

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

DAVID N. BIRDSEY.

Is a native of Derby, Connecticut, where he was born in 1827. He was early trained to farming, and continued in pursuit of that calling until 1850, when he came to this coast by way of Panama. He first located in Portland, then only a new opening in a dense forest, where he began merchandising. In 1852 he came to Jacksonville, bringing with him a large stock of goods. He continued in business here until the Summer of 1863, when he bought the donation claim of Robt. Mulligan, near the mouth of Footh creek, whither he removed his family. In 1864 he went to Montana with a stock of goods, which he sold at Gold creek and Blackfoot city. He continued in business in that Territory for nearly ten years, and was there during the late times, when the people took the law in their own hands and rid the country of organized bands of desperadoes. From Montana Mr. Birdsey went to seek a better country, extending his travels through Northern Mexico, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado, and finally making his way back to his old home in Jackson county, which he declares he would not exchange for any spot he has ever found in all his travels. His farm is one of the loveliest in the valley, and his stock range is inexhaustible.

Mr. Birdsey was married in 1853, to Miss Clara Fleming, of Portland, and the family now consists of the parents, who are still in vigorous health, and four children, two boys and two girls, all of whom are grown to manhood and womanhood. Mr. Birdsey was the first Justice of the Peace between Jacksonville and Canyonville, and in 1861 he was elected County Commissioner for this county. He was Quartermaster and Commissary during the Indian war of 1855-6, having taken the field against the hostiles in 1853. During the last year of the war the Indians made a raid on a large band of his horses and succeeded in getting away with them all.

In politics Mr. Birdsey is a Republican of the independent school. He is a man of keen discrimination in all matters where his judgment is called in council, and his name is held in high esteem by all who know him.

PERHAPS A MISTAKE.

The Douglas "Independent," in speaking of Jackson County politics, leaves the inference that there is still a Democratic ring in this county. Although Mr. Kelly is a keen observer, we think he is mistaken. There was such a ring here; one that tried bluster and bull-dozing till the voters at large broke it up at the last election. It may be just possible that the few atoms that composed it may again aggregate together into an instrument of political disturbance. Should this be the case it will receive in the next campaign its finishing stroke, as the people of this county have at last learned the value of political independence, and realized the important fact that they can attend to their own local affairs without the aid of political organizers. When officers are nominated on the square, without the mean and detestable wire pulling and fraud common to both parties, they are left perfectly free to do their duty, and only responsible to the people at large. If there is a "ring," as the Independent thinks still in existence, it will hardly show itself, as the people of Jackson county have got too much good sense to submit to its tyranny or impertinence.

POWER OF THE PRESS.

To undervalue the power of the press would be to reject a truth recognized as one of the laws of modern society. Those who direct this great law of civilization are more likely to overvalue its power, and to forget that if it be false to truth it can not be true to itself, and paralyzes its own strength. The great Corliss engine, perfect in its construction, beautiful in its symmetry, so carefully balanced that the hand of a child might put its gigantic arms in motion, would only destroy itself if there were the slightest deviation in any of its parts from mechanical law. Those who think spasmodic efforts of the press potent are much mistaken, and if the press do not happen to be in close sympathy with popular sentiment it can not reach the popular heart. We have just seen in our sister State five sixths of the press neutralized by one sixth, its teachings spurned, its ideas rejected because it refused to accord with popular sentiment or recognize the right of individual thought. If the press would be a power it must be adjusted nicely, teaching truth slowly as the incessant drop wears the stone, and those who direct it must expect to see it powerless if it be not governed by the principles itself has planted in the hearts of the people.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

To-day is the last day of the school year for the Jacksonville district and the connection of Prof. Merritt with our school, unless that gentleman is again engaged by the Directors. The year would have ended on Friday last but three days were lost during the last quarter—one on the principal's account, one on May day, one for the Teacher's Institute, which are now fully made up. We do not know whether Prof. Merritt will be re-engaged or not. Indeed we do not know whether he desires re-engagement, as his ability will command a situation elsewhere. We hope, however, and we believe the wish is almost unanimous in this district that he will be retained at any reasonable salary. We can afford to pay Mr. Merritt as much as he will be offered elsewhere, and as each year our children advance in age there is a greater necessity for the services of such a teacher. Our Ashland neighbors are building up and elevating the grade of their school and we hope the standard of ours will at least be maintained where it is, if not raised any higher. We have one more reason for the wish that there will be no change made and it is a reason conceded by educators to have great weight. It is because the present teacher has a thorough knowledge of the disposition and capacity of his pupils, enjoys their very highest esteem and can therefore exercise the most complete control over them without an effort or any waste of efficiency. To say the same of a new teacher would be to fortell the result of an experiment, sometimes successful after a long term of demoralization in the school. Prof. Merritt's work speaks for itself. Let the parents of this District attend school on this day and judge for themselves whether he has been faithful and efficient or not, and let the whole Board of Directors attend and ask themselves if they will be justified in hazarding the experiment of a change for the sake of a few dollars.

