

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

THE WHY OF IT.

People sometimes wonder why those Southern California towns prosper so much in the face of many adverse conditions to which we are strangers in this section.

Talk about public spirit, enterprise, liberality—Riverside is the best place on earth for that. Go out to raise a purse of fifty dollars for a sick man, and you have a hundred dollars before you know it—that is an actual experience of the past week.

This sort of thing is going on every month, every week, almost every day in the year. The amount of money paid out in this way is enormous. One merchant said the other day, when paying \$10 to the Chamber of Commerce, "This is the fifth call I have had in as many days."

And so it is. The town is prosperous, and it prospers just in proportion as it is public spirited. And the men who are most public spirited—who give the most and oftenest—are the most prosperous. It is a case of sweet peas—the more you pick them the more they grow and blossom; quit picking them, and they soon go to seed.

MISTAKES OF RECONSTRUCTION

Had the politicians by whom the South was reconstructed, instead of pressing on the negro political powers for the exercise of which he was not ripe, and which he has proved himself unable to retain, contented themselves with conferring on him personal and industrial rights and provided him with special safeguards for those rights, events have shown that they might have been taking a more statesmanlike course.

The writer made the acquaintance, in the South, of a negro who was said to be the leader of his race in that district, and who expressed moderate ideas in very sensible language. He said that for the present, at least, he was not anxious about the political franchise; but that he wanted for himself and his fellows the equal protection of the law, so that if accused of offences they might, like the whites, be brought to trial and not lynched.

The negro is by nature morally apathetic, devoid, as a rule, of sensitive self-respect, patient of contumely and even of wrong. But there must be a limit to his endurance, and it will presently be reached if he and his family are to be shot down like wild beasts, and he is to be put to death, without trial, by mutilation, and burned alive. Some day he will rise, and San Domingo knows how terrible his rising may be.

FINISHED WITH OATS.

Corvallis Times: "It was in the north end of Benton county. A solitary wheelman pedaled in the direction of Corvallis. The wheel was a sorry-looking machine, as it trundled slowly along. Bags, buckskin strings and wire clothesline had been applied to the various parts. A man after four nights of toothache never looked more dilapidated than this wheel.

A lady who was at Salem yesterday while the editors were being entertained there heard some of them remark that the Albany band was just about the best one they had heard on the coast. Pound the drum.

HARMLESS FLATTERY.

The New York Tribune contrasts the clerical force of the war department in 1863, when the government had a million men in arms, with the force employed on May 31, 1897, three months after Secretary Alger took office. The total clerical force in the various offices of the war department in 1863 was 665, while the number of employes in 1897 was 1306. That is to say the employes of the war department numbered twice as many when the entire military establishment consisted of less than 30,000 men, and when peace prevailed, as when the government was conducting a great war for the Union with a million of men in the field.

The Coudon Globe pokes the Portland Fourth of July celebration managers with a sharp stick. It says: "Portland advertised the launching of the torpedo boat destroyer, 'Goldsborough' as an attraction for the Fourth, and then to remind the people that the boat would not be finished before September, hauled her propeller on a wagon in the parade. 'Anything to draw a crowd' is the way Portland advertises her blow-outs."

The Chicago Tribune, of July 5, gives the following statistics from 62 of the principal cities of the nation showing the results of patriotic fervor on July 4. The number of killed reported is 3; injured, 1074. Fire losses due to fireworks \$149,165. Of the injured 627 were hurt by cannon firecrackers; 113 by toy cannons; 60 by powder explosions; 59 by skyrockets; 143 by guns and revolvers and 15 by stray bullets.

It cost \$25,000 to print the ballots necessary in an election in New York city. The rental expense of the election booths footed up \$75,000. The inspectors and clerks cost \$200,000 and advertising \$40,000. The total expense of an election in that city is about \$400,000, or about eight cents for every vote cast. The suffrage is "free," but the fellows who pay the bill can not be made to think so.

