

THE SCHOOL ELECTION.

Big Crowds and Everybody Voting—Anonymous Literature.

Daily Guard, March 5. The school election today in this city for the purpose of electing a clerk and one director is equal in manifestation of interest, perhaps, to any election that has ever been held here.

Excitement has been running high since Saturday and was plainly visible in the crowds which thronged the polls this afternoon in their eagerness to cast a ballot.

But two candidates for directorship were in the field and the two opposing tickets were led by Mr C S Frank and Hon Geo B Dorris. The name of Mr Geo F Crow, the only candidate for clerk, appeared on both tickets, consequently his election is assured.

The judges of election are Hon J H McClung, F W Osburn and Sherwood Burr. Geo Croner and J S Stiles were appointed special police for the afternoon by Mayor Matlock to assist in controlling the large crowds.

The place of voting is at the city hall. The polls have been placed in the rear of the building with a gangway extending to the sidewalk. The polls opened at 2 p m and will remain open until 6 p m.

Long before the polls were opened large crowds congregated in the vicinity of the city hall and when the polls were thrown open, a line containing hundreds of people was immediately formed. This line did not seem to diminish much in size during the afternoon. Friends of both the Frank and Dorris factions were busy rustling votes and a large number of carriages were employed to convey the lady voters to and from the polls.

Eight livery teams were in service, besides a large number of private rigs. The judges held that every person above the age of 21 years, who was a citizen of the United States and liable to pay taxes, was entitled to vote. Those who were challenged were simply sworn in and allowed to vote and pass out. But few were deprived of the privilege of exercising the right of franchise.

According to the ideas held almost every man and woman in the city above the age of 21 years was entitled to vote. Various methods were practiced to gain votes and considerable mudslinging has been engaged in since the beginning of the campaign. Today considerable anonymous literature has been circulated on the streets by the friends of Mr Frank; also a circular containing a letter written to Rev H L Boardman of the Baptist church by Mr Dorris this morning and a reply by the former. This circular, as well as the anonymous literature was circulated to injure Mr Dorris' chances of election.

At 4:30 p. m. 740 ballots had been cast, and they were still coming in about as fast as the officers of election could dispose of them. It will take several hours after the polls are closed to count the votes and decide who is elected. The vote polled last year was 592, J L Page having a majority of 44.

THE VOLANTE DESTROYED.

A Total Loss—Cost \$8540—Insurance Only \$1000.

Special to the Guard. YAQUINA CITY, March 6.—The steamer Volante, owned by the Western Transportation Co, was burned this morning at one o'clock while tied up at her dock at Newport.

The mate was sleeping on the boat and when he awoke she was in flames. The Volante was towed into shallow water where she sank. The steamer is a total loss. The cost of the boat was \$8540 and carried an insurance of \$1000.

[The Volante was a staunch steamer of about 100 tons burthen and was used for passenger and freight traffic between Yaquina City and Newport, and for towing on the bay.]

Correspondence.

Those who listened to Rev H L Boardman's sermon last evening learned that Eugene has at least one minister who is not a member of the A P A. It is seldom we meet with a man bold enough to break through conventionalities and speak out the truth regardless of the consequences.

"Beautiful Snow."

[By request of a number of subscribers we publish the following "prize poem," won over 1300 competitors in the Chicago Times-Herald contest, several weeks ago, by Mrs Lischen Maude Miller, of this city.]

Her mother sits on an ice-built throne, Close under the midnight sun— She ever watching with level eyes The ceaseless centuries run, One by one, Till the years are done And the hundredth slippeth past, One by one, But the midnight sun, He knoweth no first nor last.

Who is her father no man can say, Though the midnight sun may know; For that which is hid from sight of man He seeth it come and go. Still and white, Like a dream at night, She drifts; her step on the ground Falls so light, By day or by night, That no man heareth the sound.

Men say she is cold, but grant her fair; But the children hold her dear. The children clamor with wild delight Whenever she draweth near. Soft for them She smootheeth the hem Of her robe, or lightly whirls, Laughs and leaps, And circles and sweeps, The maddest of mad-cap girls.

The children love her and understand, As only the child heart can, She comes to succor the stricken earth, And chill though she seemeth to man She lendeth White robes and blenneth To smoothe them so soft and fair O'er earth's scars, And the winter stars Laugh out at her tender care. —LISCHEN MAUDE MILLER.

Probate Matters.

