

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The business department of the WEEKLY GUARD is caused considerable trouble by correspondents addressing the proprietors personally. Address all letters referring to the newspaper or business connected therewith to THE GUARD, Eugene, Oregon.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

Last year wheat brought a dollar a bushel in Chicago. The gold men said the advance in price was due to the legislation of Mr Reed's Congress, and the silver men attributed the advance in price to the failure of the grain crop in the great wheat producing countries of Europe and Asia. Now wheat for the future delivery is selling in Chicago at 66 cents per bushel, though Mr Reed still rules Congress.

Heretofore war caused an advance in the price of cereals; now with 215,000 men changed from producers to consumers there is a material decline in the price of wheat, though the laws enacted by Mr Reed's Congress last year remain unchanged. Because of scarcity of breadstuffs in Europe last year the gold men ridiculed the idea that the price of silver had any connection with the price of wheat or cotton. Now in the time of war wheat goes down to meet silver, until an ounce of the white metal and a bushel of wheat command very nearly the same price, as they did for years before the failure of the grain crop in India and the Argentine Confederation. The remonetization of silver would benefit the farmer as much as the miner as the price of a bushel of wheat, since India and South America became exporters of that grain, and silver was demonetized, always advanced or declined with silver, except in rare instances when wars or crop failures caused a scarcity of the grain.

HAY AND ELECTRICITY.

The decrease in the consumption of hay, caused by the displacement of horses, is estimated, in the leading cities as follows: Philadelphia, 50,000; Chicago, 50,000 to 75,000; Greater New York, 40,000; Baltimore, 25,000; St. Louis, 10,000; Cincinnati, 10,000; Richmond, Va, 15,000; Toledo, O, 15,000. Allowing that each work-horse requires fifteen pounds of hay per day, the displacement of the above number marks a decrease in consumption of over 1,300 tons per day. Add to this the horses displaced in other cities and you will understand why the hay trade is not as active as it was a few years ago. The California drought is the cause of the revival in the hay market at the present time.

A survey of the powers of Europe shows that from the beginning of the century to the end of 1896 Turkey had experienced 37 years of war and 59 of peace; Spain comes next with 31 years of war and 65 of peace; France with 27 years of war and 69 of peace; Russia, 24 years of war and 72 of peace; Italy, 23 years of war and 73 of peace; England, 21 years of war and 75 of peace; Austria-Hungary, 17 and 79; Germany, (exclusive of Prussia), 13 and 86; Sweden, 19 and 86; Portugal, 12 and 84; and Denmark, 9 and 87.

Roseburg Review: The Honorable Binger Hermann's senatorial campaign has been formally launched by the breaking of the traditional bottle of champagne, and if all the other aspirants should follow suit, there will be a veritable boom in the champagne market. Judges Fullerton, Bakin, Lowell and George; Governor-elect Geer, Governor Lord, Hon C W Fulton, Hon H W Corbett and a host of other possibilities have not yet been toasted by their admiring fellow citizens.

General Joe Wheeler captured General Shafter during the war of the rebellion and sent him to Libby prison. Now Wheeler is serving under Shafter, thirty-six years later! Verily, truth is often stranger than fiction.

Three returning Klondikers were robbed of \$24,000 somewhere on the voyage of the steamer Roanoke from St. Michaels to Seattle. A strict search of the boat and passengers disclosed nothing. Hard luck.

Indications are that the Samoan islands will soon be partitioned between England Germany and the United States. The United States will take the smallest of the three, Tutuila, but in that case size counts for nothing as it is the harbor facilities that are wanted. Tutuila has a good harbor, Pangopango, and the United States already has title to ground in that port, with acquiescence of the joining powers.

Salem Journal: Mr Herbert T Condon who has been acting as editor of the Eugene Register has retired from the newspaper work. He was one of the ablest gold standard writers in the state and although we could not agree with him, he commanded respect for his ability. He is an educated young man, a lawyer and a scholar, and will doubtless be successful in whatever occupation he may pursue.

A few ambitious leaders in Cuba and the Philippines have gone to the trouble of setting up alleged governments. This country will attend to that matter. We were forced into the war by reason of the weak and inefficient government in Cuba and will not relinquish our right to administer the affairs of the conquered islands. It would be the height of folly to expect the natives of either Cuba or the Philippines to establish a stable government.

