

First quarter of the moon begins today.

Two weeks from today is Christmas.

Attorney M O Wilkins is home from Roseburg.

E H Ingman received a carload of salt today.

Mrs O P Hoff came up from Irving this afternoon.

Billy Wright, the horse raddish man, is still in the city.

Hou H B Miller returned to his home at Corvallis this morning.

Jack O'Neil, representing the O R & N company, is in the city.

Thanks to H W Wesco for his Wilamette street photograph.

Attorney J E Young was a passenger north on this morning's local train.

The reported death of General Masco, the Cuban, is generally believed to be false.

Otho Roberts is now playing a piano in a dining hall in Roseburg, B C. He receives \$17.50 per week.

There are still 1500 bales of hops in growers' hands in Western Oregon, mostly at Eugene, Silverton and Butteville.

Miss Rose Williams, of Roseburg, who has been visiting with Miss Maggie Croner in this city, returned home this afternoon.

The Salem Statesman thinks the state tax levy will not be lower than 4 mills and may possibly reach 4 1/2. Last year it was 3.

The assessment rolls of Multnomah county show about 2500 polls. Lane county with about one-third the population, has 3600 polls.

Mrs Wyatt of Harrisburg, mother of J E Cartwright, received the \$2,000 from the A O U W on the 10th. He carried a beneficiary in the Woodmen aim, but that has not been paid yet.

The assessment rolls of Multnomah county were received by the secretary of state yesterday. They show about eight millions less valuation than last year, on a basis of about 25 per cent.

Rev J R N Bell has placed in the hands of the board of trustees his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian congregation in Baker City. The resignation has not yet been acted upon.

Judge Fullerton has rendered a decision in the contest of George S. Harris against M Riley, for the county judgeship of Curry county. The contest is dismissed, and M Riley remains judge.

Dr Gardner, of San Francisco, head of the S P R R surgical department, passed through here on this forenoon's local train. He was met by Dr Kaykendall, the company's surgeon at this place.

The plant of the Living Issue, a paper formerly printed at John Day, has been leased to W A Logan, who has moved it to Canyon City, and has there begun the publication of the John Day Sentinel.

G W Boggs, the defaulting Tacoma treasurer, must serve five years in the reformatory, so the supreme court of Washington says. At one time he was connected with the proposed Siuslaw railroad.

Sheriff T D Driver, of Wasco county, spent last night in Eugene. He is a nephew of Dr I D Driver. He is a prominent member of the Elks and will be here to help institute a lodge in Eugene early in January.

An exchange has discovered that defective eyesight is caused by reading newspaper on which the subscription price has not been paid. Acting on this hint long-headed publishers will compel short-sighted subscribers to pay in advance.—E.x.

Fisher & Watkins will ship a carload of cattle to the Portland market this evening. Among the number is a Christmas steer for Zimmerman, a Portland butcher. The animal weighs 2500 pounds, and Messrs Fisher & Watkins will receive \$125 for him.

In some parts of the country there are in circulation counterfeit silver dollars made by cutting a good dollar into two parts, and moulding on each half the missing part in base metal. They are so cleverly made that by casual inspection they cannot be told from genuine coin.

Lina H Sturge, executrix of the last will and testament of Samuel P Sturge, deceased, Tuesday filed her first and final report with the Unitilla county court. January 9th, 1897, is the date set by Judge Martin upon which all objections to the report will be heard.

"I'm something of a free trader," said Johnny as he stole a bushel of apples from his father's neighbor's orchard; "but," he added, tapping the seat of his trousers, within which he had placed three towels and a sheet of tin, "I believe in the protective principles when protection is needed."

A Chicago young woman was arrested and fined for smoking on the street, the judge remarking that such an offense was "terrible." Surely it is offensive to good taste to see a pretty woman smoking in public, but as to the abstract right of the case, why shouldn't a woman smoke as well as a man?

