

COUNTY COURT WAR.

The Judge and Clerk of Lincoln County Having a Monkey and Parrot Time.

The row over in Lincoln county between the county court and the county clerk, has reached the acute stage. The county judge is not allowed by the clerk to pass behind the railing in the latter's office, but is required to stand outside like the common herd, and call for whatever papers or documents he may have official use for.

This parrot and monkey time is the result of the act of the county court in arbitrarily pruning the salary of the county clerk to \$1,200 per year. Clerk Jones was elected by the people with the understanding that his salary would be \$1,800 per year.

The Item Correct.

Cottage Grove Messenger: "A news item is going the rounds of the press, credited to the Eugene GUARD, stating that Lane county stock men have received this year \$250,000.00 for cattle sold dealers."

Hops.

Today's Salem Statesman: "Five hop contracts were filed with the county clerk yesterday, the party of the second part in each instance being Hervey & Levy."

School Report.

The following is the report of the Rush Island public school, district No 81 for the first school month of the year: No enrolled 24; total No days attendance 451; total No days absence 80; No times tardy 2; per cent of attendance 95.

To BE FIXED UP.—The lodge room in the I O O F building is to undergo some repairs that will make an added improvement there. The walls are to be covered with lignum paper, the ceiling frescoed and on the sides and ceiling are to be placed various emblems of the order.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

J W Eldridge and wife of Florence, are in the city.

Cottage Grove will have a Fourth of July celebration.

C F Hubbard, of Junction, spent last night in Eugene.

Attorney J E Young, of Cottage Grove, visited Eugene today.

The cement work on the State Journal office has been completed.

Miss A J Johnson went to Creswell this afternoon for a few days visit.

Charles Kissenger of this city has been commissioned a notary public.

James Oment of Cottage Grove, has gone to Eastern Oregon on a visit.

John Handsaker and Miss Majors went to Junction City this afternoon.

W H Simons, an extensive cattle buyer of Gibson City, Illinois, is in Eugene.

Mrs J W Eldridge of Florence left on this morning's train for Flint, Michigan.

Paul Wessinger, of Portland, manager of Weinhard's brewery, is in Eugene today.

S J Smith and M H Maloney, traveling auditors of the S P R R, spent last night in Eugene.

Bert Williams returned to his home at Spokane yesterday, after a week's visit with his parents here.

The seniors of the U of O have chosen Miss Lotta Johnston class poet and Miss Edith Veazle orator.

Miss Alice Denny, of Astoria, a former U of O student is visiting at the residence of Drew Griffin.

Abram Brandt, of Portland, formerly master mechanic of the O & C R R, died in that city last evening.

Chief of Police Stiles sold a horse today, which had been impounded, for \$6, E Bangs being the purchaser.

Trout are biting good now. Hugh Renshaw caught a dozen fine ones near the head of the race yesterday.

Miss Alice Dorris, a professor in McMinnville college will attend the Chicago University Summer School.

Kap K Kubli, a graduate of the University of Oregon, is in the city shaking hands with old acquaintances.

J E Vincent, aged 58 years, the father of Druggist H A Vincent of Eugene, died at North Yakima, Wash., May 14.

Mrs Frank Goodman went to Cottage Grove this afternoon to join her husband who has went into business in that city.

Roseburg Plaindealer: Mrs L N Roney and Mrs L G Adair of Eugene, are visiting in this city, the guests of Mrs S C Flint.

Scarlet fever, diphtheria and scarletina are still prevalent in Salem. The result of inadequate sewerage and drainage facilities.

In yesterday's GUARD an item stated that Chas Knoche was visiting his mother Mrs Elwgen. It should have said that Charles was visiting his aunt.

A force of men are at work on the addition to S H Friendly's warehouse. Such improvements are evidences that the products of the county are on the increase.

Salem Journal: The boys have a "prosperity" job on J J Murphy, his superb brick blocks being vacant for the first time in many years, just since McKinley's inauguration.

Fred Fisk went to Portland on this morning's local train to take part as the representative of the state of Oregon in the Northwest Inter-state collegiate oratorical contest, which takes place in that city tomorrow evening.

