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The Bank.

Newspaper vindictiveness was never more openly displayed than in a publication here last week through the medium of a hired correspondent. After the usual number of misstatements about the bank here he winds up by saying that the Portland banks are assessed at \$1.25 per share, and leaves the inference that this means per share of \$100, but he overreached himself for everyone knows better than that. The truth of the matter is that he refers to the First National Bank of Portland, which has a paid-up capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of over \$600,000. (We have not the exact figures.) It is assessed \$1.25 on its capital and not at all on its surplus, which makes its assessment about 55 cents on the dollar, on its capital. If the correspondent knew what he was writing about he knew this. The newspaper that published it must have known that it was false. The essence of lying is deception, and a lie may be told by silence.

If the object of these attacks is to hold up the bank, why don't you get a gun and do it like a man? After all this talk the truth remains that the First National Bank of Corvallis is paying more tax now on its capital and surplus than any other bank in the state. The statutes say that "taxation on all property shall be equal and uniform," and again that "all property" shall be assessed in equal and ratable proportions, and yet the First National Bank is assessed higher than any property in Benton county.

The contention of the bank here is not that it is assessed too high, but if it is to be assessed in its cash value, it wants other property to be assessed in like manner, and this is the law. It wants to be assessed as other people are assessed, just this and nothing more, and surely there is nothing unfair about this.

A prominent democrat said in our hearing this week that there were a dozen men in Benton county worth more than M. S. Woodcock and yet Woodcock paid twice as much tax as any of them. If this is true can it be justified on any ground of fair play? We are contending for what we know to be right, and we don't care whether it is a banker or a beggar, if he is wrong we will condemn him, but if we think he is wronged we will defend him.

McKinley.

The sale of the Union Pacific to a syndicate for the full amount of the government claims against it both principal and interest is entirely due to the successful management of the McKinley administration. Now the Central Pacific has to be dealt with, but with this settlement as a precedent, there is little doubt that it too will be settled in a satisfactory way. Railroad lobbyist who have labored to prevent a settlement of Union Pacific affairs while they lined their pockets have been utterly defeated, and the road placed in the hands of people who will conduct it properly. What a clean healthy showing the McKinley government is making, every promise it made has been redeemed so far as time has been permitted for it. Our affairs with foreign powers are being conducted with dignity and success. The silver commission is an exception, but that was a promise made to a faction at home, with no hope of success. Our affairs at home are fast assuming the genuine stability that befits a great nation, and if the future of McKinley may be judged by the past he will rule the most prosperous people ever ruled by a president or anyone else.

Edward O. Wolcott and General Jackson Payne members of the monetary commission or in other words our free silver missionaries to Europe having utterly failed in their efforts to Bryanize that country, are on their way home on the steamship Campania.

All of the candidates recommended by the Oregon delegation have so far been appointed by the President.

Our Country.

In the July Ladies' Home Journal is the following facts about the United States. The area of the United States with Alaska is 3,602,990 square miles equal to the area of all Europe with Italy and Turkey excepted. Texas its largest state is two hundred and twelve times the size of Rhode Island. Texas might invite every man woman and child now living in the world to settle within its territory, offering each individual a plot of ground fifty by one hundred feet. The state would not be really crowded, for each individual would have four times the space taken by each person in New York City. England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy and Portugal could be transplanted to Texas and still there would be a good sized promenade where curious Americans could walk while studying this bit of Europe. Three of the cattle ranches of Texas cover as much territory as the Sandwich Islands.

A new kind of counterfeiting has commenced and the wonder is that it has not been done before. The silver in our dollar is worth less than forty cents so that a good profit can be made by necking counterfeit dollars of genuine silver, the following is from a Washington dispatch to the Oregonian: "Counterfeit dollars of greater weight and fineness than those turned out from Uncle Sam's mint are the latest in the counterfeiter's art. For the last week St. Louis bank tellers have been accepting the counterfeiters in question without hesitation. It was when they reached the St. Louis St. treasury that their spurious character was detected. United States Treasurer Small sent one to the mint for assay. According to Colonel Small, the coin weighs 133 grains more than the genuine, which weighs 412 grains. Its fineness is 94 per cent, while that of the genuine is but 90 per cent."

Henry George is dead, he died as he had always expressed a wish to die; suddenly and fighting for what he conceived to be right. He was in many respects a remarkable man with a firm grasp on himself. In the Comstock boom days in California when everybody was gambling, he never gambled, when everybody was drinking he never drank. He worked hard in those days and spent his leisure time in writing and study, and so brought out the best there was in him. His peculiar hobby of single tax he believed in firmly. It may live or may die now that its great apostle is dead, but the name of Henry George will live and it is high up among the nation's honest men.

