

THE EASTER OYSTERS.

Mr. Geo. King, of Oysterville, forwards us a letter from Professor Washburn concerning the Eastern oysters transplanted in Yaquina bay. The matter is an important one to this bay, and we give it in full. It is as follows:

"Eugene, Or., May 14, 1897. To the Oystermen of Yaquina Bay: Gentlemen:—Will you permit me to impress upon you a few points of importance?

1st. I trust that every man on the Bay is interested in the success of this oyster experiment, and that each man realizes it means much in the future if it succeeds.

2nd. I hope that this interest is so great that each man will look upon the venture as his own, meaning, if we succeed, an additional source of income for his family and that

3rd. Each man will feel so deeply concerned that he will guard the deposit made by the general government and feel a personal interest in its proper protection and care.

4th. I hope that each man will willingly co-operate with others in a generous determination to do all he can in this matter.

5th. The citizens of Yaquina Bay should also feel that they have an interest, and a vital interest, in seeing such an industry established and be willing to do all in their power to help the oystermen to succeed.

6th. I expect to be at Yaquina about June 23rd, at which time I want to meet all the oystermen and exchange views with them regarding the prospects.

Very Truly
F. L. WASHBURN."

Elk City Items.

Summer weather just now.

H. Denlinger, of Toledo, was in town today on legal business.

Mrs. H. L. Palmer is quite sick at J. H. Van Orden's residence.

R. A. Miller, of Big Elk, killed a bear yesterday, and W. W. Deyoe and W. W. Powers left town at 4 o'clock this morning with all the blooded dogs in town and returned this afternoon with two fine cubs.

Land buyers are quite numerous in this vicinity just now.

Capt. A. B. Clark is busy repairing the steamer Mascotte for summer travel.

Miss Ivy Griffith left for Philomath this morning, to visit her people.

Fred Wittenstrom left yesterday for Rock creek to prospect a granite quarry for Wm. Toner and others.

The United Artisans held a social meeting at the Odd Fellows' hall on the 12th, with a crowded house. The following program was rendered:

L. W. Deyoe, Opening Address.
Laura Dalaba, Recitation
Otis Kisor, Sermon
Pearl McFarlin, Recitation
Jennie Christensen, Solo
Willie Powers, Recitation
J. C. Dixon, Solo
E. W. Dixon, Recitation
Bonita McFarlin, Recitation
Ivy Griffith, Recitation
Elmo Davis, J. B. White, Duet
Otis Kisor, Lecture
Dr. Carter, Good of the Order.
BATTLE AXE.

May 19, 1897.

Picnic Postponed.

We are requested to announce that the Woodmen picnic that was to have been given next Saturday has been indefinitely postponed, owing to not being able to get the boat when expected.

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Memorial Day.

Memorial Day will be observed by Abe Lincoln Post No. 68, G. A. R., and Abe Lincoln Relief Corps No. 49 on May 31. Post and Corps will meet at G. A. R. headquarter (Odd Fellows hall) and form line to march to the cemetery at 9 o'clock sharp, where the Ritualistic work of the G. A. R. will be given with other appropriate exercises, including recitations by Miss Alberta Hobart and Bert Ewing. All ex-soldiers and sailors are cordially invited to meet us at the G. A. R. headquarters to fall in line and march with us to the cemetery. A special invitation is extended to the schools of Toledo and vicinity, and to the people in general to join with us and help garland the graves of the Nation's Dead. Afternoon services will be held at the court house, commencing at two o'clock. An oration will be delivered by Rev. C. R. Ellsworth, of Newport, recitations by Miss Eva Ewing and Johnathan Butler. Music both instrumental and vocal will be rendered.

J. S. CONKLIN,
L. M. BUTLER,
C. A. DICK,
Committee.

Dr. Jennings, Dentist.

Dr. Jennings, the Newport dentist, will be at hotel in Toledo on Wednesday, May 26th, and will remain three days. The Doctor does everything in the dental line that can be done in San Francisco, at very moderate prices for the high grade of work that he performs. Painless methods of filling and extracting teeth. Only 50 cents per tooth for extracting with his local anesthetic. Remember his date, Wednesday, May 26th, to remain three days.

The contest case of Mrs. George Henshaw vs. Kasimeier Busch was heard before Deputy County Clerk Wade last Tuesday. A number of witnesses appeared on both sides, and there was a marked variation in some of the testimony. The testimony was reduced to writing by Deputy Wade, which was quite a task, and was forwarded to the local land office at Oregon City, where the testimony will be gone over by the register and receiver, and a decision made. The dispute over the land will be the basis of considerable ill-feeling among the Drift creek people, we fear, as the people there are dividing up on the matter.

Many of the old settlers on the Bay have heard the old legend of the pirates that buried a treasure of gold at some point on the Bay. The story is that a large box full of gold slugs was buried along the beach, and the pirates put to sea and left it. They never returned after the gold, and it is supposed to be still hidden in the mud of the Yaquina beach. The last of the pirates died not long ago in California and, it is said, disclosed the hiding place of this treasure. Will Rich, of this place, got hold of the description of the hiding place, and has been making a search for the treasure. He thinks that he is now about to discover the gold, having discovered several of the marks, bearings and witness trees. If the old stories are true, the box contains thousands of dollars in gold slugs, and if Mr. Rich is successful in discovering its hiding place, he won't have to "do a thing" for quite a while.

A CARD OF THANKS.

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