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LOCAL IN BRIEF.

While out fishing with others the very first of the week William Buoy proved that it is possible for some men to be adrift in mid ocean without a supply of fresh water and still not suffer from thirst. While Mr. Buoy was intently watching his line one of his companions suddenly discovered a bottle of beer that had been overlooked. It was tightly corked and the nozzle neatly wrapped in tinfoil. The cork was drawn and William refreshed himself with a couple of deep draughts before discovering the difference between beer and ocean water. He says, however, that it was pretty good stuff—just as good as the beer dispensed by local dealers—and it wasn't much of a joke on him, after all.

Mrs. A. P. Meriwether will give instructions in embroidery for \$2.50 per course of six lessons of one and one-half hours each. Lessons include all newest embroidery work, also Battenburg and point lace, Bohemian glass, the new cut-glass and honey-comb embroidery. Orders solicited for stamping and completed pieces. Full line of newest patterns. Leave orders with Mrs. G. R. Schenck or Mrs. G. E. Baumann, where samples of work may be seen.

The Toledo millinery establishments held their spring opening last Saturday. It was a lovely day, and the softer sex was out in great force. Millinery opening day is to the ladies what the circus is to the small boy; every one is "the greatest show on earth."

Agent T. J. Buford of Siletz was a passenger for Portland this morning. He will be accompanied from Salem by his daughter, Miss Mary, who has been visiting at the state capital for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fant and Frank Forgarty came up from South Beach Sunday, the boys returned in the evening and Mrs. Fant visited with friends until yesterday, when she returned home.

Ranchman, Dairyman, Poultryman and Hareman William Buoy went to Elk City last Sunday to buy a cow of J. L. Clegg, but Mr. Clegg very properly refused to make a deal on that day.

The Toledo sawmill is adding much to the volume of music in Toledo these days. Mr. Gregson reports that the mill has enough logs in sight for a good business.

Charley Montgomery invites his friends in Siletz and vicinity to call and see him. He sells general merchandise cheaper than anybody.

Dr. M. M. Davis one of the big democrats of Yaquina, was up yesterday getting a few pointers in straight politics.

If you want garden tools, carpenter tools, cross-cut saws, axes, etc., call on G. R. Schenck & Co., Toledo, Oregon.

Come and examine Lugger & Pruett's stock of shoes. Their prices and qualities are sure to please.

N. B. Avery of Corvallis was in Toledo the fore part of the week on business before the county court.

The fat, the lean, the tall and the short can get a perfect fit in clothing at Lugger & Pruett's.

See those shirt waists for 50c at Conroy, Son & Co's.

Do you like codfish? We have it. Conroy, Son & Co.

C. B. Crosno made a business trip to Corvallis Monday.

The latest cuts in up-to-date suits you can get at Lugger & Pruett's.

Did you see those fancy reefers and vestee children's suits at Lugger & Pruett's?

L. M. Starr has been booked as sick for the past few days, but is around again.

If you want anything in the hardware line see G. R. Schenck & Co. before buying.

Have you seen those new prints and cotton goods of all descriptions at Lugger & Pruett's?

Robbie Scott of Yaquina was up on business last Saturday, returning Sunday in his row boat.

Johnny Brown, the leading violinist of Siletz, added to THE LEADER's stock of cash yesterday.

Willie Towner, the competent and popular farmer at the Agency, was a passenger for Portland this morning.

Donald Stewart is improving rapidly and has passed the danger point. The little fellow was very sick for a few days.

Mrs. Thomas Espey departed Monday morning for a protracted visit with friends at Salem, Portland and other valley points.

Peter Schirmer, the famous strawberry raiser of Pool slough, was in Toledo Saturday. He reports indications of a big strawberry crop.

The Ladies Aid society met with the president, Mrs. Brown, Tuesday afternoon, and voted that the society meet only every two weeks during the busy season. They adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. Rosebrook Tuesday, April 10, at 2 p. m. sharp. An earnest request is made to all members to be present, as a comfort is to be tied, and other business is to be transacted—that is of importance to all.

DIED.

At Yaquina, Or., April 1, 1900, of cerebro-spinal meningitis, O. C. Coffin, aged 42 years.

Deceased was a native son, having been born at Eugene, October 30, 1858. Nineteen years ago, at Springfield, this state, he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Harlan. His wife, a daughter 18 years of age and a son of 4 survive him; also two brothers—W. E. and A. C. Coffin of Cottage Grove, two sisters—Mrs. J. Conlisk of Portland and Mrs. H. Button of Santa Cruz, California.

Mr. Coffin's friends were numbered by his acquaintance. He was a staunch friend and a good neighbor. Deep and wide-spread regret is occasioned by his removal, and the bereaved wife and children have the earnest sympathy of all.

