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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 12, 1892. EDITOR GRANT CO. NEWS.—President making is always one of the favorite occupations in Washington, and recent events have added a special zest to it.

PETITION FOR LICENSE.

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY COURT FOR GRANT COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. We, the undersigned residents and legal voters of Granite precinct, Grant county, Oregon, most respectfully ask that Elmer E. Thornburg be granted a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in Granite, Grant county, Oregon for the term of six months from the 12th day of March, 1892.

PETITION FOR LICENSE.

TO THE HON. COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR GRANT COUNTY. We, the undersigned your petitioners, would respectfully represent that we are, each and all residents of and legal voters of South Fork precinct in said county, and we ask that a license be granted to T. C. Adkins to sell and dispose of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in less quantities than one gallon in said precinct for a period of six months from and after the 12th day of March, 1892.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Feb. 4, 1892. Notice is hereby given that the following name I believe has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on April 1, 1892.

a senatorial orator in a set speech in favor of his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution giving congress authority to enact uniform marriage and divorce laws for the whole country.

Lobbyists representing the great corporations of the country here are much exercised over the decision of the house judiciary committee to favorably report the bill which makes a corporation a citizen of the state in which it carries on business for all judicial purposes.

The democrats of the house have again opened his mouth and put his foot in it by writing to members of congress to defeat legislation proposed by the Oregon delegation in order to make political capital.

According to Washington dispatches our worthy governor has again opened his mouth and put his foot in it by writing to members of congress to defeat legislation proposed by the Oregon delegation in order to make political capital.

King of Medicines

Scrofulous Humor—A Cure "Almost Miraculous." "When I was 14 years of age I had a severe attack of rheumatism, and after I recovered had to go on crutches. A year later, scrofula, in the form of white swellings, appeared on various parts of my body, and for 11 years I was an invalid, being confined to my bed years. In that time ten or eleven sores appeared and broke, causing me great pain and suffering. I feared I never should get well.

A BRIGHT SPRING OUTLOOK.

The spring is opening up brightly for all classes of people in Oregon. Last year afforded many of them, on account of good crops and good prices, an opportunity to get out of debt, or more nearly so than they had been, and to recover from the financial depression of the previous year.

In Western Oregon there has been practically no winter, except an unusual amount of rainfall in November and December, and in many places plowing has been in active progress for several weeks past.

The lumber and fishing interests are in fair condition, and will show good returns. Towns are generally growing, church and school affairs are being well looked after, and altogether the northward-bearing sun gains daily a little longer reach over a very goodly and pleasant land.

Not everything is just as we could wish of which frequent mention is made in these columns, but with all that can be explained about and criticized there is enough to congratulate ourselves upon and be thankful for.—Evening Telegram.

SMALLER FARMS DESIRABLE.

The Dallas Itemizer touches upon an important and timely truth when it says: "In this county today are twenty, maybe forty, big farms, out of which the owners make but little more than running expenses. The soil is good enough and market prices have been fair, but the owners have been skimming over too much ground instead of cultivating a smaller amount in a better manner. Why do not such farmers sell off all above what they can profitably handle?"

Of course, under our present system of laws, any man is entitled to own and hold all the land he is financially able to, and while such laws are not right nor just they will not soon be changed; but a great many large land owners in this state would not only really benefit themselves financially, but would confer a great benefit upon the counties and communities in which they live, if they would sell part of their holdings—all they cannot profitably improve and cultivate thoroughly—to others who are looking for places to make new homes. In every county in the state there are many men who use to advantage the large areas they possess. By dividing it up into smaller tracts, population and taxable wealth would be increased, farming would be more careful and productive, new areas would be brought into cultivation, there would be a greater diversity of products, and the result would be beneficial all around.

Jackson county gives a bounty of \$2.50 for coyote scalps. At the Jan. term of the county court Jackson allowed the tidy little sum of \$117 for the head-pieces of this notorious sheep and chicken thief. But the money is well expended; a couple of hungry coyotes will do \$117 worth of damage in a single night.

A man applied for naturalization at Merced, Cal. the other day who after thirty years' residence in this country, could not answer a word of English, or a single question put by the court regarding our laws.

NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Washington, D. C. Jan. 20, 1892. Registers and Receivers, U. S. Land Offices.

Gentlemen: All desert land entries made subsequent to the act of congress approved March 3, 1891, shall be accompanied by a map of the land entered, which shall exhibit a plan showing the mode of contemplated irrigation.

This office considers it necessary for claimants, after showing the source of the water to be used and the amount contemplated to be used, by miner's inches, to indicate by intelligible means, the ditches, both main and lateral, and other channels through which, or by means of which, every portion of the land is to be irrigated, giving the width of said ditches and the depth and capacity of the same.