Wells Fargo & Co have issued an 18 page pamphlet proving to their own satisfaction, presumably, that customers should pay the stamp war tax imposed on carriers of express matter. And their patrons are paying the cost. Millionaire corporations never pay any tax if there is any twist or turn in the construction of the law that may be taken advantage of.

Estimates on the amount of gold brought out from the Klondike have a startling variance. As an instance the dispatches say that the Roanoke which arrived at Seattle Tuesday was first credited with \$4,000,000; within a day it shrank to \$2,000,000 then to \$1,000,000. When it gets down to about \$250,000 it probably will be about correct.

Oregon travelers in California this year are not jested about the rain that is a standard article in our Webfoot state. Our dusty, dry and burnt up neighbors barely have enough water to drink; as for the crops they are a dismal failure. But crops never fail in Oregon. Neither does the rain.

The natives of the Philippines are developing a beer thirst if reports of large orders of the Pacific Coast product may be relied on.

Yellow fever is reported at several Texas points and a quarantine is being maintained by other places against them.

The Czar talks peace. And he is able to maintain it even if he should be compelled to fight for it.

Our army in Cuba and Porto Rico is suffering severely from fevers. Disease is more to be feared than Spanish bullets.

The greatest Discovery Yet. W Rapine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill. "Chief" says: "We won't keep house without Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for coughs, colds, whooping cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at Wilkins & Linn's Drug store.

Notice. All persons are hereby notified not to purchase a certain note given by me to Mary I E Skinner, on or before the first day of November 1897, for the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars, more or less, as the same was obtained from me without any consideration whatever, and I will not honor the same, or pay any part thereof. Dated at Eugene, Oregon, this 20th day of August, 1898.

BLUFORD DEADMOND Oregon Grape Root. 50,000 pounds wanted. Will pay the highest market price for all I can buy. S H FRIENDLY. Notice.

Hop picking will commence Sept. 5th in the Edmonson yard, near Goshen.

Free Medical Advice

You need a doctor many times when you don't call one. You suffer pain in fifty forms and yet won't call the doctor, because you hope that the pain "will go away after a while." And, too, you know by experience, that that first visit of the doctor is generally followed by many others, with the inevitable consequence of a big bill "for professional services." You don't know what to do for yourself or what to take. But suppose that you could get free, absolutely free, the advice of one of the most

Eminent Physicians

in the United States? You can. The physician is right here. He has an office in the building, he has a staff of correspondents to assist him, and anyone and everyone, who needs medical advice is invited to write to him. If it's baby's health or mother's or the health of any member of the family you may write about it, sure of a careful reading of your letter, sure of a conscientious diagnosis of your case.

Sure of a Cure

If cure is possible. Every letter will be held as a strictly confidential communication. Remember these facts. We offer you medical advice from one of the most eminent practitioners in the United States, whether our medicines suit your particular case or not. We offer you this advice at the cost of the two cent stamp which it will take to bring your letter to our office. Address the Medical Department, Dr. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

STAR CHAMBER SECRECY.

Gibbs, a Murderer of 1889, Pardoned Two Months Ago—The Fact Kept Secret.

One October evening in 1889, William Gibbs, a negro porter on a Pullman had an altercation at Portland with the superintendent of the Pullmans, when Justice of the Peace McDevitt ordered him to desist. Gibbs drew his gun on the officer, when McDevitt's son, who happened to be present, rushed between them and was mortally wounded. An exciting chase followed and the negro was finally arrested in Northern California, tried and sentenced to life imprisonment, the case being a noted one on account of the coldbloodedness of the deed, and the unexpected vigorous defense made by reason of the prisoner's father, an Arkansas judge and a colored man, coming to Portland and exerting almost superhuman efforts to save his son from the gallows. Governor Lord has added another scandal to his use of the pardoning power. The Portland Telegram says:

"William Gibbs, the negro murderer, is free, and by this time may safely be in his old Arkansas home. "Although Governor Lord pardoned him almost two months ago, the fact has just come to light. "Gibbs was a cold-blooded murderer, sentenced by Judge Loyal B Stearns in 1890 to life imprisonment, and his release has caused a sensation. "So far as the public knows, there were no mitigating circumstances elicited at his trial, and Judge Henry E McGinn, then district attorney, was amazed when the jury returned a verdict without the death penalty attached."