BASE BALL.

We hear so little of this health giving, invigorating "national pastime," that we fear that it and the Republic are fast going to decay. What a pity it will be if the day ever arrives when American youth will no longer return to their homes with peeled noses, strained hands, cracked ribs or bruised muscles, gained in heroic struggles for distinction at this eminently amusing and profitable pastime. Won't it be sad when our young men congregate no longer on the street corners to discuss in the slang of the field the "ins" and the "outs" of the noble game, when they themselves vote it work instead of play, and voting it work disgrace the national pastime and bring it into contempt as an ignoble thing? Melancholy reflection! That the hour may ever come when our boys will be deprived of the only exercise, the only means of muscular development recognized as respectable and really healthy. It is true accidents happen—well regulated families are not without them—well organized clubs are not always exempt. We have known youths to go flumping home so severely strained that they were unable to earn their own living for weeks, but they had kind parents and sympathizing comrades. We have known an unlucky matron standing by to catch a stray ball on the "fly" and go home with a pain in her stomach, but they had the satisfaction of knowing that some "chit of a girl" was similarly situated. When this splendid out-let for the exuberance of youth is checked is there no other hope! Only one that we know of, but it is just now under the ban of disgrace. It is a combination of exercise and profit, the poetic line of motion and the proud self satisfaction of utility. Let our boys hold a meeting and resolve that base ball is work and it will be squelched; resolve that sawing wood is play and it will be at once elevated into respectability and become highly popular. This is the best substitute for base ball we know of, and the boy who can saw the most wood will feel justly proud of his usefulness.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.

President Hayes seems to be establishing a character for "back bone" such as will not leave the slightest doubt as to his determination to be the head of the Government. In his recent message to the house of representatives, withholding his approval of the appropriation bill with the political rider attached thereto, he shows in the most unmistakable manner that he is not made of stuff that can either be cajoled or coerced. It is time for a hoodlum Congress to understand that before they can expect to consummate any scheme it must have at least the semblance of constitutionality. Whiteaker, who tried to make himself famous by his fearful haste to reach Washington, is one of the misguided fools who thinks Congress is the whole government, but when he recovers from the excitement of his hurried journey he may discover his mistake.

A WORD TO OUR FARMERS.

The late action in regard to the harbor of refuge has developed some facts heretofore unthought of. Few of our citizens know the immense area lying waste that was capable of producing wheat, or of the actual extent of other industries. It has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that if we had a railroad from here to Crescent City, the traffic over it would pay handsomely; it would stimulate production by opening a market, and save us a very handsome sum annually in freights. We are paying now on about thirteen hundred tons of imports and exports sixty dollars per ton or seventy eight thousand dollars annually. This should be carried for thirteen dollars per ton, as freight can be landed on the wharf at Crescent City for three dollars, which would make a saving to us of sixty-one thousand dollars per annum. Money saved is money gained, and it is useless to say who would be the gainers. Give the farmers of this and Josephine counties a market for every pound of grain they can produce, a market for poultry, eggs, bacon and everything they can possibly raise, reduce freights on imports over sixty thousand dollars a year, and is there any obstacle in the way of their prosperity? Year after year our people complain of the scarcity of money. Each succeeding year the complaint is louder and people wonder why we seem to grow poorer. Our largest source of money supply has been the mines, but it should be observed that the character of mining operations is entirely changed, requiring but a small amount of the labor formerly employed, and that the bulk of the dust does not go into general circulation. A smaller source of supply is the military post, but our farmers are so keen to handle a little money that competition reduces that market fifty per cent less than it should be. In fact careful investigation discloses the disagreeable truth that we are annually paying out more money for merchandise than we receive for all our products, and if we know how much cash capital we start with a very simple rule of arithmetic will determine how long it will last. A valley with the soil, climate, productions and capacity of ours need not be without a road to a market if our people will wake up to their own interest. Even if a breakwater is not constructed at Crescent City there are facilities there already for shipping our produce and a railroad only is necessary to take it to that point. We say advisedly that one firm in San Francisco are ready to put one hundred thousand dollars into the construction of a narrow gauge, and if our own people would show a willingness to help themselves by taking that amount of stock there would not be the slightest difficulty in securing the balance. Our farmers say they have no money. Will they give bonds to deliver one thousand bushels of wheat when a road is finished and take stock for it? They could well afford to make a gift of it and the proposition might be made the test of the sincerity of their desire for an outlet. We commenced the agitation of this question alone, without any aid from the press of this county, but are gratified to see one paper following us after several months of hesitation, and we intend to continue it until our people are awake to its importance.

AN ATTORNEY APPOINTED.

