

THE SHERIFF'S REPLY.

Accuses the County Clerk of Employing Incompetent Help.

EUGENE, OR., March 18, 1897. EDITOR GUARD: In your issue of the 17th, I notice "a statement" by County Clerk Jennings, in which he refers to a statement in the GUARD of March 7th, pronouncing said statement as false.

I claim that the statement of March 7th was true in every particular, although neither my deputies nor myself gave the statement to the GUARD.

As Mr Jennings says, the rolls were turned over to me on Feb. 27th, and being naturally interested to know what my own and my wife's taxes were, I turned to them immediately and discovered there was a mistake of \$8.05 in the extension of my wife's taxes. I was very sorry to find this as I had hoped that Mr Jennings would see to it that I had a reasonably correct roll to collect from this year well knowing how much trouble we had last year about this same matter; therefore, I did not feel justified in going on with the tax collection until the rolls were verified, and the sequel proves that I acted wisely.

Mr Jennings devotes some space to errors in School District No. 51, stating that the amount as originally extended would not raise the amount of money needed. Now I am informed that District No. 51 based their levy on the amount of the assessable property in their district as furnished them by Mr Jennings and they afterwards ascertained that he had given them an incorrect statement of the amount; hence the necessity of all those errors.

He also goes on at some length in regard to the magnitude of the work, making that an excuse for some of the errors. Now I have always supposed that it is just as necessary to add a long column of figures correctly as it is to add a short column of figures correctly. He also states that the law does not require the sheriff to verify this work. Very true; but the law does not contemplate incompetency on the part of the county clerk, and only justice to the taxpayer demands that his taxes shall be charged absolutely correct.

As to Mr Jennings' taking the rolls back, he did so voluntarily. He came into my office Saturday night, March 6th, and took the rolls, with our notes of correction, stating that he would make the proper corrections the next day, Sunday, and would also go over as much of the uncorrected work as he could that day.

The whole trouble about this matter seems to originate in the fact that Mr Jennings seems bound to work in certain members of his family in his office work and make the county pay them just as much or more than they would be obliged to pay competent help for the same work.

In conclusion I will say that I have no quarrel to make with Mr Jennings; I simply contend that I am entitled to a correct roll upon which to collect the taxes of Lane county, and I shall insist on the same, and I sincerely trust that he will eventually learn that fact.

A. J. JOHNSON, Sheriff.

A LIVE PENNOYER HIT.—Mr Pennoyer returned compliments with the Oregonian in the following live manner: "Because Ezra Durand had most truthfully stated, speaking from the Multnomah county jail, that 'this country is suffering from that gold-adoring, unprincipled, vicious duck-hunter Cleveland and his millions' you kindly suggest in your editorial columns that 'I ought to move Pennoyer to bait that old man out.' I felt somewhat disposed to do so, until I found out that 'the old man' was foolish enough to vote for McKinley and a continuation of the duck-hunter Cleveland's gold-adoring policy. I will now let you bail him out. A man that talks right and votes wrong really ought to stay in jail anyway."

FOR CLEANLINESS.—The county board of commissioners at its last session passed a resolution intended to restrict spitting in the hallways, offices of the various officials and court room of the court house. The resolution, of course, is not a law and there is no penalty attached, but the county officials are urged by the board to do their utmost to prevent spitting about the court house building. The city council at its last meeting introduced an ordinance prohibiting spitting on certain sidewalks and public places and the county court has simply seconded the action of the city council.

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EASTERN STAR LODGE.—Mrs M B Conkling of Roseburg, grand secretary of the grand chapter of Eastern Star Lodges, who is visiting with power to organize local lodges of that order, is in the city and, with the assistance of Mrs Helm of Corvallis, grand matron, who is expected to arrive, will organize a local lodge. A meeting was held last night, about 30 ladies being present. It is thought that at least 40 members will be secured for the new lodge. The Eastern Star lodge is the ladies' auxiliary to the A F and A M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

Rough on cattle. Sunshine and snow. Wils Owen is in from the ranch. Floods prevailing south and north. Trout can be legally caught April 1st.

Ben Lurch, of Lamart, visited in Eugene today.

Some sun-bine this afternoon. It was acceptable.

Groups are booting notwithstanding the storm weather.

A little snow this forenoon, but the sun soon melted it.

Mrs D M Risdon is quite ill at the family residence in this city.

The Hotel Eugene office windows are ornamented with neat new signs.

Sam May, of Harrisburg, and T A Millern, of Junction, are in the city.

Miss Howe has returned home from a visit to relatives at Vancouver, Wash.

The county judges' meeting at Portland is still in session. Judge Potter is in attendance.

