

Letter From an Oregon Boy.

W. L. Cheshire, now a resident of Fruitvale, California, writes us as follows:

FRUITVALE, Cal., March 23, 1895. EDITOR GUARD: I will give you a few observations of the Golden State. A realistic life in California is quite different from what we read of it.

To see one of California's sunsets is an artistic treat and evidently is one of nature's grandest panoramas. When the sun lights the western borders of a stratus and reflects its golden colors on a cirro-cumulus there is an evolution of incandescent change through one medium of shade to another until it reaches Golden Gate when its grandeur is portrayed in all the magnitude of the painter's imagination.

I might mention that this little town of Fruitvale is nothing more nor less than the most eastern terminus of Oakland. It hardly represents as its name indicates, for it is very much situated on rolling hills and not in a valley as one would suppose.

To the north and east of here and hedging the entire north of Oakland is a high range of hills, partly covered with groves of eucalyptus. One place in particular on a high point seen a great evergreen cross said to have been set out by Joquin Miller in honor of the school children of Oakland.

From Fruitvale can be seen to the south, San Francisco Bay blending its vast sheet of water into sky. To go to San Francisco from here you can have the pleasure of riding for nine miles on steam or electric cars through the most beautiful resident town on the Pacific coast and then a boat ride of four miles and you step on the wharves of the great busy city of the Golden West.

Please do not think I am in the real estate business.

A "LIGHT" MATTER.—Salem Statesman: Another claim which met the objection at the secretary of state's hands this quarter was that of the electric light company under a contract for lighting the state house and prison. It is said the light company claims its contract provides for the payment of 60 cents a month for every light in the building—in the representative hall, senate chamber, everywhere—every month in the year, and that the number cannot be diminished after they are once set in place.

THE TRAIN ROBBER.—The officers are still looking for the fugitive train robber who killed Sheriff Bogard in the "hold up" near Wheatland, Calif. He is said to be Bill Brown, alias Jack McGuire, alias J. Johnson, alias J. Brady; age 28, height 5 feet 6 inches; medium slender build; dark brown hair; brown mustache; dark eyes; long arms and hands; legs rather long in proportion to body; shoulders high and slightly drooping. He is a pleasant talker, very suave manner; usually wore dark clothes and hat; is quite proud of his foot; wears about No. 5 or 6 shoes; is temperate; does not smoke; seldom uses profane language; is a good dancer; has the general appearance of a ranch hand, even when wearing his best clothes. Usually wears a gold ring with a large cameo setting; is a good bicyclist; owns and rides a Cleveland bicycle. The sum of \$10,000 is offered for his capture.

DOCTOR JO DEAD.—Pendleton E. O. The Indians on the reserve attribute the heavy windstorm of Monday to the death of old Doctor Jo the medicine man, who passed away to the happy hunting grounds. Although generally thought to have advanced beyond the stage of such superstition, the Indians yet cling to crude ideas and may easily be inspired with awe when observing some phenomenon of nature. The death of Doctor Jo has caused the usual wonderful cures by means of magic. Had Doctor Jo lived through the storm, he would have convinced the Indians that he caused the wind to blow with the aid of the Great Spirit, for he seldom failed to turn the works of nature to account in holding his reputation as a medicine man.

IN THE BIBLE.—Sunday afternoon all the members of the Kickapoo Medicine Company, with the exception of two women, were arrested at Lagrande by Deputy Sheriff McClellin, and the whole party was taken to Union by private conveyance. The medicine men were not surprised over this arrest, and, in fact, were expecting it. The exact nature of the charge lodged against them is not known, but is supposed to be an alleged infraction of the statutes governing the practice of medicine in Oregon.

COMPLIMENTS HIS OPINION.—Portland Star: In a note to a personal friend in this city, Mayor-elect J. D. Matlock, of Eugene, gracefully acknowledges his opponent for that office as one of the most able and popular men in that city, if not in the state, and says it shall be his ambition to fill the office with as much credit to himself and satisfaction to the public as his opponent would have done, had he been elected.

JORDAN DECLARED BANK.

And Is Held to Await the Action of the Grand Jury in \$200 Bonds.

Daily Guard, April 5. At the preliminary examination of Henry Jordan, before Justice Wheeler yesterday afternoon a number of our citizens testified that they believed the man to be mentally unsound. Therefore Justice Wheeler asked the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to have him examined by the county authorities, before he entered a decision in the case.

