

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

MUCHLY MARRIED.

Congressman-elect, Roberts of Utah is a Mormon not only in church but polygamous practice, and there are rumors in the air that an effort will be made to prevent his being seated when he appears in Washington to take the oath of office.

The gentle does things in a more quiet way. It is a matter of common notoriety that not a few of our national solons maintain two establishments, one at home, and the other at the national capital.

Roberts should be kept out, at least until he purges himself of the offense. For the other practicing polygamists that infest Washington there is no adequate remedy except proper cultivation of public opinion to the point where such conduct will not be tolerated.

LEGISLATION ASKED.

The Oregon Bar Association committee has reported on the subject of needed legislation. Among other features is the matter of nine members of a jury bringing in a verdict in civil actions and the proposing of a law to regulate expert witnesses so that they will really be a part of the court.

The committee also recommend the proposal of a constitutional amendment increasing the membership of the supreme court to a total of five, and to have a maximum salary limit of \$10,000, the legislature to fix the salary at as much less than \$10,000 as it pleases, but to raise it above the present \$2,000.

THE DIMINUTIVES OF CONGRESS

Senator Simon has been mentioned as the smallest member of the senate in stature. But there are others. An exchange says:

Congressman-elect John L. Barnett of Alabama, who will probably be the smallest man in the next house, is an able lawyer, although he is known as "the Jack of Spades." When he first appeared before the supreme court of Alabama to argue a case he stood up behind a high bench on which lawyers were accustomed to lay their books and papers.

SAMPLES OF IOWA COLD.

It must be pretty cold in old Iowa. The recent storm reminds Bailey, of the Britt, [Iowa] Tribune, of old time winters. "Whew!" says he, "wasn't that blizzard a dandy? Put us in mind of twenty years ago. Used to freeze a bottle of 4th proof alcohol around a stick and use it to knock the icicles off

the teakettle spout when we were getting dinner. The sun dogs all froze to death that winter and a nightmare had her boots frozen off. "A young fellow proposed to a girl over at Upper Grove but his words froze in the air and never thawed out till June and then he was accepted by the old maid 59 years old, who happened to be present when the words thawed out. This brought on a breach of promise suit, but this dragged along till the next winter when the old maid and the rector froze stiff and the court declared the engagement broken off by frost.

"It was nothing to go out and sink a shaft forty feet through the snow back to find the cow in the morning, and when we found her she gave ice cream; this is snow joke. The smoke froze solid in the chimneys and they had to make shoe pegs out of hollow logs to let the frost out of the farmers' boots."

GOOD ADVERTISING METHOD

E. F. Baker, the Junction City real estate agent, understands how to draw public attention to his locality. Instead of sending out a lot of circulars, filled with fulsome praise of the country, he has the local paper send copies to his customers and inquirers to the number of three hundred a week.

It does not cost the real estate man as much as the circulars, they are mailed free of cost to him, and the people who receive them know that the paper tells the truth and can be depended on as an index of the general prosperity of the community. A newspaper is the best advertiser abroad.

This has been a record breaking year for freight shipments east from Chicago, the total for the year, with the last week in December estimated, being 5,679,935 tons, an increase over 1897 of nearly two million tons. Lower rates and the enormous increase of grain shipments account for the larger business.

A Catholic priest has been elected to the degrees in a Knights of Pythias lodge in Chicago but has not yet received them. He will endeavor to secure the approval of his archbishop. This case may reopen the question of Catholic hostility to secret societies.

The Philippines will soon be connected by that great boon of civilization, the electric telegraph. A cable ship is being fitted out with the wire and necessary apparatus. We will civilize the Philippine even though he objects.

The Roseburg weather bureau recorded 6 1/2 inches of snow for the season up to Thursday. Not one-fourth of that had fallen here.

PARLOR CAR SERVICE.

The Southern to Put On Parlor Chair Cars During Legislative Session.

Friday's Portland Telegram: Today the Southern Pacific passenger department announced that during the session of the legislature it will run parlor chair cars on its line between Portland, Salem and Albany. The cars to be utilized belong to the Columbia & Astoria Railroad Company, the same as used on its line between Portland and Astoria last summer—and these have been leased by the Southern Pacific for the purpose specified. They are marvels of comfort and elegance.