Skagway Alaskan: A Douglas Island preacher struck John D. Rockefeller for \$500 to pay off the debt on his church. The oil magnate responded with \$50, and the preacher is mad. We venture the assertion that the aforesaid preacher never made \$50 so easily in his life. But there are men who would kick if both legs were broken.

Hon H R Kincaid bought the old "Brick" church building on Ninth street to get rid of the occupants. It is for rent, and Mr Kincaid announces the fact through the columns of the Journal in the following categorical manner: "FOR RENT."

The brick building on the corner of Ninth and Pearl streets, is for rent for a church, school house, warehouse, dry goods, grocery or hardware store. Stables, slaughterhouse, chicken coops and similar ornaments need not apply. The building is 33 by 54 feet. Inquire at Journal office or H R Kincaid.

COUNTY COURT CASE.—Eda Mathis has sued G C Freeman, constable, in the county court for the sum of \$200. This is a suit against Mr Freeman in his official capacity.

BIGGEST AMERICAN BATTLESHIP

Now Being Built by the Man Who Made the Oregon. By Lieutenant H. R. Gahan.

In the same yard where the Oregon was built there was laid the other day the keel for a new battleship which will be the biggest ever constructed for the United States navy. When she is christened, some two years hence, she will be named the Ohio. She will have a length of 388 feet on the water line, which will make her 40 feet longer than the Oregon and 20 feet longer than the Iowa, today the biggest of Uncle Sam's fighting ships.

The Ohio will cost about \$3,000,000. She is being built at the Union Iron works in San Francisco, of which establishment Irving M. Scott is the head. Mr Scott is probably the most famous builder of warships in the world, the performance of the Oregon having given him this distinction. Many of the same mechanics who helped build the Oregon are at work on the new naval monster. She will not only be built just as honestly as was the Oregon but she will be faster and more formidable in many ways, as well as bigger.

With her 388 feet of water line the Ohio will have a midship width of 72 feet 5 inches, a displacement of 12,500 tons and a speed of 18 knots an hour. The Oregon's beam is 68 feet 3 inches and her displacement 10,231 tons. The Ohio will be able to carry 2,000 tons of coal in her bunkers.

Just what the actual speed of the new battleship will be no man can say, but if the record of the Oregon



BATTLESHIP OHIO AS SHE WILL APPEAR AT SEA.

is taken into account it may safely be predicted that she will be the swiftest warship of her size and class afloat. The Oregon was built for a 15-knot ship, but on her trial over a 62-knot course she went at an average speed of nearly 17 knots.

In her long race around Cape Horn during the war she made a record which will not soon be beaten by a battleship, and she turned up in Cuban waters in time to chase and overhaul Cerveno's 29 knot flagship. A few months after she was sent clear around the world, and when she entered Manila bay she was still ready for duty.

The Ohio may never be given such severe tests as these, but Uncle Sam's naval experts expect that if she should be found just as ready to meet them as was the Oregon.

The bluejackets in the navy are much interested in the building of this new battleship. Here is a conversation on the subject which I overheard in the Mare Island navy yard the other day: "Bigger than the Iowa?" exclaimed one man-of-war's man. "I should say she would be. Why, mate, you could put the Iowa inside of this new one; and hang the New York from her port davits with the Baltimore swung to the starboard."

"Ed like a berry aboard of her when she's commissioned?" "If I take on again I'll have one!" "The guns of the Iowa will not be as large as those of the Oregon and Iowa. Her largest rifle will be 12 inches against the 13 inch machines of the other two. She will have no 8 inch guns at all, as have the others, but her secondary battery will include sixteen 6 inch rifles. It is estimated that the smaller caliber will be more effective with smokeless powder, which is to be used exclusively in the navy of the future."

The main armor belt extends from the bow to the after turret. Amidships the steel is 12 inches thick at the top and 8 1/2 inches thick at the bottom. This thickness extends from the after to the forward turret, then tapers gradually to 4 inches at the stem. The whole side, amidships, is protected by 12 inch armor. The turrets are 12 inches thick in front.

