

An excellent day. Mr Lively, a hop buyer, is in the city. J P Holland, of Junction City, is in Eugene. L F Crow, of Josephine county, is in Eugene. The streets were crowded with farmers today. Secretary Kincaid came up from Salem today. W H Abrams and wife came up from Salem today. Deacon Davis has taken the agency for the Eclipse bicycle. The Free Methodists held services in Moun's hall last night. Mrs Grace Osburn came down from Roseburg this morning. Miss Vessey Conner returned today from a visit to Portland. H B McKinley returned today from a short visit to Portland. Chas V Lindley, of the U S snag boat Corvallis, is in Eugene. Some of the members of Co C held a practice shoot this afternoon. Prof J W Johnson went down to his farm near Harrisburg today. Misses Nora and Edna May, of Harrisburg are visiting in Eugene. Frank Anderson is confined to his room in Portland with typhoid fever. Levi Geer, populist candidate for state senator, made this office a call today. The sheriff has received the 1895 tax roll and is now ready to hand out receipts. Grand Master Workman W M Colvig, of Jacksonville, went to Albany today. Clyde F Bonney a student of the U of O left last night for his home at Tygh valley. Col S P Sladden of Portland, spent last night in Eugene attending to business matters. Dr J F Hendrix, of Harrisburg, spent yesterday in Eugene visiting the populist convention. Mrs Frank Poindexter took the local yesterday for Harrisburg where she will visit for a few days. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Budd Comp, of Irving, for killing a chinese pheasant in the vicinity of Natron. J A Bushnell, of Junction City, and Judge Cowles, of McMinnville, regents of the Eugene Divinity School, arrived on the local this afternoon. James Hammond, who has been playing in Cordray's theatre at Portland, arrived here this morning and will spend a short time visiting with relatives. By the Oregonian we see that E J McClanahan and wife left on the last steamship at Portland for San Francisco. Our Ed denies the soft impeachment. The Junior class of the U of O will deliver their orations on the evening of March 27. There are 30 members of the class but of these only six will be permitted to orate. An advanced woman, living in Nebraska, proposed to a man and then tried to convince him that it was a joke. He sued her for breach of promise and now she wishes she had not been so fresh. The will of the late S P Sturgis has been filed for probate at Pendleton. He leaves his estate of \$100,000 to his widow, excepting \$2,000 to relatives, and a bequest to the Pendleton free library of \$5,000. Several members of Spencer Bette Lodge, I O O F, of this city went to Junction today and will attend the meeting of the lodge at that place tonight. Quite a number of new members will be initiated there tonight. Corvallis Times: The present is Ed Bryson's last year at Eugene. Next year he will enter upon a course at Columbia college, N Y, from which institution he expects to return in three years, a bachelor of laws and a bachelor of arts. He is said to be one of the best students in the U of O. The GUARD is always glad to publish anything that gives the black eye to the superstitious of the day. Here is one from the Astoria Budget: A man who believes in the old saying, "See a pin, pick it up, and in a day long you'll have good luck," saw a pin in front of the postoffice the other day. Bending down to get it his hat tumbled off and rolled into the gutter, his eyeglasses fell and broke on the pavement, his suspender gave way behind; he burst the button hole on the back of his shirt collar, and he all but dropped his new false teeth. He got the pin. The farmers have already begun a war of extermination upon squirrels, says the Pendleton Tribune, but so far there has been no appreciable decrease in the number of the agile and destructive quadrupeds. In two days last week nearly 1,500 were poisoned in a single field at Juniper, but yesterday they seemed as numerous as ever. North east of the city, the farmers with but few exceptions, have done nothing as yet; one of the principal causes of their inaction is their financial inability to purchase strychnine, another reason is their belief that cold weather will set in, in which event, so a farmer says, all the squirrels which ventured out of their holes before the proper season, would be killed by the atmospheric change. At the sale of damaged flour Wednesday morning at Tacoma from the cargo of the steamer Strathnevia, fully 300 merchants and dealers from Portland, Olympia, Seattle, La Conner, Tacoma and other cities were present. The flour sold consisted of 6400 sacks, some of which were broken open by slight shifting about of the cargo during the Strathnevia's late memorable voyage. The flour was sold to the Garvin-Chandler Company, of Tacoma at 43 cents a sack. They will sell the unbroken sacks on the market and work the loose flour into mill feeds. Bids started at 15 cents a sack and were brisk at first. The flour was originally worth from \$2.80 to \$3 a barrel. HAVING GOOD SUCCESS.—The committee appointed to raise funds for the racing association, Messrs Fisher and Bangs, are still meeting with good success. The sum of \$730 has thus far been subscribed. They will continue the work until they have procured \$1,000.

