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TONY Noltner, the democratic statesman-journalist of Oregon, is at Washington. Tony does not expect an office under the present administration, nor is his newspaper (it is understood that he does publish a newspaper somewhere in the state) prosperous enough to permit its owner to indulge in a pleasure journey. This democratic relic is at the national capital on business—cash business. He is ably seconding the efforts of the lost "Charley" Ross and Constitutional McCamant to have Corbett seated. Tony's duty lies with the democratic and populist members of the senate. He tells them if Corbett is seated, the governor will not call a special session, giving the next legislature to be elected the right to elect a senator. He tells them also that the "allied forces will control the next Oregon legislature, insuring a democratic or populist senator." "Therefore," he argues, in that convincing way of his, that has made his name in Oregon hardly a memory, "it is the duty of us 'sixteen to oners' to seat Mister Corbett." Corbett's prospects are so unflattering that he once more makes terms with the enemies of the republican party. Noltner, while he is in the employ of Corbett, evidently carries definite assurances, given by the Simon-pure republicans to the leaders of populism, as to the future. It is written, "By their works ye shall know them." Professions are of little account. There seems to be but little real difference between Corbettism and populism as to means and ends.

As the grape vine line between the state house and the GAZETTE office has been blown down by the changing winds of politics, we cannot answer Inquirer's proper and pertinent questions regarding Secretary Kincaid's future course concerning unauthorized state salaries. The honorable secretary has already decided to not allow the majority of such claims, but, believing that the "exception proves the rule," he has evidently made some exceptions. Of course, it is only accidental that the exceptions selected should be the illegal salaries of the official family at Salem.

IF republican senators are wise, they will not contend with the democratic populist coalition for committee places and patronage, but will save their strength to control legislation.—Oregonian. This is wisdom. "Control legislation, but do not strive for committe places." In other words, "Give the other fellows the ladder; you pull yourself up by tugging at your boot straps."

FOLLY and crime, misfortune and misery, misunderstanding and quarreling, shattered romances, lost homes and blighted ambitions! These are revealed at every term of the circuit court. The taxpayers buy pitiful pictures that the painters are not proud of.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Architect of the universe to remove from our midst our late brother, Wm. Zimmerman, and

WHEREAS, It is but just and fitting that we exp ess a recognition of his many virtues, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By Backensto Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F., that while we bow with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we do not the less mourn for our brother who has been taken from us;

RESOLVED, That in the death of Wm. Zimmerman, this lodge laments the loss of a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid, and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed of the fraternity; a friend and companion esteemed by us all; a citizen whose upright life was a standard fo emulation to his fellows;

RESOLNED, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the lodge, and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and to each of the newspapers of the county for publication. Signed.

JOS. HAWKINS
C. W. DAVIS } Com.
ED. E. BRYAN

WILLAMETTE NOTES.

Rev. Taylor preached at Auxiliary on Sunday.

The recent good weather has been much enjoyed here.

Miss Pearl Wells is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Bethers.

J. A. Buchanan has been in the city most of the week, attending court.

Cattle buyers were through here, but made no purchases, however.

The Willamette boys intend organizing a baseball nine and Corvallis will have to look out.

STATE OFFICERS' SALARIES.

What Kincaid May Save if he Will.

TO THE EDITOR:—

By a perusal of the report of the secretary of state, I find that the state officers have been drawing salaries as follows:

WM. P. LORD, GOVERNOR.

Salary as governor	$1500
Supervising public works, etc	1000
Prison inspector	500
Insane asylum trustee	500
Expenses asylum trustee	100
Domestic animal committee	250
Deaf mute school trustee	250
Reform school trustee	250
Total annual salary and perquisites	$4350

H. R. KINCAID, SECRETARY OF STATE.

Salary as secretary of state	$1500
Supervising public works	500
Trustee deaf mute school	250
Oregon domestic animal committee	250
Reform school trustee	250
Expenses asylum trustee	100
Total annual salary and allowances	$2950

PHIL. METCHAN, STATE TREASURER.

Salary as state treasurer	$800
Supervising public works	500
Insane asylum trustee	100
Expenses asylum trustee	100
Total annual salary and perquisites	$1500

As I understand, a great many of the above items are simply carried in the general appropriation bill and at the end of each biennial term, they cease unless re-enacted and the old law returns in force, naming the amount that may be drawn.

Will you kindly state whether it is known what will be the course of the secretary of state respecting salaries of the above officers? There has been no legislature and a great many of these items could not legally be drawn unless authorized by the session. I presume, of course, that vouchers have not been issued for them. As there was no appropriation bill and as there is, therefore, no law at the present time giving these officers pay for extraordinary services, many of such items ought not to be drawn.

I am aware that many persons contend that the provisions of the constition of Oregon fixing the salaries of these officers should be construed to prohibit the payment to them of any additional compensation whatever and that all fees or salaries drawn by them in excess of their constitutional salaries are illegal. But without taking this view, and assuming that the legislature may add to their compensation, it seems to me that these officers should not be paid what no law on the statute books provides for.