The company will make an extra charge of 25 cents for the use of the cars between Portland and Salem and 50 cents between Portland and Albany.

Business Social.

Daily Guard, Dec 31. The C. E. of the First Christian church, held their regular monthly business meeting last evening at the home of the pastor, Rev. M. L. Rose. A large crowd was in attendance and an interesting meeting held. At the close of the business session an hour or so of social amusement was indulged in.

W. C. Hanke, who was injured in a threshing machine belonging to W. C. Babcock last fall, has commenced suit for \$20,000 damages against Babcock in the Walls Walls superior court.

The Oregon State Association of Women's Clubs, held their regular meeting at the C. C. U. hall last evening, and a very interesting session was held.

The Mysterious Passenger.

The captain of a vessel which was bringing to America in the fall of 1796 a mysterious passenger who had come aboard at Hamburg watched the latter so closely that at last the passenger said one day: "Sir, this is not the first occasion upon which I have observed the attentive scrutiny you bestow upon me. May I inquire the reason?"

"Sir," responded the candid captain, "you took passage on my ship as a Dane. I don't believe you're anything of the kind."

The passenger smiled. The smile was full of perspicacity and confidence and was followed with, "Pray, tell me, then, what you believe me to be."

At this question Captain Ewing fidgeted, hesitated and finally blurted out: "Well, to be honest, I think you are a gambler. You've well nigh ruined yourself at home and are now coming to fleece the fools you'll find on shore."

The young man's smile broadened. The next minute he turned grave again, lowered his voice and replied: "Captain Ewing, as you have studied me during this voyage so I have studied you. I have come to the conclusion that you are a man to be trusted. I am Louis Philippe, duc d'Orleans, eldest son of that Louis Philippe d'Orleans who was slain by the guillotine on the 7th of November, almost three years ago."—Argonaut.

Most of Them Paid.

A large company of easily gulled individuals was victimized a short time back in a small country town. By means of posters announcing a grand sacred concert and by a free distribution of complimentary tickets bearing on their face this condition, "No Gentlemen Admitted Unless Accompanied by a Lady," a large audience was gathered at the theater. When the crowd began to press in through the doors, the ticket taker began shouting:

"All having complimentary tickets will please pass upstairs to the gallery."

This was a dark, dreary, hot place, not having the capacity for seating comfortably more than 100 people. Those who passed forward with their tickets were told that if they did not wish to go to the gallery they could be admitted by paying a shilling apiece. Every man who appeared with a complimentary ticket of course had a lady with him and felt a sort of embarrassment if he were not his wife or intimate acquaintance, so he yielded to compulsion and paid rather than retire, and so the scheme succeeded to the extent of filling the house.—London Answers.

A Tart Old Lady.

Out in Indiana a good many years ago a certain old lady, summoned as a witness, came into court wearing a large poke bonnet, such as was then much affected by rural folks. Her answers to the questions put to her being rather indistinct, the court requested her to speak louder, though without much success.

"The court cannot hear a word you say, my good woman," said the judge. "Please to take off that huge bonnet of yours."

"Sir," she said composedly and distinctly enough this time, "the court has a perfect right to bid a gentleman take off his hat, but it has no right to make a lady remove her bonnet."

"Madam," replied the judge, "you seem so well acquainted with the law that I think you had better come up and take a seat with us on the bench."

"I thank your honor kindly," she responded, dropping a low courtesy to the court, "but there are old women enough there already."—Law Notes.

Mark Twain and His Pyjamas.

Mark Twain has an intense dislike for clothes, and if it were possible would remain in his pyjamas day in and day out. And whenever he can do so he eats breakfast in them, receives his friends and works in them. His favorite mode of writing is to lie flat on the floor on his stomach in his pyjamas, with a pipe in his mouth. When on lecture tours, he never gets out of his sleeping clothes until it is time to go to ball or opera house. When the fit strikes him, he likes to exercise, and then with his customary shamble will shuffle along for miles and exhaust his most athletic companion. But he feels far more at home in his pyjamas than in a street suit or evening clothes, and in them he remains as great a part of the day as Mrs. Clemens will allow him.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Unique Collection.

A Philadelphia man owns a most unique assortment of pieces of blotting paper, collected by his father, who was long an official of the White House, each of which bears, reversed, the signature of a president from General Harrison, who died a month after his election in 1841, to Garfield. On one sheet, the most highly prized of the lot, the last official letter signed by President Lincoln was blotted before he was assassinated by Booth.