Mr. Coffin was taken ill on Wednesday evening of last week, immediately after attending the funeral of his son Vearl, and died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. Owing to the sickness of Mrs. Coffin, who was unable to come to Toledo, Rev. Dawson conducted a funeral service at the house. At Toledo another brief service, conducted by Rev. Brown, was held at the M. E. church, followed by interment in Toledo cemetery. A large number of Yaquina friends were present, the C. & E. of which company Mr. Coffin was an employe, furnishing a special train for the occasion.

WHATEVER IS RIGHT.

Editor LEADER: At the meeting of the city council Monday night Councilman Peterson introduced a resolution to declare null and void the sale of the property delinquent for street assessments made November 12, 1898. We were not aware before that a municipal corporation was a judicial body and endowed with judicial powers. However, the very fact of the council assuming to pass such a resolution would be a matter of much concern to the city, as the passing of such a resolution by the council, although it would not be worth the paper it was written on, would probably have the effect of causing persons who are delinquent and those who have had their property sold for street assessments to refrain from paying. Then again, if the city fathers should pass this resolution it would be setting a dangerous precedent for the county is now advertising the sale of property under the delinquent rolls of 1896-7-8, and when the new county court takes its place in July it might pass a resolution wiping the tax sale off the record. Then again, if the council has the power to do this, it certainly stands to reason that the next council will have like powers, and it might take a notion to resolve again, and out would go the Peterson resolution, and in this manner the city might under one administration be the owner of a large amount of property, as at present, and under a new administration, just simply by a resolution, be bankrupt. This scheme, if it will hold water, beats any scheme yet invented for making and losing money. Now you see it and now you don't see it. If this simple resolution carries, then, in the opinion of the councilmen, they have the power to close a street or open it, or to order your house moved, or to pay the taxes of private individuals. The great majority of property owners have already worked out their street assessments, but if the council now has the power to come in and say the assessment or tax sale was illegal, then it has forced those who have built their sidewalks to do something that they had no right to do, and in that event these people certainly have cause for a damage suit against the city, unless the council should pass another resolution declaring that Judge Hamilton's court had no jurisdiction over the corporation known as the city of Toledo. From the recorder's records we find that Mr. Peterson and one other of the present councilmen were members of the council several years ago, when these street assessments were made, and that they voted for them, and it also appears from said record that these councilmen allowed their assessments to go delinquent. The city of Toledo has spent nearly \$3000 in opening streets and building sidewalks for property owners and taken liens on their property and issued city paper therefor. If this resolution passes, the city simply loses all this money. We would suggest that the council, instead of attempting to cancel these tax liens, order them placed on record at the clerk's office, and then they will constitute a lien on the property, and when a man wants to buy or sell property he will discover these liens, and as a result, if the city tries to collect them, it will be able to do so in the majority of cases. It is nearly two years since this property was sold for street assessments, and the time for redemption has expired, and the city now owns the property, and when these records have been transferred to the county clerk's office and constitute a record, then the city will be protected and the council will not have done its duty until this is done. The council adjourned to meet Monday evening, when the resolution will be taken up. It is to be hoped the members will carefully consider this matter, as it certainly is of great importance to the city.

B. F. JONES.

FOR SALE.

One wagon, size 3 1/4, good box spring seat; good repair. Price, \$20.

One buggy (phaeton), good shafts and running gear, top damaged. \$15.

One large, black horse; sound, gentle and true; 9 years old. \$50. Correspondence solicited.

REV. E. H. BRYANT, Siletz.

For the celebrated Red Star Flour go to J. Blaser.

For bargains of all kinds go to Conroy, Son & Co.

Attorney B. F. Jones visited Newport Monday night.

Buy the Owl cigar at Conroy, Son & Co's—best 5c cigar on earth. We also have the King V in stock.

Johnny Brown of Siletz, T. F. Lewis of Chitwood and I. F. Hiser of Mill creek are among those who remembered the printer this week.

Oscar Brown and Charlie Montgomery walked over from Siletz Wednesday in two hours and fifteen minutes—fast time, considering the condition of the road. In order to lighten his load for the return trip, Mr. Brown called at THE LEADER office and paid \$3.75 on subscription.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hall, from near Monroe, this state, departed Monday morning for their home. They came through on the evening of March 29 en route to Newport to visit Mr. Hall's father, H. H. Hall, who was dangerously ill. Last Saturday they came up to Toledo and visited with their daughter, Mrs. A. T. Peterson, until their departure for home.

From Baker County.

Baker City, Or., March 26, 1900.