I take the items that make up the salary of the governor as above set forth for an example. The first item in the table is the regular salary of the governor and is the only item allowed by the constitution. This is likewise true of the first items respecting the secretary of state and the treasurer.

The next item, "Supervising public works, $1,000," was an item in the general appropriation bill of 1895 and was only for the years 1895 6 and is not a general law. Vouchers should not be issued for this item, as it ceases when the appropriation is expended.

The next item, "Prison inspector, $500," is so large an amount only in the appropriation bill of 1895, and when that appropriation was expended, the original act, which the act of 1895 repealed by implication, would be reinstated, of which act Sec. 3860 of Hill's Code is a part, and would allow the governor only 200 per annum as a salary for prison inspector. Vouchers should be drawn for that amount only.

The next item, "Insane Asylum trustee, $500," is an item appearing for the first time in the appropriation bill of 1895, and by force of that act, authority for drawing the same terminated with the limited duration or that act as law.

The other three or four items are all provided in the general law creating the commission or providing for the management of the institution named.

The amounts for which vouchers can be properly issued are as follows:

GOVERNOR

Salary	$1500
Prison inspector	200
Asylum trustee	100
Domestic animal com	250
Trustee mute school	200
Trustee reform school	250
Total	$2350

SECRETARY OF STATE

Salary	$1500
Trustee mute school	250
Trustee reform school	250
Trustee asylum	100
Domestic animal commission	250
Total	$2350

STATE TREASURER.

Salary	$800
Trustee asylum	100
Total	$900

The difference, as will be seen from the above tables, will be, on the salary of the governor, $1,800 yearly, state treasurer, $600 yearly, and secretary of state, $600 yearly.

I think the attention of the taxpayers of the state should be attracted to this matter, and that it should be ascertained whether the secretary proposes to issue vouchers for the amounts allowed in the appropriation bill of 1895, or for the amounts actually permitted by law.

Respectfully yours,
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Correspondence.

FROM OVER THE COUNTY.

Farmers Generally are Busy Plowing and are Happy.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Guy White visited friends in Corvallis Saturday.

Mrs. Burnham, of Corvallis, was in the city over Sunday.

Hon. Ed. L. Bryan visited Albany on legal business last week.

Miss Gertie Sheak has been quite sick, but is now convalescent.

Miss Jessie Buoy is teaching with success the art of French painting.

Mrs. L. D. Boles is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Gray, on South Mary's river.

Rev. O. V. White preached at Pleasant Valley school house Sunday evening.

Miss Lena Merryman is teaching at Five Rivers and Miss Mina B. Dittmar wields the rod at Lobster.

The Laurean Literary Society will give an entertainment in the near future, the proceeds to be expended in purchasing a new dictionary for Philomath College.

Agent Buoy was called to Summit Friday to take charge of that office, Agent Mattoon being on the sick list. B. H. Boles was left in this office. Mr. Buoy returned Monday.

Mrs. Melissa Lyttle, Mrs. Hattie Williams and George McDonald will represent Philomath in the Christian Endeavor Association that convenes in Corvallis next Saturday.

The farmers are working as never before this nice weather to finish planting their crops. Although we have had but a few fine days, the voice of the dismal drouth croaker is heard in the land.

Philomath Sabbath school and the Junior Endeavor will give an Easter entertainment in college chapel next Sunday evening. A good program will be presented by the little ones. All are cordially invited.

J. A. Hawkins has the Philomath sawmill in fine repair and has been fortunate in securing the best lot of logs ever delivered at the mill. A. E. Miller has been employed as Chief Sawyer, and is ably assisted by Clarence Taylor.

By special invitation, the chapel was well filled last Sabbath morning to listen to an address to fathers and mothers by President Emrick. The lecture related to the manner in which the coming generation should be trained, the text being "Thou Shalt not Steal." There was some special music that was well rendered.

COLLEGE OF PHILOMATH.

Mrs. Hattie Williams entered school last week.

Rev. Stewart spent last Saturday and Sabbath in Linn county.

N. E. Watkins and D. M. Holbrook spent Sunday at the Watkins farm.

Prof. Gragg's father and mother visited him Tuesday, returning Wednesday by way of Corvallis.

Mrs. S. K. Haines went to Cottage Grove Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Merryman

Miss Lottie Hulburt arrived Monday and entered school Tuesday. The students heartily welcome her return.

James Watkins, a member of the Senior class of the State Normal School at Monmouth, visited our school Saturday.

A letter, brim full of interest, from S. O. Watkins to the students, was read at the Philomathic Literary Society Saturday evening.

Miss Lena Merryman started Friday to her school at Five Rivers. Miss Minna Dittmar was a visitor at our chapel exercises Wednesday morning.

A letter from M. E. Edwards, of Lowell, Lane county, states that he began school last Monday, with a good attendance. This is his third term of school in his home district, which speaks well for his work. We wish all the students abundant success in their teaching.

MONROE ITEMS.

Mr. Schnette and family have moved to their home on the Alsea.