No Complaints.

Horse Dealer—Well, John, how about that horse I sold you? Was he quiet enough? Undertaker—Well, sir, he did give us a little trouble at first. We put him in one of the mourning coaches, you know, and parties don't like to be shook up in their grief, but we've put him in the hearse now, and we haven't heard any complaint so far.—Household Words.

Britain's "Tribute Money."

Several years ago a large sum of money was sent out to China from England in relief of an appalling famine. Br. Dr. Wenyun of the Wesleyan mission related in a recent speech that he had discovered in Shanghai a commemorative column, erected by the government authority, on which this Britain's contribution was calmly set down as "tribute money."—Penang Gazette.

Gunpowder in Hunting.

A curious feature about this evolution in methods of hunting was the hesitation with which gunpowder was taken up by the great nobles. Not only did it take quite a century to familiarize hunters with it, but the evidence that has come down to us shows that the humble classes were the first to use it for shooting game. Maximilian, ardent sportsman that he was, tells us himself that he could shoot farther and with greater accuracy with his crossbow than his keeper could with the fire tube.

To prove this he tells us the well known story of a certain chamois standing at a distance of 200 fathoms, which after being pronounced as too far off by his henchman, who was armed with one of the first sporting firearms mentioned in print, comes tumbling down, pierced at the first attempt, by the emperor's bolt. From other sources we learn of strict measures being adopted to prevent poachers and "wood loafers" using firearms, and this at a period when princes still used the cumbersome crossbow and spear. It was only in the last quarter of the sixteenth century that firearms had ousted other weapons for certain forms of the chase, the deer battue being among the latter.—Pall Mall Magazine.

Smoking in Korea.

In Korea all men and women smoke. They begin early. The pipe is a brass bowl, with a reed stem four feet long and a brass, amber or glass mouthpiece. Accidents often occur from persons falling with a long pipe in the mouth, the stem of which is driven down the throat through the cheek or into the palate. During the "reform period," after the Japan-China war, long pipes were forbidden to the common people, and they turned to cigarettes, which have become noted in the popular lexicon. Native cigarettes, which are of poor quality, sell for 1 cent each; the little cigars of cigarette style sell for 14 cents gold per 100.

American cigarettes are used exclusively in the palace, and thousands of them are smoked there. This makes them popular with the upper classes, and the consumption of them is very great. The best of them cost 1 cent gold each. The import duty on cigars and cigarettes is 20 per cent ad valorem; but, in spite of this, the American manufacturers are gradually coming into control of the market.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Good Spurgeon Story.

Here is a story about Spurgeon. He once passed a stonemason who, after each stroke of his hammer, cursed and swore. Mr. Spurgeon laid his hand on his shoulder and, looking kindly at him, said: "You are an adept at swearing. Can you also pray?"

With another oath he replied, "Not very likely."

Holding up 5 shillings, Mr. Spurgeon said if he would promise never to pray he would give him that.

"That is easily earned," said the man, with a fresh oath, and put it in his pocket. When Spurgeon left, the man began to feel a little queer. When he went home, his wife asked him what ailed him, and he told her. "It is Judas' money!" said the man, and on a sudden impulse he threw it into the fire. The wife found it and took it out and discovered who had given it to him. The man took it back to Spurgeon, who conversed long with him, warning him, and at length was the means of saving him. He became an attached member of his flock.

Couldn't Quit Gambling.

Driving a cab in the streets of London is a young man who has literally thrown away £20,000. The son of a wealthy family in Yorkshire, he went into the army, but soon became distinguished by his gambling propensities. He ruined himself and had to leave his regiment.

A short time ago while living in a garret news was brought to him that he had been left £20,000. There was a condition attached to the legacy—that the money was to immediately pass to another person, named in the will, if the legatee was ever found gambling. A detective was set to watch the ex-captain and saw him enter a well known club one evening, where he lost the sum of £200, which he had raised on his expectations. He forfeited his £20,000 before he had ever laid hands on it.—London Tit-Bits.

Women Guides in Berlin.

