

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

DOES NOT KNOW HIS RACE

Emperor William of Germany is reported as having said that "Germans in America would take good care that no aggressive or hostile policy should be pursued toward Germany."

The emperor does not understand the feelings that underly American citizenship, no difference what former ties may have held the citizen. In our foreign wars former Frenchmen fought against France, and expatriated Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen against Great Britain.

SAMPLE GOLD STANDARD ARGUMENT.

Oregonian: "President McKinley's silver commission tried to drive India back to the silver basis. Now India prepares to return the favor by relieving us of our gold when we scare it away."

Will the gold standard Oregonian inform us how India can get our gold? Can she get it by any other means than by selling us products or manufactures?

WILL NEVER RE-16N.

Roundup Review.

No doubt Mr Hermann's forest rangers are very hard working people. Their salary is shamefully small for the rough and important work they have to do.

NOT ALL THAT WAY.

Ingersoll was ascetic in his personal morals. Some time ago, when every one was discussing the fortunes of a coming prize fight, some one met Ingersoll with his daughter, Maude, his inseparable companion, and asked him jokingly if he would see the fight.

"No," replied Ingersoll, "I couldn't go to see anything Maude here couldn't see."

How many fathers there are that visit places where their "Maudes" would be entirely out of place!

OREGON PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The annual session of the Oregon Press Association will meet at Astoria on August 21. During the time of the gathering of the editors the sixth annual regatta of the State of Oregon will take place and Astoria is doing its utmost to make

this the greatest event ever scheduled to take place on the Pacific coast.

The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury dropped into the third auditor's office unexpected the other morning and found most of the patriots who heard at Uncle Sam's Washington table diligently doing nothing—that is for the government. He doubted but the chief of divisions were responsible for the condition of affairs and ordered a reduction of their salaries.

It comes to light that just before his resignation was requested former Secretary of War Alger recommended that General Otis be relieved of command in the Philippines on account of incompetency. Of course Otis does not sorrow over the disgrace that overtook the secretary through his own incompetency.

The Examiner says that on several occasions when the Oregon soldiers were marching to the train women and little children rushed out and insisted on kissing General Summers. Of course the General submitted. Who wouldn't?

"Strange, is it not, that of the myriads, who before us passed the door of darkness through, Not one returns to tell us of the road, Which, to discover, we must travel too?"

The latest proposed use of the automobile carriage is to arm it with rapid firing guns for war purposes.

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The "Niggers" Bushwhacked.

It's more like hunting jackrabbits than anything else I can think of, said Ben Smith of company A, speaking of fighting Filipinos. If a man had a good swift horse and an accurate gun it would not be so bad, but the niggers will pop away at you from the brush until you get right close up, and then take to their heels, and go like the dickens. They all go barefoot, and the quickness with which they can get through the brush and over the ground passes comprehension. It would be all the soldiers would ask if they could get a square, standup fight against the niggers once.

Medford Monitor: "W Scott Christian of Cottage Grove, was a pleasant caller on us Saturday. Mr Christian was formerly engaged in business in Cottage Grove, but sold out recently and is now looking for a new location. On his way down he stopped a few days with friends at Grant's Pass, and his step-mother Mrs Christian, of Central Point. Mr Christian has the appearance of a thorough business man and we would be much pleased to have him locate with us."

It is reported that the chittien tree from which chittien bark is peeled is becoming very scarce in this and other counties. As is well known, wherever the tree is skinned of its bark it soon dies and of course is becoming scarcer until the chittien tree at no great distant future at the present rate of consumption will naturally be destroyed. The price of chittien bark under these conditions will, in a few years, greatly advance.

Seio, Linn county, News: Within the past six months twenty-five Bohemian families have located at Seio, and many more are coming. They have invested over \$60,000 in real and personal property. They have built a hall and organized a lodge of the Bohemian Fraternity Society. They have an excellent brass band.

Hop checks and wheat receipts printed in the latest style and promptly. Call and get prices.

A LIVELY OLD SHARK

HE MADE RAPID TIME FROM MONTEVIDEO TO PERNAMBUCO.

The Fast Sounds Incredible, but the center at the Liar's Club Told a Circumstantial story and Displayed a Souvenir of the Event.

