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—One-half block south of Chrisman's
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—W. T. (N.) E. E. MARKLEY
—ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.
—Practice in all the courts of
—Oregon
—In Walton block.

L. WHITSON,
—DENTIST.
—Purchased the office and fixtures of
—W. T. (N.) E. E. MARKLEY
—and is now practicing
—dentistry in the new
—office.
—Dental and Bridge work a Specialty.

C. LAKE.
—AND MARBLE WORKS.
—New and Prices in Foreign and
—Marble and Granite, Monuments,
—Statues and Cemetery work of
—all kinds for 1897.
—WORK GUARANTEED!
—Street near Postoffice. Eugene, O.

THE
—Loan and Savings
—BANK,
—Eugene, Oregon.
—D. A. PAINE, J. B. HARRIS, J. E.
—R. D. PAINE, W. E. BROWN, J. F.
—W. W. OSBURN.
—Capital, \$50,000.
—Banking Business Transacted
—on time deposits.
—Interest on our loans will receive
—attention.

National Bank
—at Eugene.
—Cash Capital \$50,000
—and Profits, \$50,000
—Eugene, Oregon.
—Banking business done on reason-
—able terms on NEW YORK,
—SAN FRANCISCO and PORT-
—LAND.
—Exchange sold on foreign countries.
—Subject to check or certifi-
—cate.
—All business entrusted to us will receive
—attention.

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THE TRAMP QUESTION.

Large Amounts Paid Out During
October and November.

Comparisons.
The following innocent looking item
in the GUARD of December 14, 1897, has
been largely commented upon.
"AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY."

The tramp question during the past
two months has been quite costly to
Eugene, averaging the sum of one
hundred dollars per month. This mon-
ey has been paid out for officers' fees
and for meals furnished, the Hotel
Eugene having the contract at 13 cents
per meal, having furnished 241 during
the past month.
Hereafter tramps will be locked up
during the night and escorted out of
the city by the marshal in the morning,
but no cost will be made only in
exceptional cases. It seems as if tramps
are more plentiful than ever before, ex-
cepting during the year 1895.

Hereafter meals will only cost the
city 10 cents each, the contract at such
price having been awarded to E. E.
Brown.

The above item was the result of a
reporter's visit to the City Recorder's
office to obtain the council proceedings,
Mr. Morris having remarked that
tramps were an expensive luxury and
that the expense of their keeping
amounted to a large sum per month,
that the police department had cost
the city during the month of Novem-
ber about \$140, and over \$100 of it was
on account of tramps.

The GUARD has no apologies to
make for publishing the above and
while the amount is not so large as
stated—it is by far too large.

The entire expenses of the police de-
partment on account of fees and meals
furnished tramps, according to our
figures are:

October.....\$ 70.00
November.....100.00
Total.....\$170.00

Mayor Kuykendall makes the
amounts \$57.66 for October and \$95.84
for November. Either of the above
amounts are unreasonable.

The entire costs of the police de-
partment for fees and meals furnished
are as follows:

October.....\$ 57.66
November.....138.28
Total.....\$225.88

Or an average of \$112.93 per month.
We have taken the pains and time
to look through like bills of former
months of preceding years and found
the following to be the whole fees and
charges for meals:

1896—OCTOBER.
Recorder.....\$ 6.00
Police.....6.00
Total.....\$12.00

NOVEMBER.
Recorder.....\$ 6.00
Marshal.....6.00
Total.....\$12.00

1895—OCTOBER.
Recorder.....\$4.00
Police.....4.00
Total.....\$8.00

NOVEMBER.
Marshal.....\$8.00
Recorder.....8.00
Total.....\$16.00

1894.
The officers presented no bills for
fees in October or November.

1893—OCTOBER.
Recorder.....\$0.00
Police.....0.00
Total.....\$0.00

NOVEMBER.
Recorder.....\$0.00
Police.....0.00
Meals.....11.90
Total.....\$11.90

FORMER MAYORS.
A GUARD reporter interviewed Hon. S. H. Friendly and J. D. Matlock, pre-
ceding mayors, as to how they handled
the tramp question. Mr. Friendly
said he gave his officers strict instruc-
tions not to arrest tramps for begging
or trivial offenses. They should put
them in the city jail during the night
and turn them out in the morning,
making it the marshal's duty to escort
them out of the city limits. He did not
think the entire expense from tramps
during his two years amounted to \$100,
although he handled the Coxey army
and the Montana miners.