Editor LEADER:—I have some news I will inform my friends through your paper. This winter has been one of the finest ever known to white man. Cattle men have turned out their stock cattle on the low hills, for the snow is only on the high mountains at this time. It is all of two months earlier spring than usual. Carter & Miller shipped two carloads of beef steers to Seattle. There several buyers of sheep here. The stock cattle look fine. Baker valley was once a lake, it is almost round and thirteen miles across, and last year it cut one hundred thousand tons of hay. The cattle, sheep and horses that are here are immense, they eat 1,000 tons of hay per day. It is raining in the valley and snowing in the mountains. The mining capitalists are turned to this section of the mines. They want no Klondike or Cape Nome, for Baker county is the place. Already the prospectors are in the mountains trying to find the yellow metal. I had the opportunity of seeing one wheelbarrow load of quartz that had \$300 worth of gold in it, and it was float at that. I am going pocket hunting soon. Some pockets have been found here ranging in value from \$50 up to \$30,000. Sumpter has been booming all fall and part of the winter; but it will go down. The pneumonia is very bad here. There have been thirty deaths from that disease and only four cases out of 400 have died from smallpox in this section of the country. Hay hands will be scarce, but mine hands will be over run this season. Look out for large sales of quartz mines and big strikes. The copper mines are in their infancy yet. Copper Butte, lying north of Powder river, has become noted for its rich ore. Of copper 80 per cent. is the last strike. Wishing the LEADER success, I remain, Respectfully

A. J. RADER.

The Epworth League convention commences at Albany today and closes Sunday evening. Siletz sent a delegation, as follows: Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Bryant, Miss Anna Chambers, Miss Esther Copeland, Cecile Clay, Rev. U. S. Grant, John Brown and Richard Anderson. The four last named are Indians and will take an active part in the program. Rev. Grant is scheduled for a sermon, John Brown will furnish sacred music with his violin, while Cecile Clay and Richard Anderson will have songs and recitations. Mrs. Bryant has charge of that part of the program, it being her aim to show the progress made by the Indians under American schooling.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Toledo, Ore. April 2, 1900.

Common council met in regular session. Present—Mayor H. W. Aldermen J. Ofstedahl, E. F. G. T. Peterson, William Alexander, Tillotson, C. C. Kubler, and R. B. F. Swope.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A resolution of Aldermen Peterson was read in regard to annulling vacating all the sales by the city of all the lots, fractions of blocks set forth and described in city lien record and sales of property November 12, 1898, under ordinance 20 of the city of Toledo and sold city marshal to the mayor of the Toledo for said city.

On motion, William Alexander sworn in as an alderman of the Toledo.

On motion resolution of A. T. Peterson above mentioned, was laid over for consideration at a special meeting held Monday evening, April 9, 1900. Report of committee on statement of petition of J. H. McCall to the sale by the city of Toledo block 6, Graham's 5th addition, Toledo, be set aside, accepted and fees discharged. Said report recommended that the necessary and steps be taken to set aside said claims against the city real committee at last regular session, allowed in full except claims of Soule, reduced to \$10, L. M. Starr, Eli Gaither, to \$3.

On motion the rules were suspended and the following claims allowed in full: C. H. Young, \$15; B. F. Swope, \$4; O. O. Krogstad, \$340; Yaquina Mercantile Co., \$2.80.

On motion, city recorder was ordered to accept note of George Bothers for sum of \$20 as evidence of that sum from him to the city of Toledo, said note to be drawn for three months.

On motion, the marshal's salary was set at \$7 per month from April 1, 1900 to October 1, 1900, his duties to be the same as during the winter months.

On motion the committee on ordinances was instructed to draw up an ordinance relating to nuisances within the city of Toledo and report same at the next special meeting of the council April 9, 1900.

On motion, the city marshal was instructed to employ teams for the purpose of leveling streets, when, in his opinion, said streets are in proper condition for such work; also to instruct such employees to present their claims at the next meeting thereafter of the city council.

Adjourned to meet April 9, 1900.

B. F. SWOPE, City Recorder.

LOST.—Black and white spotted 2-year-old Jersey heifer. Was last seen about February 1, 1900, at Moore Brothers' place South Beach, with one of Mr. Wann's steers. A liberal reward will be paid for her return or information as to where she is.

D. P. BLUE,
Yaquina, Or.

\$500 (\$350 cash) takes 160-acre ranch with stock and tools.

WALEWSKI, Toledo, Or.

FOR SALE.—Good steel axle farm wagon. Price, \$20. G. FORSSKILL, Morrison, Or.

A new stock of men's and ladies shoes just arrived at Lugger & Pruett's.

George A. Landreth is agent for the famous Edison phonograph. Prices from \$7.50 up.

Ladies, before buying your shoes be sure to examine Lugger & Pruett's stock and get their prices.

G. R. Schenck & Co., the new hardware firm, are constantly adding to the stock and will soon be able to supply you with anything usually carried in that line. Call and get acquainted. We will not be undersold by anybody. Watch for our new ad next week.