This morning the proper papers were filed and Jordan was taken before Judge Fisk and Medical Examiners Drs. D. A. Paine and E. D. McKenney and gave a searching and critical examination as to his mental condition. They decided he was sane. The prisoner was bright as a dollar and he answered all questions readily and without hesitation, and always sensibly. He says if worst comes to worst that he would rather go to the pen than to the asylum.

After this examination he was again taken before Justice Wheeler who held him to await the action of the next grand jury in \$200 bonds. Not having any money or friends he will board with Lane county at least until that august body meets in June.

A FLOURING MILL.

The Site for the Building is Being Surveyed.

Daily Guard, April 6.

Eugene is going to have a grist mill yet if she keeps on trying to get one. Lots of talk has been done and several propositions for building a mill have come before the people but they have all fallen through with.

Now a movement is on foot to build a flouring mill which promises very favorably to materialize. The contract papers have not been signed yet but everything is in readiness and no doubt within a day or two the final papers will be signed which will consummate the agreement that has quietly been materializing for some time with the result that Eugene will have a mill. The parties who propose building the mill are reliable business men of our own city who if they attempt it will make it go.

The ground selected for the site of the new mill is that where the old flouring mill stood, and surveys have been at work today surveying off the same.

LARGE PRUNE ORCHARDS.—Corvallis Gazette: G. A. Waggoner, general manager of the Excelsior fruit farm and one of the stockholders in the Belfontain orchard, says trees on both farms are looking well and promise to make a fine growth this season. There are 15 acres of prune trees in the Belfontain orchard that are five years old, and should have some fruit this season. Next year 140 acres more will come into bearing. Excelsior farm has 25 acres of prunes, one and two years old. These two orchards, which are owned by citizens of Benton county, aggregate 395 acres of prune trees, all in thriving condition. In the near future the fruit from these orchards will form quite an important part of the exports of this county, and the result will reflect credit upon those who have had the enterprise to demonstrate that something more profitable than wheat can be grown here.

With all the rolling lands of Benton county bearing fruit, and the lilly districts stocked with Angora goats, we would hear no more talk of hard times. Raise goats and plant trees.

KINCAID ALRIGHT.—Salem Journal: The members of the Railroad commission pressed Secretary Kincaid for a final ruling as to whether he would abide by the opinion of Attorney-General Idlemann or reject it. Kincaid said: "I am not ready yet to make a final decision; it took Mr. Idlemann a month to make up his mind and put it in form, and I am certainly entitled to a reasonable time to study and digest it." The commissioners insisted upon having a decision by next Saturday, but Mr. Kincaid said "No." "Well in ten days, then, sure?" "No." In fact, said Mr. Kincaid, "I will name no special time, but will give you my decision just as soon as my duties will permit me to get ready. If this does not suit, or if I am too slow, of course you have a remedy and can exercise your pleasure."

WHO WAS IT?—An old gray headed, long heeled Lothario, who should begin to think of the next world in stead of this, was the recipient of attentions, at a house on Eighth street, last night, that he did not appreciate. The doubtful contents of a stop bucket were emptied upon him as he was coming down stairs. The boys put up a job on the old man, and got him to call at the house from which he was unceremoniously fired. He was dressed up with his kid gloves, tie, white vest and chinchilla coat. They will not be fit for use until cleaned and laundered. In the meantime he will not be able to ply his usual vocation, but will probably remain in seclusion.

SUPPLIES FOR THE NEEDY.—The supplies raised for the Nebraska sufferers, but which are being distributed among the needy of our own county, are being called for right along and the bulk of them has been given out. About 40 or 45 sacks of flour remain but most of the clothing and other stuff has been distributed among the poor. It was announced some time ago that the supplies would be removed from the store room at Gen. Crow's agency in the Chrisman building to J. H. McClung's warehouse in the rear of his store building, but as Mr. Crow has announced his willingness that they shall remain in his office until distributed, it has been decided not to move them, and parties desiring to secure donations will find them as above stated.

EUGENE PARTIES.—Today's Oregonian: "A case of S. B. Foklin vs. W. H. Pool to foreclose a mortgage for \$2000 on a tract of land in Multnomah county, 16 miles from Portland, was argued and submitted before Judge Burns yesterday."