Mr. Matlock gave his officers like in-
structions and said that tramps hardly
cost the city anything during his term
of office, although 1895 was the great
tramp year.

EX-OFFICERS.
A G. Matthews who was night watch-
man under Mayor Friendly said that
during the fall and winter months he
housed an average of 15 tramps nightly
and one time had in the jail 33, but he
never arrested a SINGLE ONE.

lodgings in the jail nightly and one
time had 23 in charge. He never ar-
rested one as they always went away
when requested.

ARRESTS STOPPED.
During the past 8 or 10 days not a
tramp has been arrested for the very
good reason that the council one week
ago plainly showed their disapproba-
tion and then the GUARD's innocent
item may have had something to do
with it.

We think that the officers will here-
after be more careful when they arrest
tramps.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Hon. H. B. Miller is in Eugene.
H. N. Cockerline is in the city again.
Father W. A. Daly returned today
from Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roney of Goshen
were in Eugene today.

M. L. Campbell, the insurance agent
has returned from Idaho.

Mrs. L. S. Logan arrived home today
from a visit at Portland.

Jas. Parvin, Dexter postmaster and
merchant was in town today.

Secretary Kincaid was a returning
passenger to Salem this morning.

S. B. Strawn section foreman of the S.
P. at this place went to Yoncalla this
afternoon.

Miss Nellie Hampton arrived home
this morning from an over-Sunday
visit at Goshen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bushnell and
daughter returned to their Junction
home this morning.

Miss Minerva Hemenway has re-
signed her position in the Cottage
Grove public school.

Wm. Hutchins, of the firm of Hutch-
ins & Southwick of Salem was doing
business in Eugene today.

Mrs. B. A. Washburne and Miss Ethel
Stewart returned today from a visit
with friends near Portland.

Will Martin came in from Florence
Saturday and left on today's 10:50 lo-
cal for Salem where he will spend
Xmas tide.

W. W. Brannin, of the Morning
Tribune, Portland, is in the city in the
interest of his paper, and will establish
a permanent agency here.

Frank Morrison, traveling "rustler"
and comedian of the Salem Statesman,
struck Eugene this morning on his
way home from a Southern Oregon
trip.

Florence West, Dec 17: Last Sun-
day being the end of the fourth year
of Mr. Knott's labors as pastor, com-
munion services were held in the
morning. Three children and one
adult were baptized and six members
added to the church.

Cottage Grove Leader, Dec 17: Mrs.
L. F. Wooley left Thursday morning
for Sodaville, to attend the Mineral
Springs College rally and visit with
her sister, Mrs. S. B. Morse and friends.
She will also visit at Albany, Junction
and Eugene, returning Christmas.

The funeral of the late Rebecca Fish-
er was held yesterday afternoon. The
funeral sermon was preached in the
Christian church at 2 o'clock by Rev.
M. L. Rose, and it was just tribute to
a noble old lady. The body was taken
to the I. O. F. cemetery and in-
terred.

Lightship No 67, which went adrift
Saturday, Dec 11, was brought down to
Astoria from the buoy station Thurs-
day, fully equipped with a new cabin
and a mushroom anchor. She took on
156 tons of coal, a full complement of
supplies and left out for her station
Friday.

Florence West: Frank Potter has
been out at Elk Prairie, where he com-
pleted a fine system of water works for
Geo. Hale, with one hundred feet pres-
sure, who keeps one of the stage stands.
Mr. Hale, who is a progressive prac-
tical citizen uses the water to wash off
stage horses and wagons and water
for the barn, with plenty of pressure
in case of fire to extinguish the same.

As an indication of the number of
tramps passing through, I will say that
there have been locked up during the
past month on an average about seven
tramps each night. Only a single
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Finally, I wish to say that there is
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WILL PROBABLY RECOVER.—Prine-
ville Review: "We are glad to state
at the present writing that Mr. J. N.
Poindexter, who was stricken with
paralysis some time ago and who has
been in rather a precarious condition
is some better and hopes are now en-
tertained of his ultimate recovery."