Woodburn Independent: "Rev C B Davis and family left here Tuesday morning for their old home in Eugene, where they will reside in the future."

Mr Davis has been the U B pastor at this place for the past two years and has made many warm friends during his stay here who are sorry to see him and his family take their departure from our midst."

To Build a Church.

Charles Collier was today surveying the lot on which the Christian church is located, preparatory to tearing down the old structure, which will be replaced by one much larger and more modern.

The necessary funds for its erection have practically been raised and it is expected the work will commence during the coming week.

COTTAGE GROVE ITEMS.—Messenger: "Eakin & Bristow, the bankers, received direct from the sub-treasury at San Francisco Monday 2,000 silver half dollars."

Mrs J R Hayes of Harrisburg, was in town the first of the week, and we are informed she contemplates the erection of hotel building at once."

DEAD.—Some of our readers will probably remember Andrew Aitman who resided in Eugene and vicinity several years ago. A letter received today, by the GUARD, from Waterman, Grant county, Oregon, brings the news that Mr Aitman is dead.

TAX ROLLS TO CLOSE.

Sheriff Johnson Announces Officially that the Rolls Will Close Monday, May 24, at 6 P. M.

One Per cent Addition to July. Daily Guard, May 21.

To a GUARD reporter this afternoon Sheriff Johnson made the statement that the tax roll would be declared delinquent Monday, May 24, at 6 P. M.

No delinquent roll will be made out, however, until July 1, and those paying before that date will be charged the sum of 1 per cent additional.

This has been made necessary as payment has practically stopped. After July 1 the property will be advertised as delinquent and the usual 3 per cent and costs will be added.

People Talked About.

Carey F Martin in the Journal "Hon S H Friendly of Eugene, was a caller at state departments last week, and was indeed a welcome visitor."

He is what we call a public spirited man and ranks high in that small, yet honorable class of men who place public good ahead of personal benefit.

With every enterprise tending toward the development of the community in which he lives you will find the name of Mr Friendly connected.

He made one of the most progressive mayors the five little city of Eugene ever had and is at present one of the most active regents of Oregon's state university.

He is a short, heavy set, middle aged man. A successful merchant. He has an estimable wife and several very pleasant and accomplished daughters who have accepted their father's bounty of all the benefits of a complete higher education.

"Hon A C Woodcock and Col N B Knight, the two attorneys engaged by Secretary of State Kincaid, to defend him in the ten or dozen suits brought against him by people who are trying to get money from the state when there is no money to get, are two distinct types of lawyers and make a powerful team. Woodcock is to my eye an ideal judge. Short and straight in stature but wide-out and heavy, being just about portly enough to look well."

He has a good shaped head, well balanced on his shoulders and exclaims as a careful, conscientious, wise lawyer. He is a lawyer in whom his own people have confidence. Woodcock excels in careful, mature judgment.

In poker venacular, I believe the two will make a pair that will defeat any hand which can be drawn, a royal flush not excepted."

One Month's Work.

John McMahan has just been placed in the penitentiary for life for murder committed on April 21, in Grant county. McMahan, a resident of Baker City, heard that stories derogatory of the character of his sister, Miss Cecelia McMahan, aged 19 years, were in circulation, and he at once decided that Louis Guthridge, postmaster at Granite, was the author of them. He therefore, proceeded to Granite and on Wednesday, April 21st, the men met; trouble at once ensued and Postmaster Guthridge was shot through the heart by McMahan, dying instantly. Louis Guthridge, a brother of the infuriated man's victim, attempted to disarm and apprehend the murderer, when he too, was shot in the face, receiving a dangerous wound.

A RIDER.—Portland Chronicle: "Will Murray our outside bicycle rider, took a trip to Eugene, Oregon, last week, making the trip of 152 miles by cyclometer, actual road time, in 12 hours and 45 minutes. Will made the trip from Portland to Oregon City and from Aurora to Salem without dismounting arriving at Salem in 4 hours and 15 minutes. The last five miles before reaching Eugene the passenger train overtook him and gave him a lively race—the road was good, on a down grade with the wind in his favor—arriving at Eugene at the same time the train did, making this trip in 11 minutes and 50 seconds. As Will went to a C E Convention and is a modern Geo. Washington, we can safely say that the story is true. Murray is going to be without doubt the hardest road rider in the state."