Salem Journal: Except Driver all good things in Oregon seem to come from Lane county.

The Y W and Y M C A reception has been postponed till a week from Saturday night, March 27.

Venus is now the evening star, and when clear enough can be seen as a bright luminary in the western sky.

A B C Deniston, of Portland, general agent of the Great Northern Railway, was in the city last evening.

Wm Church, Jr., of Portland, died in that city yesterday. He was quite prominent in democratic political circles.

Pres Anderson, formerly of Eugene, is now a Pullman conductor on a train running out of Chicago on the Rock Island railroad.

Baxter Young, of Fall Creek, is in the city with a badly swollen foot after medical advice. His ailment is a bursted vein.

The Campbell-Woodcock building, which will be occupied by Miss Sue Dorris' photograph gallery, is now receiving the inside finishings.

Public rehearsals were held at Villard hall this afternoon by the class in elocution. Quite a number of friends of the class were in attendance.

We have received the report of the minister of finance of the republic of Hawaii. It shows that country to be in a highly prosperous condition.

Yesterday's Lebanon Advance: Rev J A Longbottom and family arrived yesterday from Eugene and have taken up their residence in the C P parsonage.

John R Markley, formerly of Corvallis, is in the City of Mexico and has purchased about 1000 acres of land south of that city suitable for the raising of coffee.

Over the door of a Missouri church is an inscription which reads: "This is the gate of heaven." Just below it is another which says: "Closed by the American Loan Company."

In the Yoncoila, Douglas county, school district, one of the directors hired a man to teach the school, and the other two hired a woman—a former successful teacher—and now they have a fair sized row on their hands.

The Helping Hand, Philomath: Rev F H Neff, of Irving, reports presents from his charge valued at \$37. A nice new suit of clothes was one of the gifts that made the pastor's heart glad and his back warm.

A hat pin five inches long, with a fancy porcelain knob at one end, was recently found in a hog's liver at Spokane, Wash. No further search is being made for the young lady, the relatives having given up all hope.

The hills about the city were covered with snow again this morning and a light coating of the white substance was spread over the valley: It continued to snow for awhile this morning, but soon turned into rain.

Horst Laehmund & Co., filed in Oregon City, a contract with E L Baker, of Sherwood, for 10,000 lbs. of 1897 hops at 9 cents a pound. Seventy-five dollars were paid on execution of the contract, \$400 are to be advanced for picking, and the balance at the time of the delivery of the crop.

A gentleman residing in Wasco county recently invested some \$400 in two lots in Border City, Cal., supposed to be a suburb of Los Angeles, and declaring to learn something of the value of his investment requested his agent to correspond with the county assessor of Los Angeles, and was informed by that official that Border City was 75 miles from Los Angeles, and the two lots referred to were assessed at \$5.

Salem Statesman: In the office of State Superintendent G M Irwin a life diploma was yesterday issued and forwarded to Myra Norris, of Eugene, granted upon the recommendation of the county board of examiners of Lane county. A state certificate was also issued and forwarded to Mary McQueen, of Cottage Grove, upon a like recommendation.

PACIFIC CIRCLE, W. OF W.

Name of the New Organization—A Pacific Coast Venture—One Office from Eugene.

A private letter to Mrs McMurry from one of Oregon's delegates to the Woodmen's Circle Supreme Forest at St Louis conveys the information that the above will be the name of the new jurisdiction. They say the reason they walked out was there was no chance for them to get their reforms through, gain access to the books, or anything else; also their resolution asking for a separate jurisdiction was refused, then they asked to be excused from further attendance, which was granted.

They have effected a temporary organization, will incorporate and be ready for business by the 1st day of April. Oregon gets the executive officer, two managers, one physician Dr Kuykendall of this city; and the advisor.

Groves are advised to pay the March assessment to Supreme Forest as usual and by April 1st they may go into the new organization at rates same as Pacific Jurisdiction, W. of W. The letter closes with the hope that Oregon will have 3000 members by Aug. '98.

THE ORATORIO SOCIETY.—The Eugene Oratorio Society, organized some time ago by some of our leaders in musical circles, is now engaged in regular practice on one of the choicest oratorios obtainable, and splendid progress is being made. The society has a membership of about fifty, providing one of the strongest choruses ever heard in Eugene. The oratorio now rehearsing is composed of solos, duets, trios and choruses, for both male and female voices, arranged with the sweetest melodies ever heard. The society is under the leadership of Prof. F. Nash, of the U. of O., which ensures thorough instruction and excellent interpretation of the composer. It is the intention of the society to present this oratorio to the public in the near future, and in order to add to the strength of the organization an orchestra of six pieces has been added, which commenced rehearsing at the last meeting. In the production of this oratorio we are promised a musical treat which has never been surpassed in Eugene.

