

A MOTHER'S FRANTIC ACT.

Tries to Secure Possession of Her Little Child.

The Portland Sunday Welcome has this: F. K. Hepburn is a gentleman well known in musical circles in this city. He is an accomplished artist and while engaged in teaching, was always envied by his competitors because of the large class of pupils that sought his tuition.

At this time the court selected the names of 200 freeholders as the jury list for the ensuing year and ordered the clerk to make and file a copy of the same. Bill of Mrs. C. E. White for attendance upon her family allowed and clerk directed to draw warrant for amount, 6 75

Sudden Darkness.

Those who relied upon the electric power for light were suddenly left in darkness about 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening. It seems that steam is fed from the boilers to three engines at the Electric Light Works.

Included in the One Levy.

Salem Statesman: Several county clerks throughout the state have written to Secretary of State McBride since the state levy was made making enquiry regarding the special levy of one-fifth of a mill for the military and one-seventh for the state university funds as to whether they are included in the 1894 state levy of 4.3 mills.

The Passing Through.

Pendleton Tribune: Rev. W. H. Seleck called at the Tribune office yesterday. The reverend gentleman has recently returned from a visit to Colfax. Said he: "The people of eastern Washington are in a sorrowful plight. The wheat crop is their only dependence, and many of the farmers met with severe losses the past season. Besides, the grain that was saved brought them in but little, owing to the sluggish condition of the market. Business is practically paralyzed and many of the people are in actual want. Citizens of Pendleton complain of hard times, but they are far better off than the people of Colfax and its surrounding country."

ONLY TEN.—Deputy Collector F. C. Geer, informs us that only ten Chinamen have applied for registration papers thus far. He thinks they are holding back for orders from the six Companies at San Francisco. Tomorrow is his last day here.

Commissioners' Court.

ROAD SUPERVISORS APPOINTED. No. 5—G. E. McLean. No. 6—H. H. Fisk. No. 7—E. E. Ashby. No. 8—H. D. Edwards. Report and bill of Wm. C. Johnson, supervisor of road district No. 91, continued for explanation and correction. Report of J. W. Bond, supervisor, continued for explanation. Report of Wm. Withers, supervisor, road district No. 84, examined and approved.

At this time the court having examined the books and accounts of the Sheriff, Treasurer and Clerk, finding them correct, they are hereby approved. The court inspected the county jail and found the same well kept and in good condition. J. L. D. Scarborough reported a destitute family residing near Creswell, whereupon the Court appointed James Parker to visit said family and report their condition to the Court at the February term thereof, or if necessary, to provide for their immediate relief.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends who so kindly came to our assistance during the illness and death of Mr. Joseph Beale, late undersigned, husband and brother of the undersigned, also to Mrs. Drew for giving us the privilege of her home and the many other favors she extended to us in days of our need.

Bond Election.

The board of school directors of this district has called an election of the legal voters thereof, to take place at the court house Friday, February 25th, when there will be submitted the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness of \$10,000 for the purpose of funding the indebtedness of said district and the carrying on of the schools therein.

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The Artesian Well Proposition.

There has been no geological survey of the Willamette valley and consequently no analysis of its geological structure is available for judgment as to the practicability of getting artesian wells. But Professor Thomas Condon, of the University of Oregon, is unquestionably the best authority on the geology of the Northwest. In reference to the suggested artesian wells at Salem he writes as follows to the Salem Democrat, seeming to regard the matter with much doubt:

"Two essential conditions to success in artesian boring are: First, the confined waters must be in a portion of their bulk, above the borings; second, the confined waters must be held in confinement between two sheets of rock or other impervious material in unbroken condition. If broken the waters will escape at other places than the boring. "Have we such unbroken sheets of rock along the western slopes of the Cascade mountains? Just here comes in a flood of doubt through my observations of these rocks. I find them loose, tilted and broken. "Of course one could imagine local causes that might partially exempt a locality from these conditions and give a partial success. I am not prepared to point these out near Salem."

The Precious Metal.

E. O.: A gentleman recently from the upper Columbia says concerning gold mining: "I think the greater part of the new investments will be made in placer fields this year; that is I think the greater part of the gold taken out by new companies will be from the placer fields. The Columbia river fields will furnish many men with work during the coming summer and I think much more profitably than ever before. Our company will work the river above Virginia City, and we have a new process that we think will save all of the fine gold. "By the use of a rifle we get an undercurrent and we are satisfied that we can save the flour gold that has heretofore been lost. New hydraulic machinery will be put in with steam pumping machinery and the work will be pushed as soon as the season opens."

