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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.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

For the first time in the history as a gold-producing country the United States is surpassed in its production of the yellow metal by another nation. The value of the gold produced here during the calendar year 1896 was $55,363,000. The product, though large, was not sufficient to maintain for the United States the distinction of being the leading gold-producing country of the world. During the same period the South African republic produced gold to the value $57,734,861. Australasia and Russia follow the United States as gold-producing countries. The product of Australasia during the calendar year 1897 was $55,664,182; that of Russia $23,245,762. There was a notable increase in the production of gold in the world in the year 1897 over 1896.

A B Slauson in a dispatch to the P I from Washington, says: To the Pacific coast the war has been, and in its results will continue to be, a great blessing. Where one man a year ago advocated the construction of the Nicaragua canal, and the laying of a cable to Honolulu and thence to Japan, there are two now. In the opinion of many well informed senators and members, both these projects will be authorized by the present congress. If not, however, owing to a lack of time, the next congress will surely finish the work, which this one will begin.

French holders of Spanish bonds issued on Cuban guarantees are endeavoring to excite France against this country. But there is no reason in the bondholders. They loaned their money to Spain, not to Cuba, or for Cuban improvements. The principal is still responsible for the debt, and perhaps, is in better condition to pay it than when she was pouring her millions into the task of conquering her rebellious island.

The idea of adding two national holidays to those we have, as reminders of the Spanish war, will be endorsed by those who are always ready to welcome holidays, or any other excuse to lay off a day; but seriously speaking, we have about all the holidays we need.

Clackamas county has defined "justice" says the Woodburn Independent. In the circuit court in Oregon City recently a man was found guilty of stealing a pair of boots and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. During the same term of court a gentleman who had confessed to forging county warrants was set free.

The report that a thousand men are on their way out of the Klondike country leads one to believe that there is liable to be suffering this winter. Undoubtedly men have remained in the mining region who are ill prepared to face the rigor of an Arctic winter.

The Portland Telegram is firmly convincing itself that Portland is the only place for the state fair. Yes, saloon, gambling, and some other facilities are more convenient at the metropolis. But why should the state appropriate one dollar for the annual horserace?

The Clearing House transactions of New York for this year have exceeded those of London by nearly $2,000,000, and the volume of commerce in and out of that port has exceeded that of London by $10,000,000.

Douglas county is unfortunate in losing her courthouse by fire. The standing walls probably will not be worth using in a new building.

FOOTBALL CRITICISM.

The Yamhill county Reporter has the following comment on a recent intercollegiate game of football in which "mud and stones" were thrown at the referee by gentle spectators:

"It looks as if the college professors and good people generally are not giving enough attention to football. At least the brutal tendencies of the game do not seem to be yielding to the gentler influences very fast. On Thanksgiving day the Forest Grove university team played the O A C team. The Times says: 'A consequence was strong feeling against the referee, who was a Forest Grove man, and carried away by antipathy, partisans among the spectators were forgetful enough of courtesy to throw mud and stones at the referee, whose decisions were said to have been in favor of the university eleven. This resort to violence is very much to be regretted, being due of course to the exasperation of the hour, and doubtless to youthful indiscretion.

"'It is fair to state that the violent acts were committed by partisan spectators and that the players took no hand, but like the jockey at the horse race, there was yeast enough in the players to leaven the whole crowd.'"

WE FAILED TO ASK.

Spain is mad and will not listen to any discussion of the afterthought of the American commissioners for the cession of a port and coaling station in the Ladrones. It is one of the mysteries of diplomacy how our government failed to have this included in the subjects defined by the protocol. The islands are of no value to Spain now that she has lost her great Pacific possessions, but are and will be of great importance to this country.

They lie on a direct line from the Sandwich islands to the Philippines, about two thirds of the way across. A coaling station and port of refuge in that weary waste of water that extends nearly six thousands of miles between those islands could not but be of great value to this country.

Another result of the war is that those persons who have been winning dim glory twisting the British lion's tail will have to do this twisting elsewhere.

Nothing could better illustrate how quickly the public can tire of a thing it doesn't believe in than its indifference towards the work of Mr McKinley's War Investigating Commission.

AT MANILA.—Journal: "The U of O is well represented at Manila. The class of '98 has there, J C Booth, Howard Davis, Philo Holbrook, and John D Newsom; class of '99, M Lindsey Applegate and Arthur Gilleland; class of '00, Clyde E Gray; class of '01, Willard A Elkins, Arthur Gamber, St Elmo Hooker, Condon C McCornack, Carleton E Sanders, and Arthur C Stubling; class of '02 has Wistar Hawthorne and Elvin S Crawford; class of '03 has Frank E Ankeny."

