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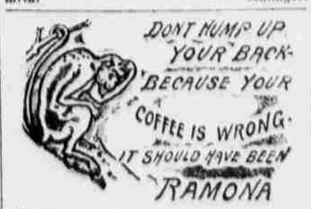

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Obituary.

At their home in Canyonville, Oregon, Feb. 14th, 1898, Mrs. Nellie Moore, aged 57 years, 4 months and 27 days.

Sister Moore was born in Tennessee in September, 1841, and with her parents moved to Oregon in 1859. She was married to her now bereaved husband Feb. 10, 1861, and with him shared the toils and trials, the joys and sorrows incident to a frontier life for 37 years. There were three children born to them to cheer their home, all being sons, and four grand children, all living. She has been a resident of Douglas county since her marriage, living and dying among the friends of her young womanhood. She has been a sufferer nearly all her life from complications, baffling the skill of the best physicians. The best that human sympathy and skill could do to alleviate and restore the sufferer was done, but in vain; for in spite of it all she steadily sank to the "valley of death." Her sufferings were intense and yet no complaint fell from her lips.

She had never been connected with the church, but she had not forgotten the promises of help to those who called upon the Great Physician. That help she earnestly prayed for, soliciting the prayers and sympathy of Christian friends who were so earnestly pleading for her. The dear ones of her home will never forget the love, and earnest entreaties of a dying mother for the better life for them, and that they be in readiness for the dying hour to which each must surely come.

The funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Feb 15, in the M. E. Church, conducted by the pastor of the church, C. M. Bryan. A large congregation of weeping friends and neighbors followed the remains to the beautiful I. O. O. F. cemetery, where with songs of hope and trust we laid her away to await the call of God.

She sleeps, she sleeps, and nevermore,
Will her footsteps fall by the old home door;
Nor her voice be heard with its loving tone,
By the lone ones left around her own hearthstone;
She has gone, she has gone, to her home afar,
To the beautiful land where the angels are.

C. M. BRYAN.
Canyonville, Or., Feb. 18, 1898

Notes by the Way.

Canyonville, Feb. 10, 1898.

ED. PLAINDEALER: As I was leaving you asked me to write as I went along. Well, the first thing was the muddiness of the South Umpqua showing much mining going on up Cow and Myrtle creeks. After I got above Cow creek the river was as clear as a crystal, just like the North Umpqua. I stopped at Green's school house and listened to a sermon by Rev. Millard, and he is an able biblical scholar. His sermon impressed me very much. I stand all right with my old friend Ben Doss and his agreeable family. Mr. Doss is one of the trusted section foremen. I thought how much better if the three Japs were whitemen and had families—how much better for society and as Mr. Doss' family is. Corporations are sowing poor seeds and in time of harvest when reaped it will cause much sorrow. Yes, lets get rid of all forms of slavery. Politics are getting much talked of. Bouse Riddle for sheriff and Chub Nichols for commissioner, and a number of others for judge, treasurer, assessor, etc. The silver men count much on 140 plurality in presidential elect on. As to that it is uncertain to count so, as many have gone and come since Johnny Shupe is still the favorite for clerk. I met some men Sunday carring their coats. I told them it was winter. They said yes, a winter month but a hot summer day. Eastern people have no idea of such weather in February. JOET.

Elkton.

Roy Wells was visiting his parents last Sunday.

There is considerable sickness in this vicinity this month.

Frank Wells has returned home much improved in health.

Miss Susie Beckley is on the sick list at present. She has the sympathy of her many friends.

The Drain Watchman is undoubtedly going to be a success. The manager is worthy of much praise and assistance.

Theoples Huddleston is foreman of the choir that will sing for the S. S. entertainment. He takes hold like he meant business, and that is the way we all should do.

The weather has been remarkably warm for the last two weeks, and the grass is therefore taking the opportunity provided. The mountains will soon be a beautiful green.

James Pobert and wife were visiting here the first of the week. They expect to go to California soon. May success and prosperity go with them. Oregon's loss will be California's gain.

The S. S. is making arrangements for an entertainment which will be appreciated by all, and undoubtely will be a success if each one does their part, for where there's a will, there's a way. PATSY.

In the Backwoods.

South Douglas, Feb. 14th.

EDITOR PLAINDEALER: Your Valentine would like to ask through your valuable paper, what are we old clod-hopper populists going to do for a newspaper to assist us (as what little you papers do assist sometimes) in running our union election? We did not think it necessary to consider this at the time of union. But if the little Review man thinks that we of the backwoods are so thick of understanding that we can't see that he has undertaken too much for his ability. When he can't run his own little party without trying to knife his best men of honor and integrity, when it is detrimental to his best interest, by what means is he going to command the ability to successfully assist us in our union election? Echo answers, never! For without a harmonious spirit there is no union of heart. I am your enquiring VALENTINE.