It has not yet been decided where Melaon, who is charged with having killed Miner Ferry, will be tried. Curry county's surveyor says the crime was not committed in that county, and Josephine county, Or, and Del Norte county, Cal, will not decide that it was done within the jurisdiction of either.

A letter from John Loggson, who went to San Jose, Cal., the first of November, writes to his son, E H Ingman, under date of December 8th, that the weather at that place is perfect. That no fires are needed and that they pass the day with the doors and windows open and that no rain has fallen since his arrival at that place.

New York City, following the example of London, has been establishing small parks in different parts of the city, and has now 61, embracing 492 acres. The consolidation with Brooklyn will add 1465 acres and 22 miles of parkways. It is evident that the park systems of large cities are receiving increased attention, and that new sections will not be built up hereafter without breathing spaces.

Another stormy Saturday. The river will probably raise again. J L Ziegler is moving his stock of groceries into the Hotel Eugene building.

W W Haines arrived home this afternoon.

Chas Sylvester and Levi Moorhouse of Jasper are in the city.

E E Willett of La Grande is registered at the Hoffman House.

A grand fireman's ball will be given at Grants Pass on New Year's eve.

Prof J P Belmont of the Junction City schools, paid Eugene a visit today.

I L Campbell, editor of the GUARDIAN, made Portland a brief business visit today.

Judge J J Daly, of Dallas, is visiting with his son, who is attending the U of O.

The Valley Record is working for a reduction of Jackson county official salaries.

Mr and Mrs John Ehnstrom of Portland are visiting relatives in Eugene and vicinity.

J S Cooper, the Independence banker, is visiting his daughters, who are attending the U of O.

Mrs A J Pence of Hillsboro is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs Applegate, in this city.

A youth of Lane county has been placed in jail for using indecent language about his teacher.

Last year's state tax levy was 4.8-10 mills instead of 3 mills, as stated by error in yesterday's GUARDIAN.

Yesterday's Salem Journal: J C Goodale, the lumber man, came down from Colburg this afternoon.

Mrs D W Eaves of Fairmount will leave soon for California with the hope of benefiting her health.

Wm Boushaw and George Fisher are in Portland on business today. They will return tomorrow morning.

Rev N E Laramie of the Columbia River conference of the M E church, has an arrival on the afternoon train.

Miss Gertrude Dickinson, who has been employed at the U of O dormitory, left for Baker City this morning.

Mrs W L Bristow and son Arlo, and Master Sammie Hanksaker, of Pleasant Hill, are visiting friends in Eugene.

Jerse Miller formerly of this city and who removed from here to Salem with his family is now in Mulberry, Arkansas.

Rev U G LeMasters of the Divinity school went to Corvallis today and will preach in the Christian church tomorrow in that city.

Miss Fannie Hennings, one of the teachers in the Junction City schools, came on the afternoon train to visit over Sunday with her parents.

Mr and Mrs Foote were applicants for the same office and when the ballots were counted Mrs Foote was the winner. A clear case of "putting the best foot first."

The McMinnville and Monmouth football teams played on Monmouth field today. The "Salem Cyclones" and the Albany eleven played at Albany this afternoon.

The last issue of the College Barometer, the organ of the Agricultural College at Corvallis, contains a cut of Joquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, and also a sketch concerning him by Prof J B Horner.

Out of 40 cases of crackers consigned to Honolulu on the steamer Astoria by the Portland Cracker Company eight were found by the custom officers to contain 480 tins of opium. The company claims to know nothing about how the drug got in the cases.

Today's Oregonian: Mr Aurelius Todd, of Cottage Grove, professor of natural science and civil engineering, passed through the city yesterday, en route to St Petersburg, Fla., where he will locate with his family. Mr Todd is the son of the late A S Todd, one of Oregon's pioneer preachers.