APPOINTED POSTMASTER.—Samuel S Train, editor of the Albany Herald, has been appointed postmaster of his city for four years. He is an adherent of Mitchell. We are pleased to see a newspaperman once in a while remembered by those he so greatly helps to place in power.

MARRIED—Thursday, Dec 8, 1898, at 6 p m, at the home of the bride on East Eighth street, Mr Alfred Ladd was united in marriage to Mrs R Hathaway. The ceremony was performed by Rev Morton L Rose.

WILL VISIT EUGENE.—The special committee of the legislature will visit the University of Oregon from 4:15 a m to 2:10 p m, December 13. Our citizens should see that they are given a pleasant reception.

COUNTY COURT CASE.—L Simon has instituted a suit against W O Randolph & Co and G W Solomon, in the county court. Judgment is asked for the sum of $187.14 and costs.

Junction City Times: "The indebtedness of Lane county is $65,000. This does not include the big town clock whose curfew notes are intended to call home wandering newspaper men and straggling lawyers.

Sydney Smith's Joke.

Sydney Smith was very happy in his country life, and his children caught his spirit of delight over common things. They loved animals and spent long hours in training them. One little beast, a baby donkey, became under their tuition perhaps the most accomplished of his species and unconsciously gave rise to a quatrain which now belongs to the fame of Sydney Smith. The donkey was a well educated chap. He would walk up stairs, follow the family in their rambles like a dog and when they entered his meadow run to meet them with ears down and tail erect, braying joyously.

One day, when Billy's head was crowned with flowers and he was being trained with a handkerchief for a bridle, Mr. Jeffrey unexpectedly arrived. He joined in the sport and to the children's infinite delight mounted Billy.

Thus he was proceeding in triumph when Sydney Smith and his wife, with three friends, returned from a walk and took in the festal scene. The great man advanced, with extended hands, and greeted his old friend in an impromptu which has become familiar to the reading world:

Witty as Horatius Flaccus,
As great a Jacobin as Gracchus,
Short, though not as fat as Bacchus,
Seated on a little jackass!

—Youth's Companion.

The Death of Coaching.

The coaching system died a lingering, a lamentable death. I can remember something of a few coaches in remote districts which longest escaped strangulation, and memory of those distant days has been sweeter without them. They resemble what Nimrod describes as the obsolete, old fashioned coach of his boyhood, drawn by dispirited, ill fed jades over long stages. One of his paragraphs well describes what used to make my blood boil with impotent fury, imbittering the joy of returning home for the holidays, and deepening the depression of the schoolward journey:

"The four horse whip and the Nottingham whipcord were of no avail over the latter part of the ground, and something like a cat-o'-nine-tails was produced out of the boot, which was jocularly called 'the apprentice,' and a shrewd apprentice it was to the art of torturing, which was inflicted on the wheelers without stint or measure, but without which the coach might have been often left on the road."

No; the last of the road coaches—corruptio optimi—disappeared and left none to mourn them.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Bribing Spurgeon.

The autobiography of the late Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon contains an account of what may be termed an early business venture and its influence on his character.

Spurgeon was brought up on Watt's hymns, but not altogether willingly. His grandmother coaxed him with money to learn them. At first she gave him a penny, but when she saw how easily it was earned the old lady reduced the prize to a halfpenny and then to a farthing. There is no telling how low the amount per hymn might have fallen, but just at this time his grandfather made a discovery which seemed more desirable to Spurgeon.

He discovered that his house was overrun with rats and offered his grandson a shilling a dozen for all he could kill.

The occupation of rat killing gave him more money than learning hymns. "But," Mr. Spurgeon characteristically says, "I know which employment has been the more permanently profitable to me."

All Business.

"I'm afraid our new son-in-law isn't much of a business man," she said.

"Don't you worry about that," replied the old gentleman. "If he doesn't know how to make the best of a bargain, I don't know who does. The day before the wedding he discovered that Minnie had a freckle under her left ear, and he made me add $1,000 to her dowry on the ground that the goods weren't entirely in accordance with the invoice. I was almost tempted to believe that he wasn't a nobleman at all, but a New England Yankee in disguise."—Chicago Post.

Practical Classics.

Mrs. Timkins was taking her son to school for the first time, and, after impressing the schoolmaster with the necessity of his having a thoroughly good education, finished up by saying, "And be sure he learns Latin."

"But, my dear madam," said the schoolmaster, "Latin is a dead language."

"All right," said Mrs. Timkins. "He'll want it. He's going to be an undertaker."—London Tit-Bits.

