

Major Fisk and the Willamette River.

PLEASE ACT NOW!

The citizens of Eugene have spent thousands of dollars in constructing a light draught steamboat...

Why is this? During the entire winter the snag boat has not been above Harri burg...

Heretofore the snag boat came every winter promptly, but as soon as our citizens commenced building a boat...

If the river is snaggod out at Curtis slough the steamer Eugene can run here this season, probably into July...

The people of Lane county demand that this work be done at once, Mr Fisk.

If not the assistance of Congressman Tongue and Senators McBride and Simon will be asked.

Our people are in earnest in this matter, and will not stand idly by and have their throats cut.

My sweetheart.

My darling is the sweetest girl, She's always got me aching...

Milwaukee.

At Milwaukee, Wis., the democrats of the state served a banquet. Over 400 guests were present...

Bohemia Mines Bonded.

Cottage Grove April 14.—P J and R J Jennings have bonded the Nicodemus group of mines from Frank Hughes and Lewis Hartley...

BLUE RIVER MINES.—Brownsville Times: "The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Catawpa & Blue River Mill and Mining Co was held at the office of A A Tussing..."

NEW POSTOFFICE.—Several Dexter subscribers to the GUARD write us to change their address to Zion, the new postoffice in that locality...

A hop contract by which T F Hayes of Woodburn, agrees to deliver to Rosewood & Co, of New York City, 6,000 pounds of the 1899 crop...

Portland Telegram: Mrs Amelia Jester, one of the young women accused of pilfering from Lipman, Wolfe & Co, has brought suit in the state circuit court for \$10,000 for alleged damages for false accusation.

Characteristics and Customs of the Native Population.

THE PRIMITIVE BAMBOO SHACKS.

Queer Dwelling Places of the Rural Communities in the Vicinity of Manila—The Water Buffalo the Chief Beast of Burden—Dress of the Native Women.

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In order to form a fair idea of native life in the Philippines one must visit the Filipino in his bamboo shack, with the Filipino senora and senorita...

A native shack is usually only one story high, with the floor raised three feet from the ground, which is necessary on account of the swampy condition of the land...

Before we reached here our men had heard of the Philippine water buffalo and had formed various ideas of the animal. When one was first sighted, we were not a little surprised...

In a native village nearly all the people are related as a result of the system of intermarriage. One family usually settles down in some place apart from the others, and as the family increases...

Great simplicity prevails in all phases of Filipino life. A native will live upon



THE FILIPINOS AND WATER BUFFALO.

a few cents worth of food a day and content himself as well off on what a person accustomed to a civilized diet would regard as starvation rations...

The natives have some curious ideas of industrial economy. Many will toil all day long for a few centavos or better...

Thus it is with the great mass of the native population, but it must not be inferred that there are no industrious people among the Filipinos...

Manila has a native piano maker, who constructs from home materials entirely a grade of instruments which will compare favorably with those made in the United States...

There has been much written concerning the diseases prevalent among the natives of these islands. True it is that leprosy has its lepers, but leprosy is not prevalent on these islands to any great extent...

In stature the Filipino is of the diminutive type. Between the pure native and the Kanaka of the Hawaiian Islands there appears to be some relationship...

When Oregon territory was organized there were ten counties—Clackamas, Tualatin, Clatsop, Clatsop, Yamhill, Polk, Lewis, Linn, Benton and Vancouver—the area being all that is now included in the states of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and that part of Montana lying west of the Rocky mountains...

The natives are a musical race, and probably they have imbibed this from the Spaniards. The universal weapon of the Philippine natives is the bolo. It is to the Filipino what the machete is to the Cuban, and he always carries it in time of danger...

Since the Filipino has learned the value of American money it has incited his avarice to a remarkable degree. To him our gold coin was a revelation, and he at once fell in love with it...

MERCY ASKED

Relatives of Claude Branton Want Sentence Commuted.

PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED.

Mrs S C Branton, mother of Claude Branton, the condemned murderer of John A Linn, was in Eugene today circulating a petition to the governor, asking that the sentence of death upon her son be commuted to life imprisonment...

OREGON PIONEERS.

Arrangements for the Celebration of Pioneer Day and Oregon Anniversary.

Pioneer day this year will be given additional interest by the fact that it marks the fifty-third anniversary of Great Britain's withdrawal from Oregon, and also because this is Oregon's fortieth year of statehood...

It was on March 2, 1810, that General Joseph Lane arrived at Oregon City. The next day he issued a proclamation and assumed the duties of governor of Oregon, by reason of his appointment to that position by President James K Polk...

