

Commissioners Court.

Eli Perkins, county commissioner... J T Callison county commissioner... F D Button janitor... A G Mathews rebate on tax certificate No 456-1893...

Improvement of river road. At this time F L Chambers and 48 other petitioners prayed the court that the supervisors of road districts Nos. 27, 31, 37 and 42 be ordered by the court to grade and gravel the road known as the "river road," beginning at the corporate limits of the city of Eugene through said districts to a point at or near the Johnson farm about one mile distant north from the city of Junction, Lane county, Oregon...

In the matter of the Hawley road in township 21 south, range 1 west. At this time W W Hawley and 18 other householders petitioned the court for the location of said road. A remonstrance being presented against the granting of said petition, which was duly considered by the court and was found to be indefinite and uncertain, was dismissed.

In the matter of the Mills road in township 19 south, range 11 west. At this time this matter came on to be heard on the second reading of the report of the viewers heretofore appointed to view said road and all matters pertaining to said road having been regular and according to law and no claim for damages having been filed by any of the parties through whose premises said proposed road is laid, it is therefore ordered by the court that the report of said viewers be approved and said road is hereby established as viewed and surveyed, and the supervisor through whose districts said road may be located is hereby directed and ordered to open said road to public travel.

In the Great When.

When the lion eats grass with the ox, And the fish-worm swallows the whale; When the robin knit woolen socks, And the hare is outrun by the snail; When the serpent walks upright like men, And the boodie-bugs travel like frogs; When the grasshopper feeds on the hen, And feathers are found on hogs; When Thomas cats swing in the air, And elephants roost on the trees; When insects in number are rare, And snuff never makes people sneeze; When fish creep over dry land, And mules on bicycles ride; When foxes lay eggs in the sand, And women in dress take no pride; When Dutchmen no longer drink beer, And the girls get to chum on the rear; When treasurers no longer is crime, And humming birds bring likey-lays, And limburger smells like cologne; When the plowshares are made out of glass, And the hearts of true Texans are stone; When ideas grow in cabbage heads, And the wool on the hydraulic ram; Then the democratic party will be dead, And the country won't be worth a d-n!

Loaded with horses.—The Gypsy arrived here at 10:30 today, having on board 15 head of Portland race horses, besides 8 or 9 tons of freight. The horses are pacers, trotters and runners and were transferred to the Gypsy from the steamer Ruth at Independence. An account of the races will be found in another column. The Gypsy returned to Corvallis this afternoon, taking freight and eight passengers. She will return here Wednesday.

FOR SEATTLE.—Harry Templeton left for Seattle, Wash., on this forenoon's train, where he will represent the University of Oregon in the northwest intercollegiate oratorical contest to be held in that city next Monday afternoon, under the direction of the bar association of that city. We trust that Mr Templeton will be victorious.

SUICIDED.

C H Cottle Kills Himself—Despondency the Cause.

C H Cottle, who resided on the river road just beyond Meriau's Park, committed suicide between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday evening by shooting himself through the head with a small rifle. The bullet passed through the unfortunate man's brain and death soon followed.

Mr Cottle was in town Saturday afternoon and that evening returned home in company with his daughter, Miss Ethel. Nothing out of the usual seemed to all him at that time, though he had been in a despondent mood at times for several months past. Shortly after arriving home Mr Cottle took his rifle and going into his workshop, laid down upon the floor and placing the muzzle of the gun to his right temple, pulled the trigger. The act is attributed to mental aberration. For many months deceased had been despondent at times and it is thought that this was brought about by fear of death from that dread disease, consumption, which seemed to overshadow his life. The funeral took place from the late residence at 10 a m today to the I O O F cemetery, under the auspices of the A O U W, deceased having been a member of that order.

