

CITY AND COUNTY.

BRIEF MENTIONS.

Plumbers weather. Farmers are busy. Pay the printer and be happy. Lumber is cheaper than for years. Not an occupant in the county or city jails. Lots of hay coming into town. Prices low. Corner stone ceremonies on week from next Tuesday.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL ROOMS, EUGENE CITY, July 13, 1885. Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present—Councilmen Dorris, Friendly, Luckey and Blyden; Recorder and Marshal. President Dunn being absent, meeting called to order by Recorder Shaw and Councilman Friendly appointed Recorder pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Cottage Grove Items.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.] July 15, 1885. Miss Kate Spray went to Salem Tuesday. D. Bristow made a flying visit to Eugene this week. Mr. John Tapp, of Oakland, was in town this week. Ed Wand, of Eugene, was in town one day this week.

Personal.

Senator Coleman was in town last Monday. Rev. Dr. Geary paid Albany a visit last Monday. D. H. Libby, of Portland, gave this office a call this week. Miss Vena Adair has been visiting in this city several days.

Brevities.

A chair wiper is in town. The Engine Company gave a drill last evening. Ye editor thanks Dr. John Gray for a nice young grouse. The mugwump is pretty big game for small editors to shoot at.

Crow Items.

Hay harvest. Work plentiful. Mr. Clarence Evans is able to be about again. The health of Mr. Green Hayes is improving rapidly. There is singing school at the church house every Sunday.

Pleasant Hill Items.

Harvest is going on in full blast. Sam Parks returned with Ligo Baughman to Seattle. What did I tell you—it would be another deacon's case!—H. B. Mrs. Sarah Williams of Seattle is visiting relatives at this place.

For Sale.

One hundred and fifty-five acres of fine hard-wood timber land, and 20 acres rich bottom prairie land. Lies 4 1/2 miles north of Eugene and 2 miles east of Irving station. Will be sold together or in 20 acre lots, at \$8 to \$15 per acre. Payment can be made in cash, part cash with approved notes at one or two years, or will take wheat at market price. Enquire of G. M. MILLER or T. J. SMITH.

Farmers.

Store your wheat at the Eugene City Mills. The highest cash price paid to farmers, and a premium for all chokes milling winter wheat. THE CORNER STONE.—As yet it is impossible to give a regular programme for the laying of the corner stone of the University building on the 28th inst. The Eugene Band will furnish instrumental music for the occasion, while a choir will give the vocal music.

The Mortgage Tax Law.

We herewith print the syllabus of a recent decision by Judge Deady on the Mortgage Tax Law. The foreign companies asked for an injunction restraining the different Sheriffs from collecting taxes upon their mortgages: Mortgage Tax Law of 1882.—On the question of whether this act of the Legislature conforms to the constitution of Oregon, this Court follows the judgment of the Supreme Court of the State in Mumford v. Sewell, 11 Or. 67, and Crawford v. Linn county, 14, 482; and on the question of its conflict with the constitution of the United States, the ruling of this Court in the Dundee Mortgage Trust Investment Company v. School District No. 1, 19 Feb. Rep., 369 and 21 Id., 151, is followed.

FOURTH OF JULY HEAD.—

This is how they do it up in Heppner. The editors of the Heppner Times and the Gazette, of the same name, have been indulging in some language towards each other not over-choicely, and the mutual feeling between the two quill shovers was not the most cordial and lovely. On the glorious Fourth of July the editor of the Gazette, knocked the editor of the Times down and then sat on him till he hollered "enuff." This is business. The same means is suggested by the News and Oregonian for the settlement of any little difference between them. There is some sense in that way, and the public is not the sufferer.—Statesman.

IOWA VISITORS.—

We take the following from the Nevada, Iowa, Watchman, which explains itself: "We stopped at Eugene for a limited time, and strolled through its streets. It is a beautiful place, level, and much reminded us of our Iowa homes. The commencement exercises of the Oregon University were being held and all were warmly welcomed. Yards were thrown open to all, and but for the limited time we might have carried off some of their most prized treasures (nothing personal Webb). Fruits and flowers were in abundance, and all well pleased, and found it alive with people to welcome us."

RATES OF POSTAGE.—

Many people suppose that postage has been reduced. This is a mistake. It will take two cents to carry a letter the same as it did before the first of July. No one-cent letter will go. The letter covered by two cents may weigh an ounce instead of half an ounce. This is all the change in postage on letters. Do not fool yourself by putting on one cent only on any written or sealed letter, but put on two cents as heretofore or your letter will remain in the postoffice for want of sufficient postage.

NOTICE.—

Mr. R. H. James having retired from business and being desirous of settling up, requests all those indebted by note or account to immediately call and make a settlement. He can be found at his office in the Court House, ready to receipt for all debts due him.

CONTRACT LET.—Mr. Cy. Watkins has let a contract for a dwelling, barn and fence to be built on his lots just east of Dr. Harris' house, to Messrs. Garrison & Fenton. The contract price is \$1,500.

BORN.—July 9, 1885, to the wife of G. W. Martin, a son.