

TO CORRESPONDENTS

The business department of the WEEKLY GUARD is caused considerable trouble by correspondents addressing the proprietors personally.

A DIFFERENT VIEW.

The Rural Northwest of Portland has this editorial, which is of interest to the wheat growers of Oregon:

"An editorial which appeared a few days ago in the Morning Oregonian told us that the 2,000 miles of trans-Siberian railroad west of Irkutsk is about completed, and that it is estimated that the territory to be opened by it contains 130,000,000 acres and will produce 1,400,000,000 bushels of wheat.

As this is a good deal more than half as much wheat as the world now produces, the statement is sufficiently alarming to the American farmer—it is true. The Oregonian appears to have been inspired by the London Morning Post.

From what sources the latter paper drew its information we do not know. It needs but little investigation and thought to find that this bug-a-boo is inflated to the bursting point.

That part of the trans-Siberian railroad which runs through the portion of Asiatic Russia which is best adapted to wheat culture has been built for a number of years, and yet the increase in the production of wheat in Siberia which has followed its construction has been but slow.

Comparatively little of the land immediately tributary to the trans-Siberian railroad appears to be in the wheat belt. If climate and soil along all of the 2,000 miles of road were most favorably for the production of wheat, the number of bushels mentioned would not be forthcoming.

At the high average of 14 bushels per acre it would require a solid wheatfield 2,000 miles long and 80 miles wide to produce 1,400,000,000 bushels of wheat. This wheat would fill 2,800,000 cars. To carry it out of the country it would be necessary for 350 trains of loaded cars to reach the terminus every day in the year.

rather than avoid the Cape Verde fleet. It was the Oregon which brought the Cristobal Colon to terms, and made the Colon's Captain, after he had surrendered, say, with a Spanish shrug, and despairing gesture, "To be chased by a battleship!"

The local editor of the Register is making himself the laughing stock of the city in his vain endeavors to defend a man who has made an inefficient officer. His friend is no'oriously unfit for the position. It does not require discussion.

The editor of the Register openly and above board repudiates the statements made by the local editor and desires his friends to understand that he is not responsible for said opinions.

As for the charge that the GUARD is attacking Mayor Kuykendall in this matter, all I know that is false. We opposed Dr Kuykendall for State Senator on broad principles. He was elected and is the Senator for Lane county and he will have our support in all matters of state legislation that will benefit Lane county and the state of Oregon.

When we differ with Dr Kuykendall we will do it in a gentlemanly manner and openly. The GUARD has opinions on matters and will state them at all times without hesitation. It never opposes men. It is their actions and principles that we disagree with.

By order of the department creating and extended service in forest ranging Capt S B Ormsby appoints the following persons to serve on the forest range during the months of August and September: Newt Ferrel, T C Lewis, Salem; Ephriam Hennes, Gats; W P Vanderport, Lava; T P Claypool, Sesters; F V Heberf, Hazel Dell; James Kirkwood, Hull; Z O Davis, Eugene; George Pertquin, Roseburg, and W I Lamb, Yoncalla.

EDWARDS WINS

The Court Finds Edwards Received 1861 Votes and Baughman 1856 Votes.

WILL NOT APPEAL.

The election contest was completed this afternoon at 3 o'clock wherein W H Baughman contested H D Edwards' election as county commissioner at the recent June election.

The court found that Edwards, after a re-count received 1861 votes and Baughman 1856. Edwards came out of the court with his original number while Baughman lost 4 votes.

Attorney Chas H Hardy made a few remarks on the legal questions. A stipulation was filed by the attorneys that the findings of the court orally in favor of defendant in said cause, written findings of fact are hereby waived.

This means the case will not be appealed.

LOSSES & GAINS.

Of the ballots objected to by the attorneys, they were counted by the court as follows:

For Edwards..... 4
" Baughman..... 2
Rejected..... 12

Of the rejected ballots 9 were "marked" in the old way of voting. That is to say, all the names were marked out excepting one for each office. Of the nine, six were scratched in favor of Edwards.

LOSSES AND GAINS.

The following are the losses and gains by precincts:

BAUGHMAN—GAINS.
Thurston..... 1
Fall Creek..... 2
Coyote..... 1
Long Tom..... 2
Total..... 6

LOSSES.
N Junction..... 3
Hermann..... 1
N Eugene No 1..... 1
Goshen..... 1
Gate Creek..... 1
Creswell..... 1
Mound..... 1
Siuslaw..... 1
Walton..... 1
Springfield..... 1
Total..... 12

EDWARDS—GAINS.
Florence..... 1
Gate Creek..... 1
E Cottage Grove..... 2
Long Tom..... 1
Irving..... 1
Springfield..... 1
Total..... 7

LOSSES.
Lake Creek..... 1
N Eugene No 2..... 1
N Eugene No 1..... 4
S Eugene No 3..... 1
Creswell..... 3
Pleasant Hill..... 1
Total..... 11

SUMMARY.