This must have been from Irving to Eugene, and the wagon road in that distance is at least a quarter of a mile longer than the railroad.

MAYOR KUYKENDALL.

Has A Letter Concerning the City's Financial Condition.

EDITOR GUARD: My friend Matlock seems to have been considerably agitated over my recent message on the finances of our city. I hope, now that he has explained the matter to his entire satisfaction, that he feels better and will come down and have a glass of ice cream soda with me this evening. But after all, I have no corrections or changes to make in my message. In it I gave a correct statement of the indebtedness of the city April 1, 1897. I did not speak, in that matter, until I knew what I was talking about. The figures are there to speak for themselves and may be compared with the city books by any one interested.

Just why Mr Matlock would have considered a full statement of the financial standing of the city a personal attack on him I do not know. In writing my message I did not have the remotest intention of casting any reflection upon him, nor upon our very efficient recorder. If anything I said can be construed, I am sorry. It was not so intended. It is my purpose in every act of my administration, to be governed by a spirit of perfect fairness to all. I hope no other spirit was manifested in my financial message.

While the books will show that my statement of indebtedness was substantially correct, perhaps I ought to explain briefly the various criticisms made by Mr Matlock. The items of our debt are five only, as follows: Bonds, interest on bonds, warrants, interest on warrants, and bills not yet allowed. He agrees that I gave the first two correctly. On the third item, outstanding warrants, I gave \$13,330.73; he an amount \$184.78 less. He says he went to the treasurer's books for this, and he evidently did, forgetting that the treasurer has account only of registered warrants. Only a few days ago, unregistered warrants to the amount of \$49.00 turned up that were over a year old. There are others unregistered which account for the balance of the \$184.78. On the fourth item he says I made a mistake of \$8.89 on the accrued interests on warrants. Possibly I did. It is equally possible that the error is his. I am sure I shall not recompute the interest on those \$13,330.73 in warrants to find out who erred. In the last item of the debt, he says I made a mistake of \$100. If he will take the pains to go to the recorder's book he will find that on April 13, bills were allowed for \$46.85, just as he has it; but at the same time bills for \$123.33 were referred to the finance committee and were ordered paid at the next meeting. This accounts for the missing \$100.

It will thus be seen that my statement that the indebtedness of the city April 1, 1897, was \$30,137.73 is substantially correct.

Mr Matlock further claims that my statement: "that the city has reduced its debt about \$50 during the past year" is an error. The true reduction being \$202.84. I will give the figures condensed, by which I arrived at my conclusion. A man cannot pay out on an indebtedness, in a given time, more money than the sum of what he has on hand, and what he has taken in during that time. So with the city. Now the treasurer's report and books show that he received \$11,283.60, not one dollar more. Was all of this paid out on the debt? No, his report shows that there was April 1st \$388.96 balance in the treasury. This is the usual small balance carried over from year to year. Now subtract this from the above total and we have \$11,594.68 actually paid on debts. It will be remembered that we pay the old warrants, with our cash, and issue new warrants for our expenses. Our debt is like a long rope—we cut off one end and braid anew at the other. Now last year we cut off the debt at one end \$11,594.68. While doing this what did we add to the other end? If we can learn this amount we certainly shall know just how much longer or shorter the rope is, than it was a year ago.

We issued last year general fund warrants for \$381.40. Sewer bond interest..... 1228.50 Sewer warrant..... 8.25 And we let interest accumulate on warrants to the amount (est.)..... 627.53 \$11,344.68

That is the amount we added to the other end of the debt. The difference between this sum and \$11,594.68 is \$250, which is the amount by which the debt is smaller than it was a year ago. Now I think that is so plain that a child can understand it. The item of interest on warrants, is estimated and not claimed to be exact, but it is not far astray. Therefore I say "the reduction of indebtedness last year was about \$250."