Populist day. Did you get a valentine? Alta Pickard returned from Salem today. Flour has raised from \$2.50 to \$3 per barrel. Z A Davis returned today from Harrisburg. The racing committee now has \$740 subscribed. The populists have had possession of the town today. Rev J C Wooley went to Cottage Grove this afternoon. Mr and Mrs J E Noland returned to Creswell this afternoon. John M Souers, an Albany attorney, was in the city today. The big balm tree on the J B Alexander residence lot has been cut down. Messrs Bartsch & McCornack displayed two fine beavers on the streets this morning. Labor day comes this year on September 7; Thanksgiving will be due November 28th. Miss Ewing, the Missouri giantess, is two inches taller than was Chang, the Chinese giant. The Albany Woodmen have an entertainment and parade next week. They have engaged 250 axes for the occasion. The electric lights of the university gymnasium plant were turned on last night. There are 60 of the lights and they worked to perfection. Attorney W S McFadden, of Corvallis, was doing legal business in Eugene this morning. He returned home on the 11:20 o'clock train. Mrs Robert Garrison went to Portland today to attend the bedside of her son-in-law, Frank Anderson, who is seriously ill with typhoid fever. At the examination of teachers for certificates at Albany this week there were but 35 applicants. The oldest was 47 years of age and the youngest 17. Miss Hattie Thompson left for her home at Cottage Grove this afternoon. She was accompanied by Miss Dottie Sovern who will visit at Cottage Grove for a few days. The teachers' examination comes to a close this afternoon. It will be at least a week before the examiners can go through the papers so the result can be announced. Albany Herald: Rev Dr Wire, of Eugene, is assisting the pastor of the M E church in a series of meetings. Services each evening at 7:30. All cordially invited. A band of Oregon horses, in transit to Kentucky, a few days ago, says the Halley, Idaho, Times, were taken from the cars at Shoshone and the animals sold for 50 cents apiece. A literary journal states that Mrs Rudyard Kipling attends to all her husband's correspondence and carefully guards him against all would-be intruders. He does not go to the "lodge" many nights in the week. The Presbyterian church of Brownsville has just closed a remarkably successful revival meeting, taking in 50 new members. Among the new converts was Orville Montgomery, a brother of the late Lloyd Montgomery. The Roseburg Plaindealer says the asking price for ten undeveloped mining properties lying between Musick and Annie mines in the Bohemia district is \$250,000. We opine the giving price would be a small fraction of that amount. The Mississippi democrats want W C Whitney to head the next ticket for president, while the Pattison boom has been started by the Pennsylvanians. It is now stated that Senator Quay's name will be submitted to the national republican convention for president. It is said that a certain lawyer, not one of the Eugene fraternity, however, wrote a letter of condolence to a lady whose husband had just died, and said: "You cannot imagine how pained I am to know that your husband, my best friend, is dead and gone to heaven, and now we shall never meet again."

