

Fletcher Linn is in the city.

Hon E P Coleman, of Coburg, was Eugene today.

Drummer J L Scott, of San Francisco, is in the city.

Hon S M Moran returned from Portland last night.

Will Sauer, an 8 P operator from Medford, is in the city.

James Hoffman has returned home from a visit to Portland.

Attorney M O Wilkins returned from Corvallis today.

The local and freight trains passed here again this forenoon.

Wheat was quoted in Portland yesterday at 82 cents per bushel.

Rev G A Blair returned to Portland on this morning's local train.

Rumor of war with Spain over Cuba are rife in the Eastern press.

Mrs Blighton has opened a boarding house on Willamette and Eleventh streets.

W F D Mercer, Wells Fargo & Company's route agent, spent last night in Eugene.

The silver men are already organizing in a number of states to keep up the fight.

Ben Lurch returned to Cottage Grove this afternoon after a short visit in Eugene.

Geo O Knowles of the Florence West left for home today after a short visit in this city.

A regular Chinook breeze prevailed this morning. This is unusual for so early in the season.

The Hoffman House presents a more handsome appearance since the shade trees were cut down.

Mrs Emma Pritchett, one of the firm of the Palace Laundry, of this city, has returned from her Eastern visit.

A G Mathews is improving as fast as could be expected and was able to sit up for a few minutes this afternoon.

Chief of Police A C Dilly, of Salem, was here over last night serving some legal papers in the "Black Alder" case.

The Harrisburg Review is now published by the Harrisburg Review Publishing Co. We wish it much success.

Snow has been plainly visible on the Coast mountains and on the foothills of the Cascades for the past few days.

Koutucky is now claimed by 257 plurality for McKinley. The official count will probably be made next week.

A warrant was issued this afternoon for the arrest of the boys, Fred Foster and one Lemen, charging them with larceny of tools.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the Congregational church. The address will be delivered by Rev J C Abbott of the M E Church.

The hop market is still firm with an upward tendency. The price of wheat is gradually going up and dollar wheat is still among the possibilities.

Hon Wm J Bryan will open his four years' campaign for silver in Denver, Col, Nov 24th, at 8 o'clock. Great arrangements are being made for the occasion.

The Roseburg Plaiudealer, rep., says there are sixteen applicants for the postoffice at that place already. We have only heard of three or four intended applicants for the Eugene office.

John Tait, of Creswell, one of Lane county's progressive farmers, gave us a pleasant call today. He is still feeding quite a number of cattle, as usual, this winter.

Harrisburg Review. Mr Robert Whitebeck, of Isabel, visited his sister Mrs Ella Cartwright on Monday previous to his departure for Goldendale, Wash, where he will teach school.

Harrisburg Review: E C Lako was a passenger on the south bound local for Eugene Wednesday. He expects to move to his farm south of town the latter part of this week and make it his permanent home for the future.

Idaho has no doubt carried the amendment to her constitution viz: equal suffrage. Now the ladies of Idaho may have the opportunity so long sought, to vote like a man and we sincerely that it will have a beneficial effect on the election.

Salem Statesman: The Gypsy has been designated as a steamer for the upper river and on her arrival here tonight she will be made ready to enter on her schedule of making tri-weekly trips between Salem and Harrisburg.

The Baker City Democrat has the following concerning a gentleman formerly in the shoe business in this city: "J H Donald returned home last evening from a visit to Canada after an absence of three months."

The official vote of Malheur county increased McKinley's vote, already reported, 96, and Bryan's 113. The vote of Walla county fell short of that estimate about 100, decreasing McKinley's total 50, and Bryan's 71. McKinley's plurality now stands at 2269.

Honora G McKinley left on this morning's local train for Portland. Monday he will leave that city for his home in the East, going via California, New Orleans and up the Mississippi to La Crosse. He will spend the winter at home and return here in the spring.

Salem Statesman: The government Snagboat Manthala left Portland Monday evening for a season of work on the Willamette between that city and Corvallis. She was removing snags from the mouth of the Yamhill river yesterday. H L Hatch is in command of the new craft.

