

LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

Gov Geer's suggestion that legislative sessions be limited to twenty-eight days is to cater to popular fancy instead of in the interest of good government.

The continual curbing of criticism of the legislature is not just in many instances. We believe the members a fair representation of the body politic.

UNREASONABLE FILIPINOS.

It appears that our new colonial aggrandizement scheme in the Philippines is causing us the same trouble it did Spain.

Our title to the country is not founded on the clearest right. We gained it from the Spanish, and they were cooped up in Manila.

OPENS THE DARK CONTINENT.

The African mails bring news that the most difficult part of the great Uganda railway is completed.

The stupendousness of the task of building this government road, of which 207 miles are now open for traffic, is difficult of conception for those who live in northern climes.

The surveys presented enormous difficulties, as it was impossible to see for more than a yard or two on either side of the jungle path.

A Chicago man has carried the "perfection" craze to a legitimate conclusion. Being "dead to the world" he wants to collect on a \$1,000 life insurance policy.

Relations between Norway and Sweden are strained almost to the breaking point. The former country is buying war materials from United States manufacturers.

The Mongolian is nothing stimulative and it is not surprising that Portland Chinamen have been the thug-hold-up men.

What it may have been the motive for turning down of Mr Kincaid for regent of the State University by Gov Geer, the action will be construed as a personal affront on account of the late recalcitrancy of state refusing to yield his political convictions on the financial question.

The life saving service is credited with having rescued over 3,000 persons, whose lives would have been lost but for their efforts.

Gov Geer deprecates the prevalent custom of insane women being taken to the state asylum by male guards as indecorate and would provide for attendants of their own sex.

'Possum have been introduced into Southern Oregon and appear to thrive. An admirer of the southern animal wants them introduced into the Willamette valley.

They are still having trouble in electing that United States senator up in Montana. The legislators are not going to stop the production of golden eggs by killing the goose that is laying them.

The Salem Independent says during the delivery of Governor Geer's scathing remarks on the fearful abuse of clerk-hire, several who voted against the Williamson resolution, and others who had clerks during the special session with not a single thing for them to do, sat with bowed heads, unable to look taxpayers in the face.

The French ambassador made a special visit away from the German capitol the other day to inquire about Emperor William's health. Such state solicitude is really charming.

Banking business is not always clear profit and easy sailing. A Spokane bank with \$200,000 capital has just declared a six per cent dividend, the first since 1895.

JUNCTION CITY NEWS.

Clipped From the Times of January 14.

We regret to hear that Father Houston is quite poorly again. Miss Minnie Starr has resigned her position as bookkeeper for O. L. & King of Portland and returned home to stay.

Joe Nichols went to Lake Creek this week and purchased a fine span of mares, six and seven years old, paying \$2,500 for them. He says they are the best pair of mares in the country.

At a special meeting of the city council the mayor stated the object of the meeting to be to take some action in regard to making an assessment upon the city to reimburse the indebtedness—there being an indebtedness of about \$4,500.00. It was moved and seconded that a 5 mill tax be levied, which motion carried unanimously.

H V Johnson has purchased the old building adjoining Johnson's restaurant on the south and the half lot, with 25 foot front. He will repair the building and move his stock of furniture and undertaking goods as soon as possible in order to vacate the Folsom store room, which has been rented to other parties.

Junction City indulged in a diphtheria scare this week. Two children of D S Gore were taken down with diphtheria Saturday and as other children had associated with them it was feared that the contagion might become epidemic. It was deemed best to close the school Monday for a week. The Gore children are rapidly recovering and no other cases have developed. It is the general opinion that there will be no further cases and a great many even doubt that there is a case of infectious diphtheria in town.

Telegraph Blunders.

Two funny telegraph stories are printed by the Pittsburg Dispatch on the authority of a former employee of the Western Union company.

He was receiving a dispatch from Albany, in which the sender was not overcautious in the matter of spacing his letters. Lawton took the address as follows: "Dr. A. Wing, room car agent, Central depot, New York."

The dispatch came back with the marginal report that there was no such person at the address named. The operator at Albany was called up, and explanations followed, in consequence of which the address was changed to "drawing room car agent, Central depot."

A still more absurd mistake was once made in the same office when a telegram was received for "James W. Giles, pie clerk, Brooklyn nasty yard." This was afterward amended to read, "James W. Gillespie, clerk, Brooklyn navy yard."

Spurgeon's Blunt Critic.

When Mr. Spurgeon first began his ministry, an anonymous critic used to write to him constantly about his mistakes in grammar and pronunciation. Mr. Spurgeon at first resented these criticisms, but he soon learned to profit by them. "After awhile," he said in telling the story, "I looked for his weekly memoranda with much interest. If I repeated a sentence which I had used two or three Sundays before, he would write, 'See the same expression in such and such a sermon.'"

