

THE studied silence with which the Oregonian and populists now regard each other is most oppressive, indeed. It was only a few short months ago that a most bitter warfare raged between these two forces. The Oregonian, with its accustomed vigor and spirit, filled its columns to overflowing with the most bitter denunciations of the entire populist fraternity, and anarchists, socialists, red-handed rioters, dynamiters were some of the vigorous epithets which Portland's great daily heaped upon the heads of the luckless populists. But they were equal to the occasion and their newspapers and public speakers replied in kind, calling the Oregonian a fit representative of the plutocratic press, the monopolists' henchman, the trusts' defender, the swell-headed man of the tower and dozens of other equally as contemptuous references. But those bloody days are past and no more will Brother Scott be compelled to lay awake nights listening for the populist mob bent on tearing down his high and costly tower; neither will the lowly but strong-lunged populists have to dodge around the corner to avoid the ponderous and deadly editorials which the Oregonian has been hurling at their hapless heads. The din and noise of battle is over and sweet, blessed peace now reigns over this land of Oregon. A debt of gratitude of Mt. Hood dimensions is due from the people of this state to Messrs. Simon and U'Ren, for to them is due the honor and glory of stopping this fratricidal war, which has for so long brought only trials and troubles and political death to so many worthy plutocrats and populists. May the followers of these two warrior-statesmen rise up and call them blessed.—Oregon City Enterprise.

KINCAID has employed two lawyers to represent his peculiar views in the courts, with the understanding that they "are to look to the legislature for their pay, and are not to ask more than \$300 each for their services." They will doubtless be kept looking. Kincaid has no particle of authority for saddling such an expense on the state, nor for ignoring the attorney general, who was chosen by the people, to be the legal advisor for the state. Any man with common sense knows that the position assumed by Kincaid in regard to the commission and various offices, is untenable, and in a legal contest the state is sure to be beaten. No matter how much we may desire the repeal of the law creating the railroad and other commissions, there but one way to do it, and that is by direct act of the legislature. No one believes in Kincaid's pretended devotion to economy. He is simply a very expensive fraud.

ABUSING the Oregonian, is a pleasant occupation, and sometimes it needs abusing. Often, however, the condemnation is really absurd, and ponderous expressions, intended to awake indignation, call forth only smiles. The Washington Hatchet, last Friday, flew in frenzy over the following Oregonian editorial: "Members of the Grand Army, who participated in the first battle of Bull Run, can fully sympathize with the Greeks after the fall of Larissa," and calls it a contemptible insult to the "boys in blue." Does the insult lie in the suggestion that our old soldiers are capable of sympathy, or in the inference that they would have preferred a different termination to the first battle of Bull Run?

THE First National bank, of Hillsboro, an institution doing a large and profitable business, has closed and the stockholders are operating a private bank instead. Our populist friends will hardly claim that the stockholder made the change because they were growing rich too fast. Will they continue to believe that National banks make enormous profits from their circulation? The truth is, a bank pays for all the advantages it may enjoy by reason of its being under national control, and organizes as a national bank for the sole purpose of attracting custom.

MR. H. T. CONDON is a bright, active and intelligent young man and the Eugene Register, under the new management, will probably furnish Lane county something it sadly lacks—an able, reliable republican paper.

County warrants taken at par for merchandise at Nolan & Callahan's.

Correspondence.

AROUND THE CIRCLE.

A Harvest of County Items—Campmeeting at Monroe—Baseball Club at Philomath.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Merton Taylor has entered Philomath college.

Mrs. Nannie Henkle returned from Washington Friday.

S. P. Hunt is painting the Nichols & Holm store building.

Dr. Newth has opened up an office on Main street, west of the drug store.

Alden Hulbert and wife, of Linn county, were at Uncle Abe's over Sunday.

The Endeavorers held a Union meeting in the college chapel next Sunday evening.

A. E. Taylor went to Albany last week to place a tombstone on the grave of a deceased son.

O. V. White and Geo. McDonald organized a Sabbath school at Pleasant Valley last Sunday.

Our dental surgeon, George Scott, and Grant Corley have moved into the Ambler residence on Main street.

Ed Rayburn, traveling passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, was here last week, visiting his father, Samuel Rayburn.

Rev. I. F. Foley, superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Portland, preached in the college chapel on Sunday morning and evening.

The N. & H. baseball club organized Saturday, with E. A. Nichols, manager; J. J. Bryan, captain; Fred Ingle, secretary; Guy Frink, treasurer; Ed L. Bryan, umpire. The Corvallis boys will play here next Saturday afternoon.

MONROE ITEMS.

Song service every Sunday evening at the M. E. church.

Dr. Ed. Bennett is now official physician at the poor farm west of town.

J. N. Boyd and his photographic car will leave our burg in a day or two. If you want anything in his line, now is the time.

The O. R. & N. river boat, Ruth, came up Sunday and took out 1,440 sacks of flour, 20 dozen chickens and several other small articles.

Monroe now has a first-class bicycle track. It is a quarter-mile run and has been put in shape by contributions of labor and cash, Cliff J. Ralls supervising the work.

A. Wilhelm & Sons received a lot of Mohair Saturday from Bud Dennis. The clip weighed in the neighborhood of 2,000 pounds. The price paid was 20c per pound.