Football is receiving much attention in Astoria these days. A certain Miss in Astoria recently asked the following question: "Will, is your brother back at college?" She was interested in the brother and wanted information the worst way, consequently she was somewhat surprised when Willie answered proudly: "Naw, he's quarter-back."

This weather is bad on hobos.

The Harrisburg Review is for sale.

Mrs E Gover went to Boswell springs this afternoon.

Rev Father Black went south on the afternoon train.

Fine weather for the football game at Corvallis today.

Wheat is quoted at 85 cents per bushel in Portland.

Miss Maul Deming arrived home on the 2 o'clock train.

Mrs Lonsberry went to Lebanon today to visit with her folks.

Marshal Day took five hobos in out of the rain this morning.

Portland is talking of lighting her streets with gas and coal oil.

Editor Ross of Cottage Grove spent a few hours in Eugene today.

Prof J P Holland of Junctiona City came up on the two o'clock train.

Ducks and geese are reported to be quite plentiful in the country now.

The season for selling Chinese umbrellas in the markets expires tomorrow.

A J Luce, of New York, and Kola Neis, of Albany, hop buyers, are in the city.

The war department denies that there is any probability of war with Spain.

REV C C BELL, of Portland, presiding elder, preached at the U B church last night.

Russell Coleman, a member of the U of O football team, went to Corvallis this morning, to join the team.

The large tree which was covered with ivy in front of the Stansbury residence was blown down by last night's wind.

It has been raining all day and is quite warm, the thermometer standing at 62 degrees. The river will probably boom tomorrow.

The Springfield I O O F cemetery has undergone many improvements this fall. It is now one of the prettiest and best kept cemeteries in Lane county.

Miss D L Brumley one of the teachers in the Junctiona City schools, came up on the afternoon train and will visit at her home in this city over Sunday.

Prof S E McClure, Seth McAlister, Miss Carrie Matlock and Miss Nettie Stewart went to Corvallis this morning to witness the football game this afternoon.

The city of The Dalles want are lights but will not pay the price asked by the electric light company—\$12 per month per light for 20 lamps. Eugene gets her lights for \$9 each.

Corvallis Gazette: Prof John M Bloss is now located at Muncie, Ind., and is doing well. He has been appointed manager for the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the United States.

Reporter—How do you account for the defeat of Professor Spatter in his fight with the Bowery Buzz Saw Trainer? He was overtrained. Why, he had an attack of writer's cramp two days before the contest.—Puck.

An aged gentleman applied at the county clerk's office for a marriage license, but on consideration concluded not to take one just yet, as he wished to see his affianced first. It was a case of making love "sight and unseen."

Medford Mail: "Miss Lillian Rhinehart, of Gilroy, California, arrived in Medford last week and will spend the winter with her parents here. She is a highly accomplished vocalist, and has been singing in San Jose for several months. The people of Medford will no doubt have the pleasure of listening to her in the near future—and we will vouch for a hearty reception to the lady." The young lady resided in Eugene with her parents for a number of years.

The time for the redemption of land which is sold under foreclosure of mortgages that were given before the law extending the period of redemption to one year was passed, will be regulated by the old statute—four months after confirmation of sheriff's sale. The U S supreme court has virtually held that, and the Oregon supreme court acknowledged its authority by annulling the contrary decision it made in the premises several months ago.

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THE MABEL DROWNING.—A gentleman from Mabel, who arrived in town last evening, says that the drowning of the two boys Warner Savage and Fred Vansycle, aged 11 and 13 years respectively, which occurred at that place the first of the week occurred thusly, and he resides at that place: They left home to go across the creek for a sack of potatoes. They were seen to cross the foot log. On their return it is supposed they fell off the log into the stream, which is a raging torrent at this time of year, but no one witnessed the accident. Their hats were found in the creek below. It is also stated that one of the boys was subject to dizzy spells. Up to Thursday evening the bodies had not been recovered, although a party had been continuously searching for them.