MOORE CHECK ID WORK.

J. W. Hill, Liberated Yesterday, in Another Transaction.

Daily Guard, April 5. James W. Luper, the well known farmer of Irving precinct, while in town yesterday, was greatly surprised to learn that a note for the sum of \$154 against him had been deposited by J. W. Hill, who was connected with the Eugene Loan and Savings Bank. The note was at once pronounced a forgery by Mr. Luper, although the signature was a clever imitation of his handwriting. A chattel mortgage also had been deposited with the bank at the same time on 80 acres of his growing crop, which was also pronounced a forgery. Hill was hunted up and admitted that Mr. Luper did not sign the note or mortgage. He claimed that he procured J. J. Butler, of Junction, to fill out the bodies of the two papers and that he had let another person take care of them for a time who must have attached Mr. Luper's signature. The signature of Mr. Luper on the mortgage is witnessed, "J. J. Butler" and his name is also thought to have been forged.

Of course this is an unreasonable story, and why should he deposit them at a leading bank. The note purported to have been drawn March 25 and the mortgage on the 27th. No arrests have been made yet.

Cottage Grove Water Works.

Cottage Grove Leader: We took a look at the reservoir of the Cottage Grove water works one day this week. The reservoir is fourteen feet deep—sunk in blue clay and cemented. It makes a solid wall that should last always. The reservoir is 37 1/2 feet wide at the bottom and 90 feet at the top and will hold over 200,000 gallons of water. The house built over the reservoir rests upon a stone foundation that will last forever. Inside the building reminds one of a large amphitheatre. There are large round holes lined with wire screen in the building that look very much like port holes. The air will constantly pass through them and keep the water pure and cool. The building will be painted white and the roof red. The American flag, painted so as to wear, will float from the top of the building. The reservoir is filled with pure mountain spring water and with 200 feet fall will flow in pipes to the business houses and residences. The reservoir is in a charming location on McFarland mountain—the ground sloping beautifully in every direction. On top of the house one can see the whole city and country for many miles. The cost has been about \$3500, which has been a help to the laboring men, and we learn that plans of money to pay off everything has been obtained. Messrs. Orchard and Jones, the contractors, have done a good job and the people of Cottage Grove appreciate it.

STATE U. L. S. C.—The second annual assembly of the Chautauque assembly at Gladstone park, Oregon City, will occur on July 10 to 19. A. S. Dresser will have charge of the music; Prof. Ivey, of California, the school of art; Sarah U. Brown, of Salem, of the school oratory; Prof. Hammond, of botany; Prof. Shaw, of Corvallis, chemistry; Prof. Gordon, of Eugene, geology; Prof. Hawley, the Sunday school normal department. Among those who will lecture will be Dr. Gussulski, the great orator of Chicago, Miss Susan B. Anthony, Dr. George R. Wallace, Dr. Charles Edward Locke, Hon. G. M. Irwin, state superintendent of public instruction, President Chapman, Professor John Ivey, of San Francisco, Mrs. Narcissa White Kinney of Astoria, Dr. McClelland, of Pacific University, President Thomas Newlin, of the Friends' college of Newberg, President P. L. Campbell of State Normal school, President Hawley of Salem, Dr. Stratton of Portland University.

NOT SOLD.—The Annie mine, in the Bohemia district, was advertised to be sold at Roseburg last Thursday, but for some reason the sale was postponed. Speaking of the Annie mine, the Fossil Journal says: "The mine in question was located by Dr. Oglesby, who named it after his daughter Annie. The doctor sold to a syndicate of Oregon and California mining men, who put something like \$50,000 worth of machinery into the mine. It is rich in gold, but it is almost inaccessible country, which makes the expenses very high, and so far they have run ahead of the receipts; hence the advertised sale to satisfy a debt which is a mere bagatelle compared to the value of the property."

HE WAS SUSPENDED.—Baker City Democrat: The trial of Rev. O. A. Smith by a court of inquiry composed of M. E. ministers, Rev. J. S. Anderson, presiding, was finished Friday last. Rev. Smith was tried on two charges, that of taking undue liberties with ladies, and detraction of character. The first charge was not sustained, but the second charge was sustained and Rev. Smith was suspended pending the action of the next conference, which will meet this summer. As yet no one has been appointed to take the place of the suspended pastor.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.—The sixth annual convention of the Lane county W. C. T. U. will be held in Junction City Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16. The exercises on Monday will be held in the Christian church and Tuesday in the A. O. U. W. hall. Dinner will be served in the hall for delegates and members. The lecture by the president to be given in the opera house Monday evening. Mrs. W. L. Houston, of Junction, will deliver the address of welcome, and the response will be made by Miss Lillie Scott, of Creswell. Mrs. Narcissa White-Kinney, State President, will deliver an address before the convention. A number of Eugene ladies will be in attendance.