THE FIRST PAPER.—There is in the private office of George T Clark, the librarian of the San Francisco free public library, and which may be seen upon request, a rare publication, says the San Francisco Call. It is a copy of the first newspaper published on the Pacific coast, and with it are issues of the same paper. It is the Oregon Spectator, the first number of which appeared in Oregon City, Or. Ter., Thursday, February 5, 1836. It was issued by the Oregon printing Co., J Fleming manager, and edited by W G T Vauit. The papers in the collection run from the date of the first issue and including the 20th of January, 1848. These papers contain much of interest about the early history of Oregon, and they were at one time the property of the Rev R E Parrish. The Oregon Spectator was issued several months before the first California publication, which was the California, when first appeared at Monterey on the 15th of August, 1846.

Don't.—A grumbler in the "don't" column of the Florence West eases up his mind in the following manner: "Don't, ye Eugene people and others from afar, try to make the poor Florence people think you are superior beings from the stars, (see Rider Haggard's story King Solomon's mines.) Some act as though they were masquerading as Sir Henry Curtis, while others might represent Capt John Good, or He of the beautiful white legs. The majority of the people here have been in other places, some of them nearly as large as Eugene or Portland, for instance New York, Chicago and other small places. Eugene is not very far away and your political, social and oratorical standing is as well known here as there."

A NEW LODGE.—Cottage Grove Messenger: J B Metzler, Deputy Supreme Grand Master of the United Artisans, who has been here for the past ten days, has succeeded in organizing a lodge of that order here with a large membership. At their meeting held last Saturday evening an organization was effected and the following officers elected: M A, Ralph Whipple; Superintendent, Mrs Ella Whipple; Inspector, Mrs Minnie Culp; Secretary, N H Martin; Treasurer, P B Sherwood; S C, Mrs P B Sherwood; S I, Mrs Emma Cogswell; J W, Mrs M H Martin; Warden, C A Van Fleet; P M, Dr A Sapp.

FOR SHIPMENT.—Harrisburg Review: Two four horse teams have been engaged hauling hay from the Cook farm this week. Between 25 and 30 tons will be delivered in the city in time for shipment to Portland on the Gypsy which will be up again Sunday.

DIED.—At Lorane, on Saturday, March 18, 1897, Mrs Wm Iman, of pneumonia. She was an old resident of that section.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27.

A Goldsmith is improving slowly. The prettiest snow of all this morning.

Jo Lane is lying at the point of death.

E H Ingham received a carload of sugar today.

Dr Artman of Junction City has gone to Kansas.

Secretary of State H R Kincaid came up from Salem today.

S P Sladden of Portland was an arrival on the afternoon train.

J T Callison & Son received a carload of bran from Portland today.

Mr Belts of Albany is acting as temporary night operator for the S P Co.

Mrs Pengra is moving one block west from her residence into the Christian house.

Mr Winters and family have moved from Willamette and 13th streets to 12th and Hilyard.

A F McClain left for his home in Tacoma this morning after a very pleasant visit in this city.

Fred Flood is now in Spokane, Wash., and has accepted a position on the staff of the Evening Chronicle.

Vernal equinox tomorrow. The days and nights will then be equal, but afterwards the days will begin to grow longer.

A B C Deniston, of Portland gave this office a pleasant call this forenoon. He is traveling passenger agent for the Great Northern railroad.

"Whither," queries the Petersburg Index, in a lachrymose tone of voice, "are drifting?" Can't tell yet; the wave may have an undertow.

E J Frasier returned on the early train this morning from a short visit with his wife who is now receiving medical treatment in St Vincent's hospital.

Roseburg Review: Mr W H Kelley, of Myrtle Creek, has moved to Eugene to give his children the benefit of the excellent educational facilities there.

U S District Attorney Murphy, of Portland, and U S Postoffice Inspector Gordon spent last night in Eugene, returning to Portland on this morning's local train.

Wm Dunn, S P night operator in this city, who was called home to Salem to attend the bedside of his brother, telegraphs that his brother died last evening.

The Southern Pacific Company has begun to raise its track between Oregon City and Clackamas bridge, a distance of about two miles, so as to be above the Willamette river flood. In some places it will have to be raised four or five feet.

Temporary Postmaster.

The bondsmen of ex-Postmaster Craig have selected John S McClure to take charge of the postoffice. This has been rendered necessary by the death of their former appointee and fellow bondman, Dr W V Henderson. Mr McClure has had former postoffice experience, having served as deputy under Mrs Washburn and Mr Craig.