Mr. Poindexter was at one time sheriff
of Lane county and has many friends
in this vicinity.

A MOURNFUL TRIBUTE.—Pacific
Empire: In the death of Miss Fannie
Coudon Eugene suffers a loss. Miss
Coudon was a favorite wherever
known and an artist whose future
promised happy results. Her work
possessed the charm of originality.

W. KUYKENDALL.

MAYOR KUYKENDALL WRITES.

He Gives His Version of the Tramp
Question.

EDITOR GUARD: Your item of a few
days since about the cost of tramps to
our city has seemed to cause a serious
misapprehension, both at home and
abroad, of our manner of dealing with
the tramp question. I fear that the
item mentioned and the press com-
ments thereon have given rise to the
impression that we are running a sort
of refuge for the much abused tramp.
On the contrary, we have been trying
to make it so hot for the members of
the genus hobo that they would bear
of the fame of Eugene while yet a
great way off, and give us the go-by.
But just here I wish to say that I ex-
onerate you from any intention to
injure me or my administration in the
item mentioned. I have no doubt the
item was published merely as an item
of news, and on what was supposed to
be correct information.

In the first place, I wish to say that
the expense of handling tramps the
past two months was not quite so
great as your item indicated. To be
specific, the expense for October was
\$57.66; for November, \$95.84, making
an average of \$76.70.

Secondly—This sum was not paid out
for feeding tramps. Not a cent was
paid for meals for tramps, except while
serving sentence for violating ordi-
nances of the city. During October
the expense for such meals was \$13.51.
During November, \$22.84.

Thirdly—No tramp was given any
diet richer than bread and water who
would not work. As a result, we got
all the city work sawed by them and a
lot of street work done, although there
was so many among the tramps who
preferred light diet to work that dur-
ing October alone the marshal served
over 100 meals of straight bread and
water. These facts have made a very
wholesome impression on the tramp
fraternity, and if your item and the
press comments thereon do not spoil
their absence for some time to come.

Fourthly—Even at the figures above
given the expense for disposing of
tramps has been larger than I would
have liked. But I watched the mat-
ter carefully and do not see that the
police force could have made the ex-
pense much less, and have done justice
to the community. These two months
have cost more for tramps than all the
preceding months of this administra-
tion. This has been due to the fact
that an unusual number of tramps
have been passing through and they
are of a very tough character. I think
most of the towns down the valley
have found this to be true. Mr.
Crocker, who has been on the night
police for several years, says there has
been three times as many as he ever
saw before in the same time. They
were sleeping in barns, begging on the
streets, and prowling about the city at
night and threatening to overrun the
town. The following plan for
handling them was adopted: No
tramp was arrested for mere vagrancy,
unless he refused to leave town when
ordered to do so. At night all tramps
found are rounded up, for the night, in
the lock-up. This was found to be the
easiest way to keep them out of mis-
chief. Our small force was not able to
keep track of a dozen tramps roaming
about the streets. Next morning they
are escorted or ordered out of town
without their breakfast. If they leave
and stay away, no arrests are made
and no expenses are incurred. If they
return to town, or are caught begging
or violating any city law, they are
arrested, and have invariably been sen-
tenced to hard labor. If they work
they are given a sufficient quantity of
plain food. If they won't work, they
are locked in a cell and fed on bread
and water.

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Circuit Court Cases.

Sampson McConnell vs G. C. Fleeman
and W. G. Parkerson; to recover money
on a promissory note. Judgment is
asked for \$355.

J. R. Ellison vs J. T. Rowland and
wife; foreclosure of mortgage. Judg-
ment is asked for \$1000 and interest at
10 per cent per annum since February
26, 1890, less the payment of \$505 on
interest.

TRAMP QUESTION CONTINUED.

The Mayor and Reporter Still
Talking.

Both Present Arguments.

