

A Former Eugeneite on the High Road to Success.

The following from the La Grande Gazette is concerning a son of the late Stukely Ellsworth. The young man was born in this city:

"Mark Ellsworth, a rising young actor, formerly a resident of La Grande, arrived by Friday evening's train from New York City for a month's visit in his native state.

"Since last September he has been with the Madame Sans Gene Comedy Company, composed of upwards of sixty dramatic artists. In about the last six months this company, of which Mr Ellsworth is assistant manager, has played to splendid business in nearly all important cities in the United States and Canada. The tour has covered over 25,000 miles.

"Previous to this tour, Mr Ellsworth played a nine months' traveling season with the powerful Shakespearean company of Frederick Warde and Louis James, the famous tragedians.

"Munsey's magazine recently stated that the period of the French Imperial Court, when Napoleon dictated to the earth, was presented by the Madame Sans Gene Company in such 'true to life' costumes, jewelry and scenery as to be probably the most costly and gorgeous of anything displayed on the mine stage during the past year anywhere throughout the world. The Imperial court dresses of many of the ladies cost no less than about \$500 each, and other stage costumes were in proportion.

"After several years work amidst such scenes, Mr Ellsworth has not forgotten the true worth of his native state, of whose present and future he is ever justly proud. He is as unassuming and genial as of yore, and is greatly elated to spend his short vacation amongst true and tried friends whom he knew so favorably before growing good fortune came to him in running-over measure in his chosen calling of a professional actor."

A STRANGE INCIDENT.—D P Sheridan of Walker reports a strange incident which occurred on his farm. He missed a ewe and after the animal had been gone for over two weeks she was found by some loggers lying on her back in a helpless position by a log on a sidehill. Though she had been in that position for two weeks she was still alive. The wool and skin were worn away from the side of her head where she had pounded it upon the ground in the effort to rise and her legs were stiff from inactivity. The poor animal was rescued from her painful position and given water and food and is now doing quite well though not yet able to stand upon her feet.

OREGON PAID THE BILL.—Salem Journal: The book known as "The Early Indian Wars of Oregon," compiled by Mrs Victor and published by the state and for sale at actual cost of printing and compilation, does not seem to sell very fast. The actual cost of putting 2,000 copies out amounted to \$3 per copy and few people desire to pay that much for the book. It is a well written book and well bound and a valuable acquisition to any library. Writing and publishing history works by the state is expensive business.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—A man named Moon was presented with a daughter by his wife. That was a new moon. The old man was so overcome with joy that he went off and got drunk. That was a full moon. And when he got sober he had but 25 cents left. That was the last quarter. But when the old lady met him with a rolling pin there was a total eclipse with a comet in the distance.

DIED.—Wm H Landon, aged 98 years, died of old age at the home of his son, Charles Landon, at Mohawk today. Deceased leaves three daughters and one son. The funeral will be held tomorrow and the remains interred in the Baxter cemetery.

The Mongolian pheasant has commenced laying, and ere long a host of recruits for next season's shooting will be hatched.

The "Central Law Journal," published at St Louis, Missouri, of April 23, contains a very interesting article from the pen of Charles A Hardy, a member of the law firm of Thompson & Hardy, of this city, on "The power of a court of equity to authorize the issue of receiver's certificates."

Cottage Grove Messenger: Prof W H Powell and wife left Monday to spend the summer at Moonmouth. The Professor and wife will be sadly missed by their many friends, but we are glad to note that they will again take up their residence here as soon as the next term of school opens, as Mr Powell has been again engaged as principal.

In conversation with a GUARD reporter today Mr Ross, who it was said in yesterday's GUARD had killed a sick horse by order of stock inspector Young, said he agreed to kill the animal, but upon consulting with an attorney he changed his mind, and now says that if the city authorities wish the animal killed they must attend to it.

Last day of April. New moon today. Tramps numerous.

Mrs R Fisher is some better today. A J Pickard went to Corvallis today. D P Sheridan of Walker, is in Eugene.

J M Shelly was in town again last evening. R C Brooks and wife went to Corvallis this afternoon.

I F Tobey, of the Portland Orphans Home, is in the city. W L Toze has been appointed postmaster at Woodburn.

Willamette street ought to be sprinkled to the depot. Looks like rain. Hope it will materialize as it is needed.