Estate of Peter Runey, deceased; Ella K Runey appointed executrix without bonds, as provided under the will. Probable value of estate, \$9,000; liabilities, \$4,000. Appraisers appointed: Joe Ware, James Hoffman, Wm Renshaw. Appraisers reported real estate to the amount of \$8,700; personal property, \$1,085; total, \$9,785.

Estate of Isaac Cook, deceased; report of sale of 45 acres of real estate; confirmed. Estate of John Stoops, deceased; April 6th set for final settlement. Estate of Wm Osburn, deceased; executors discharged and their bondsmen exonerated.

Estate of Rebecca Osburn, deceased; administrator discharged and bondsmen exonerated. Estate of Rosa Isom, deceased; value of estate, \$1800; liabilities, \$4,637.50. Citation ordered issued to heirs to show why property should not be sold.

Estate of E M Briggs, deceased; G E Briggs resigned as administrator, being unable to procure proper bondsmen. W A Wood appointed to the vacancy with \$1300 bonds. Sureties: W F Fisher and J D Matlock. Appraisers: J W Stewart, W W Chessman and Frank Powers. Probable value of estate, \$650.

Guardianship of M A McAllister, insane; E O Potter files his bonds of \$500 as guardian, with J F Walker as surety.

Junction City Items.

Times, March 7. Pat Blew is on the list. He has had his negative taken for a new suit of clothes, has ordered furniture and carpets just like people use when they go to housekeeping. We promised not to say anything about it and we are not going to either.

A letter has been received from Mr Craig, the creamery man, stating that he would put in a plant at this place as soon as the season will permit. The necessary number of cows has been secured and we know of no reason why the matter should be delayed longer than early spring.

At a meeting of the school board Monday it was decided to hold an eight months' term of school and by a unanimous vote it was decided to retain the present board of teachers for the additional two months. The contract originally entered into called for a term of six months, hence the above action.

Jud Wiley, quite well known in this city, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary at the district court in Heppner last Wednesday, on the charge of perjury. He made certain statements to the sheriff but denied making them when brought before the grand jury. When confronted with the evidence he broke down.

ANOTHER PETTY ROBBERY.

J W Stewart's Store at Springfield is Again Victimized.

Daily Guard, March 5. Another neighborhood store has been robbed. This time it is the general store of J W Stewart at Springfield; and this makes several times that within the past year or two. Besides this within the past year two robberies have been committed at Irving, at Crow, at Fairmount, in this city and at other places in the county, and in no instance have the thieves been apprehended.

Taking the radius within which these low down robberies are committed, the systematic regularity with which they are effected, it would look as though they might have been committed by some person or persons who have established headquarters in this community and make it a regular practice to obtain a livelihood in this disreputable manner.

Mr Stewart's store was robbed Saturday night, the burglars effecting an entrance through the back door by removing a board which had been nailed over a broken sash. It is not known just how much was taken, but so far two or three pairs of shoes, several pairs of pants and several hats have been missed.

No clue to the robbers has yet been obtained. Tracks were found outside the door which would indicate that the thief had muffled his feet by wrapping old sacks or clothes about them.

Mr. Dorris Explains.

EUGENE, Or, March 9, 1896. To the members of the Baptist church; the members of the Christian Alliance, the members of the A P A and the citizens of Eugene: I am informed that Rev W S Gilbert, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in an address to the Christian Alliance at the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, upon the authority of Rev Boardman, said that I, Geo B Dorris, in my address at the court house Saturday night said that "the members of the Christian Alliance and the members of the A P A were bastards." If this is true and was said in your hearing permit me to say it is absolutely false from whatever source. I never used the word against any man or woman in my life, and I here repeat to you what I did say. I said "The A P A society was a secret political organization conceived in sin, born in iniquity and in parentage was of the devil. That it, the A P A, society was a bastard, it had no father to acknowledge the embryo, no mother to confess the conception, nor brother to claim it kin." I then exhibited the printed advertisement of the A P A which appears in the town papers, Register and Journal, and bears no name of any citizen, or place where they meet. Having no name to it, it is deemed a bastard, and will be so considered until it is brought to life over the names of men who will father it.

Referring to the Christian Alliance I said it was an auxiliary of the A P A and it was a misdemeanor to apply Christian to it. That I had all my life been educated to revere the word and to have a high regard for churches and clergymen, but this was an unwholly alliance, and a disgrace to the name of Christians. I said in the course of my remarks I did not apply anything I had said to any man, for I did not know its members, but to the society as a society. That the Alliance is an auxiliary of the A P A society I will only call your attention to the fact, which you can verify from personal experience that all Alliance members have been exhorted to vote against me and vote in favor of Mr Frank, who was nominated at a secret session by the A P A and the Alliance ladies of the W C T U have worked against me in favor of Mr Frank.