Prof. E. B. McElroy, of the U. of O. made a flying trip to his farm west of Monroe Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kay, of Dusty, were in Corvallis Wednesday, getting some new goods for their store.

J. Benson Starr, the leading stationer of Olympia, Washington, made a visit to relatives north of town last week.

Mr. Hogue, of Dusty, is very low with something resembling apendicitus. Dr. McKenney is attending the invalid.

Rev. Ford, presiding elder of the Eugene district of the M. E. church, held services at Simpson's chapel on Saturday and Sunday last.

Spring plowing and sowing are being rapidly pushed and if this good weather continues, a fine crop will yet be harvested in this vicinity.

Clyde Tharp had an extra severe attack of sick headache last Wednesday. A physician was called and Clyde was able to be in attendance at the Literary entertainment Friday evening.

The final entertainment of the McKinley Literary Society was held last Friday evening. The house was crowded and the program seemed to reach the spot, if we are to judge from the hearty applause as number after number was rendered. The club adjourned to meet on Friday, Nov. 5th, 1897, at 7:30 p. m.

Joel E. Barker came into our burg Thursday from his ranch in the mountains. He brought with him several skins, the result of a two-weeks' trapping excursion, and traded them for "muck-a-muck" enough to last him all summer unless he decides to adopt a new line of action and take unto himself a "help-mate."

ETHEL.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

Mrs. H. B. Mason and Miss Ina Byre made a trip to Philomath last week.

The health of the valley is good. Those who have had the grippe have recovered.

Layton Henkle is running the sawmill now, although the mill dam is not finished up yet.

Miss Jennie Gellatly, of Pleasant Valley district, is getting along nicely with her school.

School opened up in West Wood district on the fourth. Miss Annie Kelsay, of Corvallis, wields the birch.

Mr. Cambell, of Nebraska, was a visitor in the valley recently, the guest of Mr. Fink. He expects to stop in Corvallis.

When we chance to have a fine day, all seem to wear a more cheerful look, only to be changed when it begins to rain again.

Mr. Gelispa, of Blodgett valley, recently bought out some calves from Alsea. He is a son of Rev. Gelispa, a pioneer of the Cumberland church.

WELLS ITEMS.

C. E. McClure has returned home from school.

W. S. Tomlinson returned from Portland on the 13th.

Farmers in this section are very busy sowing their spring crops.

Mr. J. F. Vanderpool goes to Portland this week to undergo a surgical operation.

Mrs. M. D. Hodges has been quite sick, but is reported as being considerable better at present.

Miss Trask, of Myrtle Creek, is stopping at D. H. Vanderpool's. No wonder Avert can't shear sheep this year.

The warm weather has started grain and grass to growing nicely and I suppose that in a few weeks poor cattle will be a thing of the past.

WELLS.

HOSKINS ITEMS.

C. A. Fowler is on the sick list, due to poison oak.

Weather fine and every one busy sowing grain.

John Post, of Summit, went through the valley the other day with a small band of sheep, which he had bought at $1.75 a head.

Jimmie West started for the fishing ground at Brookfield cannery last Friday. He will be in the employ of our old friend, John Badker, who is well known at Hoskins among the boys.

Miss Martha King has gone to Portland to wait on her mother, who is under the doctor's care at the Good Samaritan hospital. Mrs. King is improving and expects to return home in a week or two.

Every one who went to Prof. Brown's Literary Society Friday night reports a good time. After a few speeches and some darkey songs, a spelling match, in which Bethey Allen was declared the winner, took place. Then came a ciphering match and Clarence Carver proved the winner.

GRANGER.

BLODGETT NEWS.

Gilbert Mason made a short business trip to Corvallis Saturday.

Roy Norton started to Polk county on his bicycle last Sunday.

R. E. Davidson spent a few hours of last Sunday at his home on Shot Pouch.

C. H. Taylor, of Evergreen, visited at the home of W. A. Gellatly over Sunday.

Miss Rena Norton has taught one week in her school near Blodgett and has enjoyed it quite well.

The Blodgett Sunday school had an election of officers last Sunday and changed the time of meeting from morning to afternoon.

Blodgett school re-opened a week ago, with Miss Anna Denman as teacher. The pupils are doubtless making good progress under her instruction.

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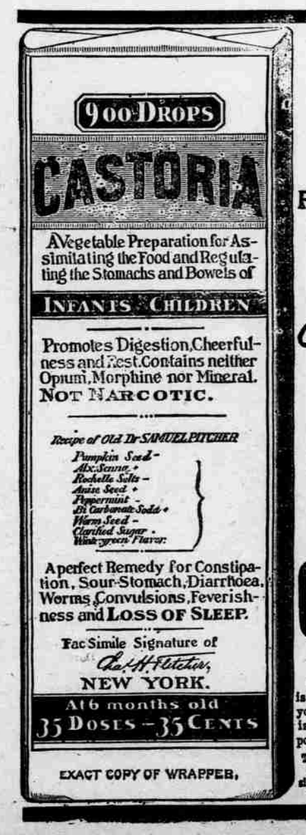

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