"The speed attained by south Atlantic sharks in their efforts to arrive at desired points within the least possible space of time," said No. 18, who used to be in the navy and is now a clerk in the navy department, addressing the last meeting of the Washington Liar's Club, "has long been a subject of scientific investigation. I don't know the exact number of knots they have been found to make within the space of an ordinary four hour watch, but if a south Atlantic shark can beat an albatross when it comes to speed I'll bet my bag and hammock and ditty belt."

"Now, there are some sharks down in the south Atlantic that don't like to find themselves too near the equatorial waters, and yet they want to have plenty of room to prow. They've got the temperature of water that suits them best figured out to a nicety, and they know that on the other side of the equatorial line there's just as good water, and water of the same degree of temperature, as that in which they're frolicking around when they get to thinking on this subject."

"Well, what do they do when they get to worrying over the cramped space in which they find themselves on one side of the line or the other? Why, they just make a dash across the line. That's all. They know that the equatorial line is a trocha of water that's a heap too hot for their constitutions and that they can't stand monkeying around in the water on that line too long, and so they just hop over it, lickety cut, so fast that you can't see their fins for dust."

"I remember once, when I was on the old Ticonderoga, a thing happened that gave us a line on the speed of sharks when they take it into their heads to get speedy. We got into the port of Montevideo one morning at 10 o'clock. It was on a Monday, April 12. Montevideo harbor is full of sharks, and the men forward got to fishing over the side for them in order to get their spines to make walking sticks of them. One huge man eater was landed after great difficulty with the combined strength of the whole watch on deck, and he had to be clubbed with belaying pins and capstan bars for an hour before he gave up and cashed in."

"Well, we cut him open, and gentlemen, what do you suppose we found inside of him? Why, as fine a gold watch and chain as you ever saw in your life! Not an ordinary minute and second hand watch, but one of those watches that give the date, the day of the week, the phases of the moon and the whole thing. Well, sirs, you can imagine our astonishment when we snapped the case of this watch open and found that it had stopped at exactly 4 p. m. April 11, the day before we got into Montevideo."

"The skipper of our ship reported this fact to the townspeople of Montevideo when he went ashore, feeling confident that some prominent citizen of that town had inadvertently permitted himself to be made a meal of by an epicurean shark. He naturally concluded that the victim must have been a prominent citizen to pack such a swell timepiece around with him. Nobody was missing out of the population of Montevideo, and the thing looked almighty mysterious."

"Well, we remained in the harbor of Montevideo for six weeks making repairs, and in that time the shark and watch incident was practically forgotten. We were just upon the point of pulling out for northern waters when the British ship Cardiff, from Pernambuco, Brazil, put into Montevideo. The Cardiff's mate was in command, and he had a queer story to tell of how the skipper had fallen to him. It seems that on April 11 the skipper, returning to the ship from Pernambuco in his long boat, had slipped in stepping on to the boat leading to the ship's gangway and fallen into the water. Before the boat's crew had a chance to pull him back into the stern sheets there was a swish and the skipper was being packed off in the jaws of a gigantic shark."

"You'll remember that this happened on the afternoon of April 11. Well, there wouldn't have been anything remarkable about this if the mate in command of the Cardiff hadn't happened to mention that the skipper had a valuable watch on his person when the shark got him. Our commanding officer heard about this, and he looked up the mate and asked him what kind of a watch it was. The mate exactly described the watch that we had taken out of the shark's stomach in Montevideo on the morning of April 12, and when our skipper showed it to him he instantly identified it."

"Now, all that anybody who doubts this has got to do in order to find out how many thousand miles Pernambuco is from Montevideo is to measure the scale on the atlas of South America. That shark only hit the high places in jumping from Pernambuco to Montevideo, and if there's any doubt of this narrative here present, why, here's the shark's spine," and No. 18 of the Liar's Club held up a 25 cent mahacca stick.

The quarterly medal was bestowed upon No. 18 by unanimous vote.—Washington Star.

The Widow. It is said by an Athenian cynic that as soon as a woman is a widow she loses all fixedness of purpose and can be turned in her plans as easily as the weathercock on a barn. The women will sniff at it, but a woman who has once had a husband to do the deciding is at a disadvantage when she has no one to bias the way.—Athenian Globe.