Primaries to be held March 21st; County Convention March 25th. The republican county central committee met at the court house this afternoon for the purpose of fixing the time for meeting of primaries and county convention. A C Woodcock, chairman, presided and Dr W V Henderson acted as secretary. The following members were present: North Eugene No. 1—W V Henderson. North Eugene No. 2—B D Paine. North Eugene No. 3—D M McCrady. South Eugene No. 1—J M Williams. South Eugene No. 2—A C Woodcock. South Eugene No. 3—G L Day. W Cottage Grove—D P Burton. Springfield—J C Brattain. North Junction—E U Lee. West Junction—S L Moorhead. Creswell—R D Hawley. Goshen—Wm Stewart. Irving—Allen Bond. Willamette—O B Allingham. Camp Creek—C H Baker. Thurston—A S Powers. Pleasant Hill—S Ridgion. Richardson—J S Custis. Glentena—J A Sutherland. Mohawk—C C Cole. Jasper—Frank Smith. Spencer—E H Bahr. Florence—J G Stevenson. Fall Creek—R G Callison. McKenzie—A S Powers. Chesher—A N Thurman. Middle Fork—John Craig. Elmira—W S Kaiser. It was voted to make the apportionment of county convention one delegate for each precinct and one delegate to each 15 and fraction thereof of the vote cast for Senator J H McClung at the last election. The following committee was appointed to make the apportionment: C H Baker, E H Bahr and B D Paine. Committee to apportion new precincts: J M Williams, A S Powers and R D Hawley. The committee on apportionment reported the precincts entitled to delegates as follows:

Precinct.	Total Vote.	No Delegates.
N Eugene No 1.....	189	14
N Eugene No 2.....	155	11
N Eugene No 3.....	36	3
S Eugene No 1.....	157	11
S Eugene No 2.....	107	8
S Eugene No 3.....	24	3
Willamette.....	59	5
Springfield.....	142	10
Irving.....	89	7
Thurston.....	34	3
Jasper.....	39	4
Creswell.....	120	9
W Cottage Grove.....	81	6
E Cottage Grove.....	74	6
Pleasant Hill.....	33	3
Mohawk.....	57	5
Goshen.....	42	4
Richardson.....	—	2
Camp Creek.....	43	4
Spencer.....	—	3
Coyote.....	—	2
Long Tom.....	15	2
Gate Creek.....	30	3
McKenzie.....	22	2
Mabel.....	16	2
Chesher.....	—	2
Fall Creek.....	57	5
Glentena.....	—	2
Middle Fork.....	11	2
N Junction.....	52	4
N Junction.....	47	4
Florence.....	108	8
Siuslaw.....	36	3
Hazel Dell.....	11	2
Lost Valley.....	25	3
Hermann.....	20	2
Lane.....	19	2
Mapleton.....	10	2
Lake Creek.....	15	2
Elmira.....	—	2
Mound.....	—	1
Walton.....	—	1
Totals.....	2088	178

The following committee was appointed to set the time for holding the primaries and county convention: C H Baker, J P Smith, J G Stevenson, B D Paine and S L Moorhead. The committee recommended that the primaries be held on Saturday, March 21st, 1896, and the county convention be held on Saturday, March 25th, 1896, adopted. It was recommended that primaries be held at 1 p. m. Dr W V Henderson was unanimously elected secretary of the county committee vice Dr D A Paine resigned. On motion adjourned.

Men Endorsed. SMITHFIELD, Or, Feb 8, 1896. EDITOR GUARD.—At the regular meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Smithfield, Lane county, Oregon, it was unanimously agreed to present the name of E R Skipworth to the democrats of the county, and ask that he be nominated for county judge at the coming county convention. And we also present the name of J R Hill, of Richardson precinct, to be nominated county commissioner. Believing them to be the right men in the right place and if nominated we ask the support of all honest men, irrespective of politics, to help elect them. The club is in good working order. Adjourned to meet again in two weeks. B C BEAMAN, President of Club. H T SMITH, Secretary. A BOY CAPTAIN.—Coast Mail: The youngest captain on the coast is Louis Olsen of the Gem who is 19 years old and has been in charge of the schooner Gem for eight months. The Gem was formerly commanded by his father who met death on board the vessel while the son was employed as mate. The schooner was owned by his father, and it was the only property he had to bequeath to his widow and large family. The boy sailed the vessel home from Coos Bay, where the accident occurred which made him a half-orphan and since that time the youth has supported the family with the earnings of the Gem. Daily Guard, February 15.