Baughman: Losses..... 12 Gains..... 6 Net loss..... 6
Edwards: Losses..... 11 Gains..... 7 Net gain..... 2

This made the total stand: Edwards..... 1857 Baughman..... 1854 Edwards' plurality..... 3

THE HOUSEWIFE'S FRIEND.

A Portable Pantry Can be Secured in Eugene.

The Portable Pantry Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, has opened up business under the management of H L Toney who together with his force will proceed to exhibit the Portable Pantry in every home in Lane county.

The Portable Pantry is a combination of bins and receptacles for keeping together the principal ingredients used in cooking, such as flour, meal, sugar, spices, coffee, rice, oatmeal, extracts and a number of other things. It is also provided with a coffee mill, bread and cake box, clock, scoops, biscuit cutter, scales match-safe, bread-board, rolling-pin, compartment for kitchen tools, etc.

A REDUCTION OF

25 PER CENT

Our entire line of Colored Shoes.

- \$4 00 Shoes for..... \$3 00
\$3 50 Shoes for..... \$2 65
\$3 00 Shoes for..... \$2 25
\$2 50 Shoes for..... \$1 85
\$2 00 Shoes for..... \$1 50
\$1 50 Shoes for..... \$1 15
\$1 25 Shoes for..... \$1 00

Did you ever hear of such bargains? YORAN & SON, The Shoe Dealers.

FROM CRIT TOLMAN

He Writes About the Klondike Country.

OVERCROWDED COUNTRY.

Ashland Tidings: The following letter was received in Ashland, Saturday, from J Crit Tolman, who with Dr J S Parson, B R Willis, Mr Thompson, J T Rogers and Thad Powell, left this city for Dawson City, in April.

DAWSON CITY, June 23, 1898. A boat is going to staff down the Yukon river today, and I do not know whether she will get out or not, but I shall send a letter on her any way, and you will likely get it within one month.

We are all well. Dr Parson starts down the river tomorrow, in a row boat with two other men. They will no doubt have a nice trip, and will leave St Michaels most likely in August. They will stop off at the cities on the river on their way down to St Michaels.

The trip up here to Alaska has been of great benefit to Dr Parson's health and has cost him little.

I purchased a claim of 500 feet on Sulphur creek, paying \$7,000 cash for it, and think that it is a good one. It has not been worked any, but the claims above and below it on the creek are good. I aim to sell before winter and double my money, but if I do not succeed in doing so will have it worked.

Rogers and Thompson and Sam Parker have also bought small beach claims which they will start in to work right away. They are moving their grub up to them today. I don't think they will make any fortune out of it; but they will make \$20 per day per man, which is better than lying idle. Rush Willis has obtained employment with the Alaska Commercial Company at \$15 per day. There are a great many people here the majority of whom are dissatisfied and will go home as soon as they can get there.

Some sell their outfits right from the boats, hardly going ashore, curse the country, and are away themselves. Such people have no business ever to leave home, and would do no good to themselves or anyone else if they remained here. Of course it is a hard country. A man should know that before he starts, and unless his disposition will permit him to be satisfied away from home and comforts for two or three years, he had better never turn this way, for if a person is not satisfied in a country he will never do any good for himself.

The weather is very warm here now, and the river is falling very fast. The steamers will have some trouble this fall, I think, but there will be so many of them that enough will get up the river to furnish provisions. I did intend to go out into the creek and work on one of my claims during the coming winter, but I do not think now that I will do so, not believing that I could stand the hard work. I think that I shall go to work for the Alaska Commercial Company at an inside job and I can handle my property and speculate at the same time.

In another letter received in Ashland from Mr Tolman he mentions the fact that when he arrived in Dawson City, he found the sum of \$4,000 in the bank to his credit, the amount being his share of the proceeds from the working of one of his claims during the winter. He also reported \$2,000 profits from the sale of two tons of dried potatoes, which he had taken up to Dawson City, from San Francisco, having packed them over the pass, and reaching Dawson City ahead of the boats from St Michaels.

University of Oregon. The fall term will begin September 10th. Students who have completed the tenth grade branches can enter the sub-freshman class. No examinations are required for graduates of accredited schools. Reasonable equivalents are accepted for most of the required entrance studies.

The courses offered are those of a good university. There are departments of modern and ancient languages, physics, chemistry, biology, geology, English, education, advanced engineering, astronomy, logic, philosophy, psychology, mathematics and physical education. Music and drawing are also taught. The tuition is free. All students pay an incidental fee of ten dollars yearly. Board, lodging, heat and light in the dormitory cost \$2.50 per week.

INCENDIARISM.

W K Scarborough Loses 1,000 Bushels of Wheat.