Yesterday's Portland Telegram: Miss Allice G Friedlander was among this morning's arrivals from California. She came here to meet her uncle, Mr L H Friedlander, of Chicago, who is coming to visit her father and other relatives and friends in San Francisco. Miss Friedlander is staying at the Portland and expects to leave with her uncle for the California metropolis tomorrow evening.

DEATH.—Junction City Times: In this city on the morning of December 6th, 1894, Alexander Nall, aged 82 years and ten months, after a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach. He started for Oregon in 1862 and reached the Willamette valley in October, and settled where Milton Robinson now lives, 3 1/2 miles west of Junction City, and after living there two years died a claim 1 1/2 miles west of the first claim and lived there until 5 years since when he moved to Junction City. While crossing the plains he lost his wife from cholera near Salmon Falls on Snake River. He brought with him to Oregon four sons and three daughters, of whom one son and one daughter are dead. In March 1860, he married Miss Permelia Skeen, with whom he lived until his death and by whom he left an issue.

His Only Was Struck.—Salem Journal: W R Wilson, a San Francisco traveling man, last evening lost a grip containing besides numerous other things \$15 in cash. Awaiting the arrival of the south bound overland Mr Watson placed his grip just beneath the ticket office window while he went to the baggage room to look after checking his trunks. Returning to the baggage room it was discovered that someone had stolen the grip. It is supposed to be the work of a tramp, that unmistakable element being present at the depot daily, in large numbers.

Police.—Policeman Pratt landed two felons in jail last night. Soon afterward he nabbed another suspicious looking individual and shackled him accordingly. The tramp was taken to the jail and attempted to release the two on the sidewalk, but he was stopped, as the lock is broken and the door was fastened on the outside, but the officer appeared at that time and arrested him and placed him inside with his companions.

Its Cost to the Taxpayers of That Commonwealth.

We publish the following to show that the U of O is not such an expensive institution as some people claim: SEATTLE, Dec 7th, 1896.—The fourth biennial report of the Board of Regents of the University of Washington, just transmitted to the governor, is the most important document yet issued pertaining to the institution, because it deals with the most important epoch of the university's history. It gives full account of the completion and occupation of the new buildings and the accompanying and resultant reorganization of the institution itself. It includes two important reports from President Mark W Harrington to the University. The first gives information about the recent transformation, disburse the extension and improvement of the various departments, and suggests a number of wholesome laws which would benefit not the University alone, but would increase the utility of the high schools and make them available to all the residents in the state as in Minnesota. The other report by the president was an estimate to the Board of Regents of the needs of the university for the next fiscal period. It shows in detail the needs of each department, and if followed by the legislature the university could continue its development into such an institution as the people of the state earnestly desire, namely, an institution capable of giving the youth of the state a thorough university training. This estimate shows that for the two years ending March 31, 1899, the university will need \$122,310 for maintenance and \$35,150 for needed equipment. Two years ago the legislature appropriated \$90,000 for maintenance, and the president shows where every dollar of the additional \$32,310 is needed. Among the most important needs shown is the establishment of an improvement of the engineering departments. It is here proposed to provide teachers and apparatus for beginning effective work in civil engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering. The desirability of these lines of professional training in this state need hardly be argued. In our opportunities for marine commerce, in our extensive mineral resources, in the many irrigating problems of the eastern two-thirds of the state, and in even the common place and universal problems of highways and bridges there is more need in this state of all lines of engineering than in most other states of the Union. In the present stage of progress there is perhaps more need of trained engineers than in any other state whatever. Washington is, and must always remain, fundamentally an engineering state. The estimate provides a very modest beginning for the four lines of engineering mentioned. The proposal is that the new teacher of civil engineering shall also teach mechanical drawing, and the teacher added for electrical engineering shall for a time have charge of the technical mechanical work. The report then goes on further to show what is necessary to establish these departments.

The greatest item of expense in the estimates for equipment is for books. The total estimate for the library is \$21,400. The library has increased 60 per cent, for 4,004 volumes and pamphlets, during the past year; mostly through gift; but it lacks a great deal of being adequate for university work.