From Elmira. ELMIRA, Or, Feb 15, 1896. EDITOR GUARD.—After a long interval I send you a few items: The weather is exceedingly fine and farmers are diligently improving the opportunity to get the early crops sown. The health of the community is generally good except colds. Owen Powell, of Buena Vista, Polk county, Oregon, died at the home of his brother, John Powell, in Cheshire precinct, from pneumonia following a severe attack of la grippe, ending fatally Thursday morning at 4:30 o'clock. Owen had been an invalid for two years past, and visited his brother with the hope of being benefited by a sojourn in the hills. Not realizing a favorable change he desired to return to his parents. His brother, Lester, and brother-in-law, Mr Culver, arrived on Monday evening, intending to return with him Tuesday. But he grew worse. They remained with him faithfully and tenderly cared for him until death proved the victor. On Thursday morning they started homeward with his body. It was a sad, sorrowful home-coming. Owen was of a disposition that endeared him to all. Bright, intelligent, a thorough student and a graduate, he was just ready to enter upon a life of usefulness. His remains were taken to the family home 5 miles south of Philomath, to be met by his sorrowing father and devoted mother. He was laid to rest beside his brother and sister. A very interesting protracted meeting is being held at the new Christian church under the ministrations of Revs I P Howard and Frank Day, of the Baptist church. I learn that much interest is being aroused in the community, and it is hoped much good will result. It is contemplated to organize a church at this place during the progress of the meeting. Parties are getting red hot. Fusion or anti-fusion taking the lead. Populists threatening to bolt, democrats to stay at home. Wonder what they would all think should they examine closely the vote on the silver bill in the U S senate last week. It seems nearly every party was willing to fuse on that occasion. Anyway, just so we get the silver. Josie Stephens has about finished moving his effects to his new home near Fairview. George Meek and others are still rolling the logs into the Long Tom for the Elmira mill. Potterff Bros. are still engaged in delivering the lumber and shingles on Dr Mahon's homestead, on which he will immediately build a dwelling and other buildings. REGULAR. Buried Treasure Found. From Monday's Telegram we learn the following: W S Fassett, a well known hop buyer, just in from Grants Pass, tells a strange but true story of the unearthing of a large sum of money in greenbacks on Jared Overton's ranch, 10 miles south of town. Overton on Wednesday last while inspecting an uncultivated corner of his farm saw the top of a square oyster can projecting from a rift in the ground made by the recent heavy rain. Curiosity led him to dig up the can which he found to be sealed and to contain some metallic substance. On opening it he discovered the metallic substance to consist of octagonal fifty dollar slugs, minted at San Francisco in 1852. Besides these the can contained \$7,000 in greenbacks rolled up in an oilskin, almost as crisp as they came from the printing press the second year of the rebellion. The Candidate. When he ran for office he Was a social as could be; Always telling lots of jokes; "Hello, Billy! how's the folks?" Early morning—events late, Always laughing round your gate; Kissed the children come from school Helped the old man hitch his mule; Showed a new five dollar note; "Sammy, how're you going to vote?" Jest as cunning as could be; "Want an office? Vote for me!" Wore the cheapest kind of suits— Old wood hat an' army boots; Promised if they'd help him win, "They'd get rich when he got in." Now he's in office. See! Jest as proud as proud kin be! Ain't a tellin' no more jokes! Never asks you 'bout your folks! Voter feelin' mighty sore— "Never saw your face before!" Wool hat—baats—done laim 'em by! Wears a beaver, slick an' high! Voters stand, an' look an' wonder; "Want a office? Go to thunder!" —Atlanta Constitution. Real Estate Transactions. Reported daily by the Eugene Abstract Company. Office in Titus block opposite Hoffman House. COUNTRY. James B Mills and wife to A A Meek lot 4 sec 10 tp 16 s r 4 w, 33 acres; con \$300. Addison H Brooks and wife to Ida M Wicks lots 1, 2 and 3 of ne 1/4 sec 24 tp 20 s r 2 w, 149 acres; con \$800. Wm Smith and wife to Shadrack Duer a tract of land in sec 30 tp 18 s, r 3 w, 10 acres; con \$250. EUGENE. E H Blatchley to Caroline Chrisman the e 1/4 of lot 4 blk 13 Mulligan's add; con \$1. JUNCTION CITY. M J Campbell to Eugeneia Campbell, lot 10, blk 33 and lots 1 and 2, blk 48; con \$300. INJURED IN A MINE.—Merritt Huntley, formerly of this city and well known as "Pug" Huntley, narrowly escaped from being killed in the mines in Josephine county a few days ago. A bank caved in on him burying him for some time. He was dug out by other miners, more dead than alive, having had several bones of his body broken. A VICIOUS DOG.—A bull dog belonging to P Hohl attacked several persons on East Eleventh street late Thursday evening. He was beaten off, but not until one lady and several gentlemen were considerably frightened, as they thought the dog had gone mad. Last night the animal was killed by Marshal Day.

