COTTAGE GROVE NEWS.

Correspondent Sends a Batch of Interesting Items.

[illegible] Kendall and family were [illegible]day's southbound local des[illegible] beach at Winchester Bay. [illegible] following on his wheel, [illegible] will enjoy a few weeks [illegible].

[illegible] is having built a few [illegible] depot a tool house [illegible] of the section foreman and [illegible].

[illegible]ough of Portland, was re[illegible] the Sherwood Sunday [illegible].

[illegible]rt, formerly of the firm of [illegible] Thompson, stationers, Port[illegible] in the "Grove" Wednesday [illegible] the southbound frieght.

[illegible]ng of Divide, was seen on [illegible] Wednesday afternoon.

[illegible] of this city, will take [illegible] on the 8th for Spokane, [illegible] has many friends here, [illegible] him well.

[illegible]entically reported that Mr [illegible]y and R A Booth, presi[illegible] manager of the S P L and D [illegible] Pass, have made negoti[illegible] which places them in control of [illegible] mill interests formerly con[illegible] J I Jones of this city. The [illegible] are old business men of [illegible]able character, whose vere[illegible]er doubted. Groveites are [illegible]gratulated.

[illegible] Adair, the long known knight [illegible], of Eugene, passed through [illegible] day this week for home. He, [illegible] of noted singers, enter[illegible] participants at the Boswell cele[illegible].

[illegible] Thompson was seen taking the [illegible] for the Fourth's recreation [illegible] the hills of Douglas county.

[illegible] friends of Henry Day will [illegible] at the report that he is [illegible] at Cottage Grove.

[illegible] Rice was in town for busines[illegible]day, arriving on the local.

[illegible] Mrs Vorhees think some of [illegible] Chicago in the near future.

[illegible] Dr Snapp who for some time has [illegible] visiting friends in California, has [illegible] and Dr. is happy.

[illegible] Culp, the tonsorial artist of the [illegible], has been in the country, [illegible] the following day, Wednes[illegible].

[illegible] all the semi-extravagance u[illegible]tending the keeping sacred to the [illegible] of General George Washington [illegible] American independence. With [illegible] money accessible to the [illegible] of our city, to say noth[illegible] of the men who have spent [illegible] freely, (and not all judiciously) [illegible] having good times right here in [illegible] county. Countenances of busi[illegible] men are inspired with expressions [illegible]. Long may the ebbing tide of [illegible] times keep going out till at last [illegible] will have learned to live within [illegible] income and a stimulating wave [illegible] high, surmounting the depres[illegible] in the rocks of despair o'er which [illegible]-down-trodden citizens have been [illegible], looking for better times.

BOHEMIA, Bohemia—turn out your [illegible] dust, that its glitering rich[illegible] may make happy the poor unfor[illegible].

FORGET ME NOT.

McKENZIE BERRIES.

Blackberries in Abundance at Leburg, 20 Miles From Eugene.

Our people who contemplate taking [illegible] and blackberry trip together [illegible] interested in the information that Adam Ritchey writes us from [illegible], 20 miles above Eugene on the McKenzie.

Mr Ritchey writes that 500 berry [illegible] can find more berries in that [illegible], for the next 15 or 20 days, [illegible] they can pick. Large quantities [illegible] going to waste every day. There [illegible] pleasant camping places along the [illegible] and this is a good opportunity [illegible] thrifty housewife to combine [illegible] with profit in bottling the [illegible] wild blackberry.

Death from Strangulation.

[illegible]burg Review: Leland the [illegible] year old son of Mr and Mrs Lee [illegible]right died Wednesday morning [illegible] family home near this city.

[illegible] attending circumstances were [illegible]pitiful and unusual, showing [illegible] is the unexpected that so often [illegible]s. The child was eating bread [illegible] particles lodged in the windpipe. [illegible]orts for relief were unavailing, [illegible] in a very few minutes the struggles [illegible] and the helpless parents saw [illegible]tle one pass away, and the child [illegible] short a time before in rosy health [illegible] lost to them forever.

Dr Mackey was hurriedly sent for [illegible] the child was dead before his ar[illegible].