C H Cottle was born in Bucksport, Maine, May 15, 1838, and was at the time of his death aged 58 years and 8 days. When a boy he removed with his parents to Wisconsin. In 1860 he enlisted in the army and served his country faithfully during the four years' struggle. He was one of the soldiers martyred by imprisonment in the Andersonville prison. After the war he settled in Illinois, removing from there to Sioux county, Iowa, where he married Mrs Elma Howard, who survives him. He afterward removed to Sheldon, O'Brien county, Iowa, where he successfully conducted a wagon shop and a furniture and undertaking business. In 1883 he removed to Puget Sound, Wash., where he resided but a short time, removing to Salem, Oregon, where he was identified with the State Insurance Co until 1886, when he removed to Eugene, engaging in the grocery business for about two years in partnership with his stepson, C J Howard. Since then he has lived either in Eugene or on his farm where he died. He leaves a widow, daughter, Ethel M Cottle, and stepson, C J Howard.

LOCAL TRYOUT.

Small Crowd But Exciting Events.

Only a small crowd was present at the university campus this afternoon to witness the local tryout, and a good portion of those were on the outside of the enclosure. The track had been rolled this morning and was in fine condition. The following persons acted as officers of the different events. Starter—W O Trine. Scorer—Howard Davis. Times—J R Wetherbee, J Hoffman, Drew Griffin. Judges—Prof S E McClure, Seth McAlister, C Woodson. There were 14 entries contested in by nearly 70 men. The results are as follows: 120 yd hurdle—D Kuykendall. White. Time 18 seconds. 100 yd dash—Overholt, Higgins, Templeton; time 10.25. Mile run—Hurley, Belling; time 5:29 3/5. Mile walk—DeLashmutt, Travis, Narreng; time 9:41. 440 yd run—Cocman, Keene, Johnson; time 55 1/5. 880 yd run—Bishop, Merryman, McFadden; time 2:30 1/5. 2 mile bicycle race—Livermore, Stearns, R Bryson; time 6:35. Hammer Throw—Shattuck, distance 103 feet 10 in. Pole vault—T Wester vaults 9 ft 6 in. Breaks intercollegiate record by 5 inches. 220 yd dash—Higgins, Davis, Keene; time 26 3/5. 220 yd Hurdle—D Kuykendall, F Templeton, White; time 50 2/5. At the time of going to press the contest had not been completed. The winner in each event is the first mentioned. The following events were had in the U of O tryout after the GUARD went to press Saturday afternoon: High jump—Davis, Overholt, Gale. Davis won by a jump of 5 feet, 6 inches, raising the intercollegiate record 1/2 inch. Shot put—Shattuck, Overholt. Shattuck won; distance 36 feet, 8 inches; breaking intercollegiate record. Broad jump—D Kuykendall, Whipple. Kuykendall won; distance, 17 feet, 11 inches.

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POPULIST MEDICINE.

Whitehead and Hobart Prescribe a Good Dose of It at the Court House this Afternoon.

The populists are outvailing the other parties in the line of public speakers, and if they can only get votes in the same proportion they ought to carry the day in this corner of the globe. They come two at a time and in every instance have had the advantage of good audiences, composed of people from all parties.

Hon Mortimer Whitehead, a farmer from New Jersey, and grand lecturer for the National Grange, and Mrs. Hobart, a traveling political speaker, held forth at the court house this afternoon. Mr Whitehead was introduced by Chairman A S Patterson, of the populist party county central committee, shortly before 2 o'clock and spoke for about two hours. He presented the usual populist doctrine, beginning by stating that the democrats during the four short years that they have been in power, are not the cause of all the hard times. Neither is the republican high tariff or the democratic free trade the cause of hard times. The true cause, according to the speaker's idea, is a lack of money. Taking this stand he talked at considerable length in his efforts to convince his hearers that the doctrine prescribed by populists was the only one that would bring financial relief to the country. He pronounced the argument of both republicans and democrats as "quack medicine" and prescribed to give it a "good shaking before taking."

Mrs Hobart's address was postponed until tonight.

THE BOHEMIA ROAD.