Oregon has an appropriation of \$20,000 for public land surveys next year, and settlers on unsurveyed townships should write to the U. S. Surveyor General at Portland for blank applications, if they want the land surveyed. The blanks will cost you nothing and from what we know of the surveyor general and his chief clerk, you will get all the information you want from them cheerfully and without cost.

The wheat and flour shipments from Portland during the months of September and October exceed anything of the kind in its history. The total cash value of those shipments for September was \$1,278,875 and for October it was \$1,751,165.

Yaquina Bay.

The papers throughout the valley generally are doing good work urging upon our delegation the necessity of action in the Yaquina Bay improvement matter. But something more than this, should be done. Our Senator and Congressmen, are willing to do all they can for us in the matter, and in a recent conversation with both congressmen we were impressed with the difficulties by which the matter is beset. Boards of trade in the towns of the valley should meet and pass resolutions; mass meetings, if possible, should be held and everything possible done to strengthen the hands of our representatives. The farmers and merchants of the valley are facing the problem of their lives, for if this appropriation fails, it may be years before the matter is taken up again and in the mean time their grain market will be in the hands of the Portland Mills Co. and their freight will be doubled. We wish we could make every farmer and merchant in the valley feel what we know will happen if this appropriation fails.

A FRIEND.

Jack was 10 years old, one of seven children and his parents were poor. One night the father came home from town with news that the biggest merchant in town wanted Jack to work in his store. It was a large department store, wholesale and retail, and every boy in town would have gladly accepted the offer, so Jack's father was proud and his mother happy, while his brothers and sisters looked on him with a kind of awe. This may all seem trifling but it was big significance for Jack. It was full of touching events too, but as this only aims to relate one of them we will hurry past them all and find Jack after his first day in the store, standing in his neat little bedroom over the store after having put it the most eventful day of his life. He had never been a day away from home before and this was to be his first night away, and remember he was only a child. He opened the window and looked out across the roofs and through the church spires glistening in the moonlight in the direction of the cottage that contained everything and everyone he loved. His little brother bed fellow would sleep alone tonight for the first time in his life, and he knew he was thinking of him; his gentle mother and loving sister he knew were thinking of him; and he realized too that he had left childhood and boyhood forever. So there was a lump in his throat and a great sob in his heart which he bravely kept down as he turned from the window. He took off his shoes and then as he had done before every night of his life, he knelt down by the bed-side to say his little prayer, and somehow that night Jack felt a little nearer to God than he ever was before. While he was still on his knees he heard footsteps approaching the door; they stopped for a minute, then the knob was turned and the door partially opened. Jack never stirred, but finished his prayer in some way, got up, and with a lamp in his hand, stood a tall, gray bearded man whom Jack had not seen before. "You are the new boy," he said as he approached Jack and put his hand on his shoulder. "Yes sir," said Jack. "Well my boy, I was passing and seeing you right I was afraid you had gone to bed and let it burning so I opened your door, and I am very glad I did. I see you have had the right training, and my boy, never, never forget your God. He is the one friend who is always near, and let nothing ever prevent you from praying at least every night and morning." Much more he said in that kindly strain, and his gentle manner and kindly voice opened up the floodgates in little Jack's heart, till his tears fell like rain. The man was the head book-keeper; his name was Cameron, and he had been a professor in a Scotch university. He was a bachelor and lived in the store and that night he made a compact with Jack which he kept religiously till Jack 12 years later followed him to his grave, with as genuine sorrow as he ever felt in his life. All his education, every good principle, and vastly more than he could ever tell, Jack owed to that noble Scotchman. Do you think that was an accident? No! things with such momentous results don't happen by accident.

The foundry people desire to say that Wednesdays and Saturdays are the special days set apart for sharpening plowshares.

PURE CIDER vinegar in any quantity, for sale only at Corvallis Cider Factory.

The Racket store will be removed to the building formerly occupied by Small nearly opposite the post office, and expect to be in their new quarters by Saturday.

Notice.

All those knowing themselves to be indebted to N. P. Briggs are requested to call and settle the same with me at Mr. Briggs' old stand, as all his accounts have been placed in my hands for collection. J. M. CAMERON.

School Clerks' Attention.