The rain of last Thursday and Friday was worth thousands of dollars to the farmers in this end of the county. It insures a fine yield from orchard, field and garden.

Ernest Brimmer has the contract for building a new barn for Casper Zierolf, four miles north of town. Work is already commenced and the frame will soon be in position.

It will soon be time for berrying (not burying) parties, as the wild strawberry will ripen in a few days. The yield of that kind of fruit will be unlimited this season and will be appreciated accordingly.

A band of 5,000 cattle for an estate firm is being bought up in this vicinity by Goodman, Ferguson and Barnett. Four hundred head of this lot passed through town recently, enroute for the pastures of above named dealers.

Monroe merchants will sell coffee against the rest of Benton county. Eight packages of Lion or Arbuckle's now go for \$1. They claim that if this good weather continues, nine packages will be sold for that money next week.

The congregation of the Christian church will hold a campmeeting in the grove near Ingram's ferry some time in the first part of June, while the Methodists will conduct a similar service at Bell-fountain campground about the middle of that month.

The "joint services" spoken of in our notes last week, relating to Monroe and Simpson's chapel people, should have read, "joint memorial services on decoration day." We are informed that a good speaker will be present and that there will be plenty of music.

Our farmers are taking a rest just at present, as this is the last between spring sowing and the haying season. A general feeling of encouragement is among them, due to getting in many extra acres of grain and the splendid weather which has followed, "just as if it were made to order."

The "grand show" advertised to appear last Friday evening came on time. As there was very little of it, the thing could afford to be on time. Several of our residents attended and now wish they had not done so, since the whole affair was worse than "bum."

It will visit Alsea soon and the good people of that part of the county will do well to give it a wide berth.

Several of our Monroe boys were in Corvallis last Saturday and, after taking in the sights, which they believed did not contain the form of Chief Wells, concluded to have a good time. It was only upon the discovery of that officer by one of the crowd that the gaieties were postponed indefinitely. We don't blame anybody for not knowing an officer when he disguises himself in such a manner as Bird did.

Unless things flash in the pan, a deed to the Maudeville mills and all appurtenances, formerly the property of Mrs. K. A. Laws, will be made Tuesday in favor of A. Wilhelm & Sons. The consideration is somewhere near \$3,000. This includes, also, a right of way across the Laws farm to the warehouse at Wilhelm's landing on the Willamette. The purchasers have not yet decided as to whether to operate the mill or not.

ETHEL.

DUSTY ITEMS.

Miss Lovall, of Lebanon, is visiting in this neighborhood.

Wm. Price and family attended church at Bukker Hill last Sunday.

Lute Caton made a flying trip to Corvallis Sunday to see his best girl.

David Perin and wife went to Harrisburg Saturday to visit their children.

Frank Hurt, of Corvallis, is visiting his cousin, Claude Starr, of this vicinity.

Peter Whitaker and his best girl, "Nellie," passed through our burg Sunday.

Bellmountain Cornet band expects to give a picnic about the 18th of June.

Squire Stow came out from Alsea last week with a load of eggs for Wilhelm & Son.

Miss Rena Woodcock has gone to California to spend the summer with her uncle, John Belknap.

J. E. Banton started the first of the week for Cottage Grove, to spend the summer with his brother.

Our blacksmith is hard at work and the ring of the anvil can be heard from early morn till late at night.

Fred Watters, who is attending the O. A. C., made a flying visit to his father last week, but on the road back to school, he did not seem to be in such a hurry.

SAMANTHA.

BLODGETT NEWS.

Farmers are finishing their crops and gardens.

Mrs. Murray made a business trip to Corvallis last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadwalader made a trip to the valley the first of the week.

Born, to Mrs. Davidson, of Shot Pouch, a daughter. Mother and child are doing well.

D. B. Colton is home again. He seems to be recovered, at least, to a considerable extent.

Messrs. Turner and Scott, of Polk county, were in this valley Wednesday night of last week.

Miss Sophia Wyman made a visit to her home at Talmage recently and from there went to Oregon City.

C. A. Troxel has his well finished. He found it necessary to go forty feet deep, but now has an abundance of good water.

Mrs. Guthrie and her son, Elmer, from near Dallas, passed through here on their way to Big Elk, where they were visiting Mrs. Guthrie's father, Mr. McDowell.

NEWSBOY.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

The fine showers of rain have done much good.

The Rock Creek bridge will be rebuilt this week by Mr. Felitson.

Mrs. King has returned to her home, after spending a week visiting in the valley.

Miss Estella Cain was a visitor in the valley recently, the guest of Grandfather Jones and others.

Wm. Worthington shot and killed a large black bear recently, not far from his house. It was very fat.

Mrs. James Franklin and daughter, Nan, are visiting in Philomath, the guests of Mrs. Josie Allen.

After preaching by Orsen White last Sabbath, a Sunday school was organized at Pleasant Valley schoolhouse. Geo. McDonald was elected superintendent.

WELLS ITEMS.

Wild strawberries are very plentiful.

Ben Ridders has purchased a new bicycle.

The fruit crop promises to be large this year.

Mrs. Lewis has been very sick, but is somewhat improved at present.

There will be a social dance at the hall on Friday evening, May 14th.

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