The fatalities known in the Oklahoma flood number twenty. Alta, with a trotting record of 2:09 died yesterday in Portland.

Rev G A Blair returned to his home in Portland this afternoon. Just 120 days of 1897 have passed away and 245 are yet to come.

C A Davis and W J Mulkey of Pleasant Hill were in Eugene today. It will pay to stand in with the bicycle riders. They are in the majority.

The tariff bill will not be reported to the Senate for probably a month yet. The school directors met this morning and transacted only routine business.

Tony Fountain, formerly of Eugene is now running a boot black stand in Corvallis.

Miss Mamie Wilson of Gold Hill, is acting as Postal Telegraph operator in George Gray's office.

Rev Q H Shinn, the Universalist missionary, was greeted by another good audience in Mount's hall last night.

We understand that Wm Miller will build a large fruit dryer on his farm north of Eugene in time to handle this season's crop.

The Eugene Tennis Club has placed the club grounds on East Eleventh street in shape and commenced playing last evening.

Rev J M Dick of Camp Creek, who has been spending the winter in Mexico for the benefit of his health has arrived home.

The little town of Lebanon has already raised the necessary funds for a Fourth of July celebration. Eugene should begin the work soon.

Prof J D Leitcher went to Creswell this afternoon to address the teacher's institute at that place. He is a pleasant speaker, and is well read.

Miss Minnie Ellensburg, whose folks resided in Eugene a number of years ago, died at Drain Monday morning of consumption, aged 28 years.

Roseburg Review: Lumber was placed on the ground this week to Judge Fullerton's new residence in West Roseburg, and work on it will be pushed rapidly from this time.

The coroner's jury in Portland investigating the street car accident report the speed of the car too great. The broken axle was mentioned as contributing to the accident.

While in the city today Dr B F Russell, of Thurston, had a sudden attack of illness. Dr Loomis was called who pronounced it heart disease. The patient has now recovered.

Dr W S Hamilton, a brother of ex-prosecuting attorney J W Hamilton, was married at Roseburg, Wednesday evening to Miss Queenie Klidder. They took an ocean bridal tour to San Francisco.

Cottage Grove Messenger: J I Jones, the sawmill man of Sagnaw, last week received an order for 100,000 feet of lumber for the Denver & Rio Grande R R, in Utah, which order he at once filled.

Norris Humphrey and family will leave for Ashland tomorrow to spend a month in hopes that the change of climate will be beneficial to the health of Mrs Humphrey which has been poorly for some time.

J R Bryson and wife, and J Fred Yates and wife, of Corvallis, left Thursday for the East, the former to New York for medical treatment, the latter to the general Presbytery of the Presbyterian church.

Roseburg Review: Prof Kendall of Cottage Grove, came up on Tuesday's local en route to his home in the Southern part of the state. Douglas and Lane to him have lost all charms, and in sleeketh pastures new.

Harrisburg Review: Four Eugene cyclists rode down Saturday. As they found the roads rather rough the two ladies took the 1:20 train for Irving where they would be joined by the gentlemen and will ride on home.

Cottage Grove Messenger: Mr H J Day came up from Eugene Tuesday morning and took his place in the shop and seems to be at home in his new surroundings. His family will come up when school ends, about the first of June.

How the Day was Celebrated in Eugene 33 years ago.

We have been handed a copy of the Eugene Review, of May 5, 1864, which has long since been dead, from which we take the following:

On Tuesday last the May Festival of the little maidens of our town's schools was held on Skinner's Butte. The morning dawned inauspiciously for the festival, but gracious Providence withheld from the chosen ground the showers which could be seen shedding their grateful rains upon the distant hill tops and slopes, to gladden the hearts of husbandsmen. Streams of sunshine played over and about the butte where her Majesty of May was to hold her Fairy Court till noontide, and the chilling breezes that forerun the rains beyond were tempered to soft zephyrs, balmy to the sense and innocuous to the forms of the buoyant hearted maid of lightly-attired, youthful maidens, who flitted and sported there. By 10 o'clock all were assembled, the Fairy Court and scores of little fellows, with their parents, and about one hundred young ladies and young men, come to do honor to the festival, and to view the pretty exercises of the day. The committee of young men to whom had been assigned the duty of preparing the grounds had handsomely performed their part. Under an umbrageous oak the May throne was erected, and fair hands had beautifully decorated it with evergreens and flowers. A lovely wreath, intended for the regal crown of the fair young Queen, was tastefully suspended from the arching boughs of the oak, which formed a charming canopy. The joyous ceremonies were timely inaugurated. The thronging and coronation of the chosen Queen of May, Miss Phoebe Skinner, daughter of our pioneer settler, Mr Eugene F Skinner, was gracefully performed. Radiant in her youthful beauty looked the fair Queen of the Florida, and her attire and adornment were sweetly becoming. The young maidens, also charmingly attired, attended as Maids of Honor. A song of joyous greeting to her Majesty of May was sung, to which she responded in a brief and happy address in verse. Music followed, then a welcome to the May Queen, delivered by Mr Marlon Gale. It was an appropriate and beautiful production, teeming with pretty traditional allusions, fine metaphors and happy gems of poetry and song. This part of the ceremonial over, the festival procession was performed. In the lap of the grassy gentle slope the May Pole stood. From base to top it was wreathed and garlanded with wild and cultivated flowers interwined with twigs of evergreens, and from its head an American flag waved to the breeze of the breeze. From the regal bower, around the May Pole, and across the sward to the large and handsomely arranged refreshment booth, in which delicacies and substantial were alluringly spread in liberal profusion to afford full feast to all, the gentlemen and youths present formed in open order. Then the May Queen, attended by her Maids of Honor, and followed by the maidens and ladies present as spectators, marched along through the open lines, while music gave charm and effect to the scene. Among those present to view and honor the merry festival was an aged dame whose years have spanned a century, and yet aided only by her staff, she had performed the long and tire some walk up the Butte from town. The report had hardly concluded when threatening storm clouds warned the gay throng that the festivities must speedily cease. Accordingly, after a promenade about the grounds and parting salutations to the May Queen from her Court, the merry time upon the Butte terminated, and all repaired to their homes. This movement was made none too soon, for a heavy shower soon drenched the earth. The festival was a joyous happy one, and may the day in succeeding years be as prettily, appropriately and delightfully observed.

"In the evening a ball was given by Homer Smith at the St Charles Hotel, and it was a very joyous affair. Music, dancing, and the supper, were much enjoyed, and all the guests delighted."

[Mrs Phoebe K nsey, a resident of Eugene, was the May Queen above alluded to. Will that lady, or some pioneer, inform the GUARD who the aged lady was "whose years have spanned a century?"]

Present Ownership Plots.

Assessor Burton is supplying his deputies who are assessing throughout the country with present ownership plots of the townships in which one is to assess. The plots are photographed on card board from the present ownership book of Lane County, and greatly facilitate the assessment work, as each person's land in the township is shown on the plot.

MARRIED.—In Eugene, Oregon May 1 1897, by A E Wheeler, J P. M. Howard Tyler and Miss Ella Norwood, all of Lane county, Oregon.

BORN.—April 30, 1897, to the wife of Henry Baum, at Long Tom, a son.

The New S P Schedule Went Into Effect at Noon Today.

The new Southern Pacific time table went into effect this morning. The new schedule is as follows:

OVERLAND. No 15, overland for Portland, 4:19 a.m. No 16, overland for San Francisco, 11:28 p.m.

ROSEBURG LOCAL. No 17, local for Portland, 10:50 a.m. No 18, local for Roseburg, 2:04.

FREIGHTS. No 31, freight for San Francisco, 9:15 a.m. No 32, freight for Portland, 5:25 p.m.

This makes the northbound overland an hour later than under the old schedule, the southbound two hours and thirty minutes earlier, while the time of the southbound local remains the same. The northbound freight remains the same and the southbound is two hours and thirty five minutes later than formerly. The Salem local has been taken off.

Fire at Lafayette.

A big fire occurred at Lafayette Wednesday night at 11:30. The following account is given of it: "Fire broke out in the candy store of Edward Close and burned everything up that was in the building. The citizens responded to the alarm, but found it impossible to save the four buildings almost adjoining, as, by the time help arrived the postoffice and Powell's meat shop were almost half burned. Adjoining the meat market was Dr. Watt's office which was soon eaten up by the flames. Dr Watt's office fixtures and medicines were burned. He carried no insurance on his building or drugs. The candy store, where the fire originated, it is estimated, was worth between \$1000 and \$1200, and was insured for \$600. The building was owned by J J Hembree.