Mr. Spurgeon, like everybody else, had his pet quotation, and he used this line, "Nothing in my hand to bring," rather frequently. So his commentator wrote him, "We are sufficiently informed of the vacancy of your hand."

Irving and Dogs.

Some years ago, according to the London Ladies' Kennel Journal, Sir Henry Irving had a dog he called Midsummer Night's Dream. He thought it was a bull terrier and made a present of it to G. W. Childs. The animal was exhibited in a Philadelphia exhibition, where it attracted considerable attention. This roused the ire of the other exhibitors, and they declared that Midsummer Night's Dream was not a bull terrier, but a half bred bulldog. One of them wrote on a piece of paper, which was attached to the dog's kennel, "Henry Irving may know a great deal about Shakespeare, but he knows nothing about bull terriers."

Smarter Than He Looked.

A Boston broker boasts of rather a bright office boy. One of his friends dropping in at the office dispatched the lad for some cigars, giving him a \$1 bill to pay for them. The boy returned with four cigars. The caller commended him for purchasing such good ones, and passed them around. Shortly after the broker was left alone in the office, when the shrewd prelin handed him six cigars with the remark, "Kee's the rest of them cigars, Mr. Margin."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Alaska remained under military government for fifteen years after it was ceded to the United States by Russia. Now it is not governed as our territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma, but is a class by itself.

Aguiinaldo has issued some more proclamations. In the interest of the policy of expansion he should be captured and gagged so he could not dictate to his stenographer.

"Detectives."

There are probably not less than a score of men walking about New Orleans today who are decorated under their lapels with large tin stars bearing the cabalistic word "detective." They are patrons of the various private agencies of the north that advertise for "shrewd men as operatives in all parts of the country," and supply the tin star and a beautifully lithographed "certificate" for the trifling sum of \$5. The wearers of their insignia labor under the hallucination, as a rule, that they are vested with some special right to collar their fellow men. The same agencies do a land office business in wigs, false beards and other disguises which the amateur sleuth believes firmly are part of the necessary equipment of the profession.

Now and then one of these deluded individuals, who are to be found in all large cities, gets himself into trouble by attempting to make an arrest; but, as a rule, the mania is harmless and its victims confine themselves to prowling through side streets and looking mysterious. They find great joy also in posing in boarding house circles and hearing folks say in awed undertones, "Do you know Mr. So-and-so is a detective?" It is one of the queerest of all queer phases of city life.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Both Are Married.

The ordinary paragrapher in referring to a marriage nearly always says that Mr. John Smith or Mr. James Brown was married to Miss Nellie Green or Miss Fanny White. It would lead one to think that the man only was married, while the fact is both were married. The woman is as much married as the man. The man was not simply married to the woman. The woman and the man were married, and the announcement should be that Mr. So-and-so and Miss So-and-so were married. Rev. Dr. Sunderland wrote a series of articles on this subject some years ago which were published in this city. He laid down the general principle that he did not marry the man to the woman, but that he married the man and the woman, and married one just as much as he did the other. He discountenanced the issuing of wedding cards by parents that their daughter was married to any particular person, and said he did not want to perform any marriage ceremony in which any such announcement was made.—Washington Star.

Peabody and the Boatman.

Many years ago John Bright and George Peabody, the philanthropist, were fishing in a little Irish stream. Late in the evening, after a hard day's work, the party arrived at the landing stage, and Bright, accosting the inevitable policeman on the bank, said: "What is the proper price to pay these boatmen, constable?"

He replied, "Seven shillings and sixpence, yer honor, but some gentlemen give them 10 shillings." Bright, turning to his companion, said, "I have no change, Peabody; have you three half crowns?"

The millionaire produced the coins and gave them to one of the boatmen. "Is that all ye're giving me?" asked the latter. "That's all," said Peabody. Holding the coins in the open palm of his hand, and slowly scratching his head with the other, the boatman said: "And they call ye Paybody, don't they? Well, I call ye Paynobody."—New York Tribune.

Nauseous Doses.

Nauseous medicines nowadays possess none of the terrors that many of us remember when "powders" were given in jam and castor oil in hot milk, as pharmacists have invented no end of ways of giving the nastiest drugs without any flavor at all. Castor oil, cod liver oil and things of that disagreeable kind are made up in little flexible capsules, which slip down the throat like a strawberry.

These capsules are also made in two parts, so that any one can buy them empty and put the powder or other drug in himself, sealing them and then swallowing them without knowing that the drug has a taste. Then there is the round wafer paper, in which can be enclosed any kind of bolus, pill or powder and which, when moistened, can be swallowed with ease. New York World.