CHARLIE'S INFAMY.

The Heir's Appalling Cruelty to His Thoughtless Bride.

There is a certain Chicago bride who recently decided that her husband was an unfeeling brute and went home to mother for a peculiar and unusual reason. The mother was awakened just before dawn one morning last week by a sound of sobbing and weeping outside her own sleeping room door. Her horror and astonishment at discovering her only daughter in the depths of apparent desolation and despair can well be imagined.

"Charlie was cruel to me," wailed the bride of a month or thereabouts mournfully, "and so I came home."

"But what did Charlie do—the wretch!" inquired the mother, ready to blame the husband on general principles. To this question, however, the bride returned no answer save bitter weeping. Then the mother, feeling that the case was beyond her, administered a nerve restorative and awoke the bride's father.

"Now, my child," began this individual, speaking with the authority of one who had settled all her difficulties from the time she could walk, "tell me immediately what that wretch of a husband of yours has done and he shall suffer for it whatever it is."

The bride's answer came perceptibly. Her voice was almost steady as she began her story.

"Well," she commenced bitterly, her eyes flashing at the remembrance of her wrongs, "Charlie was out very late last night, and I thought I'd get up and—say something to him—when he came home. I had thought that so long as Charlie was going to be so late home I'd—fix up my complexion a little. So, when Charlie got into bed in the spare room, I just forgot everything but him and went in there. And—and—bitter sobbing again—"I forgot all about the beauty mask I had on and went right in with it upon me. And"—a perfect paroxysm of tears half drowned her words at this point—"Charlie must have thought I was a ghost, and he threw a pillow at me."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

FIGURES WITH FINGERS.

Origin of the Roman Numeral Method of Counting.

Hold your hands up before you, palms outward, thumbs at an acute angle. Begin on the left. Little finger I; little finger and ring finger II; little finger, ring finger and middle finger III; all the fingers of the left hand IIII; and the hand and thumb at an acute angle form V. In place of the IIII you may use the fourth finger from the left, still holding the thumb at an acute angle, and you have IV.

Now pass to the right hand. Holding the thumb and the hand at the same angle as before we have VI; by using the index and the middle finger we get VII, while the thumb and the three large fingers make VIII.

Now join the two V's made by the thumbs, inverting one, and we have X, or 10. Then use the X with the last left finger before it and it will give IX. The combinations following X are obvious. The forefinger of the left hand, with the thumb at right angles, make a perfect L; the little finger of the left hand curved toward the thumb makes C, the initial of centum (100), and so on with the hundreds. Now join the two thumbs with the forefingers, or two V's inverted, and you have the hieroglyphics complete.—Philadelphia Times.

His Hair Turned Black.

There have been several instances of a man's hair turning from white to black. One of the most notable perhaps was that of an engineer in the fire department of Louisville. His age was 65, and he was on duty during a tremendous fire for 15 consecutive hours. The spray was constantly flying from the hose, and he became, in consequence of the loziness of temperature of the atmosphere, covered from head to foot with ice. He wore a skullcap and a helmet on the top of that, so that his head was the warmest part of his body and not at all exposed, though his eyebrows and whiskers became wet and were frozen stiff. The afternoon after the exposure his hair, which had become gray eight years before and had for three years been white, turned perfectly black.—Louisville Post.

A Willing Slave.

A pretty saying of an army officer is reported by an exchange. He married in 1865 the daughter of a man whose whole heart was in the cause of the southern negroes. The marriage has been a very happy one. "Were you so much interested in the slavery question when I knew you?" asked a college friend, who had not seen the officer for 30 years.

"Yes, but I didn't talk much about it," was the reply. "But after I met my wife's father I became a strong abolitionist, and very soon after I met her I became a slave!"—Detroit Free Press.

He Differed From Her.

She—I see that some doctors have decided that paralysis is a consequence of overuse of the parts affected. He—I don't see how you can have any faith in that connection, my dear, when you know you are free from paralysis of the tongue.—Boston Courier.