REMOVED REDUCTION.—The Portland Tribune: "It is alleged that the Oregon Railway and Navigt on Company, the Northern Pacific R R and the Southern Pacific R R intend to make a cut in the salaries of their employees. The cut, it is said, will be 20 per cent, although one man yesterday claimed that 60 cents was to be deducted from the daily wages of each person in the employ of the railroad companies. The cut particularly affects the rank and file of the corporations, and as yet no one has discovered that the salaries of the presidents have been decreased."

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COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.—The Lane county board of equalization meets next Monday. The county judge, county clerk and assessor comprise the board. Assessor Burton is putting the finishing touches, on the tax roll today and will submit the books to the board Monday.

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DIED.—This morning, near Springfield, Felix Jared, aged 74 years. Funeral tomorrow at 2 p m.

The following poem was placed in my hands by the author, who wrote it shortly after passing his eighty-second birthday. As it is the first poetic tribute ever paid to Heeceta I am glad to be able to call your attention to it in "Drift". To any one familiar with the rugged Siuslaw coast it must appeal strongly. The first stanza particularly has the sweep and surge of those wild seas.

Heeceta Light.

On North Pacific's wild and rugged coast,
Where lofty peaks o'erlook the dark blue waves,
That madly dash with stern resistless force
'Mid caverns dark and wild Sealion caves—
There Old Heeceta shows his wrinkled face,
While angry billows wash his rugged form.
With sullen brow he guards the watery waste
And frowns at the tempest and the threatening storm.

Long hast thou slept, Heeceta, in thy bed,
As age o'er age their periods enrolled;
Now waked by light and truth as one long dead,
Thy prehistoric pages to unfold.
Wast thou ordained of old to guard this coast,
E'er savage, priest, or Spaniard knew thy name?
Who chose thee from amidst a numerous host
And raised thee to this pinnacle of fame?

Let skeptics cease to preach of common cause
That time or chance pulls down or builds a name;
True science now may boast her righteous laws,
The hand that formed thee formed thee not in vain.

All things are made to serve a power supreme,
And some must stand and watch while others sleep;
Naw from thy brow a flashing light is seen
To guide the sailor o'er the trackless deep.

Long shalt thou stand a monument of fame,
While years roll on and ages wing their flight.
The Northern Isles shall boast thy ancient name
With honors due to Old Heeceta's light.

SUSLAW, OR, Oct. 1st, 1896.
W. F. PHIPPS.

Having occasion to go into the Free Reading Rooms one day recently I was pleased to find that some one had placed a stand of beautiful flowering plants in the sunny southwest corner.

The rooms are more inviting ever since the ladies of the Union have made their headquarters here. The room is a lingering pleasantness about them not easy to describe, but which makes it self felt the instant one opens the door and steps inside.

A gentleman who has been much about the Reading Rooms made a suggestion to me the other day regarding them which I here pass on to the board.

"There should be," he said, "placards in some prominent place in each of the hotels and other public places, calling attention to the reading rooms and their location."

The last meeting of the Fortnightly club was particularly interesting and enjoyable. The club met at Mrs Underwood's and the homelike air of the parlors with the bright fire upon the hearth, set at defiance the sombre dampness of the rainy afternoon and made the members long for permanent cozy club rooms. As for the program I will say nothing for fear of saying too much. There were so many lovely girls who contributed liberally toward our entertainment that you will easily understand how dangerous the subject might prove in my hands. However, it will not do any harm to say that the club is rich in its efforts to incorporate the rich fund of beauty and talent, so generously distributed among the young women of Eugene.

It has ever been our custom in Eugene to underrate or to ignore home-talent—not that is not exactly what I mean—rather we have a tendency to take it as a matter of course and to treat it with easy indifference. It is true that we have artists and musicians among us who would take high rank anywhere—but then—

Well I am going to tell you something next week that may interest you.