A Clever Witness.

In a recent county court case in which a man sued another for balance of wages the defendant called a witness. Witness—I beg pardon, your honor. Before I give my evidence I want my expenses. Judge (to defendant)—Pay him 7s. 6d. The defendant having done so, the judge said, "Now that you have had your expenses, what do you know of the case?" Witness—Nothing at all, your honor.—London Tit-Bits.

Cautious Tennyson.

A clergyman is quoted by Sir M. E. Grant Duff in his memoirs as authority for the story that on the occasion of Hallam's going down to Richmond to be godfather to Tennyson's eldest boy the historian asked, "What is to be the child's name?" "Hallam," answered the poet. "I don't like surnames for Christian names," said the other. "Why not call him Alfred?" "What if he were to turn out a fool?" was the reply.

George IV's Wit.

Mrs. Byrne, in her "Social Hours With Celebrities," tells this anecdote of George IV's wit: "I remember one of the Rev. Mr. Wagner's stories concerned some nobleman who had enjoyed an unenviable reputation for assiduity. It had been suggested to the king to confer on him an order of the Thistle, which had become vacant. 'Give the Thistle to —?' exclaimed the king. 'Why, he'd eat it!'"

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To the fruit growers of Lane County.

The fruit growers of Lane County are hereby requested to meet at the court house in Eugene, Saturday Feb 10, 1899 at 11 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the advisability of uniting the fruit growers, and more especially the prune growers, into an organization to handle and market the fruit crop of the county.

This is a day of combines and trusts and they do not combine and pool their common interests will certainly be left. Come out fruit growers and let us see what we can do to advance our mutual interests.

- STEPHENSON, HUMPHREY, OSBURN, CHASE, KERNS, WILKINS, WELDER, And many others.

PERSONAL

- J. C. White, of Florence, in the city. D. B. Murray is back from Cottage Grove. W. W. Oglesby of Junction is in Eugene. T. C. Wheeler, of Siglawa, spent last night in this city. N. G. Zimmerman and son, of Grants Pass, are in the city. Webster Kincaid returned from Salem this afternoon. Mrs. C. E. Parker and Miss Laverne Long went to Goshen today. L. S. Logan and A. C. Woodcock arrived home on the 2:10 boat today. Mrs. G. N. Frazer went to Junction City on an official lodge visit today. Congressman Geo. Fisher is reported better today, his friends will be pleased to learn. Mrs. O. C. Ziegler who has been confined to her room with typhoid is convalescing. Rev. D. C. Kellems, formerly of this county, is conducting evangelistic meetings in Albany. W. H. Warner, of Albany, a lecturer of the A. O. U. W. is in the city. He is an able gentleman. F. L. Simpson is acting as marshal during Mr. Stiles' absence to Portland as a witness in the Kinsey trial. V. S. Bond of Goshen, is staying in Eugene at present, waiting on Grandma Spillman, who is lying at the point of death at the home of Mrs. Ben Fritchett. Mary and Mrs. E. F. Moore and daughter Mary and Messrs. L. B. Rowland and T. J. Rowland went to Drain this afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Freeman Moore. Chief of Police J. S. Stiles, Policeman Geo. Croner, R. M. Pratt, E. R. Bristow, Andy Taylor, J. W. Withrow, Straud Long and two Chinese boys went to Portland this morning to appear as witnesses in the case against Geo. W. Kinsey.

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- Premiums Awarded Lane County Exhibitors. The state poultry show which has been in session at Albany all week awarded Lane county exhibitors premiums as follows: Amos Wilkins, Coburg—Buff Leghorn: Cockerel, 2d premium. T. F. Bennett, Eugene—Black Minorca: Cock, 1st premium; hen, 2d; cockerel, 1st; pullet, 2d. White Minorca—T. F. Bennett took all the premiums. Wheeler Bros, Pleasant Hill—S. B. Hamburgs: Cockerel, 1st; hen, 1st and 2nd; cockerel 2d; pullet 1st 2d and 3d; hen, 1st. George Fisher, Eugene—B. B. Red Games: Cock 2d; hen, 1st. Pit Games—Cock, 1st; hen, 1st. Women of Woodcraft. The clerk of Eugene Circle No. 16, Women of Woodcraft, has just received a draft for \$250.00 to be paid over to the heirs of the late Mrs. Minnie A. Bond, of Irving, who was a member of this Circle. There is no fraternal organization more prompt in paying up its insurance policies than this one, it being only about two weeks since the necessary proof and affidavits were filed with the grand officers at Colorado.