Finally Mr Matlock winds up by saying "and you have failed to keep your word," about a certain statement. I think when he reads that over in print, and remembers the very kind statement that I offered to make, that he will regret having ever said it. I certainly kept my word to the letter, and not a bit in the spirit of a friend and good brother, to which right I regard

him. But I am painfully aware that all of this is an imposition on you Mr Editor, and upon your readers. The public can have little interest in this whole matter, aside from a plain statement of the financial condition of the city, and I hope we shall hear nothing further of it.

W. KUYKENDALL.

Salvation Army Wedding.

The Salvation Army does up things in the matrimonial line to the Queen's taste and ever fail to reap pecuniary reward as well as a big advertisement whenever some of their captains and captainesses conclude to spice their fortunes.

The Salem Journal gives an account of the marriage of Ensign Nelson, formerly stationed at Eugene, and Ensign Phoebe Saulsbury; the wedding took place Thursday. The Journal says:

"The ceremony was witnessed by about four hundred Salemites. The church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The high contracting parties have been prominently identified with Salvation Army work in our city for some time and by their conscientious and earnest labors have done much good.

"Following the ceremonies at the church the bridal party and invited guests proceeded to the Commercial street barracks where a wedding supper was discussed and congratulations extended."

Rebekah I. O. F. Officers.

The Rebekah assembly of the grand lodge I O O F, of Oregon, installed the following newly elected officers:

Mrs Ida Foster of Portland, president; Miss Pauline Cline, of Corvallis, vice president; Mrs Ora Cosper, of Dallas, secretary; Mrs Holden of Eugene, treasurer.

The following are the appointive officers:

Marshal, Florence Atwood, of Baker City; Warden, Minnie Holman of Salem; Inside guardian, Sarah Whimberly of Roseburg; Outside guardian, Emma Holliday of Vale; Chaplain, Mary Williams, of Oregon City.

Ladd's Body Found.

The body of Wm S Ladd, which was taken from its resting place in a Portland cemetery, has been found in Magone Park near Oregon City, and the body snatchers, Rancher Magone, Ed Long, Charles Montgomery and Wm Rictor, are all in jail. The body was in a good state of preservation and weighed nearly 300 pounds. The penalty for the crime is two years in the penitentiary.

W J BRYAN.—Albany Democrat Thursday: Hon M A Miller, of Lebanon, received a letter yesterday from the Hon W J Bryan saying the latter would spend Sunday, July 11, with Mr Miller here, and would address the people of Lebanon the evening previous. In such a case Mr Bryan would have to be in Albany from noon until the 4 o'clock train, which will insure Albany people seeing and hearing him.

ARM BROKEN.—Orbie Natwick, aged 5 years, who lives with her grand parents, Mr and Mrs E Evenson, at Twelfth and Patterson streets, while riding on a tricycle with another little girl Thursday afternoon, fell off and sustained a broken arm. Drs Kuykendall and Harris set the fractured bone and the little sufferer is getting along nicely.

SHOULD HAVE WORN BELLS.

Yesterday while a couple of gentlemen from the country were standing looking in the window of S L Long's hardware store on Ninth street, one of the numerous lady bicyclists of the city came tearing down upon them at a clipping pace. She did not ring a bell, slacken her pace or ride to the farther side of the walk, but proceeded to ride down one of the men striking him center, and herself piling up among the tinware on exhibition in front of the store. As soon as the man could get his breath he apologized—it is presumed for having been on the walk—and the cyclist mounted the windy steed and the farther she went down the street the more her speed increased, until she was lost to sight.

Visitors to our town are requested to wear football uniforms and large bells around their necks to protect themselves from "scorchers."

VULCANIZER.—M S Barker has received a vulcanizer and unfortunate bicyclists can have any kind of a tire repair made, without sending out of town. It is a neat little machine, operated by steam, and rubber materials can be patched or cemented together by its use in a perfect manner.

CLASSES CLOSED.—The regular classes in the U of O gymnasium have closed for the year and Professor Wetherbee is now engaged in taking measurements and making charts showing physical development made during the year.