AGAINST FUSION. The Salem Journal, republican, had the following editorial in Saturday's paper. "The populist managers of Lane county, and Marion county, have declared against fusion. This was to be expected. The populist party in its infancy is loaded down with cast-off, disgruntled politicians of the old parties. They hope by some hook or crook the American people will put the people's party in power and then these men of 'principle' who denounce fusion as an unholy alliance will step up for the offices. These most professional for revenue, who want to make the people believe they are honest men and reformers, when all they can see in politics is hunger for office. "Pennoyer was a 'middle of the road' partisan and populist, and what straw did he ever lay in the way of the ring or to reduce extravagance in our public affairs. He stood in to locate the asylum and other institutions wherever legislative combines directed. He fused for Pennoyer, but always opposed fusion against the gang. "Jo Simon is in the senate today because the Portland populists run a 'middle of the road' ticket and a corporation Democrat run on a 'middle of the road' ticket, and between the two, little Jo, who probably furnished money and directed both of them, slipped in. The partisan for revenue is the hard fact the taxpayer has to deal with. "This is the first comment the Journal has had on the whole disgraceful controversy. The Journal is a republican paper and its editors will labor always for reforms within their own party and for the best possible results for the people at the hands of all men in office, regardless of what party they belong to. "But it is sickening when people of a thinly populated state like Oregon are suffering from an over supply of politicians, extravagance of officialism and partisan machine politics, to see a lot of pretended reformers wrangling for spoils that are 'out of sight' as completely as the gold fields of the moon, and there isn't a politician among them that would not lay down all principle and take crumbs at the hands of the republicans or Cleveland either." POLITICS FOR REVENUE ONLY. Charles A. Cogswell announces through the press of the state that he is no longer a democrat. Mr. Cogswell is a citizen of Lake county, and represented Crook, Klamath and Lake counties in the senate for eight years. He is a lawyer, and also an ambitious, able, shrewd little man. His defection from the democratic party will not materially disrupt the organization or interfere with any arrangements already completed for the June campaign. For years Senator Cogswell has done nothing more to signalize his democracy than to vote for the caucus nominees of his party at Salem; in his legislative actions he has always worked and voted with the republicans. Democrats have been forced to leave him out of their calculations when they needed him. He is a war-n friend and admirer of Joe Simon and can be expected to receive early recognition in the inner circle of the republican organization. Since Grover Cleveland was elected to office Mr. Cogswell has been seeking a federal appointment. For some reason he failed to get one. He had an ambition to be United States district attorney. His failure to secure recognition at Washington may have had something to do with his change of heart, as he is not in politics for his health. Mr. Cogswell's public announcement simply means this: "If there are no other offices for me in the democratic party I can no longer continue in it. I am therefore a republican."—Astoria Budget, Dem. Somebody has already figured it out that 62 votes will nominate the republican candidate for congressman in this district, and that Clackamas, Linn, Lane, Marion and Washington could combine and nominate regardless of the other twelve counties in the district. That would work if there were about seven congressmen. Some of those counties would not be content with fewer than two. The anti-fusion populists will probably read the following with satisfaction, which is taken from the editorial columns of the Register: "The populists demonstrated Friday that the republicans are again on the eve of another walk-over." The populist convention was fortunate in securing Mr. Patterson for chairman. He is a fair and impartial presiding officer. But for his efforts no telling where the motley crowd would have strayed.