The death of Dr Henderson will probably hasten the appointment of a permanent postmaster. The work of the office has been conducted as usual, without jar or friction since it has been in the hands of the bondsmen, yet the general public would be better satisfied if a recognized permanent head was given charge of the office.

Letter List.

March 17 '97 Burch, Miss Beryl. Fields, Florence Goswold, W H Geer, Joel P Hirsch, Miss G Murray, D B Roe, Mrs Ann Skinner, M J E Thomas, Hartey Tryan, Walt.

A charge of one cent will be made on all letters given out. Persons calling for letters will please state when advertised.

W. V. HENDERSON, Act. P. M.

To-Date Prize-Fight Poetry.

Salem Journal: He is no more, The pug, who wore The pompadour.

A POCKET HUNTER.—The Grant's Pass Courier tells how the miners take out gold almost in sight of that town. It says: Bill Flamme, the pocket hunter, is following a rich seam of gold up the side of a hill within three miles of town. He has already taken out several hundred dollars and the pocket is by no means exhausted.

LOSS OF CATTLE.—The rough weather is causing the death of a large number of young and old cattle throughout the county. Lack of food is reported from every direction. We are informed that buyers of young stock for John Stewart have lost 300 head out of 800. The loss falls upon the local buyers.

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HAS RECOVERED.—The Albany Herald of yesterday says: "Miss Etta Lewis expects to return to Salem Thursday to resume her work as teacher in the public schools in that city. Miss Lewis is one of the victims of the typhoid scourge in that city and has lost several months work."

POSTMASTER HENDERSON DEAD.

His Illness was Brief.—Blood Poisoning the Cause.

Daily Guard, March 20.

Dr. W. V. Henderson died at the Henderson home at Eighth and Pearl streets at 7:20 p m yesterday, March 19, 1897, after an illness of only two weeks' duration. The direct cause of death was blood poisoning, which resulted from a peculiar and unclassified disease which originated in his right leg. The poison was carried all through the system and death followed very quickly.

Deceased was aged 39 years, 10 months and 29 days, having been born on College Hill, a suburb to this city, April 20, 1857. His father, E P Henderson, well remembered as "Uncle Pinky" Henderson, being at that time president of Columbia college, which stood on College Hill, but was later destroyed by fire and rebuilt with stone.

While he was a young child deceased's parents removed to Sonoma county, California in 1860 where they resided three years, after which they returned to Eugene, remaining here ever since. Deceased, after reaching maturity, spent a short time in Washington and in British Columbia, but most of his life was spent in Eugene. He learned the dental trade while a young man and made that his life profession.

At the time of death deceased was a member of the city council, representing the second ward, and only a few weeks ago he was appointed postmaster, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of T J Craig. He was a prominent leader in local political affairs and had occupied positions on the county and state republican committees.

In October, 1884, deceased was married to Miss Mary Miller, daughter of Robert Miller of Lebanon. She died in March, 1887, leaving him with two children, a daughter, Vernita, who is now 10 years of age, and a son, Larry, who is dead.

Deceased was an enthusiastic lodge man. He was a member of four different orders, namely, A F & A M; Helmet Lodge, No 33, Knights of Pythias; Eugene Camp, No 115, Woodmen of the World; and the recently organized lodge of Elks. He was an attentive worker in lodge matters and held the title of past master of Eugene Lodge, No 11, A F & A M; past chancellor of Helmet Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and past commander of Eugene Camp, Woodmen of the World. He was also a member of the Eugene fire department, having held a certificate with the Eugene Hook and Ladder Company.

Besides his daughter, Vernita, deceased leaves a mother, Mrs E P Henderson, one sister, Mrs George Thurston, and three brothers, E K, who is engaged in the drug business in this city, M S, who is now in Eastern Oregon, and C S, who is employed at the state lunatic asylum in Salem.

The funeral services will be held at the late residence at Eighth and Pearl streets at 2 p m, Sunday, March 21, Rev W S Gilbert of the First Presbyterian church officiating. At the close of the services at the house the remains will take charge of the remains and convey them to the I. O. O. F. cemetery for interment, being attended by members of the other lodges of which deceased was a member, members of Hook and Ladder company, relations and friends of the family.

There will be twelve pall bearers—six active and six honorary—two each being selected from the different lodges of which deceased was a member and two from the fire department.