In the postoffice most of the letter mail was saved, together with about \$5 worth of stamps, two or three mail sacks and the books of the office. Postmaster John Thompson says that about \$200 worth of stamps were burned. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective flue."

AT THE SUMMIT.—E Beeler and Abe Gilbert, who took a load of supplies to the Steve Rigdon place on the Middle Fork, which was recently purchased by them, arrived home yesterday. While there they went on as far as the summit to make an investigation and found two and one-half feet of snow. The roads are in good condition for this time of year and are free from obstructions so that teams would have no difficulty in getting through. On the way home Mr Beeler and Mr Gilbert met two teams heavily laden with supplies and bound for Eastern Oregon. They will probably make the trip across all right, though the road is not usually open before the latter part of May or first of June.

OSTER PROPAGATION.—Prof Washburn of the State University is taking considerable interest in the propagation of Eastern oysters in Oregon waters, and has expressed his willingness to devote his vacation this summer to looking after the oysters in Yaquina bay and investigating the waters of other bays, etc., if his expenses were paid. A letter has been received from United States Commissioner Brice, stating that the commission takes great interest in the proposed investigation of the waters of Oregon with reference to their adaptability to Eastern oysters, and has authorized Professor Washburn to carry on such inquiries, the commission defraying the expenses of the work.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—The Harrisburg Review says Hamilton Bishop, who resides near the foothills east of that town, met with a serious accident last week. While engaged in hauling posts on a sled down the mountain, the load slipped precipitating Mr Bishop between the horses and the load, the posts falling upon him. The team became frightened and ran away, dragging the sled over the unfortunate man, breaking three ribs and inflicting other serious injuries. Mr Bishop was unable to rise but by waving his hat attracted the attention of a man working near who went to his assistance.

Does Good.—Though not a single arrest has yet been made for that case, yet no one can deny that the "spit" ordinance has been beneficial. If you doubt this assertion examine the sidewalks and public stairways of the business portion of the city. Where a few weeks ago pools of the vilest filth existed on the pavements, it is clean now.

ARM BROKEN.—A six-year old son of Ole Larsen, who lives three miles southwest of Eugene, while at school below town, yesterday fell from a fence breaking one of his arms midway between the wrist and elbow. Dr McCormack was called and set the injured member.

FIRE AT FRANKLIN.—A D Hurlbert's general store burned at Franklin last night with all its contents. The cause of the fire is unknown, and the flames were under good headway before discovered. The building and contents were insured for \$1500 which will fully cover the loss.

E E Catron, of Monmouth, is in the city.

Ed Bangs left this morning for Bette, Montana. Miss Belle Millican arrived on the afternoon train.

Mrs G B Hovenden was a passenger to Hubbard today. Attorney E R Skipworth and family returned from Portland today.

I F Tobey, of the Portland Orphans Home, returned to Portland today. A number of children held a May Day picnic across the river north of town today.

George Turner and Miss Hala Rice of Linn county, are visiting relatives in this city. B J Deadmond and J A Deadmond have commenced suit against A L Stevens for \$45.

Eugene Eastham arrived on the afternoon train and will visit with Eugene relatives. Chas Chitwood, who was clerking in Hemenway's drug store has returned to his home in Ashland.

Sid Scott returned from Yoncalla last night with the Vance boy, whom he arrested in that vicinity. A town nine and the Springfield baseball nine crossed bats on Springfield's ground this afternoon.

County Clerk Jennings today granted a marriage license to Howard Tyler, aged 24 and Ella Norwood, aged 18.

W A Perkins and Joe Lyons have commenced suit in the Lane county circuit court to recover \$269 from W J Snodgrass and George Smith. The bicycle excursion to Springfield this afternoon was not largely attended owing to many wheelmen being out of town on picnic excursions.

J W West, who has been spending the winter in Southern California, arrived today from San Francisco. He reports a pleasant trip but is satisfied to get back to Eugene. This morning was dog day on Willamette street. Sixteen were counted at once on two blocks. A good time for the dog catcher to have put in an appearance.

The first game of an intercollegiate series of baseball was to have been played on the Albany ground today by the Oregon Agricultural college nine and the Albany College nine. Rev W G Templeton of Dallas, Texas, who has been called to take the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian church arrived on the 2:04 train. His family will remain in Texas for the present.