School Report.

The following is a true report of the school in District No. 28 for the second month of school beginning December 15, 1893, and ending January 12, 1894: No. of days taught 18, number enrolled on register 21, total number of days attendance during the month 282, average attendance during the month 16, names of those neither absent nor tardy and perfect in deportment, Susan Walker, Mary Harkins, Homer Harkins, Mary Walker, Harvey Harkins, Eddie Walker, Harry Warner and Anna Walker. Number of school visits made by the directors 1, number of school visits made by other persons 10.

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FIRE AT HILLSBORO.

Odd Fellows' Hall and Contents Are Totally Destroyed. Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 18.—About 2:30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the rear of the Odd Fellows' hall at this place. So quickly did the flames spread that very little could be done to either check their progress or save any of the contents of the building. The building was the property of Montezuma Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F. The upper portion has long been used as a lodging place for the Odd Fellows' order; also for that of the Knights of Pythias. Forsters and A. O. U. W. The lower story has been occupied by S. M. Heidel as a bakery and confectionery store. Both building and contents were totally destroyed. The loss on the building and the property belonging to the different lodges, in the way of paraphernalia, etc., will reach \$2500; on this there is an insurance of \$1200. Heidel also loses his entire stock, which is estimated at \$900; insurance, \$450.

Secretary Has No Authority.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—In the senate, at the opening of the session the presiding officer presented a letter from Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, advising the senate that he had tendered his resignation to the governor of Mississippi to take effect the 31st inst. The letter was placed on file. Walthall's term would expire March 3, 1895, but he has already been elected for another six years. He resigns only the unexpired portion of the present term, and leaves to future determination his full term following.

This is an Englishman's Idea.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Sir William Henry Houldsworth, member of parliament for Manchester, conservative, speaking at Dundee, declared that until bimetallism was adopted by all countries commerce would not receive any permanent benefit. England, he added, was the only country in Europe which refused to adopt bimetallism. He expressed the hope that this government would co-operate with other governments in an effort to secure a more permanent system.

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Gold Specimens Offered.

BRECKENRIDGE, Col., Jan. 18.—The Breckenridge Athletic Club offers 10 gold specimens awarded the first prize in the world's fair for the Corbett Mitchell fight. The collection is valued at \$80,000.

Sunday Welcome: George H. Williams, ex-attorney-general, is now president of the Commercial National bank. He was elected to succeed Frank Dekam at the recent meeting of the board of directors.

The Belgian suffrage law fills the Dietum of Allen G. Thurman that intelligence and property should rule the country, and more so. In Belgium intelligence, property and matrimony rule the country. There graduates of colleges and universities may vote twice. A married man of 35 may vote three times. Any man 25 and over may vote once.

Salem Independent: Dolph, Ellis and Hermann voted themselves \$1000 each for going to Oregon and back after the extra session. They did not go! If that is not fleecing money from starving taxpayers, then we do not understand the meaning of the English language. These statesmen evidently do not expect to run for congress next year, and are making hay while the political sun shines.

The jute mill is very properly giving a natural death, says the Salem Statesman. Oregon cannot afford at this time to expend three or four hundred thousand dollars in a doubtful experiment. It is well enough to proceed with the erection of the necessary buildings. They will consist of nothing more than substantial brick walls and roofs. Such buildings could be used for a sugar beet factory or any other industry as well as to house the jute mill machinery.

East Portland Chronicle: The milk in the cocoanut seems to be the personal pique of the editor of the Telegram, who applied for the position of bank examiner made vacant by Stagg's appointment as receiver, and was indorsed for the position by Stagg. This indorsement was considered an excellent one because of his good standing with Comptroller Eckels. In view of this the savage attack of the Telegram seems the height of ingratitude; yet its very bitterness probably arises from the disappointment and chagrin at discovering that this endorsement is not only rendered valueless but harmful by the exposure.