REFERENCE CASE.—Referee Woodcock will hold session again in Corvallis on Monday, at which time the matter of the adjustment of \$10,000 will be argued.

Miss Edith Harris went to Junction today.

Col Geo Yoran and son went to Hubbard today.

L B Rowland returned from Junction today.

Postmaster Roney, of Goshen, was in Eugene today.

A merry-go-round is doing business at Junction City.

Kap Kubli went to Portland on the overland this afternoon.

W W Williams leaves tomorrow for Pendleton where he will locate.

A herd of nice cattle of all ages was drove through town this morning.

Mrs S Handsaker and her grandson S L, are visiting at Pleasant Hill.

Mrs Marie Lithgow went to Salem today for a few days visit with friends.

Ventilating grates have been placed in the sidewalk in front of the Masonic temple.

H E Ankeny came in from his Jackson county mines on the delayed overland.

Thomas Brown has built a new sidewalk along his West Eighth street property.

Father J H Black went to Monroe today where he will conduct services tomorrow.

Mrs W W Chessman of Springfield, returned from the Rebekah grand lodge today.

Paul Wessinger, manager of Weinhard's Portland brewery, returned to that city today.

Miss Ethel Ayer passed through Eugene today, going to her home at San Jose, California.

Rev T B Ford purchased a fine Schubert Mandolin Piano from F A Rankin yesterday.

A special train containing about 400 New York conductors passed through going north at 2 p m.

Mrs Jno Krause and little child arrive from Salem today to visit her mother, Mrs Phoebe Klusey.

A grand picnic will be held at Junction City, Friday May 28th. The Irving band will be in attendance.

Mrs F C Potts of this city, today accompanied Dr and Mrs Schubert to their home at Mt. Angel for a visit.

A masked robber tried to hold up a street car in Tacoma yesterday and was shot and killed by Supt. Dane.

Miss Hattie Dunning, of Astoria, is visiting with her cousin, Mrs Drew Griffin, and aunt, Mrs Prof Johnson.

Mrs F B Southwick, of Salem, organizer for the Woodmen Circle, was in Eugene and went on to Roseburg today.

Miss Mary H Peters of San Francisco, a sister of A V Peters of this city, arrived on the delayed overland for a visit here.

Prof J P Holland has returned from Portland, where he represented the Junction I O O F lodge as a delegate to the grand lodge.

Messrs L O Beckwith, W M Green, and J M Williams and Mrs Joel Ware, returned from Portland on last night's overland.

Miss Laura Miller went to Corvallis today to spend Sunday with her parents, President and Mrs Miller, of the Agricultural College.

Mrs Cartwright, of Harrisburg, who recently sold the Review to W W Moore of this city, went to Roseburg on this afternoon's local.

J A Palmer was a passenger for Junction on this morning's local. He delivers an address this evening on "Missions" before the C E convention.

Prof McElroy went to Junction City on this morning's local, thence to his fruit farm in Benton county. He is much interested in fruit culture, making prunes a specialty.

Attorney and Mrs M O Wilkins left today for Frank Thompson's at Gate Creek, where Mrs Wilkins will spend a couple of months. Mr Wilkins will do some fishing and return Monday.

Frank Blanton has returned from Rock Point, Oregon. He will remain at his home near Eugene at least this summer. Mr Blanton's friends will be pleased to learn that his health is excellent.

Ensign H Nelson, who established the Salvation Army barracks in Eugene, and Capt. Phoebe Saulsbury were married in Salem Thursday. Major S Marshal, late of Chicago, performed the ceremony. A big time was had.

Roseburg will soon become known as a convention town. Next year the grand lodge of the I O O F and Rebekahs and state convention of the Christian Endeavor will all meet there, with others to hear from.

Mrs O P Coshow, Jr., of McMinnville, came up on the 2:04 train on her way to Roseburg, where Mr Coshow has located for the practice of law. While in the city she will visit her sister-in-law, Mrs J M Howe.

The Hood River Glacier says Mr J J Luckey has a patch of a little less than two acres of strawberries that good judges estimate will yield 400 crates. These plants are two years old. He has three or four acres of young plants on his place besides.