Supt. Jennings Makes a New Proposition.

A public meeting was held last evening to further consider the matter of building a wagon road from this city to the Bohemia mining district. Superintendent Jennings was present and made a new proposition which will probably be taken into consideration by the road committee recently appointed. The Cottage Grove people have 70 or 80 men at work on the road which is being built from Cottage Grove to the mines and expect to complete it as soon as possible. Mr Jennings however desires to make Eugene the distributing point for the mines on account of getting so much better freight rates in this city, which on the large quantities of machinery and supplies that will have to be taken to the mines will amount to considerable. The proposition made by Mr Jennings was to have a cut off made from the Cottage Grove road by starting out at a point near Walkers and connecting with the Cottage Grove road at a point on the east prong of the Coast Fork. The distance from Eugene to the mines by this route will be about 53 miles, and Mr Jennings states that if the road is built he will make this city his terminal station for shipments by rail and water and will haul supplies from here to the mines. The committee will take the matter under advisement and will likely investigate both this route and the proposed route up the Willamette before deciding which way to build the road.

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Johnson's "hired organ" dares not deny that our charges are correct. If it does it will wait until the last moment of the campaign when the falsity of its statements cannot be answered. The GUARD has been fair in this matter. All the charges have been published at least two weeks before the election, giving Johnson and his subsidized organ plenty of time to point out any false statement. But they have thus far failed—for the reason that only the truth has been published as they well know. They are subsidized with the public printing from Johnson's office, and at least one of the four is kept alive by such crumbs. The public printing should be awarded to the lowest bidder, and not to the pets of some official who may thus have supporters to delude the taxpayers as to his acts. The "hired organ" has made its entire campaign on the theory that "I have got the county printing and some other persons want a portion of the pie."

This is contemptible journalism. If Johnson is not guilty of the charges made by this paper why has he not come out like an honest man and attempted to explain them.

IN FULL RETREAT.

The hired organ is now in close quarters as well as its master, Mr. Johnson. As has been stated from the beginning of this campaign, the sheriff or his subsidized press have not controverted a single charge made of the mal-administration of the sheriff's office. It now acknowledges that the office has cost the taxpayers the outrageous sum of \$4,977.51, when the salary law provides that it shall be allowed \$2,000. [And we will try and make room for the law tomorrow.]

As was expected that paper falls back on the old chestnut of comparing the cost under the former sheriff, before the office was made a salaried one. This is begging the question. The people two years ago by their votes declared for reform methods in the sheriff's office. They expected the office to be actually run to a profit instead of costing the county \$2,977.51 more than the amount contemplated by the legislature. The amount received by Mr. Noland cuts no figure in this fight. It is what the present sheriff and the horde of high priced deputies have cost illegally. Especially is this true when Johnson posed as a "reformer." He is "reforming" the treasury in such a manner that his record will consign him to the country where the old fee system went. Honesty and economy should be the watchwords. Those who violate pledges should be forever consigned to oblivion. Johnson has hardly arrested a man; he neglected and refused to chase burglars who have robbed taxpayers' stores. In fact about the most arduous duties he has performed was to draw his salary.

A short time since the editor of the Register (Potter's law partner we suppose) was shedding elephantine tears lest the populists should fuse with the democrats and telling the former what monsters and dishonest men the former were. It told our populist friends only to vote for principle. Now it has changed its war cry. It is now afraid democrats will be deceived into voting for "dishonest" populists, naming the populist candidate for prosecuting attorney for this district, as one of them, and Frazier Ward, populist nominee for member of the board of equalization, as the other one. A republican paper run by democrats should not be prolific with utterances on the question of "principle." The democrats intend working and voting for Messrs. Upton and Ward, thus smashing a portion of the ring, the hired organ's advice to the contrary notwithstanding.

Driver is already defeated. The fight is now between Skipworth and Baker, with the former in the lead.

WORDS OF PRAISE.

