

Of the 648 ocean steamships which entered the port of Buenos Ayers during the first eight months of the present year, not one sailed under the flag of the United States. Yet those vessels carried thousands of tons of our goods, the freights on which went into the pockets of European ship owners. The growing commerce of Argentina, which might be largely controlled by American enterprise, is passing into the hands of Germany and England, and will continue to do so until our shipping laws and commercial policy are revised on terms that will enable us to compete successfully for the South American trade.—Mail and Express.

A Grass Valley storekeeper who having left his place of business for a while, was informed by his clerk on his return that a ham had been disposed of on credit during his absence. The clerk, however, had forgotten to take the name of the customer, so in order to make sure that he would not be a loser, the storekeeper charged up every one of his patrons with a ham on their next month's bill. Forty-five of them paid. Grocers have better luck in collecting bills than newspapers, anyway. If a newspaper man should do such a thing as did the Grass Valley merchant he would be promptly mobbed by the populace.—Ex.

Running a paper has disappointments, as well as running for office. Now, for instance, we thought we had a good item last Monday when a telephone message came down from Elk City inquiring for Arthur Rochester, and stating that he had not been seen since the night before. We jumped to the conclusion that he had been drowned, or something else serious had happened. We had an item all studied out and had it all fixed up about what a good man he was, after he was dead, and had it all arranged to rig up some moustache on Cleveland's picture and run it in as a picture of Rochester, when the news came down that he had been found. He had been down in his cabin asleep, and they had forgotten to look for him there. So there was another good item lost.

The postoffice fight has struck Elk City, and move is being made up there to retire Holmes Blair, who has held the office for several years, and get a new postmaster, but who the would-be postmaster is we do not know. We are told that two charges have been preferred against Mr. Blair, one of which he may be able to refute, but we think that the other will catch him all right. The first charge is that he neglects his duty, and to that charge we know nothing, but the second charge is that he is getting old, and we do not hesitate to say that Mr. Blair is guilty, and is getting guiltier every day. And the people that made the charges are guilty of the same charge.

Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an election of the legal voters of the City of Toledo, Oregon, will be held in the said city of Toledo, Oregon, on Tuesday, December 7th, 1897, for the election of the following officers:

- One Mayor,
- One Recorder,
- One Treasurer,
- One Marshal,
- Three Aldermen.

The polling place will be in the old school house, in the said city of Toledo, and the polls will open at 8 o'clock a. m., and remain open until 6 o'clock p. m., except one hour from 12 o'clock noon, till 1 o'clock p. m.

Given under my hand and the seal of said city of Toledo, this 8th day of November, 1897.
[L. S.] J. F. STEWART,
City Recorder.

Burt Johnson on Harmony.

"From certain quarters we hear appeals for harmony in the republican ranks of Oregon. Serious-looking gentlemen are solemnly singing that doleful peaceful hymn, 'how sweet is unity.' And they don't know how funny they are. The republican party of Oregon is doing very well, thank you. It is only those who are out of harmony with the party that are so loudly clamoring for harmony. 'The regiment is out of step with me,' cries the soldier, but his complaint is unheeded, and those who hear him only smile."

The republican party of Oregon is not worrying about harmony. Those who do not like its songs, need not sing them."

The above is from the Corvallis Gazette, whose editor has recently been appointed postmaster. His idea of harmony might not exactly coincide with some of the gentlemen who were left out.

PROBATE COURT.

The following proceedings in probate court have been had during the past week:

In the estate of Lottie E. Palmer, deceased: Henry E. Palmer, administrator, given authority to sell the personal property of said estate at private sale.

In the estate of Christopher Arndt, deceased: J. A. Hall appointed administrator of the estate, with bond fixed at \$1,400; administrator filed his bond with Otto O. Krogstad and C. L. Gowell, sureties; C. B. Crosno, W. C. Copeland and Moses Gregson appointed appraisers; appraisers filed their report showing the following property: Real estate, \$150; notes and accounts, \$379.78; personal property, \$49.04, total \$578.82.

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