SUIT COMMENCED.—James Hoffman has commenced suit in the circuit court against A. A. Meek to recover the sum of \$1,300 and interest on a promissory note.

PAYING LIVELY.

The People Have Already Paid \$80,000 of the Taxes Due.

Daily Guard, April 5. The people are paying up their taxes lively and it looks very much as if the delinquent list would be a small one. Up to last night the sheriff had issued 5,061 receipts which called for \$64,097.02. Besides this amount Sheriff Johnson informs us that enough money has been deposited to his order to bring up this sum to \$80,000 as soon as his force can get time to write up the tax receipts for the same. The railroad company has not yet paid their taxes but will probably in a few days.

Bids for Running Ferry.

Daily Guard, April 6.

The following is a list of the bids opened this afternoon by the county commissioners court for running the free ferry at Hendricks ferry for the term of one year:

Goshen Items.

April 5, 1895.

John Sellers and family, of Pleasant Hill, visited at C. H. Mathews' Sunday.

J. B. Keeney visited the vicinity of Brownsville on business during the week.

Miss Laura Brumley opened school Monday, with an enrollment of about 30 pupils.

H. C. Wheeler and Howard Mulkey, of Pleasant Hill, visited the former's brother yesterday.

Mr. Burdock accompanied by Herbert Franklin was in this vicinity Thursday buying hogs and cattle for Portland markets.

A most enjoyable surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keeney on the night of April 1st it being styled a hard times dance, the participants being dressed in old and patched garments, presenting a very grotesque appearance. There were about 50 persons present, being served from Creswell and beyond.

SCHOOL MATRONS.

Miss Mae Larimer has been engaged to teach the High Bank school above Springfield and will commence the same Monday.

Miss Fannie Hammitt, of Mohawk is teaching at the Stafford school house, in her home district.

Miss Lulu Dodd, from near Springfield, will teach at Egypt, on Fall Creek.

Miss Rhetta Smith will teach the Ping Yang school on Mohawk.

Miss Emma Wold will commence a term of school near Junction Monday and went down on the local train this morning to prepare for her duties.

Miss Minnie Evans is teacher of the Isabel school on Mohawk.

Miss Ione Zeigler, of this city, will teach a term of school at Pentwood near Florence.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

WARRIORS have been sworn out and were placed in the hands of Constable Linton yesterday for the arrest of John and Chas. Robbins and James Bailey, of Sluslaw precinct, wherein they are charged with committing assault and battery upon the person of one W. R. Doak. It seems that the trouble grew out of an old family feud or quarrel between the parties which has extended for some years back. The crime was committed a week ago last Monday. The trial will take place in Justice Wingard's court in Sluslaw precinct probably some day next week.

GEN. BEEBE CAMING.—Brigadier General Chas. F. Beebe, of Portland, will inspect the Second regiment, O. N. G., and is expected to be in Eugene at some date within the next two or three weeks to inspect Co. C. This inspection work is special and is likely performed by Gen. Beebe for the purpose of better familiarizing himself with the men and companies of the regiments.

A PLEASANT PARTY.—G. N. Frazer, Jr., entertained about twenty of his young friends last evening at the home of his parents on Fifth street. The evening was very pleasantly spent in dancing and games. Midnight came altogether too soon, when the guests departed, promising themselves and their host to come again.

DIED.—In Oakland Cal., last Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock, Thomas, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour W. Condon, aged about two years. The child was always weakly and succumbed to the measles in a couple of days. Mr. Condon's other children had the same disease but soon recovered.

THE PROPER REMEDY.

Doctors, lawyers and merchants, who know as little about farming as a Siletz Indian does about Sanscrit, are informing the public, through the columns of the Oregonian, what the farmers should do to make the country prosperous.

