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We take the following compliment OFFICE SOUTH SIDE OF NINTH ary correspondence from the Oregonian of April 24th, concerning Lane county and Eugene City. It was written by Mr. Alfred Holman, associate editor of the Oregonian:

Editorial Correspondence.

The grain in the Willamette Valley week, quite heavy and sufficient at springtime are with it all. Portland and Salem, were here only passing showers. They were blessed indeed and did great good, but the country needs as much more. Unless weather will do no harm.

of Spring sown grain now from two to During his term of office it became apsix inches out of the ground. The early open season enabled farmers to outdo all former efforts, and the acreage is said to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 per cent. greater by the Modoc Indians, at the same than that of any former year.

Eugene City is the only town in the valley which is making notable probusiness street has changed so much that I could scarcely recognize it as the same. Eight brick buildings have been put up for business purposes during that time, one of them three stories cluding the main business street within and as the old stores become too old for use or too small for increasing busis a credit to the town and a safeguard W. G. Langford. against fire. Insurance rates have fallen here, as brick has taken the place of wood and the people are reap ing a very substantial advantage from their own foresight and enterprise. Other towns would do well to follow a pattern resulting in many benefits.

As the business center of Lane county, Eugene enjoys a considerable prosperity, and has been less affected by he hard times than any other town in the state excepting, perhaps, Astoria. Its trade has been fairly good all along and is continually growing better.

The State University affords Eugene

City a good deal of profit. First, it provides a fine home scho-l, and secondly it brings a large trans ent population which in the course of a year distributes a good deal of money. Besides these tangible benefits there is another quite as important, namely its social effect, There are no better social influences anywhere than in Eugene. The society is not a formal one, and gets on without kid gloves or swallow-tailed coats, but it is intelligent, refined and moral. There is no better place to live and bring up a family, and this influence alone is attracting population. The University is not yet all pound their man lately. Perhaps peothat it ought to be, or all that it will ple will sometime learn that if they do w, but it has the plan, the organiza. a public wrong that the press will contion and the right spirit. A second demn them, and if necessary pound building, east of the present college building, will be put up during the coming summer, and the proposed new allotment of county scholarships will add largely to the attendance. It would greatly help the dignity of the school and so add to its reputation and standing if the "preparatory department" were done away with. The State University should not be a primary schoo .

another of the stations, and all soon Colonel?" "By paying the bill." find satisfactory establishment. Lane ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE WANTED county has still a good deal of vacant were sold in the United States last price. JAS L PAGE land, but it lies far back in the foot year. FRO

hills or off toward the coast, and is chiefly valuable for range. The time will come in the future when the whole face of the country will be covered with settlements, but while land in the valley can be bought on easy terms settlers will not go far from the railroads.

Whoever would see the Willamette south of Harrisburg is not so far valley at its best should make the trip advanced as the lower counties of from Portland to Eugene City during Linn, Marion, Clackamas and Multno- the coming month. The fields everymah. There has been less rain by where fresh in all the varieties of about one-third and the fields are less green, the orchards full blown and forward in the same proportion. The beautiful, the hill sides decked with a difference appears even greater to one thousand glories of color, the varying who travels through, due to the fact landscape, the distant mountains and that there is more Fall sowing in the the rolling masses of silver clouds form lower countres and more Spring sowing a prospect as heautiful as heaven. And in the upper valley. The rains of last the fragrance and the melodies of

Suit Agninst Sureties.

Suits have been brought fagainst the sureties on the official bond of the late the weather should turn severely hot A. B. Meacham, at one time Indian there is no immediate need, and two Agent in and for this State, to recover weeks of dry and moderately warm a sum in excess of seven thousand dollars alleged to be due from him to the In Lane county there is a great area Government of the United States. parent to several of his bondsmen that Mr. Meacham's mind had never fully recovered from the shock he received when he was beaten and left for dead time they murdered General Canby. They therefore notified the Secretary of the Interior to pay over no more gress in the matter of building. I was funds into Mr. Meacham's hands or there twenty-two months ago, and the they would not be responsible for the consequences. In spite of this caution, the Indian department kept on paying him money for the Indians in this State, for which he never accounted. He lived in Washington for years, ighigh. Eugene is one of the oldest noring his dutiful wife and three lovtowns in the valley and its first store- ing children. He must have been inbuildings were cheap one floor struc- sane, very clearly. We have no idea tures, now falling into decay. The that the Government will be able to city council has established lines in- recover a single dollar from his sureties, as he should have been removed which building of wood is prohibited, from office, long before his term expired. His bondsmen were Philip Ritz, B. F. Dowell, Cyrus Olney, S. iness they have to be replaced by brick Welby, John H. Mitchell, John Cumor stone. This policy has resulted in mins, S. S. Thompson, Sam'l Lyon, J. the building up of a fine street which H. D. Henderson, George I. Hill and

Chinese Head Hauting.

A Kelung correspondent of the Hongkong Press gives the following details of Chinese head hunting: "The Chinese have committed the most horrible atrocities. The French cemetery has been violated in a manner worthy of the lowest barbarians. The graves of the dead interred in the afternoon were found opened the next morning and the corpses beheaded. This continued for a week. Although all means were employed to prevent and catch the violators, the French did not succeed. This is how the Chinese acted: A dog was trained to go in advance of them, and if the dog found the cemetery deserted, the Chinese advanced, opened the graves and cut the heads off the corpses. If the cemetery was guarded the dogs would bark and the Chinese retreat. You will thus see that the Chinese had a regular system for head snatching, and it baffled the French for some time. Now, however, a guard of fifteen men keeps watch over their departed comrades.

Several Washington and Eastern Oregon editors have had to severely them besides.

The Agricultural board has decided in regard to the next State fair. Ten thousand dollars will be given in premiuma. Of this \$4,300 goes to the race track. Is it for this that the State gave \$5,000 at the last session of the Legislature?

"There comes that confounded cole lector," said the Colenel. "He has Lane county is getting a good share been here twenty times within the of new population. From one to five past month. This is the first day of families stop off every day at one or April and I shall fool him." "How,