A Berlin paper thus speaks of the women guides employed in that city: "They are partly elderly, partly middle aged ladies, with a certain amount of knowledge of the world, some acquaintance with languages and an assured and amiable demeanor, to whose care lone female travelers or the lady traveling parties recently imported from Scandinavia and America intrust themselves. Most of these resolute persons are Russians or Austrians."

When They Knew Him.

"There are plenty of women who would be glad to get me," he said. "Very likely," she replied pointedly, "but none of them would care to keep you after she once had you."

He went outdoors to say what he wanted to say after that trust. He felt that he couldn't do justice to it in the house.—Chicago Post.

Pertinent.

Caughy—Who on earth is trying to play the piano, Caroline? Mrs. Caughy (proudly)—It is Arabella. She is learning to read music. Caughy (testily)—Well, ask her if it is necessary to read it aloud.—Stray Stories.

The temperature for December, taking the average for ten years, in the Klondike is 40 degrees below zero.

Ostriches are fond of walking, according to a writer in The Popular Science Monthly.

FRIDAY, DEC 31

MUSICAL FESTIVAL.—The Holiday Musical Festival at Meigs food is a grand success. There are about 125 voices in the chorus, and more are expected to arrive soon. Of the number, about 50 are from Medford, 30 from Astoria and 20 from Grant's Pass. There are to be grand concerts Thursday and Friday evenings. This suggestion of vocal and instrumental talent is under the direction of Professor W. H. Boyer, of Portland. The leading soprano soloist is Mrs. R. C. Brooks of Eugene; leader of the orchestra, Dr. F. W. Van Dyke of Grant's Pass; pianist, Miss Bell Robinson of Grant's Pass; organist, Miss Marie Foster of Medford. Three rehearsals are held each day. So far the hall has been crowded at every performance.

CHRISTMAS BOXES.—A dispatch from Manila to the San Francisco Chronicle states that the transports carrying Christmas boxes to the soldiers at Manila arrived safely on Dec 23, and the boys received the good things from home at the first time. There were many glad hearts among Oregon soldiers when letters from home and boxes full of good things for Christmas were received. It is now pretty well assured that the Oregon volunteers will be home in the early spring.

SEEKS BANKRUPTCY.—The Portland Telegram of Dec 29 has this about a person formerly interested in a Eugene boat and shoe business: "Louis Kraus, of the former firm of Kraus Bros, which did business in Portland and in Eugene, also petitioned to be declared a bankrupt. The liabilities of the firm amount to \$12,000, and the assets of the petitioner do not exceed \$25, consisting of household furniture and wearing apparel."

IDAHO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—In Idaho, out of 21 school superintendents, fifteen are women, and of the new legislature there are four women on its assembly roll. One of the latter is Mrs. Clara L. Campbell, who formerly lived in Eugene, having moved away from here in 1879.

DEAD.—Mrs. Dr. Wall of Cottage Grove, received a telegram Thursday from Oday, Neb., stating that her brother, Maury Underwood, had died at that place Wednesday night. Deceased was well known in Cottage Grove and here, and his many friends will regret hearing of his death.

AT CRESWELL.—Rev. M. L. Rose has been secured to hold evangelistic services at Creswell. He will go to that place some time in January. He has been eminently successful in his ministry here and will to doubt be greeted by good audiences at Creswell.

TYPHOID PATIENTS.—Mrs. Lizzie Eames is quite ill with typhoid fever at the old Dudley residence near the Eugene bridge. Elmer Yarnell and wife of Mohawk, also are down with typhoid.

JUNCTION ENTERPRISE.

A Complete Fruit Drying and Canning Plant to be Constructed.

Junction Times Dec 31.

Bushnell & Mahon received a boiler this week that will certainly furnish the desired power. It is a 150 horse power boiler and is about as large as a freight car and to unload and transfer it to the dryer will be quite an undertaking. The power furnished by the engine during the past season was not sufficient and greatly delayed the working of the plant. This enterprising firm will soon commence the building of a cannery which will be operated in connection with the dryer.

The cannery will be built near the dryer and will be 29x120, and will be so arranged that both plants can be successfully operated from the same engine. A new engine and boiler room will also be built. The new plant will be completed in time for next year's crop. This double plant will be a valuable addition to the town as it will furnish a market for all kinds of fruit and give employment to a large number of people.

Estate of Mary J. Bristow.