An Awful Sentence.

A celebrated Irish judge once passed sentence in the following manner. The prisoner was a butler who had been convicted of stealing his master's wine: "Dead to every claim of natural affection, blind to your own real interests, you have burst through all the restraints of religion and morality and have for many years been feathering your own nest with your master's bottles."—London Telegraph.

A Monster Flower.

The largest flower in the world, it is said, is the bolo, which grows on the island of Mindanao, one of the Philippine group. It has five petals, measures nearly a yard in width, and a single flower has been known to weigh 22 pounds. It grows on the highest pinnacle of the land, or about 2,500 feet above the level of the sea.

No Escape.

"What is your name, Mr. Throgson?"

"My name is Adam, Miss Wellalong."

"And my first name is Eve! Dear me! What a—what a remarkable coincidence."—Chicago Tribune.

Matches.

The man who was old enough to know better was chasing up and down a Sixteenth street boarding house, trying to find a match to light a cigarette with.

"Did it ever occur to you," he said to the man who finally found a light for him, "what a boon and a benison the cigarette manufacturer has been to the match manufacturer? Think of it a moment. First, however, give me another match for this cigarette. I don't know how many cigarettes are made in this country, but let us, for the sake of argument, say there are a thousand carloads a year. Well, it takes on an average—another light, please—four matches to the cigarette, and the manufacturer of matches must therefore make 4,000 carloads of matches just to meet the cigarette demand. You may not think 4,000 carloads is a great quantity, but if you knew how hard it was to get one match when your cigarette is out, you would think 4,000 carloads wasn't a few if you had to go around begging them. I have never given serious study to the matter, but, looking at it casually, I should say the match manufacturers owe an inestimable debt of gratitude to the cigarette makers."—New York Sun.

Cash Versus Glory.

An ordinary service to mankind is usually paid for at current rates in legal tender. An extraordinary service, not involving the element of heroism, is rewarded by both legal tender and more or less fame. The highest of all services, rendered at the risk of life, is supposed to receive its full compensation in glory, unaccompanied by more sordid considerations. If, however, the hero of the service last mentioned should not be contented with his meed of glory, but should demand more substantial reward, he may receive it indeed, but at a large discount from the other (and in sentimental estimation more valuable) consideration.

Unlike the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, who receive their quid pro quo without a thought of humiliation, either in their own minds or yours, the man who saves your life at the risk of his own is looked upon as almost if not quite disgracing himself by accepting your proffered pecuniary reward, although he may, in fact, be in far sorer need than any one of the worthy trio who simply contribute to your necessities or comforts.—Edward P. Jackson in North American Review.

The Glowworm's X Ray.

The glowworm's light is said to have been shown to be due to the emission of rays similar to Roentgen's. Three hundred glowworms were caught near Kioto and placed before photographic plates screened from the light by several thicknesses of black paper, together with plates of brass, copper and aluminum. A piece of cardboard with a hole in it was placed between the metal and the photographic plate, and for two days the arrangement was kept in a dark chamber, sheltered from all foreign lights. On developing the plate it was found to be blackened, except the part opposite the hole in the cardboard. The rays of the glowworm would appear therefore to penetrate metal and excite luminosity in cardboard. When there is nothing between the sensitive plate and the glowworm, the rays are said to behave like ordinary light, but in traversing some metals and cardboard they seem to acquire properties like that of X rays, or it may be that the ordinary glowworm emits X as well as ordinary rays.—Revue Scientifique.

A Mean Trick.

Absentmindedly Brooks stepped up to the cashier's desk and paid for his luncheon. Then, accompanied by Rivers, he went out into the open air.

"Brooks," said Rivers, "you'd better go back and settle for your dinner if you don't want the proprietor to follow you out and dun you right here on the street."

"Great Scott! Didn't I pay for it?" ejaculated Brooks. "Where's my check? I haven't got it."

"I picked it up as we left the table," said Rivers. "Here it is."

"Ah, you have come back to pay the other gentleman's check," said the cashier as Brooks went back, stepped up to the desk a second time and handed out a half dollar.

When Brooks went outside again, a moment later, Rivers was nowhere in sight, and there is another unsettled account between them.—Chicago Tribune.

Causes of Death.

An Austrian professor estimates that only 900 persons out of 1,000,000 die from old age, while 1,200 succumb to gout, 18,400 to measles, 2,700 to apoplexy, 7,000 to erysipelas, 7,500 to consumption, 48,000 to scarlet fever, 25,000 to whooping cough, 30,000 to typhoid and typhus and 7,000 to rheumatism. These averages of course vary according to locality. Smallpox does not even get a place in the list. Was this Austrian professor an antivaccinator?—London Globe.