Harvest Picnic.

To be given by the Woodmen of Lane county, at Meriau's Park, near Eugene, Oregon, Wednesday, September 7, 1898.

Woodman parade, bicycle races, foot races, an oration on Woodcraft. Good music—brass band and orchestra. Wood sawing and wood splitting contest. Nall driving contest for Woodmen's wives. Cash prizes. Baby snow, basket dinner, boating on the lake, dancing in the afternoon. The best picnic refreshments will be sold by Woodmen and the Women of Woodcraft. A grand ball in the evening will be held in the pavilion in the park. The Woodmen of the state are cordially invited. Look out for detail program of literary exercises and contests. One and one-third fare on Southern Pacific lines.

Everybody invited to come. Take a holiday. The more the merrier. M O WILKINS, Eugene Camp, W O TRINE, Springfield Camp, W E WILCOX, Coburg Camp, Committee.

Call For County Warrants. Notice is hereby given that the following warrants will be paid on presentation at my office on and after Sept 1.....1898 Interest on same will cease Sept 1.....1898 All Lane county warrants from registered number 3749.....to 4064..... both inclusive. Dated, Eugene, Aug 30, 1898. A S PATTERSON, County Treasurer

Bread for Hop Pickers. If any hop grower who desires to have his pickers supplied with fresh bread and pastry daily, will call at our bakery, arrangements will be made by us to send a bread wagon to the hop yard each day. An early call will be of advantage. CHICAGO BAKERY.

To Prune Growers. It will pay you to examine the Triumph Pruner on exhibition at S L Long's Hardware store. MORLEY & PATRICK, Mfgs. Poone 122. 58 State St Salem.

Repairs. For any mower or binder in this market to be had at F L Chambers.

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.

NONE ARE STARVING. Prospectors on Teslin Trail Have Plenty of Provisions.

Ottawa, Ont, Aug 31.—A report was published in many United States newspapers recently that some 3,000 Americans were starving on the Teslin trail between Tel-graph creek and Teslin lake.

The United States government asked the Canadian government to investigate the matter. This has been done and a report received saying only 1500 people altogether are on the trail, and that they are well supplied with provisions. There is, therefore, no foundation for the report, and the Washington government will be officially informed of this fact.

A Hop Storm.

The Osego (New York) Republican, of the 24th inst, reports the hop conditions in the following manner:

"The hops in this county were doing very nicely until Tuesday last, when a violent storm of wind and rain came up and did a good deal of damage to the yards, and the same night about midnight a still heavier wind storm did more damage than the first. Our exchanges show that these storms practically swept the whole of Madison, Oneida, Montgomery, Schoharie, and Otsego counties. "Yards that happened to be sheltered just escaped, but the great bulk of the yards were more or less damaged, growers estimating their loss from 100 pounds up to 1,000 pounds each. Some close observers estimate the loss to this county as high as 2,000 bales, and others more. It certainly was the most far-reaching and destructive storm ever known in Central New York."

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, elocution, 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.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

This is to certify that on May 11th, I walked to Melick's drug store on a pair of crutches and bought for the Chamberlain's Pain Balm for infantile rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.—Charles H. Welton, Sunbury, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on August 19, 1894.—Walter Shipman J. P. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Osburn & DeLano.

The Acme Steam Fruit Canner.

This canner not only saves a great deal of labor in canning fruit, but also retains the flavor and form of fruit. There is no burning or boiling over of fruit as the fruit is placed in the jars before cooking. By using it pears, beans, corn and meats may be canned with perfect safety.

The canners may be seen at Starr & Aya's store. Agents wanted, address E M BOWERMAN, Waverille, Or.

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

Letter List.

Eugene, Or, Sept. 1, 1898. Burrell J P Gellis Wm Darsey, R E Green Mrs M A Durman, Victor Smith Zoph Fletcher, John Tower Mrs A E. A charge of one cent will be made on all letters given out. Persons calling for letter will please state who advertised. H F MCCONACK, F. M.

Bartlett Pears.

I will pay cash for Bartlett pears. Office and packing rooms at Eugene cannery. T N SEGAR.

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Received. We recommend them. Studio of the Superior Photographs.

SPECIAL. 50 Pieces Dimities and Organdies at 5c yd. All Summer Dress Goods at One-Half Their Value. Shirt Waists TO CLOSE From 25c up.

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