L. M. M.

MUST PAY.—Corvallis Times, circuit court proceedings report: "Wilhelm and Sons, Monroe, will be compelled to pay for the 100,000 needles a New York firm shipped them, no matter how long it takes to dispose of the lot. That was the verdict rendered by a jury of twelve men Wednesday afternoon. The trial occupied all the afternoon, and in his testimony Adam Wilhelm, Jr, stated that there were more needles in the lot than they could sell in twenty years. The value of the needles the firm attempted to order, amounted only to \$1.80; the value of the needles they are to pay for is \$120 besides the freight from New York, which shows the wide disparity of understanding in the transaction, and explains why the suit happened to materialize."

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SHAKESPEARE CLUB.—The Shakespeare Club met Tuesday evening with the Misses Chas. and continued its reading and discussion of "The Winter Tale" as far as Act V.—Scene II. The president announced that there would be papers on the leading characters of the play at the meeting on Nov 24th. The next meeting will be with Miss Dora Scott at Mr. Underwood's Tuesday next, Nov 17th.

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FOR SUTRO'S PARK.—J J Mathis, who resides west of town, consigned 16 Chinese pheasants to Chas Baker, of San Francisco, on last night's express. Mr Baker is securing the birds for Mayor Sutro, of San Francisco, who will place them in his park for birds and animals at Sutro's Heights.

How Two Men Fought, But Afterwards Became The Best of Friends.

People who first crossed the plains for purpose of settling up this coast suffered untold hardships and inconveniences. As soon as they left their homes in the East they struck immediately into the wilderness of the West, traveling for months before they reached the settlements on the coast. They were not under the protection of the law of their country and each man elected his captain and adopted a code of rules and regulations, which each member was in honor bound to recognize and abide by.

Sometimes though, these rules were broken. An immigrant train that crossed the plains to Oregon in that early 50's had an experience of that kind, which doubtless has never reached the eyes of the public through the news papers, though some of the members of the party who witnessed the incident are now residents of this city and county.

One of the rules of the train was that each team should have its position in the train and that no other team should pass it. Most of the wagon's were drawn by oxen, but there was one wagon which was drawn by horses. Its position was immediately behind an ox team. The horses naturally traveled faster than the oxen, and one day the driver of the horses becoming exasperated at the slowness of the cow brutes ahead of him pulled out and passed them. This was considered a rank insult to the driver of the ox team, and when the train stopped to noon that day the two men engaged in a quarrel over the matter. One of them drew a large knife and stabbed the other in the side. The man that was stabbed seized a belt containing a brace of pistols and levelled it on his antagonist, but a young girl who was a witness to the procedure grasped the weapon, preventing its discharge. The man then drew the other pistol and pointed it straight at the heart of his opponent, but suddenly remembering that the man had a family and having compassion for them he lowered the weapon before pressing the trigger the bullet took effect in the other man's knee.

Both men were rendered helpless by their wounds. There was but one light spring wagon in the train and in this a bed was made and both men placed side by side upon it. It was the only way of giving out justice, but it had the desired effect. As the two men jolted along over the plains each suffering the dire effects of his folly on the same bed with the other, they finally became reconciled and shook hands and became the warmest of friends before their destination was reached.

A QUER CALIFORNIA COUNTY.

Jackson, Cal., Republican: The county clerk has received a copy of the great register of Alpine county, California. It is a curiosity in its way. Probably there is not another county in the United States that can parallel it in several respects. There are 99 registered voters and these are distributed into five election precincts. As it takes eight officers to man each election board, this takes 40 officials to transact the voting business, leaving only 59 voters outside of the election officers. In one precinct there are 9 registered voters. Eight of these will be needed for election officers so that after the election officers themselves have voted on the morning of the election day they will be prepared to wait from sunrise to sunset for the advent of the ninth man to appear and record his choice for president. The lone voter is entitled to the distinction of being the most waited upon man in the county. Alpine county is the paradise of the office hunter. Any man can be an official in that county at least during the campaign times. The great trouble with the supervisors is in getting enough men outside of candidates for office to fill the election boards. The perpetuation of Alpine county is getting to be something of a farce. Our neighbor ought to do some colonizing business, or else retire from the list of counties.