Ways and Means.

Home Seeker (inspecting a flat)—How in the world are people to live in such little cubby holes as these?

Agent—Easy enough, mum. All you need is folding beds and camp chairs and self doubling up tables and a few things like that.

"Humph! I can hardly turn around in these rooms myself."

"I see, mum. It's too bad to be so afflicted, mum. You should take antifat."—New York Weekly.

The Syrians regarded the rose as an emblem of immortality, the Chinese planted it over graves, and in the Tyrol it is said to produce sleep. Rose leaves are sometimes thrown on the fire for good luck. In France and Italy it is believed that rosy cheeks will come to the lass that buries a drop of her blood under a rosebush.

Commissioners' Court

Cooper Rickards gravel	4 95
L T Harris, deputy district attorney, State vs James Coat	5 10
L T Harris deputy district attorney, State vs James Pants and John Black	5 00
L T Harris deputy district attorney State vs Mary Larcer and James Donig	5 00
L T Harris deputy district attorney, State vs James Munroe and Williams	5 00
L T Harris deputy district attorney, State vs William McClaren	5 00
A W Gilbert road work, district No 67	115 60
C L Cohen witness State vs J Munroe and Williams	1 60
Will Hodes witness State vs J Munroe and williams	1 60
Frank Weatherby witness State vs J Munroe and Williams	1 60
Charles Kissenger witness State vs J Munroe and Williams	1 60
George Croner witness State vs J Munroe and Williams	1 60
J T Rowland witness State vs J Munroe and Williams	1 60
W W Scott, justice fees State vs Ed Canteway and Charles McCutcheon, claimed $4.90 allowed	2 00
Wm M Miller teachers examination stationery	20 00
C A Wintermeirer justice fee State vs James Coat claimed $3 70 allowed	3 20
C A Wintermeirer justice fee State vs James Pants and John Black true name Fred Wattee and John Kidwell	3 70
C A Wintermeirer justice fees State vs Mary Larcer and James Donig claimed $3 80 allowed	3 30
C A Wintermeirer justice fees State vs James Munroe and William Gosnee claimed $6 40 allowed	5 40
C A Wintermeirer justice fees State vs William McClaren claimed $6 50 allowed	6 00
Eugene Lumber Co lumber	4 93
D P Burton county assessor	91 25
T E Creed work on crusher, claimed $39 25 allowed	23 75
I K Peters paint	75
J T Callison gravel	10 50
G M Kirk road work claimed $13 25 allowed	11 87
J S Stiles constable fees State vs Mary Larcer and James Donig and State vs J Pants and John Black	2 10
E M Streeter, 40 yards gravel	12 00
M B McCann deputy assessor	40 00
S J Wilson " clerk	40 00
The Irwin Hodson Co record supplies	34 00
Wm Montgomery gravel	1 95
George Croner constable fees, State vs James Munroe and William Gosnee and State vs Fred Wattee and Iowa Kidwell	3 50
E Schwartzschild stationery, etc	13 83
Wiley & Burbach blacksmithing	26 45
C M Collier surveying	8 00
J R Crow gravel	9 98
G C Fleeman, constable fees State vs Coats	1 60
G C Fleeman constable fees State vs J Munroe and W Gosee	3 05
G C Fleeman constable fees, State vs William McClaren	3 45
N L Harshberger lumber	2 10
J T Rowland, supervisor road district No 107	16 00
D P Burton making copy of military list for clerk	12 00
Wm Gardner & Co, making heat connections	78 75
A W Wallace constable fees State vs Ed Cantway and Charles McCutcheon, claimed $10 20, allowed	6 70
John Schmidt work on fill in road district No 73	16 00
W W Withers sheriff, stamps etc	2 45
W W Withers sheriff, board of prisoners	48 23
George Kerr work on bridge and stage fare	8 50
George Keer board for men working on bridge, claimed $31.50, disallowed.	
James Higgins juror	12 20
G C Miller blacksmithing	3 45
L T Harris deputy district attorney State vs Funke insanity	5 00
J W Harris physician's fee examination Funke insanity	5 00
L Hornig road work	10 75
O W Hurd pauper supplies for W A Mead	5 00
C W Lyons road work	42 50
S M Douglas juror State vs Branton	2 10
James W Mahon medical services for pauper Mr Almasey claimed $64 50 allowed	49 50
D G Palm bridge work and material	11 08
James Hoffman juror State vs Harsey	2 10
J H McClung juror State vs Branton	2 10
J W Richardson juror State vs Branton	4 00
B F Moore juror State vs Branton	2 00
Joseph Burnette bridge work	8 1[illegible]
John Daud " "	13 75
Ben Pitcher " "	1 50
B H Lyons " "	27 00
Arthur Van Scholack bridge work	8 75
George Keer Jr bridge work	14 [illegible]
A U Melling supplies for pauper Herbert Bros	4 [illegible]
W L Cheshire medicine and professional services for pauper George Roberts	[illegible]
Charles Wright gravel	4 [illegible]
Al Montgomery board for Funk insane	4 [illegible]
A V Peters pauper supplies for Herbert Bros	4 [illegible]
Otto Darelius lumber	6 [illegible]
L H Patterson deputy sheriff	1[illegible]
Eugene Register, printing allowances	40 [illegible]
I Slayter pauper supplies for Cantrel	18 [illegible]
W T Kayser lumber, nails, etc for road	9 [illegible]
Dr C H Russell, keeping paupers	16[illegible]
Augusta Patterson, teachers examination	12[illegible]
W Kuykendall, examination of J Funke, insane	19 [illegible]
W W Withers sheriff, expenses conveying Funke from Florence to Eugene	5 [illegible]
J M Howe special deputy sheriff	7 [illegible]
W Kuykendall witness State vs Branton	2 [illegible]
J C Stouffer election booths claimed $9 allowed	3 [illegible]
E Bangs livery services	6 [illegible]
W T Campbell superintendent court house construction	6 [illegible]
Harshburger & Andrews lumber	75 [illegible]
C Cole lumber	4 [illegible]
Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Co services for December	16 [illegible]
J P Turner, work on jail yard and parks	1 [illegible]
J W Pollock work on jail yard etc	5 [illegible]
W H Andrews watch at jail	16 [illegible]
Mattie Bond gravel	6[illegible]
Bancroft Whitney & Co codes	4[illegible]
W H Spaugh road work	90 [illegible]
Norris Humphrey rebate on tax	30 [illegible]
G L Harwood teachers' examination	17 [illegible]
Trent Lumber Co lumber	7 [illegible]
M S Hubbie wood for pauper Mrs Body	27 [illegible]
A C McClane, cougar scalp	1 [illegible]
F L Chambers, hardware	2 [illegible]
	31 [illegible]