QUITE ILL.—Corvallis Times: In re[illegible] to a telegram received yester[illegible] morning, containing the intelli[illegible] that Leo Gerhard was suddenly [illegible] quite ill at Junction City, his [illegible]er, C A Gerhard, of this city im[illegible]ately went to the beadside of the [illegible] man. It is not known what is [illegible] nature of the illness.

CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Amount of Taxable Property in Each.

For the first time in the history of Lane county, Clerk Jennings has computed the net assessable property in each city and school district in Lane county. The following is the result:

CITIES.

Eugene	$1,502,900
Cottage Grove	3,253
Junction City	15 ,237
Springfield	56,29
Lemati	7 ,739
Florence	27,0.5

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No.	AMOUNT.
1	$ 57,[illegible]35
2	47,9[illegible]0
3	9,070
4	1,611,572
5	14,730
6	59,175
7	47,895
8	28,495
9	36,060
10	22,082
11	43,[illegible]00
12	42,253
13	86,952
14	5[illegible],837
15	64,971
16	7,396
17	17,395
18	51,435
19	164,042
20	21,792
21	111,045
22	31,310
23	76,355
24	11,978
25	51,680
26	27,860
27	23,736
28	5,[illegible]40
29	57,750
30	22,0[illegible]5
31	31 807
32	11,943
33	10,330
34	6,310
35	20 515
36	37,573
37	13,255
38	50,115
39	13,225
40	128,201
41	57,732
42	12,410
43	174,943
44	26,735
45	148,519
46	27,235
47	33,791
48	17,595
49	4,760
50	25,875
51	31,390
52	61,980
53	4 155
54	63,200
55	62,855
56	50,883
57	29,235
58	23,500
59	6,010
60	9,045
61	14,040
62	7,6[illegible]9
63	0,630
64	6,110
65	8 485
66	10,515
67	13,920
68	14,110
69	186,230
70	14,900
71	9,975
72	14,870
73	8,405
74	8,010
75	14,890
76	32,535
77	11,130
78	18,860
79	15,811
80	18,810
81	7,240
82	22,855
83	13 670
84	8,840
85	30,745
86	192,852
87	58,245
88	10,67[illegible]
89	5,520
90	8,215
91	3,430
92	11,715
93	23,795
94	9,965
95	5,995
96	10,810
97	32,291
98	10,440
99	200
100	4,875
101	15,056
102	2,455
103	4,200
104	2,950
105	7,245
106	15,38[illegible]
107	060
108	25,275
109	1,053
110	6,875
111	21,595
112	5,068
113	7,720
114	8,100
115	4 250
116	710
117	8,445
118	2,750
119	1,8[illegible]0
120	1,170
121	12,935
122	11,580
123	19,735
124	18,820
125	4,635
126	17,035
127	15,267
128	21,640
129	7,080
130	27,410
131	3,760
132	6,[illegible]90
133	36,055
134	15,48[illegible]
135	1,250
136	7,085
137	37,920
138	17,415
139	17,545
140	18,485
141	21,405
142	000
143	1,450
144	18,980
145	0 0
146	1,815
147	7,370
148	925
149	1,820
150	2,790
151	3,455
152	5,540
153	13,685
154	7,225
155	7,160
156	785
157	1,825
158	8,370
159	600
160	26,400

New Commander G. A. R.

Carey F Martin writes to this week's State Journal as follows:

"The new commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Oregon, Hon Frank Reisner, of Eugene, is one of those quiet, earnest, honest, painstaking men not very frequently found and when found too frequently not sufficiently appreciated by most people. We are all too apt to take up with men who make a great display and much fuss and feathers but have little real inward worth. Mr Reisner is the commonest man in Oregon and among all my acquaintances I hardly know of a man who avoids 'display' and empty show as well as he does. He is a man from the ground up and has many times stood calmly in the face of blinding storm of shot and shell. Talk about 'rational honor!' Such men as Reisner know what defending the nation means. I think he is nearly sixty years old, rather heavy man, five feet ten inches tall, with regular earnest features and rather heavy mustache now whitening a little. A very quiet, sober, earnest man. A member of many secret societies and a most diligent and respected brother in all of them. The G A R men could not have found a more honorable, efficient andait ogether worthy man to put at the head of their order. Their captain now is a plain, brave man of actual inward worth."

