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It was Ever Thus for the Democrats.

The democratic leaders in the First Congressional district profess to believe that Candidate Reames will be elected to office over our Binger Hermann. They attempt to give a score of reasons why their candidate will be elected and the only one that will bear the closest scrutiny of reason is, they want him to be elected and Macawber like a "waiting for something to turn up," but every day the democratic sun rises in a dense miasma of despair and sets in the somber darkness of despair without a silver lining or ray of hope. Their early hope was based on nothing less than that the Republican administration would repudiate a republican candidate and throw the weight of government patronage to elect a democrat because he would be less obnoxious than the republican and the braying of the democratic "animal" in this particular has been very amusing. His ears have flopped and doped and as the melodious notes of wonderous praise have echoed and re-echoed from Oregon City to the Siskiyou mountains, he pines for the sweetest sound which ever delighted the ears of an Oregon audience. But that beautiful, sweet melodious song has turned to a funeral dirge since it has become known that the Hon. Binger Hermann and President Roosevelt are warm personal friends and that it is only Secretary Hitchcock who is out of sorts with an attack of chronic cold. And even if the other theory is taken, a republican professing republican principles would be less objectionable to the administration than a democrat who would sing songs in Congress of his popularity, and raise low jinks before high heaven; and what is strange, yes, passing strange, is, that the pro-republican but in reality misgiving democratic newspapers of Portland with the exception of the Oregonian and the Telegram should be heralding abroad such trash. But underneath may be seen the personal animus and malice of Scott, et al, who are willing and anxious to turn over this Congressional district in order that they may get a little personal satisfaction out of the political and malevolent abuse of a patriot. There is another bottle of unctious the democrats are uncorking and rubbing on their weary souls and that is, that there is great dissatisfaction in the republican party and that the dissatisfied will vote for Reames. Here again the democrats show that the gray matter is oozing from the nape of their necks. It is true that a few citizens for political or personal reasons may have desired to see another candidate nominated in the place of Binger Hermann, but there is not a true republican in the first congressional district who will vote for Reames or who will abstain himself from the polls on election day. When that day is over it will be found that instead of the republicans leaving Binger Hermann hundreds if not thousands of democrats will have left their candidate and cast their ballots for the man who has done more for all the old settlers than any man who ever stepped on the soil of Oregon, and while the papers at Portland are, as Binger Hermann in the back the citizens of this district are not fools and Binger Hermann will carry the district by two thousand more votes than were ever polled for a candidate for congress. Let us get down to business and show that we are not merely satisfied with the election of Hermann but that we want to give him all the moral prestige and support it is possible to give a popular candidate from the first Congressional district.

Roseburg Base Ball.

The many friends of the American national game will be pleased to know that the membership in the Willamette Valley Base Ball League has been finally settled as the following letter will show.
Albany, Ore., April 16, 1903.
Mr. I. D. Gibson,
Member of the Board Control W. V. B. L.
Dear Sir: I have in my possession a protest from Sec. Hamlin of one of the Roseburg teams against the organization known as the "Roseburg Base Ball Club" entering the Willamette Valley Base Ball League. In giving a decision on this matter I cannot take into consideration the local or personal feelings of the two teams. I would be overstepping my authority not to recognize the local representative that represented Roseburg in Eugene on April 11th. Consequently, I declare the Roseburg Base Ball Club (S. Josephson Mgr.) the representative team of Roseburg in the Willamette Valley Base Ball League. Respectfully,
(Sgd) Geo. M. Turner,
Pres. W. V. B. L.
The Directors of the Roseburg Base Ball Club have made every kind of proposition to Jackson, Hamlin, et al that was possible to make and every proposition was promptly rejected. The directors are now looking for ground in the Kinney Addition and also in West Roseburg and with the League games to be played will give our citizens the best ball game that ever been seen on the diamond in this city.

Minnesota to Make Exhibit at Portland.

Dr. Henry W. Coe, commissioner of the Lewis and Clark Exposition to be held in Portland, Ore., appeared before the two houses of the legislature last Friday afternoon, addressing them on the proposed exposition, and a joint resolution was passed, declaring that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition exhibit of Minnesota products at the close of the St. Louis Exposition, be transferred directly to Portland for the exposition there.

BRIDGE'S EXAMINING TRIAL.

A Honest Chamber Who Do not Know How to Cut a Deck of Cards.

