THE EUGENE CITY GUARD.

EUGENE CITY, OREGON.
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1877.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

With this issue of the GUARD, the business passes into the hands of Messrs. W. H. and F. R. Alexander, who will proceed with the same from Jan. 1st, 1877, as if no change had occurred, collecting all subscription and ordinary advertising accounts.

In taking leave of a people with whom I have been intimately associated for the past eight years, there are many things I should like to say; and first of all is to Democrats who desire the success of that party. There is no path so sure to lead to such success as a good newspaper. A good newspaper cannot be made by one or two men alone. They must have encouragement—not mere words, but something tangible—*something that will rattle.* There are a sufficient number of Democrats in Lane county to sustain a good paper, but there are too many of them who repent on their death-beds. They never see the necessity of casting in their mite until they want position. Every Democrat should take the paper, *and pay for it*, and nothing is more certain than that in less than five years the business will have increased to that extent that a paper first-class in every respect will be demanded and furnished. Both the new proprietors are young men who are thorough printers, and who will call to their aid able writers.

To my old friends, regardless of party ties, I can say that I regret that circumstances have made the change necessary. I also assure those on the other side of the fence—not classed as friends—that I regret it, for I should be pleased to stay and make it interesting for them.

GEO. J. BUYS.

SALUTATORY.

Having purchased the GUARD from Mr. Buys, our connection with it commences *with the present number*, and it is due to our patrons to sketch an outline of the course we propose to pursue.

As long as the paper remains under our control, we will strenuously, and to the best of our ability, advocate and defend the principles of Democracy as understood and declared by Jefferson and the founders of the Republic, without abatement, modification or dilution. But while advocating and defending the principles of popular government, as we understand them, we will always treat our political opponents with due courtesy.

The GUARD will not, under any circumstances, be the mouth-piece of any man, cliqué, faction or combination of aspirants to personal promotion, but will strive for the success of the men legitimately chosen by the Democratic party. We will give each week the latest and most reliable news, and other matters of interest to the people generally.

We bought this establishment for the purpose of building up a permanent business and making a live paper, and this being our first venture in journalism, if industry, energy and pluck will accomplish anything, it will not be our fault it we do not succeed. It depends now upon the support given us by the people of Lane county, particularly the Democratic party, whether we succeed or fail.

The *Standard* says: The Senatorial committee, appointed to investigate the charges against Senator Grover to the effect that he secured his election by fraud, will start for Oregon the latter part of this month, and will probably arrive about the 1st of June. The trip will be one of pleasure, and will cost the taxpayers several thousand dollars to gratify the personal malice of some disappointed Republicans, and will only result in proving beyond a doubt the honesty and integrity of the Senator and fasten the guilt ineffaceably upon him who is known as the most notorious trickster and muchly married politician of the age.

There is some talk of making the Indian Chief, Spotted Tail, a Colonel in the army for the valuable services he has rendered recently in successfully negotiating with the Lostiles.—*Ex.*

All right—the Democrats propose to dispense with the *services* of the [illegible] Generals, Colonels, etc., who now infest the country, and conferring the empty title of "Colonel" upon this swarthy Republican patriot won't cost a cent.

CONFLICTING AUTHORITIES.

Joseph craig, says the *Standard*, is the legitimate son of a white native born American father and a Nez Perce Indian mother. He was born in the country which is now the Nez Perce Indian Reservation, and has ever since resided there and improved for himself a nice little farm. He asserted his white blood by applying at the bar for whisky. The bar keeper decided in favor of his white blood and sold him the beverage. The District Court of Idaho reversed this decision of the bar and ordered the vender to be indicted for selling whisky to an Indian under the charge of an Indian agent.

Shortly after the last decision an Indian murdered an Indian relative of Craig, and according to the laws and customs of the Nez Perce tribe, Craig administered justice by tying the culprit and carving him into small pieces.

Complaint was made to the District Court against Craig for murder. The court held that Craig was a Nez Perce Indian, only administering the law of the Nez Perce tribe, within an Indian country, and therefore that the court had no jurisdiction to try the offender. Craig was next indicted for disposing of whisky to a Umatilla Indian. On arraignment before the United States District Court of Oregon, Judge Deady decided that Craig was a Nez Perce Indian and not responsible. The Walla Walla *Statesman* says: Notwithstanding these numerous respectable authorities declaring Craig an Indian, his white blood and free American principles have led him to frequently vote at the elections of the whites. Lately the Indian Department has reversed the decision of the courts, and decided that Craig is a white man and for that reason he is driven from his farm on the Indian reservation. He is deprived of whisky and being hanged because he is an Indian, and deprived of his farm and home because he is a white man! Thus it not like Barnum's "what is it?" he at least finds that the provisions of the Constitution declaring there shall be no "distinction on account of race or color," is a delusion and a snare, and though the distinctions in his case are somewhat numerous they are rather too elastic to depend upon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JUNCTION CITY, May 9, 1876.