Only one democrat against free silver in the senate, and only one republican in favor of it in the house. The party division is significant. And it is not the first time the republican party has been the defender of the nation's financial honor against democratic assaults.—Pendleton Tribune.

Oakland Notes.

(From the Gazette.)

On last Sabbath while out walking little Clara Ray gathered and brought to town ripe strawberries. Many vines are now in blossom.

Mr. George Shambrook was reported seriously ill Saturday, but his physician, Dr. Little, tells us of his improvement and recovery.

Judge L. B. Stearns of Portland, is in Oakland, and will remain for a few weeks. We are pleased to note a return of health under needed and merited rest.

We will soon be manufacturing lime and cement, a cement second to none in the world. Mr. Riedle, informs us that all things are now arranged for the immediate erection of the cement factory, and that the product will soon be on the market.

At times like these when political slates are being arranged, it is fitting that communities present their favorites for political consideration. We bow most graciously as we present the name of Hon. A. F. Brown, as one most ably qualified to represent Douglas county in the Oregon legislature.

What Constitutes "Courting?"

Bernard Lieberweitz of 124 Allen St., New York, was summoned to the Essex Market Police Court one morning on complaint of Sarah Kahn of 79 Rivington street, who accused him of obtaining from her under promise of marriage, $40 which he refused to return.

Magistrate Brann conducted a long examination in the case. Lieberweitz admitted receiving the money, but said that he obtained it simply as a loan.

"But you obtained it because you were going to marry the girl," said Magistrate Brann.

"I never was going to marry her," said Lieberweitz, "and we never were engaged."

"How long did you keep company with her?" asked the magistrate.

"About four months," said Lieberweitz.

"How many times a week did you call on her?"

"Three evenings a week."

"Did you sit alone in the parlor with her?"

"I did."

"Did you take her to theatres?"

"I did."

"Did you ever talk love to her?"

"Oh, no!"

"You mean to say that you paid such attention to this girl and yet did not lead her to believe that you were going to marry her," continued the magistrate.

"Yes, sir," answered Lieberweitz.

"Judge," said the girl, "he called on me every night, and twice on Sunday. He says he did not make love to me, yet he sat alone in the parlor and said sweet things to me every time he called."

"The case is plain," said the magistrate," and I will hold him in $1000 bail for trial."

Lieberweitz was locked up in default of the bail.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Fitzsimmons calls Corbett a cur, and Corbett calls him a pup. This ought to insure a dog fight at least.—Enterprise.

The New York Journal has begun a movement to make the 12th day of February, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, a national holiday in every state and territory in the union. The movement is in the way of a petition to congress, asking that such a law be passed. No one can refuse to sign such a petition.

Positive information has reached New Orleans from San Salvador that the Greater Republic of Central America has practically ceased to exist, the principal state, Salvador, having withdrawn from the Union. This action was precipitated by the step of Guiterez, president of Salvador, who is at present assisting indirectly the revolutionists of Nicaragua, and who has declared officially that the liberal party of Honduras is unworthy longer to retain power.

The stockmen of Jackson county have been suffering for many months past from the depredations of coyotes among stock, and they have importuned the county court long and loud to put a bounty on the scalps of these destructive animals in order to diminish their number if not exterminate the pests. But the cheese-paring "agent" of the court was too much interested, personally, in making a record of alleged economy, in order to promote his demagogue ambitions, to heed the cry of the suffering stock interests. Now, however, after the court has made its annual tax levy and election approaches, it seeks to curry favor with the stockmen and has placed a bounty of $1.25 per head on the scalps of coyotes. Oh, political fakir, thy name is Crowell!—Tidings.

The vigorous competition which the great stock-raising areas of Australia and South America have been able to establish against the United States in European markets is illustrated by some recent statements regarding the refrigerating apparatus in sea-going vessels. The White Star Line has now 14 ships fitted with refrigerating apparatus; the Hamburg-American line 20, many of which sail through the tropical regions; the Havre Meat Importing Combination 14; the English Tropical Fruit Importing Line 24; the Royal Mail Steam Packing Company (Central and South America) 20; and the Copenhagen Butter Exporting Company 12; while refrigerator warehouses capable of holding ten thousand tons each, into which these vessels unload their cargoes of fresh meats from South America and Australia, are common in Europe.

Mrs. Mary Lease, who made herself conspicuous in Oregon a few years ago by her speech-making, will perhaps return to Oregon for the coming campaign. This woman has had considerable experience in politics, and she has seen more of the world since she was out here a few years ago. Much of the rough and unrefined and inelegant expressions have given place to ways that are better. We have heard this woman on the platform use language that would be unbecoming a man, much more a woman, of whom it is but natural to expect better things. To harangue, verify and abuse in gross language is not argument to anybody, it matters not to what party he or she may belong. Demagogy and coarseness in politics is a prominent feature among too many for the good of themselves and the parties to which they belong.—Grants Pass Courier.