TOO MUCH SNOW.—Dick Vandeverl, of Crook county, who recently purchased a load of supplies here, and left with his four horse team for home, after battling a week with the snow on the Cascade mountains, returned here yesterday. He says that several wagons and a party of ten men attempted to cross the range but were compelled to abandon their wagons in the snow and carry out their supplies on their backs. The snow when he left was about eight feet deep. Hereafter the road has not generally closed for a month later. Mr Vandeverl will drive his wagon to Portland, then ship the outfit to The Dalles, and then drive on to his home. This will be quite an expensive trip for him.

SHARPE WAS NOT OVERTAKEN.—Thursday's Salem Journal: Chief of Police Diley, who left Salem armed with a writ of replevin about 11:30 a m Wednesday, in pursuit of T C Sharpe, who was riding "Black Alder," a cayuse, failed to overtake the man before he crossed into Linn county, and as a result the papers could not be served. However, the question of the ownership of the horse, which was decided in Justice Johnson's court recently, to be Dora Bonnett's, has been appealed to the circuit court, when a final decision will probably be reached at its next session.

MINNESOTA HOTEL SOLD.—The Minnesota hotel in this city has been sold to Gov John Whitaker. The papers were made out yesterday and the deed is signed by Lotta O Johnston, Robert Johnston and S L Johnston. The consideration was \$168,000. Mr Johnston has leased the building for a term of three years and will continue as landlord. The lot adjoining the hotel on which the barn is located has been retained by Mr Johnston.

COVERED STAGES.—Elie Bangs is now running a covered stage on the Siuslaw route and will also run a covered stage on the McKenzie route. The McKenzie stage will be started again next Monday.

SENATORIAL BATTLE.

Salem Journal: In a hot contest the gold and silver forces in the next legislature are almost a tie.

The fight for the next Oregon senatorship has begun at Salem. The arrival of Senator Geo. W. McBride in this city, and numerous conferences of party leaders with this chieftain, the former secretary of state, are held at his headquarters, at the residence of his brother-in-law, B. F. Giltner. Senator Galbraith, of Yamhill, and ex-Senator Cogswell, of Klamath, and Representative Benson, of Josephine, were callers today.

Senator McBride's success as the compromise candidate makes him the available man to harmonize the contending factions of Oregon republicanism. Mr. McBride's long reach in Oregon politics has been frequently demonstrated.

THE LEGISLATURE

is officially classified as follows by Secretary of State Kincaid:

SENATE.

Number of senators	30
Republicans	22
Democrats	3
People's	3
Mitchell republican	1
Republican and taxpayers' league	1

HOUSE.

Number of representatives	60
Republicans	34
Democrats	4
People's	14
Mitchell republicans	2
Republican and taxpayers' league	1
Mitchell republican and people's	1
Union bimetallic	3
Taxpayers' league and Mitchell republican	1

JOINT CONVENTION.

Number of members	90
Republicans	56
Democrats	7
People's	17
Mitchell republicans	3
Republican and taxpayers' league	2
Mitchell republican and people's	1
Union bimetallic	3
Taxpayers' league and Mitchell republican	1

In the above configuration W. H. Nosler is counted as a member, but it is claimed his seat will be contested, on the ground of insufficient residence in the state. Mr. Nosler must have had assurance of his being able to hold his seat or he would have withdrawn in time to hold an election.

It is presumed that Mr. McBride is managing Senator Mitchell's candidacy. The two senators are warm personal friends. Their principal backers are the same men. Whether the combination will win remains to be seen.

THE HATCHERY.

Florence West: From Mr. L. E. Bean, who now has charge of the salmon hatchery at Mapleton, we learn that the taking of the spawn was commenced there Oct. 26th. The fish are doing nicely in the boxes and now many of them are ready for spawning.

This shows that Messrs. Bass and Talbot, who were sent here two years ago to operate the hatchery, were mistaken in saying that fish enough could not be obtained to be worth while to run the hatchery. By getting fish from the seine near Acme and taking them to the hatchery, the cost of securing enough fish for spawning is much less than where a seine has to be used to catch fish for the hatchery alone. If some attention be given to it at the right time, it may be that in a few years a spring run of salmon could be built up of sufficient numbers to make it profitable to fish in the spring as well as in the fall. If that should be done the Siuslaw would then be one of the best streams on the coast for fishing.