Ex-Mayor Friendly, than whom the city of Eugene never had an able mayor, in his farewell message to the city council on the 7th of April 1895, in alluding to E. R. Skipworth, democratic candidate for senator said: "I feel that I cannot close this farewell message without special mention of the present faithful city attorney. Without the least disparagement to any person whatsoever, I am bold to say, that in my humble judgment the city of Eugene, never had an able, more faithful and incorruptible officer than Eugene R. Skipworth. He has protected the interests of the city, in court, council and all other proper occasions with prudence, courage and ability. During his four years incumbency in official position he has not led the city or a single officer, into error. He has made a record that entitles him to the gratitude of the people."

The above are the sober words of a thoughtful business man who had been intimately associated with Mr. Skipworth for two years in an official capacity and knew whereof he spoke. At that time Mr. Skipworth was not even a prospective candidate for any office, Mr. Friendly was giving credit where credit was due. By the way it is worthy to state that Mr. Friendly is one of the most popular republicans in Lane county, and wital one of the best mayors the city ever had. It is also worthy of mention that at the conclusion of the mayor's remarks the council by unanimous vote thanked Mr. Skipworth for faithful and able service to the city. With such a record Skipworth could certainly be trusted in that larger field of labor, state senator.

PRECINCT OFFICERS.

The democrats of the Eugene Justice District nominated George W. Kinsey for Justice and Sidney Scott for Constable.

Mr. Kinsey held the position for a number of years and gave good satisfaction while administering the office. He only bound men over to appear before the grand jury when the evidence seemed to demand it beyond doubt, thus saving the county a large sum of money annually. He is a practicing attorney with a good clientele. He ought to be elected by a large plurality.

Sidney Scott is the well known butcher and is a native son of Lane county, and is a man of honesty and integrity. If he is elected he will attend to the business as successfully as has Mr. Linton, who has made an excellent officer. Give your vote and support to Mr. Scott.

When Assessor McPherson used to assess Eugene he did the work in from forty to fifty days, and then worked in the country precincts. Now the assessor never does any work outside of the corporation, besides one deputy is employed in the city. Quite a difference.

Lark Bilyeu introduced and procured the passage of the bill, for the building of Villard Hall. He is a friend of the University and the Eugene people should give him a solid vote this year as his presence will be needed to protect the appropriation bill next winter. Remember this.

Cottage Grove-Lemati Leader, Rep. Prof. J. P. Holland one of the best and most successful teachers in Lane county made us a pleasant call Monday morning. The professor was up canvassing his interests among the people for school superintendent at the coming June election.

The attendance of voters on the county canvass is large in every precinct, proving that much interest is taken by our citizens. This is as it ought to be. We also learn that party lines are very lax and men will be voted for instead of party or county offices. This ought to and will insure good government for our county.

Congressman Hermann telegraphs: "The river and harbor bill passed congress Saturday. We retain all the Oregon appropriations for Yaquina, Yamhill and Willamette retained for contract completion." This will be good news to the people of Oregon, and especially to the upper Willamette valley, as it means that the Willamette river will be improved as it should have been years ago.

It might be interesting to the voters of Lane county "if our best sheriff" would explain how he obtained a large proportion of the votes of the Lower Siuslaw delegates in the county convention when they were known to be against him when they arrived in Eugene. Some of them were offered to a rival candidate if he could afford to "pay some of their expenses" but he firmly refused.

A STRING OF BEAUTIFUL RACERS.

A Number of Fine Horses on the Way to the Eugene Spring Meet.

Sunday's Salem Statesman: When the steamer Ruth arrived up from Portland yesterday afternoon an interested crowd of horse fanciers were at the wharf to take a glance at the racing equines that composed a portion of her freight, on the way to the first meet of the season at Eugene.