MADE A MONSTER FLAG.

Miss Mufford's Emblem Is 100 Feet Long and 65 Feet Wide. During the war with Spain Miss Josephine Mufford of Madison, N. J., began work on the largest American flag ever made. It is almost finished now, and when popular subscriptions equal to the amount of the mortgage on her mother's home have been received she will present the monster flag to the United States government. The flag is 100 feet long and has a total of 65 feet. Each star measures



2 feet and 8 inches across and each of the 45 is embossed in the center of the state it represents with the name of the admission of the state into the Union.

The stripes are 4 1/2 feet wide. The binding is of extra weight quality, having been manufactured expressly for this purpose.

Five of the stars were made in historic places in the states which they represent. Thus the Pennsylvania star was made partly in the house of Betsy Ross, where the first American flag was made, partly in the room where the first Continental congress met and partly in Independence hall. The flag contains 325,000 stitches.

SAILOR TURNS REPORTER.

From the gun deck to the mainmast is quite an unusual jump for a newspaper man to take, but that is what Louis S. Young has done. Until a short time ago he was one of the crew of the Olympia. He was rated as a yeoman of the third class and when he was not busy was regular sailor duties on the flagship he edited the Bounding Blower and published it at intervals with the aid of the ship's printer.

As his three years' enlistment expired on May 1 and he saw no more fighting ahead Young concluded to accept an honorable discharge and leave the navy. In New York he made himself known to the editor of a great magazine and was at once engaged as a news editor and reporter at large. His first contributions have been some interesting anecdotes about the admiral. In one of these he tells how Dewey suppressed an entire edition of The



LOUIS S. YOUNG, Bounding Blower because it contained an article severely criticizing the Japanese.

Here are two other Dewey anecdotes from Mr. Young's pen: "Shortly after the battle in Manila bay the admiral asked me why I didn't continue the paper. I told him we didn't have any paper to print on."

"Why," he said, "there's lots of it on shore!" "That afternoon a couple of the boys went ashore at Cavite and took all the blank paper in sight from the government buildings and offices, and our war issues, containing the account of our glorious victory and the Spanish defeat was printed on captured paper of the defeated foe."

"One day after the publication of this paper Dewey sent for me. Young said he, 'you don't say very much about me in this issue. Look here, only ten lines.' "Well, admiral, I said, 'the big papers are saying everything they can think of, and my little paper would never hold all I'd have to say on the subject and do you full justice.' "Get out of here!" he shouted. 'You little scoundrel, get out of here!' "And I got."

Real Estate Transactions.