EDITOR GUARD—Sir: I wish to call the attention of the teachers of Oregon, through the columns of your paper, to the appended questions and answers of an applicant for a teacher's certificate at the last public examination in Lane county. I refused to grant a certificate to said applicant and he appealed to the State Superintendent and obtained from him a second grade certificate.

READING.

Question 1. Define Orthoepy. What subdivisions does it embrace? Answer. Orthoepy is correct pronunciation.

Q. 2. Name the four most common errors in articulation. Answer. Articulation. Accent. Modulation.

Q. 3. Name the inflections, and define them. A. Rising, falling, circumflex. Rising inflection, rising slide of the voice; falling inflection, falling slide. Circumflex, rising and falling combined.

Q. 4. Name the kinds of tone used in reading. A. High, low and middle.

Q. 5. What is an epic poem? Name two. A. ——.

PENMANSHIP.

Question 1. What are the essentials of good penmanship? A. A plain hand with letters well proportioned.

Q. 2. Should printed copies always be used? They should not.

Q. 3. What should be the heighth of the small letters a, i, o, t, d, l, and h? A. One-third heighth from base slant.

Q. 4. What should be the height of the Capitals L, C and E? A. Two-thirds height from base slant.

Q. 5. Analyze the small letters i, n and x. A. First principle, first and third, first.

Q. 6. Analyze the capitals A, O and S. A. First principle, 4th principle, upper and lower curve.

Q. 7. How much time should be allotted to writing? A. One hour per day.

Q. 8. Describe the first, the third and the seventh principle. A. Straight line on base slant at an angle of 52 degrees. Left curve usually on connection slant. Capital stem.

Q. 9. Define slant and shade. A. The leaning of a letter so many degrees toward base line. Shade, different width of line.

Q. 10. Space the letters in the following sentence: "The pen is mightier than the sword." A. ——.

Our School Law authorizes the State Board of Education to prescribe a series of rules and regulations for the general government of the Puplic Schools, to secure and promote the true interest of the schools, etc.

The first of these rules requires the Superintendent of Public instruction to issue to the several County Superintendents printed lists of uniform questions prepared by the State Board of Examination, and a teacher is required by these rules to answer correctly at least sixty per cent. of all the questions asked, to obtain a second grade certificate. No certificate whatever shall be issued to any applicant who falls below forty per cent. in any two branches of study.

Now, I leave it for teachers to decide whether forty per cent. of the questions in either of these two branches has been answered correctly or not. I will farther say that the Superintendent of Public Instruction did not himself examine the manuscript in this case, nor did more than one of the State Board of examination, but it was referred to a committee of two, who heard the applicants plea of poverty, etc.

Very respectfully, J. C. BOLON,
Sup't of Lane county.

NEWS ITEMS.

Wheat is $1 30 at Albany.

Wild strawberries are ripe in Yamhill county.

New potatoes have made their appearance in Jacksonville.

The graduating class at the Willamette University numbers seventeen.

A marble quarry was discovered on Lewis river, W. T., a few days ago.

Capt. Whipple's company of 110 men left Walla Walla for Wallowa on the 2d inst.

The last saloon departed from McMinnville a few days ago, and the templars are happy.

The beach mines near Cape Foulweather will give employment to about 200 men in the Summer.

The steamer Ajax, from San Francisco, arrived at Portland on Tuesday morning, and sailed again for San Francisco on Friday morning.

A chinaman named Sam Sing stole a horse from Mrs. Geisel at Ellensburg last week, and for want of $1,000 bail, spends his time Sam Singing at "Walker's Hotel."

A burglary was attempted on a store in Portland last Tuesday night. The police discovered the burglar, who ran away and made his escape, leaving a bunch of keys behind.

A Portland doctor found the following order on the slate one day this week: "Doc com up too ther hous; ther ole man hes got snakes in his butes agin and es rasin kane."

The Portland Standard has donned an entire new dress. We are happy to chronicle this evidence of its prosperity, and hope it may live to publish the obituary notices of all its enemies.

It is estimated that in Whitman county, W. T., 8,000 claims, of a quarter section each, can be found that will bear wheat all the way from 30 to 60 bushels to the acre. So says the Walla Walla Statesman.

A Frenchman named Julian got caught in a cave of earth near Jacksonville last week, and lay for several hours almost entirely covered, when some passing boys discovered him. He was badly injured.