Eighteen, with their attendants, occupied the 'ween decks of the steamer back of the large boilers. Among the lot was the string from the Witch Hazel stock farm, owned by Van B DeLashmutt, and being in charge of Lou Childs, numbering seven of the best horses owned by that veteran turfman. There was 'Oari Caryne, with a record of 2:21 1/2, Vanquish 2:19, Nettle Ham 2:24, Grayling a beautiful 3-year-old, Stanwood, who has paced a mile in 2:22, and Pasco, another noted pacer, and Utopia, a 2-year-old filly.

John Green was aboard, having in charge that well-known trotter, Challenger Chief, having a record of 2:14. Jas Melsner's Quilence and E Shilling's Condee were stabled together, while Ed Fortune had in charge Lottie D, Ralndrop, Bon Boniere and a fine young horse who is as yet unknown in this circuit.

Jay Beach, the owner of Altamont, was with the party, having in his charge Naylor, one of Altamont's promising young sons.

Wm Frazier's Hazel S and Wallace Wittmore were aboard in charge of John Kirkland, while Hon Wm Galoway's stable had a representative aboard in Altamont.

The horses all came from Portland with the exception of the first named string. They go to Eugene first and thence to Independence.

The Ruth carried her valuable cargo to Independence last night, where the beautiful equines were transferred to the Gypsy. The latter boat at once proceeded up the river on her way to the destination of the racers.

SUNDAY IN EUGENE.

How the Day Was Spent by Most of Our People.

Everybody took advantage of the sunshine yesterday and people were swarming like bees in every direction. It was the first real good opportunity for the ladies to display spring bonnets and suits and they were seen in profusion. Summer suits were needed, too, for it seemed quite tropical during the afternoon. Two wagonettes and several carriages plied between the city and Meriau's Park and hundreds of people visited that pretty resort during the day, many viewing the 25 or 30 head of speedy horses quartered there. Private carriages and bicycles thronged the road between here and the park, while pedestrians sought the more attractive places along the river or on the butte near town.

The sunshine did not distract from, but rather added to the various church congregations of the city and the services in the different churches were witnessed by good audiences both morning and evening. Special missionary services were held in some of the churches and were quite attractive and productive of good results. Special decorations were attached and added materially to the attractiveness of the services.

At the U B church last night the Junior Endeavorers had entertainment of the services and presented a nice program to a good audience. Memorial services, commemorative of the nation's dead, were held at the M E church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the memorial address being delivered by Rev H L Boardman of the Baptist church. The services were largely attended and were very interesting. The G A R, W R C and Company C, O N G, attended the services in ranks, marching from their respective places of meeting.

Vote of Thanks.

ED. GUARD: At a regular meeting of the Oregon state Universalist convention a vote of thanks was extended to the press for kindness in publishing the proceedings of the convention. Very respectfully, EDITH E. BROWN.

Issue in Yamhill.

McMinnville, Or., May 22.—This county the gold standard and with free coinage of silver are the issue. The other party lines are known, and an audience of almost any size can be had on the shortest notice. There is something everywhere in the country, day and night.

THE SCHUBERTS.

A very delightful concert was given at the opera house Saturday night by the Schuberts of Chicago, under the auspices of the U of O athletic club. The entertainments given during the season under the auspices of the different college associations have been of a high class, but in most instances they have not been patronized according to their merits and not according to their value. However, every number was enthusiastically enjoyed. The quartette is composed of superb singers, possessing a splendid blend of voices. Miss Hughes and her golden voice presented a pretty picture and a harmony of sound which she so fully extracted from the instruments brought rapturous applause from the audience.

ARM BROKEN.—Albany, Ind. Clarence Crow, son of F S Crow, was thrown from his bicycle, breaking his arm. A dog ran out in the dark, and in trying to avoid the dog he collided with two pedestrians. The injured arm was dressed by Dr Wallace.

TOO YOUNG.—An editor has been found who thinks his charge has been found guilty by the statement contemporary. It is needless to say is young in the newspaper business. The old veteran merely laughs and thinks "the other fellow" for the advertising.

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