We have yet to read the first contribution that proposes the proper remedy. Freight rates and interest are eating the people up. No farmer, who is compelled to go in debt, can pay ten per cent. interest, then give a considerable portion of the products of his farm to the railroad for transportation charges, without taken serious chances of being closed out. Manufacturers cannot exist for the same reason. The entire Pacific coast is burdened with the weight of insufferable transportation charges, throttling to a great extent every enterprise and industry. Portland is by right of location the commercial center of this northwest coast, but is directly responsible for many of the ills that afflict us. Her leading newspaper and business men have uniformly fought every effort for lower interest charges, and transportation facilities that did not inure to her benefit. By corrupt practices Multnomah county elects members of legislature from whom there is no hope of laws looking to fair settlement of excessive railroad freight rates. With corporation attorney Jos Simon at the helm and in control of the state senate who could hope for relief from grievous railroad extortion? The farmers could prosper, even with the present low prices, if interest and freight charges were down in a proportionate scale. While labor and all its products have fallen 25 to 50 per cent., they still exact the pound of flesh. This great and productive section of the country cannot be certain of prosperity until these wrongs are curbed by proper legislation.

The seeds of social democracy are deep sown in Germany, and the childish declarations of the emperor in his insistence to principles of the middle ages will not deter its irrepresible growth. What Thomas Jefferson has sown, let no man, especially as small as the emperor, attempt to suppress. The time for making your income tax return expires on the 15th inst. Corporations must make returns without regard to amount of income. Individuals who have an income annually of \$4000 and over must come to the front. We have not yet heard of any individual in Eugene getting on the income tax band wagon.

English bimetalists are in earnest. At a meeting of their league the other day they resolved to raise a fund of \$500,000 to be used in propagating and educating bimetallic sentiment. Half of it was already subscribed by private parties. English manufacturers and farmers do not propose to bankrupt themselves for the benefit of the money changers of Lombard street.

Oregon and the Pacific Northwest have vast resources and natural wealth but is enormously handicapped by exorbitant freight rates that confront the agriculturist and manufacturer on every side. Let us hope and pray for the early completion of the Nicaragua canal which will relieve the Pacific coast from the bondage in which it is held by extortionate toll gatherers.

Perhaps the people of California will quit glorifying train robbers when the outlaws make a few more murderous raids on the innocent passengers. While murder and robbery were confined to the express cars their acts were looked upon in the light of a joke on the company and it is a well known fact that the Sontag & Evans show outfit actually "starred it" through the state. When the "drama" struck the Oregon boundary it met with its first cold reception at the hands of the more respectable people who, fortunately in cases where division occurs, are in the majority.

The Japanese soldier may be drilled into the semblance of his European model, both in uniform and maneuvers, but he keeps his own characteristics just the same. He marches without flags or music, awakes without the reveille, goes to his meals or drill without drum or bugle. He is stoic with no sentimental speeches or ballads about home, but only a fierce sense of patriotism, as shown in the defiant and bloodthirsty songs of the present campaign. The Japanese are excellent for artillery work, but comparatively poor marksmen with small arms.

The result of the Florence city election will be watched with interest. While the women, perhaps, are not qualified to serve, it is not probable there will be any objection, and their acts as de facto officials would be legal and binding on the corporation. The election may have been a joke to start with, but the women may, take control and try their hand at running the affairs of the seaport town of Lane county. Florence has never paid any city taxes, the improvements and expenses having been kept up by fines and the saloon license. This is a notable opportunity for the women to show their hand on the saloon question.

The proposals received by the county commissioners court for running the McKenzie free ferry one year conclusively demonstrates that there are large numbers of laborers unemployed, who are willing to work for small wages, else it is considered a lazy man's job. Some of the bidders have no knowledge of river or ferry work, and undoubtedly are not aware of the danger and risk to which an inexperienced man would be exposed. The McKenzie is a turbulent stream with strong current, and the ferry job is by no means a sinecure during the winter time. The bid of Mr. Hendricks, who has had lifelong experience at the ferry, and resides at the ferry crossing, was about \$200 above nearly all the bidders.

Secretary Morton has secured the names of about 100 members of the last congress who fattened their salaries by selling their seat quotas for cash, which they coolly pocketed, and he proposes to publish the names in his next annual report. Of course, great pressure will be brought to bear to suppress the scandal, but Mr. Morton is not one to yield to such pressure, and his next report will be in great demand.