Spaugh is a success as a circus master. He pops his whip and circus commences. It was noticeable that the populist convention was composed mainly of old men, many of whom have suffered disappointments politically or financially. Spaugh has made his promise good of turning over the four members of the legislature from Lane county to the republicans. In Louisiana the populists and republicans have combined on state ticket, and there is a promise of a similar combination in Tennessee. Dunraven has not yet apologized for his unwarranted charges against the owners of the yacht Vigil. It makes little difference in a sporting world has passed judgment on him as unworthy of their notice by honorable means. It is reported that Dr Nansen, Norwegian explorer, has found north pole and taken possession in the name of his sovereign. Dr. Nansen sailed on his expedition in June 1893. The Albany Democrat suggests law to prohibit Lane county from carrying guns. In the of the very large number of accidents brought about by gunlessness this does not seem to what might be called a far-fetched idea. The Salem Statesman is responsible for this horrible pun: Made to women are donning male uniform in Cuba and entering army. In other words, suggest friend at our elbow, the women are throwing themselves into the breeches. It is not often a county election has to depend on outside help. The populist convention, however, had the assistance of Doc Hendricks of Linn county in determining party policy. Hendricks occupies a front seat and was mentored by Spaugh. A happy combination. M A Miller has written a letter to the Oregonian giving the state as to the political responsibility for the depletion of the treasury and the effects of tariff legislation. The Oregonian did not attempt answer to the plain proposal enunciated by Mr Miller. We shall publish the letter in future. Women in Hungary will be forth be allowed to enter the best University, and become doctors and apothecaries, or study the philosophical faculty. They must pass the same high examinations as the men, however, and for that purpose the government will provide them with opportunities to study Latin and Greek. The "egg swindle" is a scheme against the present farmer. A man representing himself as a salesman for a warehouse induces the farmer to buy a bill of groceries for which he agrees to take eggs in payment. "To keep the matter straight" the farmer signs an agreement and order for the groceries. The man signs an agreement that will take the eggs. The groceries fail to come, but the farmer turns up in a bank as a note he has to pay. We might think that the ones taken in are those who "can't afford" to their county papers. A considerable portion of time of the populist convention was occupied by declining men placed in nomination. It seemed to recognize the hopelessness of the contest. Some of those sought to be placed in nomination made the excuse that they were not qualified for the office. The first time we ever heard of populist admission that they were not capable of filling any office, constable to a supreme judge. Advantage was taken of setting the nominees who were not set and could not decline. Had been a declaration for fusion. Declinations would have been recorded. But Spaugh succeeded in keeping his aggregation in the middle of the road where he will stay. Hermann has introduced a bill in the house to allow miners to try under the mineral laws upon the Cascade forest reserve. What is needed is that the reserve be reduced to some like a reasonable size and much of the good lands there thrown open to settlement. Oregon needs more people and ruinous policy to tie up a larger than several of the states to please the mountaineers or to fill the pockets of timber speculators. A forest reserve about some of our lofty mountains, craters, and the big caves in the Oregon would be a good idea but the present reserve is a drawback to the settlement and development of this state. People cannot urge this to stop upon our representatives of national capital.