The PLAINDEALER in the past thirty-five years has seen much of the bright and shady side of life but Bret Hart's Heaton Chinese would not have been in it for innocuous and childlike manners in a game of far ten when compared to the perfect type of honor and integrity as developed by Bud Thomas the dealer of the cards at Reeds gambling parlor in Roseburg.

Now the PLAINDEALER had its ear on the receiver of the wireless telegraph system and it knew that there was no end of trouble in store for the sporting fraternity if the Bridges episode was pushed, so we gave the interested parties a little advice for which we changed nothing, but while the advice was free it was just as piquant as the mustard Paddy filled up on at the restaurant because it cost him nothing.

In our last issue the PLAINDEALER said: "It is not likely that charges will be pressed against Bridges, because if they are, it will open up to prosecution the game who run the place where the gambling took place, and if Roseburg is like nine out of every ten of the cities on the Pacific slope in this respect, the case will be settled out of court and the quicker this is done and the less there is said about the matter the better it will be for the sporting fraternity in Roseburg."

Contrary to all expectations the charges were pressed and the state by the district attorney went to the bottom of the entire business when it dropped out. The evidence in the trial proved conclusively that Reeds place was a gambling hall in which there was a regular gaming table with all the paraphernalia of an establishment of that kind. The witnesses for the prosecution of Bridges proved that gambling was looked upon as a legitimate business; that the dealer of the 21 game on his own evidence was so innocent that he did not know how to stack a deck of cards or how to cut them without giving the player an equal chance minus the per centage in favor of the game.

It was also proven that there is not the least restriction on gambling and that the house was open day and night and so far as Bridges and Thomas were concerned that Bridges went to the house with about \$152.50, that this money was in 7-20 dollar gold pieces, 1-5 dollar gold piece and \$7.50 in silver. That during the progress of the play Bridges accused Thomas, the dealer, of cheating and told him that if he caught him at again that he, Bridges, would take the back drawer. Bridges took it and heeded not, and he then proceeded where Bridges says that he caught him cheating again, and he then proceeded to take in the money he had lost in the play. He Bridges, only took, counting the amount he had lost and refused to take more; separating the gold from the silver. Thomas objected and tried to restrain Bridges and scratched Bridges in the face and got his little finger in Bridges mouth, who came down on it hard. Thomas ran to the back of the bar and Bridges thought that he went for a gun so to protect himself. Bridges picked up a chair or stool and when he saw that Thomas did not intend to make any fight, he went back to the gambling table and got together all of the money he had lost but no more. For fear that Thomas would get the gun in the table drawer, Bridges took it and backed out, unloaded the gun and then broke it putting all on the bar. Now the state wanted to prove robbery from the person by force and the evidence was against that and pointed to the fact that Bridges did not take a cent that did not belong to him, and if Thomas lost money from the table some other man got it. The case against Bridges was dismissed by Justice Buchanan and now an element in Roseburg are talking about petitioning the circuit judge to empanel a grand jury to investigate not only the Reeds gambling house but all the gambling houses and sporting men in Roseburg. So far as gambling is concerned in this city, the course taken by the men who wanted and attempted to send Bridges to the penitentiary they have only brought up the state of affairs squarely before the public. For the prosecution of Bridges as the evidence of the prosecution showed at the examination, was nothing more nor less than persecution; and while Bridges may have been guilty of gambling, he was not guilty of robbery from the person, or in any way within the statutes of Oregon.

At the examination there were present saints and sinners; greenhorns and toughs; plucked lambs and tough old rams and the investigation has caused so much talk that it will no doubt be the means of commencing a crusade against that business in Roseburg. There is an old proverb which says: "When the gods would destroy they first make them mad." The sporting fraternity of Roseburg who pushed forward the persecution or prosecution of Bridges were very mad and perhaps that accounts for the wide publicity given to a common occurrence all over the state. We do not intend that this article shall in any manner reflect upon the district attorney, for he was bound to prosecute and enquire into the circumstances of the case after a complaint had been made against Bridges, charging robbery from the person of Bud Thomas, but we do think that the sporting fraternity have put a club into the hands of men who will make full use of this occurrence. It is our advice to the sporting fraternity to "sing soft and low" if they want to continue in Roseburg.

Lewis and Clark Fair Club.