In Sweet Home valley, Linn county, a barn belonging to a man named Ames was set on fire a few nights ago. Everything in the barn was lost, including two wagons, and considerable grain. Loss besides the barn itself, about $900.

The Plaindealer says: "Mr. Haines, of Curry county, informs us that Capt. Tichnor has made another discovery of an immense bed of bituminous coal near his home in that locality, and the Captain is going to have a railroad to Port Orford for its transportation.

Monday evening a meeting in behalf of the Yaquina Bay railroad project was held at Corvallis. Judge Burnett, Dr. Bayley and others proposed to form a company of twenty to give $1,000 each. Others pledged labor and material. It is a narrow gauge they are proposing, and they say they will break ground May 15th.

The Mercury says: This morning, between 4 and 5 o'clock, the barn belonging to Mr. Kegan, who lives about three miles south of this city, was burned to the ground, together with a span of horses, a new wagon, 100 bushels of oats, two tons of hay and a lot of baled straw. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

The Blue Gravel Mining Co. which owns extensive diggings on Galice Creek near Jacksonville, have invested several thousand dollars in them and intend to expend as many more in the purchase of additional ground and in the development of what they have. Captain Ankeny, President of the company, visited that section the other day to look after their interests.

Mrs. L. Robertson, of Eight Mile creek, Wasco county, while riding toward Canyon city, last week, had the misfortune to let her little child fall from her arms, and in her excitement to save her little one she threw herself down from the wagon seat, preserving the child's life, but sorrowful to state, losing her own, as the wagon ran over her body injuring her so severely that she died shortly after in great pain.

A Seattle paper tells this "big one:" Two men who left Thurston county last year on a prospecting tour in the Cascade mountains, and who it was feared had been lost or killed in the mountains, have turned up safe and sound at last. They report that they were snowed for seven months in the mountains, where they were compelled to remain in absolute banishment without seeing a single person. As the snow finally melted away with the approach of spring, they made their escape.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EUGENE CITY, May 11, 1877.

ED. GUARD—It is a well known fact that Eugene City is sadly in need of a fire engine for the protection of our property, and we think that the Council could not do better than to see that one is procured; and that speedily. Last week's fire was sufficient to demonstrate that our Hook & Ladder Company would have accomplished but very little, had five or ten minutes more elapsed before its discovery. It is indeed one loose economy to pay double rates of insurance (and some of our citizens can procure no insurance whatever) when if we had a good engine the rates would be much less. It is also very poor argument against the purchase of an engine, that there would be more fires just to test the merits of the engines, and the agility of the company members. One fire would destroy more if it should start between seventh and eighth streets, than half a dozen engines and accouterments would cost, and we all know that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The city is now very poorly provided for, in case a fire should get under any headway, and we think it would be very wise in our city fathers to see that we are provided with the proper means of protection. Our Hook & Ladder Company have been very efficient in putting out fires so far, but let a fire get under headway and our present means of protection would be far from ample. What we now want, and need, is an engine to work in conjunction with our Hook & Ladder Company. We would then be as well provided for as any place of our size in the state, but as it is, there is not a town but what is provided for protection from fire better than our own. We ask that this matter be attended to, and let us have protection for what property we now have. AMI.

Grant, wife and son start for Europe on the 17th of this month. He refused a free passage on a Government steamer.—*Ex.*

The only thing remarkable or worthy of note about the above is Grant's refusal, as it is the first time on record that he ever refused anything.

ITEMS FROM MILL CREEK.

MILL CREEK, Lane County, May 5, 1877.

ED. GUARD:—Moon & Worthley will resume work at their mine in a short time. They intend to tunnel, and when the vein or lode is reached, expect to be at least eighty feet below the surface. Heretofore they have only prospected the vein at the surface for nearly one thousand feet, and everywhere find good ore. A great many old miners have visited the mine and invariably say it is silver rock. Gen. E. L. Applegate visited the mine on the 1st inst. and pronounced it metallic ore and silver, or probably tin. Therefore it is safe to say that Lane county can boast of one metallic ledge, and when fully debeloped will be an honor to the county and State. The parties who hold intrest are Messrs. Cooper, James Cartwright, Moon and Worthley, claiming twelve hundred and fifty feet. There has been about five thousand feet located by different parties to the present time. To those who contemplate prospecting this season, I will say this vicinity offers good inducements to one versed in prospecting, for there is copper, silver and gold; of the latter I have found, and others also, very rich float, which is good and conclusive evidence that there is a rich lode or vein not far distant.

Jorden & Holcomb are doing good work at their saw mill.

Our new school house will be completed soon, ready for the first school in the district.

Mr. McDermitt is making steady improvements on his ranch. Success to him in his new enterprise. SONOMA.