Also that the party shall indicate by shading or otherwise, that portion of the land which he expects to be benefited by the use of each ditch. If there should be knolls or high ground within the tract embraced in an entry not susceptible of irrigation the party should indicate properly that fact at the particular points. Respectfully,

W. W. STORKE, Assistant Commissioner.

A man in Pennsylvania committed suicide the other day because he had figured it out that he was his own grandfather, and it worried him so that life was a burden to him. He explained it thus: "I married a widow with a grownup daughter, who married my father, who thus became my son-in-law, and my stepdaughter, my mother, because she was my father's wife. Some time afterward my wife had a son—he was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle, for he was the brother of my stepmother. My father's wife, i. e., my stepdaughter, had also a son; he was, of course, my brother, and in the meantime my grandchild, for he was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grandmother, because she was my mother's mother. I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time. And as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I was my own grandfather."

The casualties during the past year have been greater than usual. The total number of railway postoffice car wrecks was 919. In these there were killed 13 clerks; severely injured 68, and slightly injured 84.

The house of the Mississippi legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$64,200 a year for pensions. This will give those now on the rolls \$50 each. The present appropriation is only \$30,000. The bill provides that all indigent Confederate soldiers, sailors, servants and indigent widows of such shall be entitled to \$50 a month, unless the number at this rate exceed the appropriation, in which event the amount shall be pro rata. It is estimated the indigent claim will put at least 5000 on the pay rolls within a few years.

Platt county, Mo., reports a wonder in the 13-year old daughter of W. D. House, a farmer, who can read letters without breaking the seal and books without seeing the pages.

NOTES OF MUSIC.

BETHLEHEM is proved to have been of Plunkett blood.

The wife of the song "Marguerite" has been 1,000,000 copies.

KARL WILHELM has undertaken to erect a statue of Wagner out of his own purse.

The action of a Russian impresario, being pending against Mme. Patti for damages for breach of contract has been decided in Mme. Patti's favor.

A six piano forte keyboard having six rows of keys has recently been exhibited in Manchester, Eng. An octave is formed by six keys in two contiguous rows. All the keys are on the same level, and each note is separated from the next by an interval of two semitones.

Precautions. "I've made me well," said an Irishman who belonged to a quarrelsome family. "But if they fight over it after I'm dead, sure I'll write a coffin that'll make 'em dance!" Another worthy man was differently afflicted.

An elderly gentleman who knew something of law lived in an Irish village where no solicitor had ever penetrated, and was in the habit of arranging the disputes of his neighbors and making their wills.

At an early hour one morning he was aroused from his slumbers by a loud knocking at his gate, and putting his head out of the window, he asked who was there.

"It's me, yer honor—Paddy Flaherty. I found me a wick of sleep thinking of the will I have made."

"What's the matter with the will?" said the amateur lawyer.

"Matter, indeed!" replied Paddy. "I've not left myself a three-legged stool to sit upon!"—Judy.

A man in Vermont who neglected his wife blinds himself confronted by a petition signed by over one hundred of the best known women in the town and addressed to the court, asking for his removal from the office of county clerk.

THE U. S. ARMY AND NAVY.

There have been but four general orders over the army of the United States Washington, 1799; Grant, 1866; Sherman 1869; Sheridan, 1878.

A military dinner in New York the other evening the ice-cream came in the form of cannon balls, guns, swords and drums.

Fort Sheridan, the new army post on the outskirts of Chicago, is in command of Col. Robert E. A. Crofton, of the Fifteenth infantry.

At the close of the civil war there were seven hundred steam vessels entered on the naval register of the United States, but to-day only twenty-seven of them remain. Of these survivors the most famous is the Kearsarge.

LAWSON LOW, a New York dealer in medals, has among his collection several hundred medals presented to soldiers in the British army from 1793 to 1880 for deeds of valor and conspicuous bravery. With but few exceptions they were all passed by their owners to meet the necessities of life.

PECULIAR ACCIDENTS.

A KANSAS CITY MAN was blinded the other night by the rays of the moon falling on his eyes while asleep.

A STREET CAR MOTOR MAN at Adrian, Mich., is said to be suffering from blood poisoning resulting from the copper brake handle having worn a blister on the palm of his hand.

A SMALL BOY in Kentucky, while driving the cows to pasture one morning, tied the tail of one of the greatest of the herd to his neck. The cow ran, dragging the boy over the field, and at last accounts there was very little hope of saving the youngster's life.

An orange seed was swallowed by a boy of fourteen, named Frederick Leek, of Long Island City. Keen pain was felt a few hours afterwards, and in twelve days the boy died. A post-mortem revealed the strange fact that the orange seed had sprouted in his intestines, growing a spear an inch long.

ART GLEANINGS.

SOME Watteaus have been sold in London at good prices. "L'Occupation Selon l'Age" brought £5,400 and "L'Accord Parfait" £3,675.