In the Multnomah court, Friday afternoon the will of the late Mary Jane Bristow was filed for probate. She leaves an estate valued at \$7,300, which is divided to the following heirs: A Richardson, of Lewis county, Wash; Mary J. Keenan, Lisette Keenan and Samuel A. and Archie Richardson, the two latter living in Iowa. F. L. Keenan and Asa K. Richardson are appointed executors, without bonds, and H. W. Fries, W. H. Grindstaff, and A. D. Keenan are appraisers of the estate.

Big Fruit Evaporator Boiler.

Junction City, Or, Dec 28.—A huge boiler for Bushnell & Mahon's new fruit evaporator arrived this morning. A contract will be let tomorrow for unloading and moving it to the building. It is a locomotive pattern, 150 horsepower boiler, and weighs about 15 tons.

BOUND OVER

Tullock, Who Shot at Marshal Stiles Placed Under \$500 Bonds.

GOES TO JAIL.

Daily Guard, Dec 31. A. L. Tullock was given an examination before Justice Wintermeier last evening on the charge of having shot at Chief of Police Stiles on Wednesday evening. He was defended by Attorneys L. L. Stevens and Chas. M. Kissinger, who attempted to prove an alibi for their client. The state was represented by Deputy District Attorney L. T. Harris.

After hearing the testimony Justice Wintermeier held the prisoner to appear before the next grand jury in the sum of \$500. Being unable to furnish bonds he was committed to the county jail. This makes ten prisoners in that institution.

CHARGE NOT PROVEN

Daily Guard, Dec 31. Dan Sweet, a young man living near Elmira, was brought before U. S. Commissioner J. J. Walton today on the charge of counterfeiting. Not finding the evidence sufficient to warrant his being held to appear before the U. S. grand jury, Commissioner Walton dismissed the complaint.

It appears that on December 23, Young Sweet, while playing a nickle-in-the-slot machine in J. T. Witter's saloon, used some nickels made of lead metal, which had on the face a facsimile of the government stamp on such coin. Information was made to the officers and Deputy U. S. Marshal A. A. Roberts came up from Portland and made the arrest.

The examination was made at 10 o'clock this morning before the commissioner. Attorney E. R. Skipworth appeared for the defendant. At 2 o'clock the commissioner's decision was made as stated above.

Public Opinion Desired.

The following communication is self explanatory.

Portland, Or, Dec 31st, 1898.

Under date of December 17th, 1898, Hon. Wm. F. Lord, Governor of Oregon, by authority of section 2506, Hill's Code, appointed the undersigned, a State Board of Immigration. In view of the importance of the work to be undertaken, and the desire of the board to secure co-operation in every section of the state, as well as by every industry therein, it is deemed advisable to obtain a full expression of opinion.

With this end in view, a convention is hereby called, to meet in the City of Portland, Saturday, January 21st, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., composed of editors, mayors, county judges and commissioners, members of the legislature, and such representative citizens as may be appointed by mayors, and county judges or commissioners. You are respectfully invited to be present.

J. C. COOPER, HENRY L. PITTOCK, WM. G. GOSSILL, State Board of Immigration.

Case Decided.

Judge J. W. Hamilton has handed down his decision, "In the matter of the estate of Joseph Baily," as follows:

First—That the objection of said Emil F. Baily to the said final account of the said administrators of the estate of Joseph Baily, deceased, should be disallowed. Second—That the final account of said administrators be allowed and said administrators be discharged, and bondmen exonerated.

Circuit Court Cases.

Wadhams & Co vs M. E. Browning. To recover money. Judgment is asked for \$102.

Isaac Carson vs E. H. Lauer and Sarah Lauer, as administrators of the estate of Charles Lauer, deceased. Judgment is asked by the complainant for the sum of \$852.05.

In the case of J. E. Young, administrator of the estate of R. S. Cathey vs W. S. Chisman and wife, the plaintiff has filed a reply to defendant's answer.

Mrs. Jane Weaver.

Cottage Grove, Or, Dec 30.—Mrs. Jane Weaver, aged 40, died this morning at Seignaw, of cancer of the left breast, from which she had been suffering for over two years. She left a husband and three children.

The extension of the S. P. walks at the depot in this city is being covered with decomposed granite making a substantial walk. 12 1/2 pounds wins the condy block at the Bonhomme. Mr. W. A. White is the lucky man.