It was learned this morning that about 10 o'clock last night some incendiary set fire to stacked grain on W K Scarborough's farm about four miles southwest of Eugene, and out of six stacks five burned. The loss is estimated at 1,000 bushels.

A Mrs Parks who resides near, on the Masterson place says that she saw two men leave the grain about the time it was discovered to be blazing. As some of the stacks are 300 yards apart it is without question the work of a fire bug.

The officers are looking into the matter and some developments are expected. Such a crime deserves the most severe sentence which can be imposed, and every effort should be made to find the criminals. This is quite a heavy loss to Mr Scarborough.

The Rag Tag Law.

July 30.

Social given by the Christian Endeavor society of Fern Ridge, at the residence of Mr and Mrs L D Gibson was a decided success.

The social was evidently true to its name, as those attending were dressed in every description of rags. The following judges were selected: Messrs I N Hembree, F Adkins and D M Parkerson. They awarded the prize to Mr Chas Withrow for being dressed the most raggedly. There was also a booby prize given.

There were about 85 guest present. The evening was most delightfully spent in social conversation, and at about ten o'clock refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade. The lawn was decorated with evergreen and China lanterns. Every one seemed to have enjoyed himself greatly, and certainly rags does not make any one less the lady or gentleman.

A GUEST.

Buck Lambs for Sale. 20 head of thoroughbred Costwoid buck lambs for sale. Terms reasonable, 12 miles northeast of Eugene on Cloverdale road. A J CRUZAN.

Hoppickers Wanted.

Wm Miller will commence picking hops in his yard 9 miles north of Eugene Aug 15 one week from next Monday. 100 pickers wanted.

Angora Goats For Sale.

150 head of Angora goats for sale. Prices \$3.00 per head. Write or call upon. C H BAKER, Watterville, Ore.

Local Market.

August 4, 1898.

- Wheat—50c.
Oats—28c.
Hops—2 to 3c.
Butter—20 to 35c per roll.
Eggs—14c and weak
Potatoes—25c.
Poultry—\$2 50 to \$3 50 per dozen

RENER WANTED.—For a 13-acre hop yard and 30 acres of farming land, contiguous, if desired. Can furnish work for the man when not working in the hop yard. Inquire for address W B Hawley, Loran, Oregon.

Oats Wanted.

We pay cash. I K PETERS, Ninth street.

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For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

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"Willsie" Cameras Received. We recommend them.

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Blue Andalusians and Black Minorcas.

THAT WIN.—The show records at Eugene and Portland Oregon, says My Minorca pen is headed by a cockered direct from Geo H Northup, Danville, N. Y. My Blue Andalusian pen is headed by a first prize winner at S Johnsonburg show, Vermont, Jan 25, 1898.

Eggs one setting \$2.00. Two settings \$3.50.

T. F. BENNETT, EUGENE, OREGON

SPECIAL.

50 Pieces Dimities and Organdies at 5c yd.

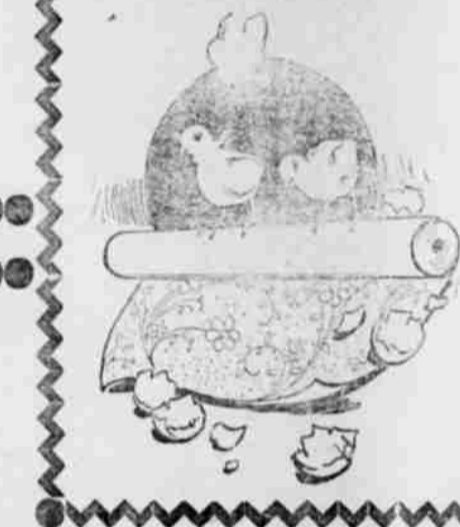
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Shirt Waists TO CLOSE From 25c up.

S. H. FRIENDL

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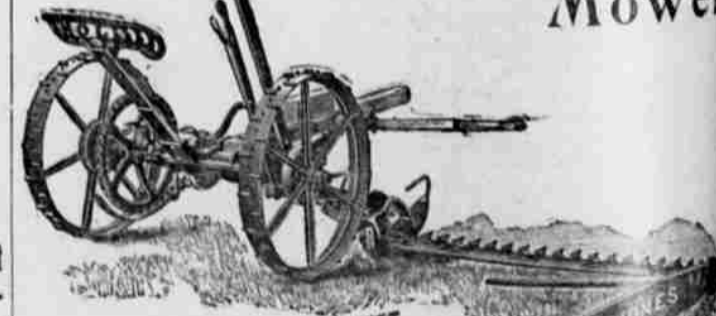


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STEEL HAYRAKES TWINE, OIL, AND REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS BUGGIES, WAGONS, ETC.

Loughmiller & Peter

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When your watch needs repairing Take it to ERB THE JEWELER First-class watch repair and jewelry work. Cor 9th and Williams, Christiana