E W Washburne to C W Washburne 322 acres in tp 15 and 16, r 5 s 5 w \$5000. Harry S. Hadden to Anna Holburn, 203 1/2 acres on Williams street, Eugene; \$1. G D Holt and wife to Dora B Simpson 216 3/4 acres in tp 19 s 5 w r 5 w \$100. George Landrino to Dora B Simpson, 10 1/4 acres in tp 19 s r 5 w; \$75. Mary E Yerrington to Almon Yerrington, 100 acres in tp 18 s r 5 w; \$1. T J McCubbin and wife to J W S unate, one fourth of 35x28 feet in Watersville; \$75. William Eudy and wife to The Booth-Kelly Lumber Co, 100 acres in tp 15 s r 1 e; \$550. B F Lewis and wife to The Booth-Kelly Lumber Co, 640 acres in tp 15 s r 1 e; \$2200. George Hill to John Hill, 67x167 feet in Eugene; \$600. A W Gilbert and wife to W M Jones, 40 acres in tp 20 s r 1 e; \$150. John Hill to Hatlie M Loughmiller, 67x167 feet in Eugene; \$15. Helmus W Thompson to Harrison R Kincaid, 60x80 feet, the old Christian church, corner of Ninth and Pearl streets, Eugene; \$1000. J L Zeigler and wife to Alle Eastham, 6 1/2 acres in tp 17 s r 4 w; \$549. U S to Charles I Rows, 100 acres in tp 17 s r 8 w; patent. U S to Brinton Gates, 100 acres in tp 20 s r 6 w; patent. U S to Charles W Warnstaff, 100 acres in tp 21 s r 2 west; patent. C and O Land Co to Amos D Hyland 118 1/2 acres in tp 19 s r 1 e; \$10. U S to John F Winters et al, 630 acres in tp 19 s r 3 east; patent. Wm Twilley and wife to Fred W Parker, 39 acres in tp 19 s r 3 w; \$325. Bond for deed. U S to Mary E Yerrington, 100 acres in tp 16 s r 5 e. U S to Riley Windley, 141.49 acres of land in tp 21 s r 2 e. Harriet L Veszie to Julia G Glen, land on East Ninth street in Eugene; \$2,000. Catharine Mutter to George Cummings, 20 acres in tp 20 s r 3 w; \$150. J I Jones and wife to Perry B Sherwood, 21x100 in lot 4, block 4, J H McFarland's addition to Cottage Grove; \$250. Amos D Hyland and wife to Essex Bowen, 118.13 acres in tp 19 s r 1 w; \$10. Heirs of Elias Stewart, deceased, to Martha A Hendricks, lot 4 block 15 in College Hill Park, Eugene; \$10. M O Wilkins, to Robert F Martin, lot 3, block 2, Steuffer's addition to Lemah; \$80. D W Coolidge and wife to J L Zeigler, 4 acres in tp 18 s r 3 w; \$700. Arabella Coy to N A W Howe, 80 acres in tp 17 s r 3 w; \$900. Homer E Harkins et al to Margaret J Maxwell, 30 acres in tp 19 s r 1 w; \$100. Bell Jennings and wife to John H McClung, 27x80 feet on southeast corner of Eighth and Willamette streets, Eugene; \$1. J H McClung and wife to The Eugene Loan & Savings Bank, the above property; \$3,500. Cottage Grove Lodge, No 68, I O O F to heirs of J W Porter and wife, cemetery lot; \$10. John V Crall and wife to A W Gilbert, 95 acres in tp 20 s r 1 e; \$150.

Crimes and Criminals.

Daily Eugene Guard, July 15. Harry Fisk, aged about 18 years, appeared before Justice Wintermeier today charged with stealing two sacks of wool and some goat hides from F E Dunn's warehouse and selling the same to L. Rostein. He was found guilty and given 90 days in the county jail. Chief Stiles and Policeman Croner made the arrest last night. I T Harris appeared for the state and J M Williams for the defense. Jesse Edy, a youth, was arrested last night for disobeying the Curfew ordinance and was brought before Recorder Dorris this afternoon and given five days. Last night someone stole a carpet from the yard of Mrs Sarah Ladd. A search warrant has been issued and an arrest will probably soon occur.

Manila Wedding, No 1.

The first American wedding in the Philippines was celebrated at Manila on Monday, February 21st, says Freedom in the English language by American publishers, just received by the GUARD kindness of a friend. The contracting parties were Miss Mabel McGill of Portland and Lieut Platt of the Second Oregon (company not stated). It was a long engagement, and the marriage was postponed on account of the war. Lieut Platt is a lawyer, and electing to locate in Manila for the practice of his profession, the bride made the journey to him. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain W S Gilbert, of Eugene, Second Oregon.

COUGAR KILLED.—Cottage Grove Leader July 12: Carl Boren killed a large cougar, near the warehouses the first of the week. The monster was watching a deer-lick for a big supper, when Mr Boren discovered him. The cougar was only about 10 feet away and ready to spring upon the hunter when the quick and fatal shot was fired. Mr Boren considers it was a very narrow escape as the animal evidently meant business. He was exhibiting the claws on the streets Wednesday evening.

Commissioners Court.