In ancient times and among inland peoples the possession of a salt spring was regarded as a special gift of the gods. The Chaonians in Epirus had one which flowed into a stream where there were no fish, and the legend was that Heracles had allowed their forefathers to have salt instead of fish.

The income tax in India is levied on all incomes of 200 and upward, and then only one man in 700 comes within its scope.

BAKER COUNTY MINES

Peopled. Prospectors Developed the Red Boy Mine Into a Splendid Prospect.

The Baker City Republican of August 6 has a well written resume of mining operations in the gold districts of which that city is the center. We make an extract relating to a now famous property:

"Every one has heard the romantic story of the discovery of the Red Boy by two poor men, and how it was built up by them without a penny to a property producing from forty thousand dollars to sixty thousand dollars per month. It is situated three and one-half miles to the northwest of Granite on the banks of Clear creek. The property now possesses what is acknowledged to be the finest twenty-stamp mill in the west. Fifty-five men are employed to day and night shifts, and the wheels never stop grinding out the precious metal. The ore is largely free milling, but a plant is almost completed on the property to treat the concentrates by the cyanide process."

"The property includes a magnificent water power which runs all the mills, the whole system of reduction being one of gravity. It is a complete town in itself. Mr E J Godfrey, one of the owners, is now in London, and it is expected that he will sell it before he returns. One rumor is that they have been offered two million dollars, and another, coming close from local sources, says that this and a number of other rich claims in the neighborhood and adjoining discoveries are to be thrown into an English syndicate under a capitalization of twenty million dollars, and all to be operated on a very large scale."

FRIDAY AUG 11

THE BAILEY DEAD.—In the early days of Lane county history the Bailey family held no small prominence. But death has claimed all of the original stock, and their names are remembered only by their descendants and the few remaining papers. The beautiful Oak Hill cemetery, a few miles west of Eugene, is their last resting place. On a recent visit to the cemetery, an impressive marble tomb mute witness to some of the Bailey dead.

Among them were Hollis Bailey, killed by Indians at Cow Creek in 1855; Capt Joseph Bailey, killed by Pitt River Indians in 1861, and John Bailey, Sr, died March 13, 1853.

McKENZIE LOG DRIVE.—Albany Democrat August 10: "This afternoon thirty men are just above the big bridge, band eight million feet of logs which have been passing down the river for several weeks, rolling the remaining logs of the bars and banks. They have a house and horses and live with the drive as they clean the river of the logs. It will be several weeks before they reach Oregon City, their destination."

HOPS.—Stephen Smed was in Eugene today. He says he will commence picking the early ones—Eugene in about 10 days. He says some vermin is noticeable in the clusters and Oregon red vine. He thinks prices as England will have the best crop for years and of the best quality. Many yards in that country producing at this date 1,000 lbs to the acre.

OVERRULED.—The Supreme Court yesterday refused to advance the case of Jennie Smitson respondent vs The Southern Pacific Company, appellants. This is the case in which Miss Smitson recovered by a verdict of a Lane county jury the sum of \$10,000 damages, she having lost both legs in a railroad accident at Springfield. The family of the young lady are poor and deserving people.

SOLDIER DAY.—Cottage Grove Leader: "It was truly a gala day for Eugene and a happy homecoming of her brave soldier boys long to be remembered. The people of Eugene are noted for their patriotism and hospitality, but their reception of the Oregon soldiers was superb."

STEAMER FREIGHT.—Four freight wagons arrived here this afternoon with goods from Corvallis. Each of them brought up from 4,000 to 5,000 pounds. The steamer brought to Corvallis on this trip 18 tons of Eugene freight. She expects to run to Corvallis all summer.

ROUNDABOUT SHIPMENT.—The Astoria Box Company has received an order for salmon boxes for the Timmins cannery on the Siuslaw river, says the Astoria Budget. The boxes have to be shipped via San Francisco, as there are no vessels running from there to that point direct.

MARRIED.—In Cottage Grove, by Rev M O Brink, Aug 6, 1899, J W Stunett and Miss Leona N Hoffman, in the same town, on the same date, by Rev M O Brink, J N Boyd and Miss Ora E Pickard.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED.—E H Hawkins has been appointed administrator of the estate of Josiah Scott, deceased. Probable value of estate \$450. Bonds required \$1000.