EQUINOCTIAL STORM PERIOD.—Some weeks ago Rev Ira Hicks, of St Louis, who claims to be able to figure out far in advance weather conditions which are to exist, predicted the recent storms, and his weather program will not be completed until March has passed and a foot or two more snow has fallen before April 1st. His forecast schedules a big blizzard to begin March 18th and ending on March 25th. Inasmuch as Hicks' predictions have been remarkably correct so far during 1897, this prophecy will be the occasion for the public watching the clouds with a great deal of interest. Hicks has numerous followers all through the country, who accept his predictions as of much more value than the government weather bureau's prognostications, because once in a while Hicks strikes it rightly.

ELECTED PHYSICIAN.—The bolting delegates of Oregon and Colorado from the Supreme Forest of the Woodmen's Circle, the ladies' auxiliary of the Woodmen of the World, have organized a new jurisdiction. Dr Kuykendall has been elected physician of the seceding jurisdiction.

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A BIG SHEEP.—A very large dressed mutton was placed on sale in Patterson's meat market today. The sheep was a wether and was raised in the eastern part of the county. When butchered it was quite two years old and weighed 180 pounds dressed. It netted its owner \$5.00.

PHILOLOGIAN SOCIETY.

Active Interest in Society Affairs.—Questions Debated.

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The society was called to order at the usual time with President Hanna in the chair. E J Pearl was appointed on declamation for two weeks hence and W S Young on prepared address for four weeks hence. L G Bradley and C L Templeton were appointed on debate with L A Read and A N Eaton as respective colleagues.

W H Ross gave an extemporaneous address on "The Value of a College Training" and C E Woodson favored the society with a prepared address on "The Dangers of Altruism."

The subject for debate next Friday evening is, "The Initiative and Referendum" with Carl Narregan and O E Hemenway as leaders. M L Applegate will have a prepared address and Geary Kimbrell will deliver a declamation.

The question "Resolved, that on the whole during the last fifty years the improvement in machinery has been beneficial to the laboring classes," was debated; on the affirmative by J O Vanwinkle, A H Eaton, C E Woodson, G W Gilbert, J C Higgins, M L Applegate and Chas L Templeton. The negative was maintained by V E Boardman, Mr Strund, Oil Starosoll, Mr Holt, L R Alderman and W S Young. The range of the debate was very wide. The effects of improvement in machinery was discussed in all its phases. Many economic principles were applied by the older members and taken exceptions to by the younger members. After a careful summary the president rendered his decision in favor of the affirmative.

We note with pleasure the interest that is being taken in society work. During the present term the average attendance has been good. With many of the members everything is subordinated to the society on Friday evenings. The action of the Sophomore class in giving their entertainment on Saturday evening instead of Friday evening is to be commended. The constitution of the class was changed to bring about this event. From the standpoint of an attendant upon society this is one advantage. It is to be hoped that the other classes will take similar action.

SOLD BY THE ACT.

A Mexican Theatre Custom.—The Play-Goer Buys What He Wants.—May Quit the Show With Any Act

The GUARD editor tells the local man about a very curious theatre custom in Mexico. Admission is sold by act in the theatres. If the show is satisfactory, and the Mexican has more money, he will buy another piece. If it is bad he can quit at any time. The show is thus sold, comparatively speaking, by the yard, the same as if a customer should go to a store and buy a certain amount of calico or cloth.

If the custom was introduced into this country it might improve the quality of the shows. They would be surprised and pained to see the audience rise en masse at the end of the first act, and walk out, leaving nothing but bare benches for the actors to play to. We vote for the extension of that good old Mexican custom to this neck of the woods.

A Widely Distributed Pest.

In answer to inquiries by J A Jackson of Cottage Grove concerning a worm often found by him A B Cordley entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural College writes as follows:

Dear Sir:—Your letter with enclosure is at hand. The "worms" sent are the larvae of a well known and widely distributed pest, the Indian Meal moth. They not only feed upon wheat and other grains, but also upon bran, meal, flour, dried fruits, seeds, nuts, roots, herbs, etc. The larvae are hatched from eggs laid among the kernels of wheat, by a dull reddish brown moth about 1/4 of an inch across. Laid in the warm summer months they are capable of multiplying very rapidly and may do considerable damage, not only by feeding upon the germ of the grain, but perhaps by "felt" the grains together with their webs.

The best method of destroying them is as follows:

For each 100 bushels of grain take one pound of Bisulphide of Carbon, place in an open dish on top of the grain and if possible cover with a blanket, or shut the building tightly and keep closed for 48 hours. Then ventilate the building thoroughly. Use no light about the building until it is well ventilated.

DIED.—William Gearhart, an old and well known pioneer citizen, died of old age at his home a few miles west of this city yesterday, March 19, 1897, at the age of 79 years. Deceased leaves two sons. The funeral took place today, the remains being interred in the Mulkey cemetery.