The board says the following tribute to the principal contractor, H C Ashenfelter of Spokane, we deem it our duty to say that the work was done with unusual fidelity in the face of many difficulties, and we have reason to believe at a pecuniary loss. We feel the more constrained to make this statement because Mr Ashenfelter lost his life by an unfortunate accident in the course of the performance of his duties, very near the moment of their completion.

Two years ago \$4,000 was allowed for per diem for the members of the Board of Regents; but later at the suggestion of the regents the allowance was discontinued of Oct. 1, 1895, when it was expected that the work of construction would be completed. Less than one-third of the \$4,000 was used, and now the service is without compensation.

Our Ringer.

Correspondence St Paul Globe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Binger Hermann has been representing Oregon 10 years, and his rolly-polly figure and bearded face will be missed from the floor. It was Hermann who said to Senator Mitchell when the senator made a suggestion for the treatment of gold: "Kin-kin! All right. I'll try it. I've been taking this quinine for almost a week, and it hasn't done a bit of good." But, though innocent in some ways, Mr Hermann is wise in the routine of the congressman's life, and he will be a loss to his people.

A GOOD ORDER.—The county court made an order today directing the sheriff to make and deliver in all cases sheriff's deeds on execution sales. This will be a saving to the individual interested \$2 in each case. The decision of the court involved the construction of section 9 of the act of 1893 relating to sheriff's and clerk's fees. There is no doubt of the correctness of the court's ruling.—E R Skipworth appeared before the court and argued the matter for the plaintiffs.

LOCAL INSTITUTES.—County School Superintendent S Hunt is arranging for a local teachers' institute to be held at Junction City on the last Saturday in January. Prof Hunt is making the institutes general throughout the county and will hold eight or ten institutes during the course of a year. One has already been held at Springfield and more will be held at the most convenient points in the county.

To INVESTIGATE BRIDGE.—Circuit court has adjourned for a few days. Commissioners Callison and DeWitt left this morning for the upper mouth of the Columbia to investigate the condition of the county bridge across Blue River. The piers are reported to have been considerably weakened by the recent flood and a new bridge may be necessary.

The General Weather Conditions of December.

Foster's last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from 4th to 8th and 10th to 14th.

The next disturbance, he says, will reach the Pacific coast about the 15th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 16th, great central valleys 17th to 19th, Eastern states 20th.

The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 15th, great central valleys 17th, Eastern states 19th. The cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 18th, great central valleys 20th, Eastern states 22d.

This disturbance will occur in the low temperature storm period and the temperatures will average below the normal of the month. About the dates covered by this disturbance the coldest part of the month will be due.

Temperature of the week ending 12th will average about normal and rainfall will be above the normal.

All the above forecasts are made under conditions. December, 1896, will be an unusual weather month and he has expected the magnetic forces of the earth to be reversed to 6th. The secular relative positions of the sun, earth, moon and planets are such as to make it quite difficult to determine on what date the reversals will occur and he has deemed it best to give the weather its regular order.

Watch for the reversals and continuing from that date for two to four weeks the weather changes will be almost exactly the reverse of what is stated in the forecasts of this bulletin.

The weather of January will come in the regular order or direct as we call it to distinguish it from the reversals.

Its forecasts of general features of November weather were remarkably well fulfilled. High temperatures in the first week, a great fall in temperatures, heavy snows and rains second week, a temporary rise in temperatures in first part of third week and another great fall last part of third week, high temperatures with small amount of rain near 25th and 26th were accurately forecasted and the result must be remembered by all who carefully observe weather changes. Cold wave of 27th went below calculations.

One point should be carefully noted by interested readers. In two-thirds of the months weather changes are direct, or come in regular order, while one-third of the months the changes are reversed or come exactly opposite to the regular order in every respect. There are no half way changes. When the reversals come the changes are turned exactly upside down.