Mrs. Galloway, of Portland, who spoke last Wednesday night in the Masonic Temple to the members and friends of the Mental Culture Club, has been called elsewhere to organize clubs and has deputized Mrs. H. C. Stanton to call a meeting for that purpose; and the PLAINDEALER is requested to state that there will be a meeting of the ladies of Roseburg, next Saturday afternoon in the Roseburg Board of Trade room for the purpose of organizing a Ladies Lewis and Clark Fair Club, and electing officers. Let every lady of Roseburg attend and give the matter a helping hand.

In ladies' colored and white shirt waists, we show the cream of the market at low prices, Hildebrande.

Horrible Death by Electricity.

Earl Fletcher met a very sudden and awful death at the Roseburg Light and Water Company's office Friday afternoon. The boys father had made arrangements with the management of the company to let Earl go around with the line man, Mr. Hurd, and thereby learn some things about the business, and in this capacity he had served for some time, and was at the office more or less all the time.

In the rear of the office, and under lock and key, are three large transformers, two incandescent and one are light. These transformers are connected directly with the dynamo at Winchester.

Earl and Mrs. Jennie Krantz, the company's stenographer, were setting in the transformer room, the former was reading and Mrs. Krantz went out into the office leaving the boy in the room. She had not been in the office but a few minutes when three awful unearthly yells were heard. Mr. Prozman and Cookman were in the office and they rushed to the transformer room, where the most awful sight imaginable met their gaze. There was the boy with one hand clasped around the wire through which 10,000 volts of electricity was coming intermittently, one leg was drawn up in a cross wise manner, and the soles of both shoes were burning. The head had dropped over on the chest, and to all appearance death had come when the first circuit was made.

Mr. Cochran showed great presence of mind in his actions. He sized up the matter in an instant and fully realized that the poor boy was beyond any human aid and it was all he could do to keep the other two people, who witnessed the awful sight, from running up and trying to jerk the body away from the wire. It had happened they too would have met the same awful death, for the body was fully charged with as much of the 10,000 volts as it was possible to absorb.

The three spectators had to stand there and watch with absolutely no means in the human power to relieve his suffering. The boys hand which held the fatal wire, slowly turned and finally dropped, all the while, the soles of his shoes were smoking in the most awful way.

As soon as the hand dropped the circuit was broken and Mr. Cochran caught hold of the boys clothing and dragged him out, and all the signs of life which were left were a few faint gasps. Dr. DeGas was the first doctor to arrive, who was quickly followed by Drs. Hoover, Fisher, and Twitchell, and although they tried all their skillful restoratives, they were of no avail, the boy was dead.

The motive which prompted him to take hold of this wire will never be known, but as best we can learn it was through carelessness that he lost his life. The wire is very heavily insulated, and a person can take hold of these wires provided they are standing on the rubber mat which is laid by the transformer. The most reasonable conclusion is that he stepped on the rubber mat, and then caught hold of the wire, and while still holding the wire he thoughtlessly stepped off the mat, or at least put one foot on the cement floor, and that made the circuit which caused his death.

The funeral services were held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Baptist church, Rev. Douglass officiating. The Odd Fellows marched in procession from the residence to the church, using this method to express their sympathy toward the father of the deceased who stood high in the order. The remains were interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The Street Carnival.

The Southern Carnival Company has made an offer to the City of Roseburg as follows:
Roseburg, Ore., April 15, 1903.
The Mayor and Council of Roseburg grant to the Southern Carnival Company the use of the streets and houses for ten cent gross receipt for their show privileges and concessions for the week of June 22, for a Street Fair and Carnival.

The Southern Carnival Company agrees not to block up any of the streets or thoroughfares and that all shows shall be clean and strictly moral. The Company also agrees to bill the Country for the surrounding fifty miles and to furnish the entire attraction and music for said Carnival. No gambling will be tolerated. The entire shows of the Southern Carnival Company to arrive here June the 22.

H. L. Hammett,
The PLAINDEALER has been asked its opinion of the show and must frankly confess that we have not had the time necessary to make full investigation but expect answers to our letters by next issue, when the PLAINDEALER will have something to say pro or con.

Wrak of Shemrock Third.

On Friday morning a dispatch from Weymouth, England, says: Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's cup was dismantled in a squall today shortly after leaving this harbor preparatory to another trial with the Shamrock 3rd. Her mast, as it fell over the side, carried several of the crew, and all the gear and canvas overboard. One man was drowned, and several persons, including Sir Thomas, who was knocked down a hatchway, were bruised or otherwise injured. The man who was drowned was a brother-in-law of Captain Wringle. He was handling a binocular glass to Sir Thomas at the time he was swept overboard. One of Sir Thomas' hands was injured, but not seriously.