Who says "It never rains in Oregon."

Judge W. S. Holman, better known as the "watch dog of the treasury," who went down in defeat in the republican landslide of two years ago, is returned to congress from the 4th Indiana district.

The Willamette river has been booming during the past twelve hours. Along the low bottoms it has done considerable damage. The last high raise was Feb. 4, 1890, when the river was eighteen inches higher than this time.

Astoria Budget: Harvey Scott is "booming" California free of expense. He remarks that the state is full of males and females of loose virtue and ignorance, and the fairest, richest and most enjoyable state in the Union will eventually become the tenderloin of America—"a charming place to sow wild oats, but an impossible place to set up lures and pen-ties."

SALEM'S GREED.

Portland Tribune: The decision of the supreme court of this state, on suit brought by citizens of Salem, that all eleemosynary institutions must be situated at the capital of the state, under the state constitution, is another example of the unreasonable greed of the people of Salem. They have the penitentiary, the insane asylum, the capitol building, the deaf mute school, the reform school, upon which institutions the people of the city live, never making any effort to construct mills or factories, but satisfied to make an easy living, supplying the wants of the several state institutions.

The objection set up by the people of Salem, which prevents the construction of a branch insane asylum and a branch penitentiary east of the mountains, is unreasonable in the extreme, and cannot be justified. It costs the state thousands of dollars each year to bring patients and convicts from the far eastern counties to Salem, and the long trip is very bad for the health of the insane persons, and very dangerous for the guards who accompany them.

There is no reason except the greed of Salem why branches of these institutions should not be built east of the mountains, and an amendment to the constitution providing for the same should be submitted to the people at the next general election.

The silver senators say they will not stand in the way of a republican tariff bill.

The New York World has Senator Mitchell of Oregon slated for a portfolio in McKinley's cabinet. It gives him the department of interior.

The majority for John F. Shafrath in the first congressional district of Colorado is 51,374, the largest ever given any candidate in any one district since the foundation of the government.

Money is still scarce. The money question is not settled and it will not be during the next four years. Borrowing money is but a temporary shift. Get out of debt and stay out of debt is the proper policy to pursue in these troublous financial times.

Portland Tribune: "Good advice to those who have been removed from the fire and police departments would be to go to work and quit crying. You are informed by your newspaper ally and supposed friend, that prosperity has returned, work is plenty and gold to be had by the carload. Get some of that gold and start mills."

Mrs. Martha Hughes Cannon, who has been elected to the state senate of Utah, is the first woman in the country who has achieved such distinction. Her opponent on the ticket was her husband, and she defeated him by 4000 votes. She is a Mormon and a democrat, and proposes to direct her attention to legislation affecting sanitary and educational matters.

Jefferson lost his first battle in 1796, but won in 1800. The republican party was overwhelmingly defeated in 1856, and Lincoln was defeated for the senate in 1858, but the republican party was victorious and Lincoln was elected president in 1860. History often repeats itself. The future will afford as many repetitions as the past.—E. O.

Mrs. Russell Sage is a devout church-woman, and one who carries her religion into the practical, every day affairs of life. "I consider it my duty," she says, "to teach my servants economy. The women will marry, and if they do not understand the art of saving and making the most of everything they will make their husbands unhappy and ruin their homes and the whole of their future lives."

McMinnville Telephone says: "The McMinnville merchants are grumbling about the increase in freight rates. The Southern Pacific company has made a combination with the river boats and freight has been increased from 100 to 400 per cent." The only way to successfully down this combination is for the steamer towns to own their own steamboats. Eugene should get a move on herself and be the pioneer in the business.

The Salvation Army is alive and actively engaged in preparations for its annual Self-Denial Week, which takes place throughout the United States from Nov. 16th to the 22d. Large sums of money have been raised in past years for this purpose and it is expected a total of \$40,000 will be raised this year. Members of the army and its social friends are asked to abstain from luxuries in order to raise money for the purpose of establishing food and shelter bureaus in large cities for the poor and needy.