Respectfully yours, GEO. B. DORRIS.

THREE SENTENCES.

Buell Given the Highest Penalty, McDowell and Downs the Lowest.

Daily Guard, March 9. This morning was sentence day in the circuit court, and a good-sized audience was present to witness the proceedings. Jey Buell, convicted of adultery with his step-daughter was given two years in the penitentiary, the highest penalty. Judge Fullerton expressed his regret that the penalty under the laws was not greater, as he deserved a more severe punishment. The destroyer of innocent virtue did not seem surprised at the sentence.

John McDowell, the young man who attempted through forgery to procure money from the First National Bank of this city, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, the lowest penalty. The Judge gave the young man some excellent advice and expressed his sorrow in the matter. McDowell seemed to take his sentence considerably at heart.

J N Downs, the cripple, who stole a watch and some other articles from a coat rack in the Minnesota Hotel, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to the lowest penalty, one year, in the penitentiary.

The prisoners will probably be taken to the penitentiary tomorrow forenoon.

PLENTY OF FREIGHT.—THE O R & N's little boat, the Gypsy, is kept pretty busy these days handling freight between Eugene and Harrisburg and Corvallis.

The boat arrived here at 1:30 yesterday afternoon with over 50 tons of freight, all she could conveniently carry over the rapid currents of the shallow riffles. Two car loads of this freight were for points south of here. The Gypsy left down the river this morning with a small load. A full load of Eugene freight is now waiting for her at Corvallis and she will return here with it tomorrow.

THE WEST SOLD.—Col B F Alley writes that he has sold the Florence West plant and the publication of the paper will be continued, but he fails to name the purchaser in his letter. We are glad the paper will continue to advertise the slush country.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK.

What the Four Great Weather Prophets Say of It.

The GUARD'S readers who have been taking a lively interest in the several predictions of the weather makers as the same have appeared from day to day will observe from the following that we will probably have more weather this week than we have had for some time, if not longer:

ACCORDING TO FOSTER. The third disturbance of March will be of unusual force and importance and will probably cause tornadoes in some of the Southern states. This disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about the 12th. The Pacific slope should prepare for an unusually stormy and cool period about the middle of March.

WHAT HICKS SAYS. About the 8th to 11th is a storm period that will bring storms of rain and snow. Almost without exception March 10th to 12th brings many electrical and atmospheric disturbances. The reactionary period is central on the 14th and 15th, new moon in Apogee on the 14th. Within forty-eight hours of that date, after if not on it, storms of great energy will occur in many places on land sea.

AS MANSILL SEES IT. A principal disturbing position of the planets for March is located about the 9th to the 13th or 14th. One of the most disagreeable periods is about the 14th and 15th.

BY DUNNE OF ALABAMA. Freezing weather in Oregon and Washington is indicated for second week, with danger of heavy killing frosts in fourth week. The indications point to more than average good weather for the month over the whole coast.

The aggregation of prophets agree in one thing to-wit; that there will be some terrible weather about March 23th to 29th.

CIRCUIT COURT.

109 State of Oregon vs Hely Buell; adultery. Grand jury reported Tuesday afternoon, "a true bill." Arraigned and Geo W Kinsey appointed to defend. Wednesday set for plea. Plea of not guilty entered. Trial set for Thursday morning.

The following jury was taken in the case: Joseph Trull, Ben Rush, T A Millhorn, Brier Denning, J S Higgins, D R Hill, G W Weider, D P Gillman, H F Hauheit, F P Whipple, Geo Penson and A Lindley. Jury on first ballot found defendant guilty, Saturday evening. Monday sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

64 Hurd & Davenport vs M J Hadsett; to recover money. The following jury was taken in the case: W H Baughman, H C Wheeler, H M Price, W P Fisher, P Connors, A M Bristow, M J Cornelius, Hampton Powell, J M Stafford, Robert Pattison, J W Franklin and C H Bolin.

The jury after being out about six hours, brought in a verdict for plaintiff of \$629.75. The amount sued for was about \$1,300. There will be no appeal so we are informed.

110 State of Oregon vs John McDowell; forgery. Grand jury reported "a true bill." March 4th arraigned and Attorney Markley appointed to defend. March 5 set to plead. Dismissed on motion of prosecuting attorney.

