

COLLEGE OF PHILOMATH.

Mrs. Stewart returned from Woodburn Thursday.

A happy company of students and friends called upon Mr. Vanbariccom last Thursday evening and appropriately reminded him that it was the first day of April.

The spring term opened Mar. 30, with the largest attendance we have ever had during the spring. The work for the term has been carefully arranged and the students are pursuing their studies with deep interest.

Bishop Dillon, D. D., is now making a final tour over his district before attending the general conference, which convenes at Dublin, Ind., in May. He spent part of the week here, preaching Saturday and Sunday evenings to large and appreciative audiences. The bishop conducted the devotional exercises at chapel Friday morning and gave the students a very excellent talk concerning things he had seen and heard during his travels. In the afternoon, he visited the recitations of psychology and Greek and made some very instructive remarks to each class.

MONROE ITEMS.

The M. L. club tonight. The "Monroe Palace drugstore" is soon to sport a new "gilt-edged" sign.

Miss Edith Tozier expects to return to her home in Washington next week.

Dusty has a rooster which W. D. Kay calls "Bob." Ask Oscar W. about it.

A. Wilhelm and Sons have had a portion of our city painted "red." Chas. Bowen wielded the brush.

Ed Cummings was under the weather a few days last week, hence no school Friday or Thursday.

J. C. Sabin shipped a carload of hogs from Harrisburg Wednesday. The porkers were bought up in this vicinity last week.

Easter Sunday will be properly observed at Simpson's chapel at 11 a. m., and at the M. E. church in Monroe at 7:30 p. m.

The Monroe co-operative creamery company sent the necessary

papers of incorporation to Secretary of State Kincaid Saturday.

If you want a home-made violin, call on Oscar Waggoner, who can make you any size you wish, from a bass viol to a first violin.

Walter Belknap is able now to escort — to parties, etc. His foot was not so seriously injured by the ax as at first supposed, so it seems.

Quarterly meeting will be held on next Saturday and Sunday at Simpson's chapel. There will be no services at the M. E. church in Monroe in consequence.

Chas. Clem secured the contract to supply Dist. 96 with wood for the ensuing year. The price paid was not stated, but is supposed to be 85c per tier for 22-inch wood or thereabout.

A telegram from Mrs. V. M. Woodcock, who is at the home of her sister, in Portland, announces the birth of a baby girl. Vern wears a smile a yard wide when he approaches a friend now.

A load of furniture for Dr. McKenney arrived Saturday, after a rough journey by team from Eugene. The driver says that the roads are in a fearful condition between this place and that city.

A farewell party, in honor of Miss Maggie Woodcock, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Al Tharp last Friday evening. An excellent time is the report of everybody that attended. Daylight of Saturday only closed the program.

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HOSKINS ITEMS.

Fall wheat looks well, but winter oats are about all frozen out. Rain, rain, snow, rain, and then a little more rain. This is King's valley weather.

By Frantz is losing a good many sheep this spring. The ailment is stomach trouble.

A. D. Hale and wife started for Newberg, on a visit last week and will be gone a week or more.

Most every one is short of feed, except R. Dunn and H. L. Bush, and many cattle have died from starvation.

F. J. Chambers has sold his stock of goods to Miller & Alcom, and they have moved it over to their own place of business.

Don't tell any one about Jake Miller taking a flying trip up to Sam's Sunday and don't mention Sharkey skinning T. Allen's face.

Mrs. Lillie King is still under the doctor's care at the Good Samaritan hospital, in Portland. She is troubled with catarrh of the stomach.

The King's valley Grange is progressing finely. We have over 40 members and are talking of building a hall this fall and then we will invite some one to come with a Grange store.

Ed Watson is working down at Bonco's mill for lumber to build his father a new house. Good boy, Ed! Honor thy father and thy mother with a new house, for this is more than some young men would do.

New officers were elected in the union Sunday school at the church Sunday as follows: Callie Ramsdell, supt., L. Allen, assistant; Bethel Allen, sec.; D. R. Kibbey, treas. After election, A. D. Hale preached a fine sermon.

GRANGER.

WILLAMETTE NOTES.

The Willamette Grange met on last Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Buchanan returned from Portland on Monday.

Mr. Milton Brown wants the roads near Beaver creek repaired.

This is the first appearance of items from here, but will not be the last.

The Auxiliary Literary Society adjourned sine die on last Saturday evening.

Messrs. McKnight and Weaver, of the O. A. C., are visiting Arthur Buchanan.

The continued storm is making great reductions in live stock in this section.

The Auxiliary opened on Monday, with Miss Eva Currier as teacher. Miss Currier is a graduate of the O. A. C.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Stanley T. Woodruff, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, properly verified, to me, at my residence in Philomath, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, and all persons owing said estate are required to make immediate settlement.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1897. CATHERINE P. WOODRUFF, Administratrix.

Save Your Grain.

Few realize that each squirrel destroys \$1.50 worth of grain annually. Wakelee's Squirrel and Gopher Exterminator is the most effective and economical poison known. Price reduced to 30 cents. For sale by Graham & Wells, agents.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. Allen & Woodward.

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