Fred Jenness, witness state vs Turpin. Joe Matlock, witness state vs Turpin. C A Wintermeier, J P, state vs Jesse Edy, John Winkle, et al 28 55. G C Freeman, constable state vs Jesse Edy, John Winkle, et al 35 20. C A Wintermeier, J P, state vs J B Hamblin. Al Montgomery, witness state vs Chas Snalley. Frank Hawk, witness state vs Chas Smalley. Ella Renshaw, witness state vs Chas Smalley. F L Chambers, hardware. Paul Hadley, dep assessor. B H Miller, printing. W McFarland, constable state vs Jno Doe and R Roe. R A Vestch, constable state vs Jno Doe and R Roe. J W Vaughn, J P, state vs John Doe and R Roe. The resignation of H F Hummel as justice of the peace for Fall Creek precinct is accepted and A S Matteson appointed to the position. W S Brown is appointed supervisor of road district No 90. M C Davis, work on Springfield bridge. Williams & Parvin, pauper supplies, Gessge and Co. H D Edwards, county commissioner. A E Whisler, descriptions for roads. Loughmiller & Peter, hardware. W T Babby, county commissioner. In the matter of a road in tp 18 s r 4 w petition of J Graham and 55 others presented. A Mathews, J H Lee and G W Knapp appointed viewers and C M Collier surveyor. Warrants over seven years old in the books of county clerk ordered published and cancelled. Cler. ordered to advertise for bids for ferryman at Hendricks ferry. Bills allowed: S L Long, engine and belt. J H Honig, hauling on street. Thos Gray, road work. S P R R freight and fare. L J Vitas, road work. The resignation of W W Scott as justice of the peace for Crowell precinct accepted and G S Miller appointed to fill vacancy. S B Maybee, road work, clerict. No 57. E O Potter judge, salary. A S Patterson treasurer, salary 66 70. W W Winters sheriff, salary 166 70. H J Day deputy sheriff salary 75 00. E U Lee clerk, salary 160 70. F L Gibbs deputy clerk, salary 75 00. L H Johnson deputy clerk, salary 50 00. Fred Fisk deputy sheriff, salary 50 00. E Bowen ferryman, salary 22 00. W H Eaton ferryman, salary 22 00. S C Dotson ferryman, salary 38 75. C R Doyle janitor, salary 40 00. W M Miller school superintendent, salary 100 00. J R Goldson, lumber 18 16. P L Bristol, pauper supplies Mrs E James. A V Dorrman, work on crusher 33 75. W A Mead, deputy assessor 15 00. C M Young, stock inspector 25 00. Thos Gray, supervisor district No 31. W L McFarland, constable. T J Markley, blacksmithing. Walter Blachley, lumber. Austin & Wisten Co, rock crusher and extras. J U Sutherland, deputy assessor 60 00. John Gimpl, work on crusher 25 25. Lester Hagard, wood for crusher 7 55. H Rebinen, wood for crusher. W T Bailey, county commissioner. N P Hammitt, road work. Lewis Hasleton, lumber dist. No 32. In the matter of road petitioned for by R R Hays and 48 others; W M Marshall, Joseph Gordon and W R Dillard appointed viewers and C M Collier surveyor. In the matter of county road No 8: Petition presented by J B Young and 34 others; J B Hill, C F Humphrey and Thos A Hardy appointed viewers and C M Collier surveyor. Scherwink road, No 9, ordered established. A B Fisk, John Smith and B F Moore appointed viewers to assess damages to property of Stewart Milner and J G Conger by proposed county road No 4. THE RICHEST YET.—Cottage Grove Leader July 14: From Mr J I Jones we learn the richest strike yet reported has been made by the Music Company, in Level No 2 at the west end. The ore shows coarse gold in large quantities, many chunks of the stuff being as large as a gold quarter dollar. This is even richer than the Helena which has heretofore taken the cake for rich free ore. LEGS DOWN.—The logging crew working for H A Skeel & Co of Springfield, have finished a drive of 1,000,000 feet of logs, and their accounts have all been paid. The mill is now running steadily. H A Skeel has taken charge of the saw, Mr Rich, the former head sawyer having transferred to Coburg.