MAKERS of porcelain in Limoges, France, send their most artistic products to the United States. American taste, they say, is the finest.

"LES DEUXIEMES CARTOUCHES," the picture which did most to start the reputation of De Nuyville, has been sold to M. Henot for 172,000 francs.

A VASE, which it has taken four years to complete, has just been sent to London from the Minton china manufactory. It was made by M. Tolon, is valued at \$1,500, and is considered the handsomest thing of the kind that has ever been made. Venus, Bacchus and a group of Cupids are represented in the design.

A SIMPLE and effective remedy for ivy poisoning is said to be sweet spirits of nitre. Bathed affected parts three times during the day and the next morning little trace of the poison will remain.

ENGLISH AFFAIRS.

BUTTER is sold by the yard at Cam bridge, Eng.

SAVERSACK forest, one of the most famous estates in England, has been sold for \$4,000,000.

THE Quadruple Delivery Machine Company, just being floated in England, offers for a penny your weight, a box of sweets and an insurance policy. The latter, which is for £25, lasts twenty-one days.

THE Victoria cross, though worth in itself less than the other medals of the British service, is more sought after than all the others. The person receiving it always receives a pension on retiring from the service.

"SQUASH" is one of the words evidently much affected by English society writers. "A large number of smart people were present at the reception," "Lady Brooks' party was very small and smart," are specimens.

THE Dolosheim mine in Cornwall, one of the most famous and most important tin mines in the world, has been opened to a depth of 3,472 feet, and the main shaft is now being sunk deeper. At the bottom the temperature is nearly 90 degrees F.

A NOVEL ALPHABET.

In abundance—A. Used in barter—B. Found in captivity—C. Bound to be in debt—D. Bigger and ends in ease—E. Finds a place in fiction—F. Relieves to Germany—G. Not quite half of half—H. Used as a part of itself—I. Can never get out of jail—J. The beginning of knowledge—K. Has a very musical ending—L. What's in a name—M. Given in outline—N. A monotonous letter—O. A capital character—P. Necessary to a quorum—Q. First in rage but last in anger—R. A personal letter—S. Useful in adornment—T. Is close intimacy to you—U. Sucks vulgar positions—V. Occupies a lowly position—W. Sure to be found in excess—X. Comes but once in a year—Y. Helps to make a fizzle every time—Z.

FOREIGN NOTES ON THE FAIR. "Chicago has abundance of accommodations for the visitors who may go to its world's fair."—Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

"The business-like manner in which this vast enterprise is being prosecuted ensures a splendid triumph."—Irish Times, Dublin.

"Chicago is equipped better than any other city to handle large crowds of people."—Hamburgischer Correspondent, Hamburg, Germany.

"Whoever may think that Chicago will not be ready for the exposition does not know American enterprise."—Seltische Zeitung, Bresslau, Germany.

"The participation of America, England, France and Germany practically guarantees the success of the exposition."—Aftonbladet, Stockholm, Sweden.

"The mammoth world's exposition to be held in Chicago the year after next bids fair to become one of the greatest shows on record."—Journal of Commerce, Liverpool.

SHARP POINTS.

THE age of wisdom—From seventeen to twenty-one.—Columbus Post. Some men will keep everything but their distance.—Pittsburgh Post. To confide too much is to put your lemon into another man's squeezer. It is astonishingly easy to endure trouble when it is in somebody else's family.—Somerville Journal.

THE worst thing about life is that there are so many who are too old to start over again.—Athenian Globe. If all the people knew what they were talking about there wouldn't be nearly so much said as there is now.—Somerville Journal. If everybody took up as much room as he thinks he does somebody would be crowded off the earth's surface.—Washington Star.

SOME of us reserve our best smile for select occasions, as if wearing it upon all occasions would not improve it.—Athenian Globe.

NEW MECHANICAL DEVICES.

A DETROIT manufacturing firm will make steel wagon wheels with hollow felloes and spokes. A NEW wire called the Hungarian wire is covered with three coats of thread and two coats of celluloid. A RIVET in the form of a tube to be used both as a rivet and as a drainage way is the latest wrinkle in iron ship-building.

A PECULIAR glossy and transparent cloth is made from the fibers of nettles, which is used among other things for belting of machinery and it is claimed to have double the strength of leather. AS English inventor has constructed a novel device to do away with the enormous pressure of water against the bows of ocean steamers. It consists of one or more screens on each side of the bow, which throw the water aside and creates a dry well in front of the vessel.

IRELAND was discovered by a Danish pirate in 960. PAINTING in oil was invented at Bruges by John Van Eyck in 1410. THE frigate Philadelphia was destroyed by Decatur on February 15, 1804. THE Pacific ocean was discovered by Vasco Nunez de Balboa on September 20, 1513.

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