The hull of the Shamrock 3rd was not damaged. The mast, when it went overboard, went solid. There was at that time only one break, which was about seven feet above deck. As the big spar, with its weight of canvas, became heavier, owing to the water in it, the mast again buckled in the bend, going down until it rested on the bottom. It is believed it will be comparatively easy to repair the mast, but a whole suit of canvas is ruined. Barges with a crane were soon on the spot to raise the broken mast, after which the Shamrock 3rd will be taken to her moorings inside the breakwater.

A later dispatch says: Sir Thomas Lipton informed the correspondent of the Association Press that he expects to be ready to fulfill his engagement off Sandy Hook on August 20.

Old Maids to the Rescue.

Last Friday the Western New York Old Maids convention assembled at Rochester and Miss Amelia Higginson the president in her opening address said:

"President Roosevelt believes in the rearing of large families. He has a right to his opinion, but when he places childlessness in the same category with criminal acts, he goes too far. The President is the father of what we Americans would call a large family. He is not the mother of a large family. We have heard nothing about race suicide in the mothers of America; we never shall."

"Let the President grapple with the trusts, the tariff and the coming election. They are more in his line. He can safely leave the question of babies in the hands of the women of this great Republic."

We always thought that there were two sides to the President's race suicide theory and now that the old maids of New York have started out to settle the question no doubt they will settle it to their entire satisfaction.

One Hundred Good Moros.

A dispatch of last Saturday's date says: Capt. Pershing's force captured Barood, Island of Mandanao; Wednesday, killed a hundred Moros and wounded many others. Three Americans were wounded.

Pershing's force consisted of Shaw's battalion of the 27th infantry, Kilpatrick's troop of the 14th cavalry and McNair's battery.

Pershing was surveying the west shore lands when the Baroodians opposed his advance and provoked the fight. Pershing's force surrounded and killed their stronghold, first shelling them and, rushing his troops forward, charged gallantly. After crossing a deep moat and entering the fort the Americans engaged the Moros, bayonets against knives. A hundred of the defenders were killed, including the datus of Panandigan, and many were wounded. Only three Americans were wounded.

After the capture of the fort it was destroyed. The Barood leaders and the majority of the people of that district has been hostile to the Americans and encouraged attacks on American camps. They rejected the tenders of friendship.

It is expected that the defeat of the Baroodians will result in all the Moros acknowledging American sovereignty. Pershing's column is going to Harau, which is also hostile.

Piano Buyers.

You will notice that we do not have to be continually striking out for a new make of Pianos. The Needham has been our leader for 14 years and is today a leader among the high grade pianos of the world. Some cheap pianos are made high grade simply by getting a board in the treble or some other leading paper, through those big dealers who think they can, and do make the majority of people believe it simply because they say so. It doesn't take ink, hose or high commissions to make a good piano, but instead the very best materials are always used in Needham pianos.

T. K. RICHARDSON,
Roseburg and Cottage Grove, Oregon.

They are Proving Satisfactory.

The Supplemental Chamber Co., Roseburg, Ore.
Gentlemen—Please send me via express, one dozen Gillette's Supplemental Chambers; fitted for 32 S. & W. Short and Browning Automatic Smokeless cartridge. The brass Chamber ordered some time ago having proved satisfactory I can do business with them when the spring season opens.

Yours truly, H. J. Stillman, Gunsmith, Pendleton, Ore. Jan. 9th, 1903.

Notice of Sale of State Lands.

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board will receive sealed bids until April 28, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the sale of the following described school lands, to-wit:

Sections 16 and 36, Township 31 South, Range 9 West, Section 16 Township 31 South, Range 10 West of Willamette Meridian.

The North half of North half and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 of Section 16 Township 41 North, Range 1 East of Willamette Meridian containing 308.40 acres in Douglas, Coos and Jackson Counties, Oregon.

Applications to purchase must be made on the regular blanks, in accordance with the law for the sale of school lands, and be accompanied by cash or check for one-fifth of the amount bid to a certificate of purchase, or if full payment is made deed will issue.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Dated this April 8, 1903. 26-56

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Many friends of "Grandma" Miller and Mr. Abe Mattson are glad to learn that they seemed better when we last heard. They have been ill for a long time and the sympathy of many friends goes out to them and theirs.