The point to be noted is that for September, October and November no reversals were predicted and none occurred. For August and December reversals were predicted. They came in August; will they come in December?

Junction City Items.

From the Times. Dec 12.

A B Cavender, editor Brownsville Times, spent Sunday in this city as the guest of his wife who is visiting her sister, Mrs John Frazer.

H W Ross has purchased the Broad-Axe plant and next week will issue the first number under the title of Moderator. I Newton Greene, a newspaper man of wide experience, will be associated with him. We wish the paper prosperity in advance.

J M Howard has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. W S Lee was named as assignee and as soon as the necessary papers were made out, he assumed charge and men are now at work taking an inventory of the stock. This is a failure greatly regretted as there was not a more popular merchant in the city than Mr Howard. He is honest himself and supposing everybody else honest, he sold goods indiscriminately and when in financial distress, his debtors failed to come to his relief.

STEERING APPARATUS.—Corvallis Times: The government snagboat, "Mathoma," was moored at the old Cathorn wharf over Sunday. She had been working between this city and Albany and was on the way up the river to the neighborhood of Harrisburg. The boat is fine in more respects than one; for instance, she is fitted out with a patent steering apparatus at an extra cost of about \$500, and this attachment is worked by steam. Instead of the man at the helm having to turn and twist and sweat in his exertions to control the craft he moves a little lever and the wheel spins around for him. This lever moves so easily that a child can handle it. The whole affair is constructed that should the steam steering gear get out of order, it will in no way interfere with working the wheel by hand in the old way. There is no doubt but in time many steamers will use the contrivance, but at present few crafts are supplied with them.

WORKMEN ELECTION.—Eugene Ledger, No 15, Ancient Order of United Workmen, at a regular meeting held last night, elected officers for the ensuing term, as follows: M W, Wm Mayer; foreman, L N Roney; overseer, D V S Reid; recorder, B J Hasvorth; financier, F W Osburn; receiver, J C Church; guard, M S Hubble; I W, Chas Johnson; O W, W McFarlane; P M W, B F Dorris. The lodge voted \$5.00 to the Christmas donations to the poor, which will be distributed under the auspices of the public schools. Wm Mayer was appointed a committee of one to assist in making the distributions.

A SUIT.—The Dallas T M says: "A rather peculiar case has been commenced in Justice Filloon's court, growing out of an election bet. Silas Osborn made a wager of \$20 that McKinley would carry Oregon by 200 plurality, the stakes being deposited with Dan Baker. Since T T Geer, one of the McKinley electors received over 200 plurality, while the others did not, Mr Baker is undecided as to who won the bet, and desires that the matter shall be decided by the court."

Mrs W B Pengra recently went from this city to Portland and purchased from Mrs Emma Gilmore the Roslyn, a popular boarding and lodging house at 1374 Yamhill street, paying \$1000 for the furnishings, fixtures and business. Mrs Pengra has now commenced suit in the circuit court to recover her money and has retained Davis, Gantenbein & Venzie as her counsel. Today's Oregonian says of the case:

"Mrs Pengra says that, October 10, 1896, she entered into negotiations with Mrs Gilmore for the purchase of the Roslyn, and that up to and including November 17, Mrs Gilmore for the purpose of inducing her to buy the business and furniture for a large sum, business and furniture for a large sum, falsely represented that the place was in a prosperous condition, and that there were 35 boarders in the house, and that, generally, everything was running smoothly. Mrs Pengra asserts that there were only 16 boarders all told, and some of these were children, for whom small amounts were paid, and that the total receipts were not at that time, nor have they been since, more than \$540 per month, and that the business was not a prosperous or paying one. Mrs Pengra states that Mrs Gilmore told her the house was insured when in truth and in fact there were \$22 unpaid and due on account of the insurance.

"Mrs Pengra alleges further that she asked Mrs Gilmore if there were any b drags in the house, and if so, formed her if there were she would not take the place, and that Mrs Gilmore said there was not a single bug in the house. Mrs Pengra charges that in this she was again deceived, and that the presence injures the value and reputation of the house for the purpose for which it is being used."