Only an Average Yield.

Today a GUARD representative interviewed a number of the hop growers of Lane county.

It seems to be the general sentiment that the yield of hops would only be an average one instead of a large yield as estimated some time since.

The extraordinary dry weather in May and the myriads of lice now on the vines is given as the cause of the expected decrease.

Many of the growers were of the opinion that Lane county would not harvest as many bales as it did last years.

LANE COUNTY PEACHES.—J G Stevenson today marketed several boxes of ripe peaches from his orchard near this city, and Dr McCornack will have a number of boxes Monday. These peaches in flavor and condition are much superior to the Southern Oregon product and are just as early. A few years ago it was thought that Lane county could not raise peaches, but the orchardists around Eugene are now raising more than enough to supply the local demand. This shows what proper enterprise will do. Our citizens should patronize our local orchardists and give them the preference.

ONLY A RUMOR.—Condon Globe: "It has been reported here that by a surgical operation, removing a broken bone from against the optic nerve, Johnny Keeney has had his eyesight restored to him in Lane county. If this is true, it is indeed a God—send to him, and all of his acquaintances will glory with him in his good fortune. He has been blind since he was two years old, caused by a horse kicking him in the face." This is only a rumor, so we are informed. Mr Keeney is still blind.

DIED.—At the home of his mother, Mrs Viola Peters, in Coburg, Lane county, Oregon, on Thursday evening, July 1st, 1897, of Bright's disease, after a lingering illness, Roy Peters, aged 17 years. The deceased leaves a mother, two brothers and many relatives and friends to mourn his departure. The funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev Mathews, of Coburg, and the remains were layed to rest in the I O O F cemetery of that place.

UNION PARTY ORGANIZES.

Executive Committee Elected to Carry on the Work in Lane County.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The meeting called at the court house in Eugene this afternoon assembled at the appointed hour with a goodly number of the representative men of the various parties who desired to form a Union party to work in the interest of the bimetallic measure first and other reform measures afterwards.

It was opened by Hon J C Stevenson, who called the assembly to order, stated that he regretted the crowd was not larger, (yet the court room was well filled) and called for the selection of a chairman.

On motion of C H Baker of Walterville, Mr Stevenson, a silver republican, was selected and Attorney H D Norton was selected for the position of secretary.

In his opening remarks the chairman stated that from time immemorial people of the same social religious or political views and belief had formed together for the betterment of their condition and the furtherance of their belief. He read from the platform adopted at the recent state assembly at Albany, which was made up by a committee consisting of three from the democrats, peoples party and silver republicans, for the purpose of effecting the organization of a Union party, whose principles shall mainly consist of the bimetallic standard, and for reform in state, county and municipal government.

Mr Bilyeu offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, By this mass convention now assembled, that we adopt the declaration of principles and plan of organization presented and recommended by the silver convention held at Albany, June 2 1897."

Following this the plan and idea of organization was pretty thoroughly discussed by such men, prominent in the silver ranks of Lane county, as L Bilyeu, democrat, C H Baker, silver republican, J F Amis, peoples party, M J Hillegas, silver republican.

The chairman then announced the next thing was the selection of an executive committee of three and a secretary. Quite a little discussion was had relative to the selection of the executive committee, the nomination of candidates, etc.

On motion the following men were nominated for positions on the executive committee: F M Wilkins, silver republican; H D Norton, democrat; John V Jenkins; peoples party; A S Patterson, peoples party; C H Baker, silver republican; the latter not allowing his name to go before the conference however. The first four were selected for the executive committee, H D Norton to act as secretary.

The chairman appointed J D Matlock, J C Richardson and A S Patterson to solicit funds to meet the necessary expenses of the meeting.

Some discussion was had over the duty of the executive committee relative to the appointment of precinct committeemen.

This was followed by the hat being passed, a neat sum being secured.