Your attention is again called to the law, which requires all teachers holding state diplomas or state certificates to have the same registered in the Supt's office. A certificate of either the above class is not valid in this county, unless it bears the Supt's stamp of registration.

Very Truly,
G. W. DENMAN,
Supt of Benton Co.

The elections in the East passed off quietly and the results are much as was anticipated. Greater New York was given over to the Tammany democrats, and the state went democratic by 50,000. Ohio is very close but the republican state ticket is elected and a majority of the legislature which insures a republican senator. Maryland is in doubt with the chances in favor of the republicans. Iowa, Massachusetts and New Jersey have gone republican and Nebraska has been handed over to the populists. Kentucky and Virginia are democratic.

Every communication from Alaska, from all kinds of people, and from all parts of the country, confirm the news of the extraordinary richness of that place. It is hard to guess what its population will be in a year; probably 250,000.

The Portland Bank clearings for 1897 exceed those of 1896 \$1,166,712.

SILETZ.

The following is from a full-blood Indian who is a republican and can tell the reason why as well as men with greater pretention.

Fine weather now after the rain which raised the Siletz river about three feet and made the salmon come up, and made the boys pretty blue who are fishing for Kern Brothers Packing Company but made Harney happy, because he can catch salmon now, for he has been kicking all the time about white men making money with the salmon and poor old Indians can't catch salmon. Some of the farmers are plowing. A Catfish at the agency, Pelet Lane at the lower farm. We are now looking for our new agent. Everybody well at present.

SIWASH.

Kings Valley.

Beautiful weather, everyone busy.

There will be a revival service commenced in the old church on Thanksgiving.

A large audience was in attendance at the morning service last Sunday at the new church.

Mrs. M. Vicker, president of the Junior C. E. gave a candy pull to the Juniors on last Friday evening. All had a pleasant time.

Our school is progressing finely. The scholars rendered a short program last Friday of declamation and oration and all did well.

The funeral of Ed. Schiver, of Cherry Grove, was held at the cemetery last Saturday at 10 o'clock. There was a large attendance, Rev. McVicker conducted the services.

The funeral of Ed. Schiver was connected with a sad accident. On last Thursday he was assisting to move a logging donkey down to the Luckinette to pull in logs they had in front of the Pee Dee school house and having lengthened out the cable and planted the pole and fastened the cable to it, another man assisting Ed. to hold the pole, in some manner they could not hold the pole and it broke away from them throwing Ed. about sixty-five feet killing him instantly. Surely the proverb is true, "In the midst of life we are in death." Ed. was twenty-seven years old and leaves a crippled mother, one brother and two sisters.

Blodgett.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. R. F. Mathany.

Gilbert Mason, of Shot Pouch, was in our valley on Monday last.

The new store at Blodgett is completed and adds considerably to the appearance of the place. There is a hall above the main part of the building.

Miss Rena Norton went to Philomath to enter school at the Philomath college.

Divine service on Saturday evening Nov. 13th at the Blodgett school house by Rev. T. T. Vincent.

Miss Nellie Gormley closed her school and has since gone to Monmouth to enter the Normal. She has taught four and one-half months in the Mountain Top school with good results.

Mr. Rakton, of Yamhill, a very prominent dealer in stock of all kinds, was through here Monday. He received a large number of cattle at the King's Valley scales on Monday and Tuesday.

There is considerable excitement over the gold mine at Little Elk. Several men from here went over there last week and report a large number of claims taken. There are some hopes that it will extend in this direction.

To Trade—For Corvallis property, house and four lots in Waldport. Will pay difference in cash. Inquire through P. O. Box 25, Corvallis, or at this office.

Notice.

a matter of the Vacation of Scott's Addition to Corvallis.
Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the undersigned will apply to the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Benton, on the 3rd day of November, 1897, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. of the said day to vacate Scott's Addition to Corvallis, including the streets and alleys said addition, which comprises the following real property to-wit: Beginning at the North East corner of the Donation land claim of Prior Scott, it be in Sec. 3, 4, 9, 10 in T. 12 S. R. 5 W. and designated as claim No. 44, Not. No. 2405 in Benton County, State of Oregon, running on the North side of the line of said claim 100 rods, thence South 45 rods, thence East 100 rods, thence North on East line of said claim 100 rods to the place of beginning containing 30 acres of land.
Dated Sept. 23rd, 1897.
MRS. ISABELLA CRESSY.