Gov. Thayer has promulgated the following notice of appointment of an attorney to prosecute the late State officials:

"To all whom it may concern:"

WHEREAS, It has been suggested that certain claims exist in favor of the State and against the former members of the Board of Commissioners for the sale of school and university and other State lands, including Hon. L. F. Grover, S. F. Chadwick, L. Flenischer and A. H. Brown; also claims against W. H. Watkins, ex-Superintendent of the State Penitentiary and also against S. F. Chadwick, ex-Secretary of the State and auditor of public accounts, and claims arising out of the management of State funds and other matters mentioned in the report of the Committee of Investigation appointed by the Legislature of 1878, and

WHEREAS, The District Attorney of the Third Judicial District for the State has been applied to and requested to prosecute on behalf of the State actions, suits or proceedings for the enforcement of such claims and the said district attorney having failed and neglected so to do and still declines and refuses to engage in such prosecution;

Now therefore, to the end that justice may be done in the premises, and that the laws may be executed, I, W. W. Thayer, Governor of the State of Oregon, with the consent and concurrence of the Secretary of State, do hereby authorize and appoint Hon. John M. Thompson to appear for and on behalf of the State in the matter aforesaid, and to prosecute the aforesaid claims as attorney for the State, to their final termination; and he is hereby authorized to employ such assistance as he may deem necessary.

W. W. THAYER, Governor.

By the Governor, R. P. EINHART, Sec'y of State. SALEM, May 30, 1879.

CHEAPER

THAN THE CHEAPEST

MORRIS MENSOR

AT THE

New York Store,

Jacksonville, Oregon.

WEEKLY CURRENT PRICE.

GROCERIES ETC.

San Francisco refined sugar... 7lb \$1 00
Extra costa rica coffee... 4lb 1 00
Rope of all sizes... per lb 16cts
Liverpool salt... 33 1/2
Extra choice tea... 30cets & upward
Tobacco... 62 1/2cets
Candles per box... \$3 50

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC.

Prints... 15yds \$1 00
Muslin... 9cets per yd & upward
Mens hats, each... \$ 1 50 ..
Mens boots per pair... 3 50 ..
Shoes... 75 ..
Slippers... 63 ..
Cotton flannel shirts and... 63 ..
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Mens cloth pants... 15 00 ..
Mens cloth... 6 00

And various other articles too numerous to mention. Call and examine as it costs nothing to satisfy yourself.

JOHN MILLER'S

Is the place to go for anything in the hardware line. He has a large and superior stock of Rifles, Shot Guns and Sporting Material, and in fact everything from an Anvil to a

SKELETON

Key. He sells at LESS than Bed-rock prices FOR CASH, and all those purchasing Building Hardware, Tools of every kind, Paints, Glass, Cordage, Brushes &c, have

FOUND

That he is determined to undersell any one in the market, and people who wish Cutlery, Quartz or Spy Glasses, or anything made of iron,

IN

Fact people from every place or from

ASHLAND

Will find that he means business, and will get bargains by calling on him before going elsewhere.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Jackson.

TO GEORGE D. KARL, SAID DEFENDANT:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are required to appear in said court, and answer the complaint of said plaintiff, filed against you, within ten days from the time of the service of this summons on you, if served within said county, or if served on you in any other county in this State, then within twenty days from the time of the service, or if served on you outside of the State of Oregon, or by publication of summons, then by the first day of the next regular term of said court to-wit the 9th day of June, 1879. And you are notified that if you fail to answer said complaint as above required, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein to-wit, for a decree against you for the dissolution of the marriage contract, heretofore existing between you and said Plaintiff, and the costs and disbursements of the suit to be taxed.

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C. W. KAHLER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

THEO. KUGLER

INSTRUCTOR IN MUSIC,

Jacksonville, Oregon.

WILL COMMENCE HIS FOURTH

term on Monday, May 12th. His scale of prices is as follows:

Single Lessons, on... \$ 1 50
Per Term of 24 weeks... \$24 00

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C. K. KLUM,

MANUFACTURER OF, AND DEALER IN

Saddlery and Harness,

ASHLAND, OREGON.

KEEPS A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF goods in his line of trade.

Ladies', Mens' and Boys' Saddles, a Specialty.

TEAM, BUGGY AND PLOW HARNESS,

WHIPS,

ROBES,

DUSTERS

—AND—

HORSE BLANKETS.

—ALSO—

WINCHESTER REPEATING RIFLES

(commonly called Henry Rifles) of model of 1866, 1873, and 1876.

Pistols, Cartridges, Etc.

Wheat taken at the Highest Market Rates in Exchange for goods.

E. C. BROOKS,

—DEALER IN—

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry,

SPECTACLES,

SCHOOL BOOKS, STATIONERY FANCY GOODS,

SHEET MUSIC, FIELD

GLASSES, VIOLINS, CITHERNS,

—HARPS—

AND STRING? FOR THE SAME.