Mr. E. Hofer, silver republican elector on the Bryan and Watson ticket, was introduced and spoke on their behalf. A second national convention had been held in Chicago and unless a people's union could be formed in the coming state election, he believed a state organization of the Independent American Bimetallists would be carried on in each state and a ticket put in the field in every county in the state. We contend for principles, said the speaker, we war not on individuals or men. Animated by a patriotic purpose and consistently advocating what we believe to be a good cause, we shall not be swerved aside by party patronage or hope of office. Our labors to the full extent of our means and our votes shall be directed to securing the downfall of the gold monopoly system of finance. That is holding our country and its people in a paralyzing grasp at present and planning to fasten its tentacles far into the future.

THE UNION PARTY.

The name of Union party cannot but be acceptable to silver republicans. We can no more be expected to become populists or democrats than members of those parties can be expected to become republicans. It is not possible to reform old political parties. Like corporations, they are not possessed fo a moral nature and proceed to dissolution along the line of the character stamped upon them at their inception. But animated by principle, guided by high-handed and patriotic leadership, it is possible to form a new party aright. Silver republicans are not concerned about the various factions of the republican, democratic and peoples parties. We realize that this is a critical and chaotic time in the history of American politics and especially in Oregon, and this makes us pause. We are fighting the grandest battle for humanity since the abolition of slavery. In those days political lines of demarkation were obliterated. The names, republican, democrat, free soiler, whig, were merged in a common cause. It was union or disunion, and union won, as it will again whenever the lines of battle are fairly drawn and the issues clearly made and understood.

SILVER REPUBLICANS.

The silver republicans believe they are right and consistent and investigation will show them to be of the most patriotic men in Oregon. Out of 500 delegates to the American silver convention at St Louis, 187 had carried muskets in the union army. They believe the stars and stripes should be respected at home and abroad and that they should float forever over Cuba and the Hawaiian Islands whether it suits the sugar trust or not. Our ranks are made up of men who naturally and instinctively hate trusts, syndicates and corruption. They believe the grasp of those gigantic influences on our state and national legislatures must be broken if free government shall endure. They believe in justice to all elements and sections and that animal all bristles and appetite, known as the Salem hog, is not among them. In the ranks of the silver republicans are found some of the purest and best men in the state. The three Oregon Lincoln electors alive last fall were silver republicans and voted for Bryan. Lane county never sent men to the legislature who made cleaner records than Hons C H Baker and M J Hillegas. You did not have to send a chaperone along to keep them from straying out of virtue's paths. No better man or more faithful state official ever filled a state office than Hon Harrison R Kincaid. A man not afraid to enforce the laws with equal justice on all alike, not even excepting the governor or the supreme court itself. The people made a mistake when they retired those true and tried legislators, and will make a mistake if they retire Kincaid from his present place of great usefulness.

THE FUTURE PROSPECT.

The politician is asking himself, what will the republican state convention do on the money question in order to win at the next election? Men actuated by principle rather than by partisan consideration are asking: What is my duty? What is honorable and consistent with my convictions? If I am not for the gold standard shall I be induced to act directly or indirectly in the interest of the gold standard combination? Each must answer for himself. The people want economy and honesty in state and county affairs—expenditures cut down to the ability of the people to pay. But as a matter of practical politics the money question is to the front and no man or party can evade it. We must take a stand for the continuation of the gold standard slavery or we must cast our entire strength and influence against it.

THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION

Of the republican party of Oregon will not evade the financial issue. It may indulge in the historical straddle and adopt a platform for international bimetalism, drawn by Senator Wolcott, of England, ex-Senator Mitchell, of France, and endorsed by Mark Hanna of Palestine—a ready made, European hand-me-down financial policy. Silver republicans will be invited to go into the primaries and lend respectability to jugglers and tricksters who are ready to take either side or straddle, so long as they ride into power or are enabled to hold an office. We may say that we are in sympathy with the republican party on most questions except finance, and on that paramount issue we differ essentially and radically. The honest and sincere gold standard republican will admit that he is squarely on the platform of the Cleveland-Carlisle national democratic party and that it was the gold democratic vote that carried Oregon for McKinley. A newspaper has been established in this state to proclaim the formal union of the Cleveland republicans and the McKinley democrats in the next state election. Silver republicans are the only republicans. They stand by the principles enunciated by Lincoln, Garfield, Blaine and McKinley (before he was Mark Hannaized.) They alone are consistent with the history and traditions of their party. If the next republican state convention declares for the gold standard and hoists the flag of hospitality to the greenback, national treasury notes and silver certificates, its only consistent course will be to openly unite with the gold democrats, and oppose a gold union party against a bimetallic union. Silver republicans would welcome such a contest of principal fought openly, and all honorable men would welcome an event that would place Oregon politics above the low plane of Bush-whacking and treachery to which it has of late fallen.