A Plucky Woman.

(From the Lebanon Journal.)

C G Johnson reports that last Thursday Mrs Thomas, wife of Samuel Thomas, of Humphrey's mill, while out picking blackberries, saw a large black bear in the patch, and both being desirous of securing the berries, they proceeded to settle the question of right to patch. Bruin thinking he had a right by possession, at once leaped on his haunches and made for Mrs Thomas, who defended herself as best she could, but was knocked down by a cuff from Bruin and would have been badly bitten but for the prompt action of her shepherd dog, who tackled Bruin from the rear. This attracted the attention of the bear from Mrs T and she immediately got up, and, seeing her dog in danger of being killed, grabbed a club and proceeded to give Bruin the second round, but he was ready for her and at once dealt her such a blow on the head as to completely knock her out. When she regained consciousness the bear and dog had vanished and she had the whole field to herself, but concluded to try and get back home before Bruin returned. Aside from being scratched and bruised up some, she is as well and plucky as ever—a very narrow escape.

Commissioners' Court.

Table listing names and amounts: E O Potter, county judge \$6 65; A Patterson, treasurer 99 65; W W Withers, sheriff 100 65; H J Day, deputy sheriff 75 00; E U Lee, clerk 106 65; F L Gibbs, deputy clerk 75 00; L H Johnson, deputy clerk 50 00; Fred Fisk, deputy sheriff 50 00; E Bowen, ferryman 22 00; W H Easton, ferryman 22 00; S C Dotson 38 75; C R Dyle, janitor 40 00; W M Miller, school supt 100 00; B F Houston, road work 40 00; W M Blachley 100 00; I Slayter, pauper supplies 13 15; Orr Kirk, work on crusher 18 10; Chas Lemley 4 35; Booth, Kelley Lum, Co lumber 17 00; Arthur Anderson, bridge work 31 50; J J Wood, work on crusher 92 30; Roney Bros, wood and nails 5 50.

Funeral of Judge P. P. Prim.

Jacksonville, Or., Aug. 10.—Mrs P P Prim and daughter, Mrs Canning, arrived last night with the remains of Judge Prim, who died in San Francisco Monday. The funeral took place today from the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of P P Prim club No 15, Native Sons of Oregon. The services were conducted by Rev F G Strauge of Ashland. Interment was in Jacksonville cemetery.

Deated by Merritt.

New York, Aug 11.—Since the visit of General Wesley Merritt to Secretary Root, in this city, rumors have been current that it has been settled that General Merritt will succeed General Otis in the Philippines. When General Merritt was seen in his home on Governor's island he said:

"Any story that I may succeed General Otis in the Philippines is without foundation. When Secretary Root was in the city, three or four days ago, I dined with him, and, of course, I cannot discuss any subject that may have come up. If I am ordered to Manila, I will obey orders the same as any army officer would do."

It happened at Manila, and is a true story. One of the Corvallis volunteers had a watch that needed repairing. He took it into a jewelry establishment where two black Filipinos were on duty. The Corvallis man addressing one of them in pigeon English, began: "Me got watch; he no go; he no keep time. Me want you fix 'im. He got main spring all broke. You sabber?" In excellent English and with polite civility the Filipino replied: "Take your watch to the gentleman at the other counter, tell him your trouble in good English and he will repair your watch."

BUILDING RENTED.—The old court house building has been leased to school district No 4, of this city, from Campbell Bros for the term of one year for \$120, the district to make all repairs necessary. Three grades will be taught in the building, the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh, and Superintendent Fessler will have his office in the same.

Real Estate Transactions.

U S to Geo W Cannon, 40 acres in t 19 s r 3 w; patent. J M Shaub and wife to Alma M McCord, 1 acre; \$50. U S to Charles Peer, 141 29 acres in t 18 s r 1 w; patent.

Altany Democrat: "A statement was made by Dr Davis at the banquet which is worth of notice. It was that the entire loss of lives in the Oregon regiment from the time they left the state through the war, from all causes was only 4 1/2 per cent, which is much less than the mortality in any of the big cities for the same length of time."