Assignee's Notice of Final Settlement.
In the matter of the Assignment of J. C. Mohr, an insolvent debtor.
Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that W. S. Hufford, Assignee of the above named insolvent debtor, has filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the State of Oregon, for Benton County, his final account as such assignee, and the same will come on for hearing and final settlement on Monday the 8th day of November, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, before Hon. J. C. Fuller, Judge of said Court, at the Court House in the city of Corvallis, Oregon, at which time any and all objections to said final account will be heard; it is also notified that all claims against said account shall be filed with said Clerk and a copy served on said assignee on or before the 3rd day of November, 1897.
Dated Oct. 4th, 1897.
W. S. HUFFORD,
Assignee of said Insolvent Debtor.

Stock Ranch and Farm Land for Sale.

About 200 acres adjoining to, and the north of, a large and excellent stock ranch, containing a large proportion of farming land, about four miles from Monroe.
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"A TIMELY WORD"

To the Bread Winner of the Family in Behalf of His Loved Ones at Home.

The fact is now so generally admitted it needs no argument to convince those upon whom the duty rests, that life insurance is the best protection for a man's family, his estate and his old age. The question with most men is, what form of policy will best discharge the duty and in what company to place so sacred a trust.

The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company offers to persons needing insurance an insurance policy of the most definite character perfectly adapted to all legitimate wants, conceived and administered in perfect equality, guarded by ample and undoubted security, at the lowest cost that economy and good management can accomplish consistently with absolute and perpetual safety.

A policy which after two or three premiums paid becomes by its own terms and without surrender, fully paid up for an amount each year stated in printed table upon the policy.

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A policy participating in the surplus earned which there no stockholders to share, so that each member's insurance costs him only just what it costs the company.

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Shies organization in 1846 the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. Received in premiums..... 192,111,505 65 Returned to policy holders or their representatives..... 23,805,729 22 For death losses and endowments..... 192,685,516 57 For surrendered policies..... 23,805,729 22 For Dividends..... 56,906,763 64 Total returned to policy holders..... 182,454,109 93 Received from policy holders in excess of amount returned..... 9,657,695 72 Received from interest, rent, etc..... 84,322,798 65 Expenses of management and taxes..... 33,358,817 24 Savings from interest earnings..... 51,325,975 61 Assets January 1, 1897..... 60,984,671 61 Other assets..... 1,970,677 27 Present admitted assets held for policy holders..... 62,955,338 88

In the administration of any trust this tells the whole story.

The Oregon general agency rooms 12 and 13, Hamilton Building, F. M. & J. W. Mathena general agents, Portland, Oregon.

Any information desired in regard to the same will be furnished by John D. Daly, editor and publisher of the Oregon Union, Corvallis, Oregon.

Corvallis Lodge Directory.

CORVALLIS LODGE, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., meets first and third Wednesdays of each month, in Masonic hall, Fisher brick.

FERGUSON CHAPTER, No. 5, R. A. M., meets second Wednesday in each month, Masonic hall.

OREGON COUNCIL, No. 2, R. & S. M., meets fourth Wednesday in each month, Masonic hall.

ST. MARY'S CHAPTER, No. 9, O. E. S., meets every Friday before full moon, Masonic hall.

BARNUM LODGE, No. 7, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. hall, Farr & Allen brick.

QUI VIVE ENCAMPMENT, No. 20, meets first and third Fridays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.

ALPHA REBEKA LODGE, No. 34, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 14, A. O. U. W., meets first and third Thursdays of each month, in I. O. O. F. hall.

NAOMI LODGE, No. 26, D. of H., meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.

CORVALLIS TENT, No. 11, K. O. T. M., meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.

CORVALLIS HIVE, No. 3, I. O. T. M., meets 4th, first and third Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.

VALLEY LODGE, No. 1, K. of P., meets every Monday night in Burnett's hall, over J. H. Harris' store. Burnett block.

MARYS PEAK CAMP, No. 126, W. O. of W., meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Burnett's hall.

MARYS PEAK CIRCLE, No. 14, meets first and third Fridays of each month in Burnett's hall.

ELLSWORTH POST, No. 19, G. A. R., meets first and third Saturdays of each month, in Burnett's hall.

ELLSWORTH RELIEF CORPS, No. 7, meets first and third Friday afternoons, in Burnett's hall.

UNITED ARTISANS, No. 23, meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in Burnett's hall.

FRATERNAL UNION OF AMERICA meets first and third Tuesdays of every month at A. O. U. W. hall.

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Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, executor of the estate of R. C. Gibson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me properly verified, as by law required, at the law office of J. H. Gibson, Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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