Mexico's Silver Standard.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20, 1898.

Some of Mr. Bryan's democratic friends and associates who have had practical business experience in Mexico do not agree with the glowing picture which he brought back from that country, nor do they agree with his theory that the free coinage of silver is responsible for whatever of apparent or real prosperity exists there. Ex-Congressman McShane, who formerly represented the Omaha, Nebraska, district in congress, but who now has large mining interests in Mexico and spends much of his time there, says that his friend Mr. Bryan is entirely mistaken in the conclusion at which he arrives. Considering the fact that Mr. McShane is a democrat, a fellow-Nebraskan with Mr. Bryan, and has had practical business experience in Mexico for about as many years as Bryan spent days there in his recent trip, his conclusions concerning matters so elaborately discussed by Mr. Bryan on his return home from the land of the 45-cent dollar are interesting. Mr. McShane has been spending a few days here renewing his acquaintance with members of congress, and in a conversation regarding Mr. Bryan's recent utterances regarding Mexican prosperity, he said:

"It is of this sort: The government is largely back of it, and to the paternal fostering of the Diaz administration it is mainly due. The government subsidizes breweries, railroads, industrial plants, and aids in every way to build up the material resources of the country. Money is used with a liberal hand, and as a consequence there is much activity and great apparent prosperity. The fact that Mexico is on a silver basis does not figure; it can't help being on that kind of a basis, but I should be sorry to see the United States resort to any such policy.

"Ten years of experience in that country has forever set me against the adoption of a monetary system which is not only in disrepute among the leading nations of the world, but which is about to be discarded by countries like Japan, Brazil, and some of the smaller Spanish-American governments that were formerly on a silver basis. The masses in Mexico are in a worse condition than I trust will ever befall our population. This I can explain by referring to matters that have come under my personal observation.

"When the Sherman purchasing act was in force, some seven years ago, silver was worth $1.21, and a United States dollar was worth in Mexico 100 cents in Mexican money. The dollars of the two countries were on a parity. At this time we employed about 300 men in our mines, their pay ranging from $1 to $2.50 per day. It took approximately $10,000 a month to meet the pay-roll. The money to cancel this expense was shipped from Omaha, and it was exchanged for $10,000 of Mexican coin. We operated general merchandise stores along with our mining concern, and, at the time I speak of, sold to our Mexican employees bacon for 20 cents a pound.

"What are the conditions today? We still hire 300 men and give them exactly the same scale of wages that obtained prior to the slump in silver caused by the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act. Our pay-roll still aggregates $10,000 a month. To meet this we have shipped us a like sum of United States money, and here is where the point of difference comes in. Instead of exchanging that amount at our bank for its nominal equivalent we get for it not $10,000, but $22,000 of Mexican money. We have here made a clear gain of $12,000. Our employes still render us 100 cents' worth of work, for which they used to get 100 cents, and do yet as far as the name goes, but in reality they receive less than half of what should be theirs, seeing that the Mexican coin in which they are paid has shrunk to less than half of its former value.

"But there is more still. When the Mexican miner goes to buy bacon he finds that in tendering payment he cannot buy it with depreciated money for 20 cents a pound; the price now is 45 cents. It would still be so if he could tender a dollar as good as that given him for his labor at the time of the repeal of the Sherman law. The $12,000 I spoke of simply comes out of the labor of the country, and when the toiling class of any nation is forced to such a condition it is stretching a point to call the people prosperous. If the fair and right thing were done by these hard-working miners their wages would be doubled. The man that now gets $2 a day is justly entitled to $4, but labor will bring only what price is fixed in market, like any commodity, and employers are not yet far enough advanced in philanthropy to voluntarily give more than the customary rate.

"So the talk about the prosperity of Mexico in so far as it applies to the vast body of its citizens—the common people—is a myth. If there is prosperity at all it is not due to the silver standard, but in spite of it."

Congressman Tongue is all Right.

Relative to his position on Cuban affairs, Representative Tongue in Congress said.

"The proposition before the house is to acknowledge the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents and declare the neutrality of the United States. This is mere empty nothingness. It would prevent the United States from selling arms and amunition and food to the Cuban insurgents. It would subject our vessels to the right of search long before reaching Cuban waters. It would absolve the Spanish government from claims for damage to the lives and property of American citizens. It is much safer to leave the management of diplomatic matters with the administration. The president sincerely desires Cuban freedom. He has secured the liberation of every American citizen detained as a prisoner. He has stopped the policy of starvation and induced the Spanish government to relieve the suffering concentrados. He has stopped barbaric warfare, has induced the Spanish government to conduct the war on humane methods and to offer Cuban autonomy. His success should inspire confidence. If the war does not cease within a reasonable time, then I believe we should not pass empty resolutions, but say to Spain as the European powers said to Turkey in the Grecian war; "This slaughter must cease, and and in the interest of humanity this war must close,' and then enforce this ultimatum."

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