The Y P S C E of the Christian church met at the residence of Prof MerEloy last evening and disposed of the routine business of the regular monthly business meeting, after which a social session was held. The U B Endeavor society met at the home of Miss Audrey Close in the basement of Deady hall last night and transacted the business of the regular monthly meeting, after which a short social session was held.

Junction Lodge I O O F invites bids for fencing in their cemetery grounds west of Junction. Oak posts, sixteen feet apart, with one board and seven wires will be used except for the line adjoining the road, which will be pickets painted white. The governor yesterday received a letter from the chief of ordinance of the United States army, announcing that the government is ready to exchange 45-caliber Springfield rifles for other than 45-caliber arms in the possession of the Oregon National Guard. Orders preparatory to making the exchange will be issued.

The executive board of the State Agricultural Society has addressed a letter to Albert Tozier, secretary of the Oregon Press Association, asking that the association set apart a day during the coming state fair for "Press Day," and that the editors and publishers visit the fair in a body. The proposition will hardly be accepted for the reason the Press Association will take its outing at Baker City this year, where preparations will be made for a reasonable entertainment of the members.

TIMBER SUIT DISMISSED.—In the United States circuit court in Portland yesterday Judge Gilbert, on motion of defendant's attorneys, dismissed the bill in the case of the United States vs. the Harlsburg Mill Company. This suit was begun about a year ago to recover some \$15,000, the value of timber cut for the company off government land. The party who had cut the timber, it appears, had filed an entry on the land; but had not proved up. Since the suit was commenced he has proved up and become the owner of the land, and as the government has no longer a claim on it, the suit was dismissed.

The Young-U'Ren Leaders of the Populist Party Playing Into Republican Hands.

Controlled by Joe Simon and Harvey Scott.

The Roseburg Review makes the following caustic comment on the present leadership of the Populist party, which is evidently being used as a tail for the Republican kite, and against reforms that it is only possible to bring about by a sensible union of reform forces. The Review says: "Evidently the recent alleged populist-state committee meeting was a cut and dried affair, to which only the tried and true henchmen of Young and U'Ren were invited. Senator Will R King, chairman of the peoples party county committee of Baker, published a card in the Baker City Epigram in which he says: "I am county central committee man for Baker county, being elected to that position by our last county convention. I was not present at the reported meeting of the state central committee at Portland, either in person, by letter or by proxy, for the reasons that I was not notified in any way that such meeting was to be held,—the first information received concerning it, being newspaper reports."

"It is evident that the Young-U'Ren crowd who hob-nobbed with Joe Simon at Salem last winter and later dined with Harvey Scott, have taken the contract to keep the silver-reform forces of Oregon divided, and the Portland meeting was the first step in that direction. They will fail in their attempt because a middle-of-the-road populist ticket will not receive enough votes to affect the result in the state."

CHOPPING OFFICIAL HEADS.

The busiest man in the US is the one who appoints 4th class postmasters. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow is keeping up his record of over 100 appointments every day. Tuesday 116 was the actual number, 53 of which were to fill vacancies caused by death and resignations and 61 having been removed at the expiration of four year's service. Mr Bristow is the most easily approachable man that ever filled the office of "headsman" and wants of scores of congressmen every day. Of course, this interferes with the transaction of business, but when the visitors have ceased to come then he turns his attention to the work before him and frequently does not get away from his desk before midnight.

The Portland Welcome is after State Superintendent Irwin in a warm manner. It says: He recently issued a circular, which shows that he isn't fit for the principal ship of any graded school in the state. Here are a few specimens of this superintending educator's composition: "To look over the statistics one is impressed," etc. He means "by looking." Again: "This is only one of the duties of the county superintendent, that he should acquit himself," etc. A man who understands the use of English language would have made a shorter, clearer and stronger sentence by saying: "It is also the duty of the county superintendent to acquaint himself," etc. eliminating five useless and cumbersome words. But, worse than this, he says: "Where good government, loyalty and love of country is inculcated." One might forgive the tautology, but the "is" in a superintendent of public instruction's circular to county superintendents is unpardonable. A man may be an excellent citizen, and even a good official, who does not understand grammar, and who has no conception of the proper use of the English language; but he shouldn't be placed in charge of the educational interests of the state.

Green's rustled pell mell into war, got defeated, and blames her king and the government. A fickle populace.