Diad.

Daily Guard, December 12.

Mr Thomas Clark, a well known citizen and pioneer of Lane county, died last evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs Haskell, at First and Washington streets. Deceased was aged 80 years, 1 month and 5 days, and the cause of death is given as old age. He came to Oregon in an early day and settled at Lost Valley, but in the past five or six years has resided in this city. He leaves a wife and several sons and six daughters. The funeral will be held tomorrow and the remains interred in the Mulkey cemetery. Rev W S Gilbert of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Mrs Eliza Green-Moffett, a colored lady aged about 55 years, died of cancer of the stomach at her home near the Geary school building at 5 o'clock last evening. The husband of deceased left Eugene on the 6th day of November, stating that he was going to California, and has not been heard from since. She has a son residing in Portland, but has no relatives here. Her father resides in Illinois and he has been telegraphed concerning the disposal of the body.

An Inspiring Scene.

A passenger on the State when it met with its little incident the other night tells the Whatcom Revilla that the scene was an inspiring one. When the crash came everybody was asleep, and everybody thought that the boat was sinking. The passengers got out of their rooms clothed in night wear and life preservers. Several men rushed frantically around in the cold wind vainly trying to get a shirt on over a life preserver. Two or three had to be held to prevent their jumping into the cold bay. Others got out on their clothes. On board was a newly married couple. They were in their room, and, funny to relate, never knew there was an accident, and when the boat turned round and steamed back to Seattle, they got off at the wharf and thought they were in Whatcom.

WOODMEN ENTERTAINED.—The members of Eugene Camp, No 115, Woodmen of the World, were entertained in a royal manner, in J O F hall last night by the members of Eugene Grove, No 4, Woodman circle. The reception was planned and arranged for by the ladies of the circle for the purpose of forming a better acquaintanceship and closer bond of union between the senior lodge and its auxiliary, and every Woodman was invited to be present. An excellent program, consisting of music, recitations, etc., was rendered, after which all present were invited into the dining hall where a most complete and delightful banquet was spread. Considerable time was taken up in banqueting the large crowd of hungry choppers, after which the time until the midnight hour was spent in social converse and amusement. H W Wesco, representing the Northwest Board of Immigration, was present and took two flashlight photographs, one of the dining hall and the other of the auditorium. The affair was one of the most pleasant in the history of the local camp and circle and will long be remembered by the Woodmen.

PHILOLOGIAN SOCIETY ELECTION.—The regular election of the society was held last night and resulted as follows: President, S B Hanna; vice-president, W H Stalker; secretary, Lawrence Reed; assistant secretary, M L Applegate; treasurer, F P White; editor, J H Carrio; censor, L R Alderman; sergeant at arms, O A Hennaway. The question of debate for the evening was, "Resolved that President Cleveland was justified in sending Illinois troops into the state of Illinois to quell the riot." Messrs Applegate, W H Stalker and Carl Narregan spoke on the affirmative, and Messrs Holt and Woodson on the negative. The question for next Friday night is "Resolved that the army and navy of the United States should be increased." All friends of the society are invited to attend.

ALISON for State Department.

CANTON, O., Dec. 10.—Senator Allison, of Iowa, will be secretary of state in McKinley's cabinet. This may be set down as a fact. It is declared on good authority that McKinley has picked him out for that position, and it is believed here that Allison has been formally offered the portfolio.

The Channel of the River Should be Cleaned of Obstructions.

The United States snag boat is now working on the channel of the river between Harrisburg and Corvallis, and will spend about a month between those points. The citizens of Eugene, through the mayor and president of the board of trade, should ask Captain Flak at Portland to have the boat clean out the obstructions in the river channel between this city and Harrisburg at once. Last winter and spring the channel between these points was in excellent condition. In fact, river men said it had been improved greatly by keeping it free from obstructions. Now it is highly necessary that this work be kept up, and the channel will further improve. We are satisfied if the proper demand is made that the new boat will be ordered here. Now is the time to act in this important matter.