The state republican central committee and the congressional committees for the first and second congressional districts are called to meet at Portland on Wednesday, January 31st, for the purpose of determining the time and place for holding the state republican nominating convention and also for the congressional conventions and for the further purpose of deciding upon the apportionment of delegates to these several conventions. The officers of the state central committee are: W. L. Boise, chairman; E. P. McCornack, secretary; and F. M. Mulkey, assistant secretary. The member of the committee for Lane county is W. H. Abrams. T. H. Tongue, of Washington, is chairman of the committee for the first congressional district and the member for Lane county is A. E. Gallagher, who is now a resident of Spokane Wash.

New York Sun: Perhaps will be better times before long. There is already less depression than there was a while ago in Colorado, Minnesota and other states beyond the Missouri; there is not very much in Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine; there is less than there was in the states of the South, including old Kentucky; there is not so much here as there was even a month ago. The clouds that lower over the country do not look so black as they looked at the setting in of the winter. The energies of the people and the resources of the country, and the majesty of the flag, and the beneficence of the skies are destructible. We should not wonder if 1894 should turn out to be a far more satisfactory year for a good many people than 1893 has been.

University Notes.

The reception given to J. R. Wetmore, director of physical training at the University of Oregon, last Saturday evening was a brilliant affair. The students and members of the faculty with their families were nearly all present. Committees from the College Y. M. C. A. and Athletic club, together with ladies of the University selected by them, did the honors in a most cordial manner. The lower story of the dormitory and the two stairways were prettily decorated with ivy and snow. In Belgium intelligence, property and matrimony rule the country. There graduates of colleges and universities may vote twice. A married man of 35 may vote three times. Any man 25 and over may vote once.

Florence Items.

Mr. Barrett states that the sand dunes, both on the opposite side of this river and on this side of the Umpqua, are so thoroughly filled with water that they are beds of quick sand. He had difficulty in crossing them on Tuesday. The citizens of Mercer lake are circulating a petition to divide the Florence school district, creating one in that part of the country adjoining and near the lake. As Florence is surfeited with petitions pleading out territory for new districts, it is proposed to settle the entire question by giving the proposed district all the territory outside the incorporate limits of Florence.

Hatchery.—The West, Jan. 12: The foundation for the fish hatchery is laid, the frame up and the first floor in place. Mr. Freeman informs us that a few days of pleasant weather will facilitate the speedy completion.

C. D. Cole, of Isabel, Lane county, has been appointed a notary public by the governor.

This is a year of low taxation. From all portions of the state come news of reduced expenditures and economical management.

The Oregonian squeals. Mr. Woodcock hit such hard blows on the tax dodging assessment of Multnomah county that it refused to publish his letter.

The Mitchell-Corbett prize fight has superseded the Hawaiian muddle in public interest. It is the only permanent one permanently disabled the public will be satisfied.

Persons owning bottom land should be careful about clearing brush and timber from the banks of streams. A flood soon destroys the light bottom lands if unprotected by timber growth.

A great many business men claim advertising does not pay, yet they would not have a three line local inserted stating that they were high priced, carried shopworn goods, etc., for \$25.

The survey for the fishway over the Oregon City falls cannot be made until the waters in the Willamette lowers a good deal. Fish Commissioner McGuire says the upper Willamette will be full of salmon before January 1, 1895.

Several years ago the secretary of the treasury was paying a large premium for bonds in order to reduce the surplus. This course, together with extravagant pension appropriations, effectually emptied a well filled treasury and now money must be borrowed to meet current expenses.

East Portland Chronicle: Editor Campbell of the Eugene Guard gives Commissioner Perkins of that county a little advice that he will not forget soon. The only thing to regret is, that the Guard wasted good space that otherwise would have been filled with good local news.

The injury to the Eugene water power, though temporary, is to be regretted. Coming soon after the unfortunate burning of the flouring mill it adds to the burden carried by the owners of the property. Those who intimate that the water power is destroyed do not know what they are talking about.

Congressman Bert Coekran, in his great speech among other grand things said: "As long as we import commodities which we cannot produce cheaper than those with whom we trade the prosperity of the whole human race is advanced, they who trade with us are kept solvent and we are made prosperous by their solvency."

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer: It is published that S. L. Lowell, late colonel of the Second Regiment of military money and that criminal proceedings will be instituted. His friends claim that the amount in controversy is less than \$1500 and that it has been lawfully appropriated for costs, etc. If the gentleman is guilty of the charges he should be prosecuted, otherwise he has been done a great injustice by prominent publicity.