ALSO:

DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET SOAPS AND

PERFUMERY.

NEEDLES AND BEST SPERM OIL FOR

Sewing Machines,

HE HAS SOLD OUT HIS

stock of American Sewing Machines a number of times, but has another lot of them on hand. This is the lightest and most rapid running, as well as durable, machine there is made, and so simple that little girls five or six years old make their own work on them.

This is the place to buy good watches, clocks and jewelry, and he will sell cheaply and will repair.

Watches, clocks, jewelry and sewing machines cleaned and repaired at a reduced price.

TO THE FRONT AGAIN!

WITH A

NEW STOCK OF GOODS

FRESH FROM

SAN FRANCISCO.

GEORGE W. ELLIOTT.

PLEASE LEAVE TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF the public to the fact that he has just returned from San Francisco with a full stock of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Which he is selling at

PRICES THAT DEFEY COMPETITION.

—ALSO—

LADIES' FANCY GOODS

—OF—

EVERY VARIETY

Gents' and Boys' Clothing

—OF THE—

Latest Styles,

—AND AT—

Prices That Will Astonish the

PURCHASER.

MENS' AND BOYS' SHIRTS.

A full assortment from the finest to the most common.

Spectacles and Jewelry.

The finest lot of Spectacles and eye glasses ever brought to the coast and Watches and Jewelry every description.

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VERY LATEST STYLE.

Call and be Convinced.

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BRECKENFELD'S!

THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES PLEASURE in announcing to the public that he has just received a complete and first-class assortment of Gents' Furnishing Goods, such as Hats, Shirts, Underwear, etc. best brands of Cigars and Tobacco, Pipes, Notions, Fancy Goods, Glassware, Crockery, Musical Instruments, Bird Cages, Stationery, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Albums, Trays, Candles, Nuts, etc., which will be sold at the cheapest rates. Give me a call and see for yourself.

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GO TO KAHLER BROS AND BUY YOUR self a Gold Pen.

K. KUBLI,

Old Fellow's Building Jackson St, Oregon

DEALER AND WORKER IN

TIN, SHEET IRON, COPPER, LEAD

Pumps,

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,

NAILS,

A FIRST-CLASS STOCK OF STOVES

HARDWARE, TINWARE,

POWDER OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

Fuse and Caps,

WOODEN & WILLOW WARE.

ROPE, NAILS,

Paints, Oils, Varnish, Glass

CUTLERY, WIRE,

Shot, Brushes, Chisels, Hoes

ETC., ETC.

I have secured the services of a first class Mechanic, and am prepared to do all repairing promptly and in superior style.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE I am receiving and have constantly hand a full and first class stock of

GROCERIES,

DRY-GOODS, GUM ROOTS, TOBACCO

READY MADE CLOTHING,

GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c.

Everything sold at reasonable rates.

K. KUBLI

Jacksonville, March 5, 1878.

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EAGLE MILLS,

SITUATED FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH of Jacksonville and 1/2 miles north of Ashland, are prepared to do

Merchant and Exchange Business.

FLOUR, GRAHAM, CORNMEAL AND FEED AT BEDROCK PRICES.

36 pounds flour, 2 pounds shorts and 8 pounds bran given per bushel of good wheat. Will stock flour customers' furnishing sacks. Sacks with our name on them furnished at low rates.

My brother, G. F. Billings, will have charge of the business, being assisted by competent millers. Everything warranted as represented.

SARAH A. FARNHAM.

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Forwarding and Commission

AGENTS,

Roseburg - - - Oregon.

WILL GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION to forwarding goods consigned to their care. Freight money advanced. Commission reasonable. All business in this line shall receive our strict attention. All goods consigned to our care should be marked "G. B. A." Roseburg.

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J. W. R.

Settle Up! Settle Up!

HAVING A LARGE NUMBER OF accounts on our books we hereby give notice to all those indebted to us by book account to come forward at once and settle up. We must have the money, and unless a settlement is made immediately a forced collection will be made.

KAHLER BROS.

Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL START FOR the Willamette valley in a few days and will be absent from Jacksonville for a short time. I have left my accounts in the hands of E. H. Anteroeth, Esq. for collection and those knowing themselves indebted are requested to call upon him and make an early settlement.

J. W. ROBINSON, M. D.

Jacksonville, April 22, 1879.

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MRS. J. HILGER

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DEALER IN

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Stoves,

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

PUMPS and PIPES,

Paints, Oils, Glass, Varnish

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A General Assortment of

SHELF HARDWARE,

FINE WOSTENHOLM CUTLERY

ROPE & TWINE.

A first-class mechanic will attend to Job Work with neatness and dispatch.

I will always keep constantly on hand a large stock of

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Agent for the PACIFIC RUBBER PAINT—The best in the World.

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