We are glad to learn of Miss Lella Cellers' convalescence, she having been ill for the past ten days or more.

Mrs. Walter Butler, of Washington, is in Drain, caring for her sister, Miss Lella Cellers, and expects to visit friends before returning.

Card of Thanks.
To THE PUBLIC:
We desire to return our thanks to the many friends who showed their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and funeral of the late departed Mrs. Annie Gyer.

Signed CONRAD GYER, R. J. JENKINS FAMILY, Roseburg, Oregon, April 20, 1903.

Lost—Ladies Umbrella; Steel frame black with bells, handle of pearl and gold, with name of (Ester) engraved on gold handle. Party finding the same, will please return to this office, and receive reward.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 buys a stylish or a heavy serviceable shoe at Hildebrand's, for any foot, "noticed."

PREMIUM TICKETS GIVEN ON ALL SALES EXCEPT SUGAR AND FLOUR

FISHER & BELLOW'S COMPANY

Warner's Rust-Proof Corset

Made by the most famous corset factory in the world. Satisfactorily modeled, carefully shaped, neatly made and beautifully finished. WARNER'S RUST-PROOF Corsets have no rivals. They are superior to all others in point of grace, comfort and durability.

50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.25

Dress Trimmings.

We have everything that is new. The line is too extensive to go into any description. You should see them.

Dress Goods.

We have given this line a great deal of careful attention, and have gotten together as complete a line of desirable fabrics as was ever shown in this city. In Summer Dress Goods our stock is specially up to the times. We have all the newest creations including—

Mercedized Zephyrs, Popelons, Cluny Lace Stripes, Fantase Silk Tissue, Linen Madras, Grass Batiste Muslin De Soie, Etc.

Ladies Underwear

Knit Vests from 5c. to 50c. Muslin Underwear in all grades—an elegant line.

Seasonable Special Offerings

We are better prepared this season than ever before to meet your wants in all lines of General Merchandise. Our stock was never so complete in every department. We bought early, securing the very best selections and the very lowest prices, and we propose to maintain our reputation for selling the

BEST MERCHANDISE AT THE LOWEST PRICE

Men's Furnishings

Everything strictly to date and right in keeping with good taste. In Men's Neckwear we have the latest colorings in Tecks, Four-in-Hands, Band and Striped Bows. The newest of all is the Midget Club Tie.

Golf Shirts.

A half hundred different styles to choose from.

Men's Hosiery.

Everything that is new in this line we have, from 8 1/2 to 30c.

Men's Underwear.

Bathrigan underwear, 25, 50, 75c. Summer Weight, wool, 75c \$1.00. A great many lines to select from.

Boys' and Youth's Clothing.

The Kant-Wear-Out kind. A new Stock just in. It will do you good to look over them. No trouble to show them.

Men's Clothing.

We carry the largest stock in town, and take great pride in this department. Our Five Dollar all Wool suits for men can't be beaten, in fact we defy competition in this line. An almost endless variety to choose from.

\$5.00 to \$18.00

SHOES.

Shoes for men, women children and infants, and all with our personal guarantee to be the best for the price or your money back.

HATS

The Gordon hat is here, as well as a full line of cheaper hats.

The Reliance Wrapper

Has correct lining, and is perfect fitting. No higher in price than ordinary wrappers. We have the agency for Roseburg.

See us for Groceries, - - - 'Phone 721

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Lloyd Whipple has again re-entered school.

An entertainment will be given on Wednesday, by the K. O. T. M.

Mr. Geo. Smith, a stockman of Elton, was in this city Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Black visited Roseburg, Saturday and returned Monday.

Mr. Ira Wimberly attended the democratic congressional convention at Albany.

Mr. Wm. Spahn and family have moved to Alsea, where he is going to run a hotel.

Claude Moore has returned from Rainier, Oregon, to visit home folks and friends.

Mr. Tarr, who has been employed in Southern Oregon, came home last Friday to rejoin his family.

Ernest Whipple, son of L. N. Whipple, the blacksmith, went to Oro Grande, Idaho, where he intends to find work.

Mr. J. J. Heiden and son, Doc, have returned from Phoenix, Arizona. He derived no benefit from the visit, but his friends hope he will soon recover.

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