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

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OLD MEN.—Yesterday upon the streets of Eugene at one time were a number of old men, proving that our climate is conducive to longevity. They were Waldo Skinner, 90 years, Bell Jennings, 87, John Cogswell, 85, Dr A W Patterson 85, H G Hadley 84, John Diamond 81, John Whiteaker 80, H C Omer 80, A Goldsmith 79...

DEED.—Alta May Vaughan, aged 3 years, 10 months and 6 days, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rich Vaughan, died April 13, of diphtheria. The funeral occurred at the Mulkey cemetery Friday April 14th.

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Geo M STROUD FUNERAL.—Jas F Robinson this morning received a dispatch from Portland that the Grand Lodge of Masons of Oregon would conduct the funeral of George M Stroud at Portland Sunday. The deceased was a past Grand Master of that body. Mr Robinson is Grand Secretary of the Oregon jurisdiction. He will assist at the funeral.

SMALL FIRE.—Last evening about midnight the residence of Constable G C Fleeman, in the west end of town caught fire from a defective flue. It was extinguished without calling the aid of the fire department. No damage resulted except to a few shingles on the roof.

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FROM HARRISBURG.—The graduating class of the Harrisburg school came up today for the purpose of having a class picture taken.

A PROTECTIVE LAW.

A Mistake in Enrolling Senate Bill No. 97 Only \$5 Filing Fee Required.

Salem Journal: It has been discovered that there was an error in enrolling Senate Bill No. 97, introduced at the last session of the legislature by Mulkey of Polk, and approved February 25, 1896, relating to fees to be collected from litigants...

It shall be the duty of the clerks of circuit and county courts in the state at the time of filing of any suit, action or proceedings for the enforcement of private rights, including appeals and writs of review, proceedings in probate, petitions for probate of wills, for letters of administration and complaints in law, contest proceedings, divorces, injunction and mandamus suits, to exact from the plaintiff or moving party in said suit or action or proceedings, the sum of \$5; provided that in all cases where the amount prayed for or demanded exceeds the sum of \$500 and \$5 in all cases where the amount prayed for or demanded is \$500 or less...

As the law stands on the record only \$5 will have to be paid as a filing fee in the circuit court, regardless of the amount in controversy. This act applies to all counties in the state except Multnomah, where a different scale of fees is provided. This mistake will cost the non-litigating public a considerable sum of money but will be so much gained by those who frequently go to law. It is another forcible illustration of the necessity for capable enrolling clerks and careful supervision on the part of members of the legislature who introduce bills...

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ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Of Lane County For Year Ending March 6, 1899.

PROSPEROUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

County School Superintendent Miller has filed his annual report of the condition of the public schools of Lane county Oregon. It is a very favorable showing of the educational facilities enjoyed by our people. We give it as follows:

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Table with columns: No. persons between ten and twenty years of age, No. of resident pupils enrolled in public schools, etc.

Estimated value of schoolhouses, including schoolhouse grounds \$100,000. Estimated value of school furniture belonging to the schoolhouses \$11,125. Estimated value of apparatus, including maps, globes, charts, school tablets, etc. \$7,940.

GENERAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED. Whole number of organized districts 162. No. of school districts reporting 162. Average number of months public schools taught 93.10.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—RECEIPTS. School funds in hands of district clerk at the beginning of this school year, first Monday in March, 1898 \$95,150. Paid for repairs on school houses and premises 549.98.

Disbursements. Total disbursements \$134,316.32. Total amount of cash in hands of the district clerks, March 6, 1899, 1,625.25.

Amount of school funds belonging to school districts not in possession of school clerks, March 6, 1899, \$35,942.07.

Deputy Assessors.

- Assessor Burton has appointed the following deputies to do field work. J U Sutherland—Glentena, Lake Creek, Lane and Walton. W K Weatherston—Florence and Mapleton. W S Merde—Hermann. W B Hawley—Stuslaw, Spencer, Coyote, Mound and Eugene. W M Pitney—Junction and Richardson. E A Bond—Irving. B F Keeney—Goshen and Eugene. R D Hawley—Creswell. E M Sharp—East and West Cottage Grove. E C Martin—Willamette, Mohawk and Springfield. G N Riggs—Mabel, Gate Creek, McKenzie and Camp Creek. Paul Hadley—Jasper, Thurston, Fall Creek, Middle Fork and Hazel Dell. R G Hemphill—Lost Valley and Pleasant Hill. E L Fisher, formerly of Eugene, has sold his steam laundry at Ashland. He is undecided as to his future intentions. Wm A Hill died of pneumonia near Middleton, Washington county April 6, 1899. He was a brother of Mrs T A Millorn of Junction City, and formerly was a resident of Junction precinct.