129 State of Oregon vs John McDowell; uttering a forged writing. Grand jury reported "a true bill." This is indictment No 2. McDowell was brought in court and entered a plea of guilty. Attorney Markley made a telling and forcible speech to the court asking that the sentence be made as light as possible, as the defendant is a young man of good family, and this was his first offense.

The time for sentence was set for Monday morning, March 9, by the Judge.

57 E J Guthrie vs Wm A Guthrie; divorce. Referred to Geo M Miller to report testimony. Divorce granted. 83 Jesse Seals vs Albert Seals, divorce; default. Referred to F C Matteson to report testimony. Divorce granted.

107 State of Oregon vs John M Roberts; assault with dangerous weapon. Grand jury reported "a true bill." Tuesday morning. He was arraigned and took his day to plead. Plea of not guilty entered Wednesday; Thursday set for trial. Defendant, Friday afternoon entered a plea of guilty to simple assault, and he was fined \$50 and costs.

Notice.

EUGENE, March 7, 1896. I hereby deny that I am or ever was a member of the A P A, as published in the Broad-Axe. JACOB KLEIN.

DENIES THE CHARGE.—Prof H L Christol denies the charge that he is "only a champion fraud." He exhibits the Police Gazette of 1883 and a number of recommendations to prove the contrary. He is training a class here and has thus far given satisfaction. The Roseburg Review man should either retract or give some evidence.

LITERARY SOCIAL.—Miss Maud Wilkins entertained the members of the Epworth League in an evening with J Whitcomb Riley at her home on Ninth street last evening. A biography of the poet's life was given by L Hulm. Music and other appropriate subjects were on the program.

WHIST PARTY.—Last evening Miss Diamond entertained a number of her friends at her home in this city. The evening was spent mostly in whist playing. All present voted it a very enjoyable evening.

THEY MIGHT EXPECT IT.

The Mobile, Alabama, Register pokes fun at the North in this wise: The latest "Southern Outrage" is the exclusion of the negroes from the town of Fitzgerald, Georgia, which was recently formed by Northern people, most of them veterans of the war.—Gadsden Times-News.

It is a fact that the Northern settlers in the South least understand or value the best qualities of the Southern negroes. There is a Michigan Colony above Mobile that does not permit a negro to come inside its town line—even the genial and dilatory "wash lady" is tabooed.

Up-to-date Chicago has passed a law that no citizen shall keep more than six dogs. There is weeping and wailing among the cursing fraternity.

Pullman gives his daughter \$10,000 a year for naming his cars. That is the kind of a job many a man would like to fill for a tenth of the price.

Bro Amis has his broadaxe out and is hewing to the line regardless of chips. He is devoting his attention to the A P A organization at present.

The valley press is sorely pressing Mr Hermann on his record in securing appropriations for improvement of the Willamette river. The facts are they never pledged him on the subject before, and now when there are half a score of candidates for his place it is used for convention campaign material.

Some people have peculiar ideas. They are demanding higher tariff taxes to create prosperity, and at the same time denouncing increased direct taxes as a burden which is unbearable. We cannot understand how they reconcile the two propositions. If people can be made more prosperous by taxing them indirectly, why will not an increase in direct taxes accomplish the same thing?

Ticket scalpers will soon be compelled to seek other fields, unless they establish a bureau of disguises in conjunction with their business. A man in California has invented a process of photographing the likeness of the purchaser on the back of the ticket, for purpose of identification by the conductor. What will they do with the lady, sick, perhaps, who is riding on a ticket purchased by her husband or son. There will be a whole lot of fun in the courts when the scheme goes into effect.

Another political party has been started in San Francisco known as the "Out-Door Order of Public Ownership," with the following creed: "We believe in industrial self-government; we believe that to obtain industrial-self government the people must possess and control their own industries; we believe that trusts and monopolies are demonstrating the entire impossibility of individual liberty under private ownership of capital; we believe that the principle of public ownership is the one which will bring the people of the nation together in a common struggle to establish industrial equality and preserve individual rights and independence. The promoters promise to work for the adoption of the initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the imperative mandate.