The *Oregonian* says: A letter has been received by a gentleman of this city, from a correspondent in New York, who, a few days ago, saw Mr. Villard, of the Oregon and California Railroad, and was informed by him that it is known that twenty-five thousand people from the East will come to Oregon this year. Mr. Villard is giving personal attention to the matter of directing emigration to Oregon, and his efforts are producing excellent results. The full passenger lists on the steamers of the Oregon line are an attestation of what is being done in this behalf.

Several Brittish steamers are staying here.—*Journal.*

Upon seeing this startling announcement we started out to interview these "steamers" and ascertain whether they intended to permanently locate "here," but after following the mill race and all its tributaries up as far as the ground was damp we failed to find their tracks. The pile driver is probably what misled the *Journal* reporter.

HAYES DID.—The conundrum, "Who struck Billy Patterson?" that has been so long wandering about the country hunting an answer, has at last been solved. Hayes give him one from the shoulder, and Pat is terrible mad about it "till yet."

Carr has commenced a libel suit against the *S. F. Chronicle* for connecting his name with the Pinney defalcation, and says he will yet own the *Chronicle*, as he has similar suits enough to eat it up.

MARRIED.

On the 9th inst., at the residence of Walter McCornack, in this city, by Rev. E. P. Henderson, E. A. McCornack and Miss Anna Poindexter.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of ENOCH SMITH, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNdersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Lane county, Oregon, Administrator of the estate of Enoch Smith, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice to me at my office, in Eugene City, Lane County, Oregon.

EUGENE CITY, May 12, 1877.
4t D. M. RISDON, Administrator.

Notice to Bridge Builders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on the 30th day of May, 1877, at 1 P. M., at the Court House door in Eugene City, Lane county, Oregon, the contract for building a bridge across the Coast Fork at Swaggart's ferry on the county road, in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk, will be let at public out-cry to the lowest responsible bidder. The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A. MATTHEWS,
Superintendent.

REFEREE SALE.

Circuit Court, Lane county, Oregon. Levi Linder, Rebecca Robertson, R. G. Callison, G. W. Callison, Amanda McClure, Kate Mc Mahon and Charity Demic, plaintiffs,
vs.
R. M. Caillson and John G. Callison, Wm. L. Callison, Panchy Caillson and Lucy Callison, minor heirs of Wm. L. Callison, deceased, defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the county of Lane, made at the April term thereof, A. D. 1877, I will sell at public auction, at the court house door in Eugene City, Oregon, on the

NINTH DAY OF JUNE, 1877,

Between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots Nos. 2 and 3 in block No. 18, and the west half of Lots Nos. 2 and 3 in Block No. 13, and 28 feet off of the west side of Lot No. 7 in fractional block No. 11 of Eugene City, of Mulligan's donation to Lane County, commencing at the southwest corner of said lot No. 7, on Ninth street, thence east 28 feet, thence north 80 feet to Public Square, thence west 28 feet, thence south 80 feet to place of beginning.

Terms of Sale—One-third cash, in gold coin of the United States, and the balance on a credit of four months.

T. W. SHELTON,
Referee.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carl Von Winzenrode has made application to the county court of Lane county, Oregon, to be appointed guardian of Frances H. Blanding and Emma E. Blanding, non-resident minors, and that the court has fixed the 28th day of May, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the court house in Eugene City, as the time and place for hearing said application. By order of

JOSHUA J. WALTON,
County Judge.

Willamette Transportation and Locks Company.

NOTICE.—THE FOLLOWING RATES of Freight on Grain and Flour have been established by this company as the maximum rates for one year from May 1st, 1877, viz:

			Per ton.
Oregon City	to Portland	.....	$1 00
Butteville	" "	.....	1 75
Champoeg	" "	.....	1 75
Dayton	" "	.....	2 00
Fairfield	" "	.....	2 00
Wheatland	" "	.....	2 50
Lincoln	" "	.....	2 50
Salem	" "	.....	2 50
Eola	" "	.....	2 75
Independence	" "	.....	2 75
Ankeny's Landing	" "	.....	3 00
Buena Vista	" "	.....	3 00
Spring Hill	" "	.....	3 00
Albany	" "	.....	3 00
Corvallis	" "	.....	3 50
Peora	" "	.....	3 50
Monroe	" "	.....	4 00
Harrisburg	" "	.....	4 00
Eugene City	" "	.....	5 00

Grain and Flour shipped from the points above mentioned direct to Astoria will be charged $1 per ton additional.

The company will contract with parties who desire it to transport Grain and Flour at above rates for any specified time, not exceeding five years.

S. G. REED,
Vice President W. T. & L. Co.
Portland, April 28, 1877. my6 3m