Lauren Society.

Daily Guard, December 12.

The regular weekly meeting of the Lauren society was held last evening in the society hall. Several applications for membership were received and six new members signed the constitution thereby becoming members of the society.

Following officers were inaugurated for the ensuing term: President, C M Vanduyne; vice president, E Boone; secretary, A A Cleveland; asst secretary, C Harris; treasurer, B B Richards; censor, J B Barber; sergeant-at-arms, F Wilkins.

After the inaugural ceremony the newly installed officers made short addresses before the society. The speech of President Vanduyne is worthy of special mention.

During recess a flash light picture of the society was taken by Mr Wesco, who represents the Northwest Emigration Bureau. This picture will be used to display the intellectual advancement of the state.

An interesting extemporaneous address on W J Bryan was delivered by B B Richards.

The question "Resolved, That woman should not have the right of suffrage," was debated on the affirmative by E Boone, B B Richards, C McArthur, Blaine Hovey, D Campbell and Mr Aangel, and on the negative by C Harris, A A Cleveland, J Baber, F Wilkins and C Benedict.

The president after a careful review of the points brought out by both sides decided the debate in favor of the negative.

One of the most noticeable features of the meeting was the interest taken in the proceedings by the new members. Altogether it was the most promising meeting of the year.

DESERTED.—Albany Inprint: In an up-stairs suite of rooms in this city lives a little lady, young, pretty and deserted. She has just become the mother of twin babies, and the father has left her penniless upon the county. This morning she told an Inprint reporter the following sad story: "My maiden name was Marguerite Gleason. In February, 1895, I met and married Andy Klum, who, after living with me but four months, left me to battle with the world single handed. I have not seen or heard of him since, except through the medium of a letter containing one last good-bye, and stating that distance must ever abide between us." Several prominent ladies of this city have sought to adopt these pretty girl babies, but the plucky little woman declares that time itself will totter on the brink of eternity ere she casts them among strangers. The county judge has been very kind to her during her trying ordeal, and she still deserves the help and sympathy of the entire community.

COMMITTED TO THE ASYLUM.—Wm Thackray, aged 63 years, was examined before County Judge E O Potter, Deputy District Attorney L T Harris and medical examiners Drs T W Harris and F W Prentice today for insanity on complaint of Walter W Thackray and committed to the asylum. Thackray has been a resident of Cottage Grove. He is a single man and his insanity has been coming on for the past three or four years. He was born in England and is a farmer by occupation. He has recently been kept at the county poor farm at Thurston at the expense of his relatives but a few days ago ran away from there. The cause of his insanity is given as trouble regarding property. He was taken to Salem today by Sheriff Johnson, assisted by D M Drake.

A QUESTION.—Albany Herald: Since the certificates of election have been issued to the newly elected city officers it has been discovered that Mr C C Hogue, one of the councilmen-elect from the second ward, had not resided in the ward 90 days as required by the city charter to enable him to become a councilman. It will now be a nice point of law to be decided whether Mr Hogue, who resided in the ward 60 days, can be sworn in as councilman after waiting 30 days longer, whether the council will fill the vacancy, or a special election will be held, or whether M Gradwohl, who received 9 votes less than Mr Hogue will become councilman.

SALE OF UNLIEVED LANDS ORDERED.—The county court this morning issued the following order: "At this time it was ordered by the court that the clerk be and is hereby ordered to issue an alias warrant to the sheriff of Lane county, Oregon, ordering the said sheriff to collect by distress and sale if necessary of all delinquent taxes for the year 1895 which have not been previously levied upon." The foregoing order refers to delinquent lands which the sheriff did not levy upon because of his inability to locate the land or its owners. Taxes to the amount of about \$1000 are due in this manner and will be collected by selling the land.