The Nicaragua ship canal is among the reasonable possibilities in spite of the vicissitudes attending its promotion. The government commission recently appointed to inquire into its feasibility has made a report which may be considered in the main favorable. Naturally it increases the estimated cost over the figures set by private interests anxious to enlist government support, but not surprisingly so. The original estimated cost, a decade ago, was \$67,000,000. The present estimate by the government commission is 133,473,000, or just double. Meanwhile, however, as engineers have progressed, private estimates have been advanced until they are now usually placed at 100 to 110 millions. It is thus fair to say that the two oceans may be connected by a ship canal inside of \$150,000,000, a sum not extravagant, all things considered. The Suez canal is 92 miles long, and while there were a few rocky obstructions, it cost \$103,000,000 and has paid dividends from the start. The Erie canal cost originally about \$50,000,000 and was built by one state. The Nicaragua canal will be 170 miles long, and wider and deeper than any of these named, hence the estimated cost is not relatively high. This great water way, of enormous benefit to American shipping in general, and the Pacific coast in particular, is bound to come and ought to greatly stimulate our foreign trade. But Uncle Sam must be its boss.

On Dec. 20, 1895, there were 659 members initiated into the one A. O. U. W. lodge of Chicago, the largest number ever initiated in any order at one time.

The Indians of the Cherokee strip are fast becoming civilized, as their chiefs are now east selling bonds on their lands. All that is necessary to make a man out of the Indian is to get him in debt.

If business men attend primaries and name the delegates who are chosen to nominate candidates for office, we may hope for a reform in politics, but if business men stay home, and leave the choice of delegates to the office seekers, reforms will be a long time coming.

Corvallis Times: "There is some talk of the populists and democrats joining in support of Judge John Burnett of this city as candidate for associate justice of the supreme court. This is not a political office and as Judge Burnett has occupied the circuit and supreme court bench, and as he gave general satisfaction, he would see to be acceptable to the people." Joe Simon assisted by Billie Spough will not permit this.

This letter, written by an English 7-year-old, is vouched for as genuine: "Dear Dr. X.: I would be very pleased if you would let me have a baby for I guinea. We want it on the 4th of February for mother's birthday. We would like it fat and bonny, with blue eyes and fair hair. We children are going to give it to her ourselves. Please answer at once. Yours sincerely, Archie. P. S.—Which would be the cheaper, a boy or a girl?"

The Farmers Alliance at their recent meeting dropped from their platform the "demand" for the sub-treasury and \$50 per capita. It is supposed that these "demands" became so stale as to be a stench in the nostrils of even the men who were loudest in prescribing them as the remedies for all national ills. It is possible that this organization is still encumbered with "dead matter" that must be lopped off before they can be of any essential value to the people of the United States.

A London sporting daily paper recently printed a paragraph relating to the fate of Lenz. It says that news has come to hand that a missionary named Enoch recently noticed in the hands of a beggarly Armenian, in treatment at the local hospital at Moosh, a splendid silver watch. On being asked where he got it the beggar said that while crossing a wood near Citlis he saw two Kurds robbing a corpse, by the side of which was a bicycle. When the robbers caught sight of the Armenian and his friends they made off, and he took the watch. On the case is engraved, "Frank Lenz, 1894." This definitely settles the fate of the unfortunate globe-trotter.

Hermann has lost his last newspaper supporter in the Willamette valley. The Salem Capital Journal was standing staunchly by the Coos county statesman until its issue last Saturday evening when it said: "The thing for Marion county republicans to do is to agree on their strongest man as candidate for congress and place him before the Albany convention in such a way that he can be nominated. We have said this cannot be done in a manner hostile and unfair to Mr Hermann and hope to win for Marion county. It must be done with the utmost fairness and friendliness to win under the circumstances. Mr Hermann is not a congressman at all to our taste on many questions. We believe Marion county has such men and can put a man to the front who will make a far abler representative than Mr. Hermann ever has.

Klamath Falls Express: "William I. Vawter, of Jackson county, is coming rapidly to the front as Southern Oregon's candidate for Congress, in the first district. The northern part of the district has several candidates for the place, but no one in this end of the state seems to have as generous support as Mr. Vawter. Since it has become fairly understood that Mr. Hermann is practically out of the race, Mr. Vawter's friends have urged his candidacy forward and although he is not by his own declaration yet in the field, his many friends all over the state are determined to present his name, knowing there is no abler or better qualified man in the first district to represent Oregon in the Nation's Council. Above all things he is comparatively, thoroughly wide awake and progressive. A good thinker, fluent speaker and for Oregon first, last and all the time. Save us above everything else from the burden of any more fossils. They promise too much and do too little." Mr. Vawter is a graduate of the U of O.