EDITOR GUARD:—Notwithstanding
the course pursued by my worthy pre-
decessors, as quoted by you yesterday,
I have never felt that I had a right to
instruct our officers to permit the
wholesale violation of any class of our
laws. I had supposed that our laws
were intended to be enforced. I have
instructed the police force not to be
rash in petty offenses, and always in
such cases to give due warning. But
if offenses were continued in spite of
warning, to arrest without fear or
favor. And why make an exception
of a tramp? Why let a lazy, dirty,
thieving tramp go unpunished, and
pull up some student or one of our
citizens for riding a wheel on the walk,
or other petty offense? I insist that
our own citizens are as worthy of
leniency as a lot of hungry tramps.

At any rate, that is the policy of this
administration. And it will continue
to be its policy. Tramps and toughs
had as well take notice and govern
themselves accordingly. Our officers
are instructed to make no exceptions—
to give all petty offenders fair warn-
ing. Then if the offense is persisted
in, to arrest, and I expect them to
follow instructions.

There has been too much leniency to
tramps—too much tendency to let him
have his own way in order to save ex-
pense. The tramp ought to be com-
pelled to respect law the same as any-
body else, and the sooner he is taught
to do so the better for the community.
I would like to call your attention to
another thing. Tramps are always a
tax upon a community. Without
doubt there have been months hereto-
fore when they have cost Eugene
more than last month. Court costs
are not the only ones entailed by
tramps. Every meal and dime or
quarter begged; every chicken roost
robbed; every clothes-line stripped;
every pantry robbed of its fruit, is
part of this tax. Without doubt this
administration might make more of
a reputation for economy to let the
tramp tax be paid in this way. But I
conceive it to be my duty to execute
the laws, let the consequences be what
they may. And in the long run it
will be found that this will cost
Eugene less money than the other
plan, and at the same time teach
offenders against the law a wholesome
lesson.

Now I think that, in your article
yesterday, you made it quite clear that
we are pursuing a more aggressive
policy toward tramps than our pre-
decessors. I want to make it equally
clear that we intend to continue that
policy and make Eugene a hot place
for tramps. If you can give these
things the same publicity, up and
down the valley, that your first item
got, then our object in criticizing it
will have been obtained.

W. KUYKENDALL.

It is the opinion of the GUARD that
the city was as free from crime under
the administrations of ex-mayors
Matlock, Friendly, Hovey and Mc-
Clung as under the present one. The
average offense for which a tramp is
arrested is for begging, which is not a
heinous offense, and our people cannot
afford to pay \$76.70 per month merely
to arrest men of this class. One reason
that Eugene was beset with tramps
last month was because the rumor got
abroad among this element that the
city of Eugene would feed and lodge
them well for a week and then turn
them loose, rested up, to prey on the
public with renewed energy.

We also desire to correct one item in
Mayor Kuykendall's previous com-
munication wherein he says: "I wish
to call attention just here to the fact
that during these two months of the
'plague of tramps,' not one burglary or
breach of the peace has occurred." It
is a well-known fact that the papers
only last week chronicled thefts from
the Hotel Eugene and Minnesota
House, while petty articles are stolen
right along. This is not the fault of
the police force or the mayor. We
have a good police force, but it is
unable to cover the entire city.

It is correct to make "Eugene a hot
place for tramps," but it is not the cor-
rect idea to make our city a resting
place for tramps a "hot place for tax-
payers," and a Klondike city for
officials.

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 21.

Harley Morris of Portland is in the
city.

Dr. A. Sharples of Goshen was in Eu-
gene today.

Rev. J. T. Abbott arrived home this
afternoon.

T. D. Linton went south this after-
noon on business.

Buyers are offering 65 cents per
bushel for wheat in Eugene.

Mrs. L. D. Henderson, the Chicago
boot and shoe drummer, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Young went to
Portland this morning for a Christmas
visit.

Clerks at the postoffice are busy
handling Christmas presents that are
being sent away.

Judge J. C. Fullerton passed through
Eugene this afternoon on his way
home to Roseburg.

President Chapman is to lecture to-
morrow, the State Teachers' association to
be held in Portland next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mayer left on to-
day's 10:50 local for Rochelle, Illinois,
where they will visit with his parents.

A letter from Walter Hodes in South-
ern California says he is eating oranges
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