Hop Prices in London.

James Hart, the veteran hopdealer of Christopher, Wash, has just received a letter from Kent, England, relating to the hop market there. It says in part:

"There has been a steady improvement in the hop market ever since the first consignment was offered. Those who sold at the first of the season might now obtain 30 to 35 shillings per hundred weight more than they then realized. Our crop this season was much overestimated, and purposely so, by the merchants and factories, who wanted them for their individual use. The stocks were known to be small, so that there was every prospect of a continued improvement. I think nineteen-twentieths of the growth here has been sold. A vast quantity of the larger growth has changed hands lately at £7 8s to £8 8s per hundred weight. These are the best grown in Midland Kent. The second quality was well grown this year, under the influence of splendid weather during August and September."

Mr Hart said that the English prices represented in American currency 37 to 38 cents a pound for first quality and 28 to 31 cents a pound for second quality, or ordinary good. American hops are at 23 to 27 cents a pound.

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RE-COMMITTED — John Evenson was today re-committed to the asylum for the insane and was taken to Salem on today's 10:50 local in charge of Sheriff Withers. The unfortunate young man is about 20 years of age. Young Evenson led officers a merry chase yesterday. He boarded the overland, went to Cottage Grove, and left at once afoot for the hills. Being found early this morning by Bob Veatch, that gentleman brought him to this city, and the necessary papers were issued. Young Evenson's mania is that some one is trying to kill him. This is his second commitment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS — Eugene Lodge No 15, A O U W elected the following officers for the ensuing year, last evening: L N Roney, Workman; Ellis Chapman, Foreman; H L Chilson, Overseer; B J Hawthorne, Recorder; Louis Aya, Guide; S F Derrin, Inside Watchman; V McFarland, Outside Watchman; J D Myers, Past Master Workman; Dr J W Harris, Medical Examiner. Two initiations took place.

GLORY TICKETS.—County Clerk Lee today issued marriage licenses to the following persons: Lucas H Crenshaw, 33 years and Miss Katie Myers, [illegible] years; Ney Conger, 23 years and Rosa Belle Shields, 17 years. The father of the last named young lady filed his written consent to the union, with the county clerk.

NEW RULING. — In Portland the courts now pay witnesses detained in jail fees. This is correct.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets. [illegible] Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.