WHAT WILL BE DONE.

The real leaders of the republican party in Oregon, intend to put the party on a gold standard platform, although the great majority of the rank and file are opposed to the use of gold alone as primary money. The men who sincerely fought for Mitchell and silver last year carried the day at the primaries and in the convention. After voting down the Dolph resolution they found themselves represented by a gold delegation in the national convention. They have as just cause for complaint as if, in Illinois in 1860 they had voted down a resolution to extend slavery, only to find themselves placed on a pro-slavery platform. The republican platforms of the future will be for gold, because he subsidized and hypnotized managers of the party will not invite sincere bimetalists to take part in the primaries. The gold trust will be put in the saddle of the grand old party and the two will ride together to their death, because the gold trust must die, as it is the father and mother and uncle and grandmother of all the brood of trusts that are crushing the life out of the common people.

WHAT WE DEMAND.

While goldites are fighting silver, we are not fighting the use of gold as money. Silver republicans demand the use of gold, silver and paper, all issued by the government and full legal tender for all debts public and private, all interchangeable and no kind of money granted any special privilege or requiring redemption in some other kind of money, which forms an endless chain to create a privileged class more powerful than the government itself. The goldites demand contraction while we demand expansion of the currency to meet the needs of a growing civilization. We are not opposed to international bimetalism, but prefer an independent American financial policy, just as we prefer an American traffic policy.

IN CONCLUSION.

We have the gold standard, we know what it means; we judge the future by what it is doing for us now. Our cities are declining, business buildings empty, sheriff's sales numerous, products low, profits small, taxes and interest high, merchants cannot pay rent, sales falling off, factories cannot run, because as McKinley says, "you can't sell unless there is some one to buy," and if the labor of the unemployed were put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder it wouldn't bring enough to buy each man a Cleveland badge or a ticket to the great prosperity circus, of which McKinley is the advance agent.

In two-thirds of the counties of this state the people are asking relief from high taxes and maladministration. In these counties the silver people are in the majority, and this relief can only be secured through a union of forces, which it is our imperative duty to give them. Never was a commonwealth in such need of wise action by would-be-leaders of the people. There is not room in Oregon for three silver parties, if we expect to give the people that protection against bad government, which it is the duty of those opposed to the present party in power to secure to the people. On the other hand there is not room in Oregon for a union party that is not a people's party of the strictest Jeffersonian type. A union party to succeed must be a guaranty, in the character of the men it puts to the front, of a better order of things, or the people will prefer taskmasters with whose lash their backs are already familiar.

Hops.

The Oswego, N Y, Republican says: "There have been no sales of hops this week so far as we can learn. The reports from growers throughout the county indicate without exception a largely reduced crop this year."

Schoharie, N Y, Republican, July 4th: "With the most favorable weather from now until July 10th to 15th, when the hop invariably goes into 'blow' it will be impossible to develop the large arms and the small fruit arms sufficiently to yield more than half to four-fifths of last year's yield. If the cool weather continues there will be still less. These conditions prevail in every part of Schoharie, and we believe that the same may be said of Otsego, Madison and Oneida counties. The presence of lice is also noted, though it is too early to estimate the amount of damage likely to result therefrom. Crop prospects have already affected the price of old hops, very few of which are in growers hands. A party who is holding a fine crop of '96s says that he has been offered an advance of one cent the past week."

FRUIT BOXES.—The Eugene Mill & Lumbering Co is engaged turning out fruit boxes for picking. Two sizes are made, 52 and 60 pounds respectively. The boxes are made with fir ends and seasoned balm bottoms so they will be light as possible. They are working on orders aggregating 3000 boxes. The boxes are neat and durable and cost but little, if any more than the material would cost the grower if he made them himself.

DIED.—At George Bushnell's, near Irving June 9, 1897, of consumption, Mrs Bessie Bristow, aged about 30 years. She died quite suddenly having been up and around the day before.