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THE GREENHORN, Jan. 6, 1900.

ED. CHRONICLE:—

Chronos has again turned his old clepsydra loose to count off the days of the year 1900. So far as I am concerned I am not worrying over the ninety and nine that have passed back into the abyss of eternity, but I do find myself wondering what the one year that has not yet gone astray is to bring me. I confess also to a superstitious dread that the last half of the 1900 is suggestive of what the results will be when added at the close of the century. However, we shall all of us have to put up with what we get, and we may be lucky enough to get off with one cipher instead of two. I really hope so. The Greenhorn is quite lively this winter, much more so than usual, and the indications are that the coming summer will see such activity in the mines as was never known in Oregon before. It is undoubtedly a great mining region—the greatest known to the world today—but mining here, as everywhere else, requires patience, persistence and determination. The Bonanza mine, now producing $50,000 a month, was twelve years in process of development before it began to pay more than expenses. The famous Red Boy, producing $65,000 monthly, was mined ten years before it began to pay dividends. And the Golconda, now yielding nobody-knows-how-much, flirted with its owners for eight years before it "promised to be good." These are exceptions to the general rule, and in each of them the mine could have been developed in a year, had the owners been able to see into the ground. The Bonanza ledge had a tunnel run parallel to it for 1200 feet, and the ledge was only thirty feet distant all the time. The Golden Eagle has flirted the same way, but I was in talking to her this morning and she promises to quit coquetting and unite her fortunes with mine—for life. I believe her.

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Sumpter, our supply town, is putting on more airs and less style than any town of its size I ever saw. It is crowded with people of all sorts and degrees, the mining expert, the prospector, and the promoter being most in evidence. There are seventeen saloons and a brewery, five hotels, and restaurants innumerable; two newspapers and a "Club," all for patting Sumpter on the back. There are stores, too, where you can get part of almost anything you want, and a postoffice where the clerks haven't time to read the postal cards. The sound of the hew-gag is heard both day and night coming from the back of some of the saloons, where (I am told) the fair and sylph-like forms of the hand-painted representatives of the gentler sex are whirled in the giddy and (in this case) intoxicating waltz for four-bits a whirl, drinks included. On these several accounts real estate has "gone up" and is still going. Why? Well, Sumpter is going to be the Denver of Oregon. The Blue Mountain American says so, the Sumpter Club says so, "General" Warren, head of the townsite syndicate, says so; the property owners say so, and, of course, it must be so. Nevertheless, I would advise my host of wealthy friends to leave their $9.50 in the old stocking for the present, for directly some of the property owners are going to find values go so high that they will be and remain "out of sight."

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I can hardly wind up a letter to the old CHRONICLE without going back to those old Robinsonville letters. They have a fascination for me, partly because they show what some other poor devil felt when sentenced to indefinite service in the Greenhorn. And so I give you a brief little sample of what he thought thirty years ago:

ROBINSONVILLE, Or., Feb. 14, 1869.

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART:

Yesterday I received your letter and the little Christmas card. How delighted I was you will never know, unless you are banished from the world and all you love, and just when you have concluded that you are forgotten, receive, as I did, assurance that not only you are remembered, but that someone still believes in and loves you.

And yet I can hardly read your letter for tears. It may be unmanly, but I cannot help it. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and surely I have reason to be heart sore. The breaking down of every fabric I have erected, the vanishing of one fond hope after the other, simply because the gravel would not pay, has made me callous, cynical and sore. I felt almost like abandoning the fight, and drifting with the tide of reckless and hopeless humanity, of which mining camps are made. Your letter has changed my thoughts into other channels, and surely, if you can be patient and wait for me, I cannot be coward enough to refuse another tussel with Fate. Heaven grant I may not again be thrown.

Dear little girl, what would I not give to see you, to read in the pellucid depths of your frank eyes the story they have so often told me; to hold you again in my arms, and to know that the past, which seems now but a dream, was a blissful reality. I wonder if that time will ever come; if Fate will make amends for her cruelties, and let me taste at last of the cup of happiness she has so often dashed from my parched lips?

That is part of what he said, but your readers' time and your space forbids further quoting. I wish I knew that the fondest hopes of both were realized, but I don't. In fact I don't know much of anything, for I am only

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STATE OF OREGON,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
SALEM, Nov. 21, 1899.

In accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act submitting to the Electors of the State of Oregon at the General Election to be held on the first Monday in June, 1900, the pending Proposed Constitutional Amendments," approved February 18, 1899, I, T. T. Geer, Governor of the State of Oregon, do hereby cause the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Oregon, as certified to by the Secretary of State, to be published for five consecutive weeks in THE DALLES CHRONICLE, a newspaper published in the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Oregon.

Done at the Capitol, at Salem, Oregon, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1899.
[SEAL] T. T. GEER, Governor.

By the Governor:
F. I. DUNBAR, Secretary of State.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 4.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and is hereby proposed:

That section 10 of Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and the same is hereby abrogated, and in lieu thereof Section 10 of Article XI, shall be as follows:

ARTICLE XI.

Section 10. No county, city, town, school district or other municipal corporation shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to an amount including present existing indebtedness in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

Adopted by the Senate January 30, 1893.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.
Concurred in by the House, February 2, 1893.
W. P. KEADY, Speaker of the House.
Adopted by the Senate January 31, 1895.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.
Concurred in by the House, February 4, 1895.
CHAS. B. MOORES, Speaker of the House.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 13.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon, in lieu of Section Ten of Article Seven (7), be and the same is hereby proposed, to-wit:

SECTION TEN.

The Legislative Assembly may provide for the election of Supreme and Circuit Judges in distinct classes, one of which classes shall consist of five Justices of the Supreme Court, who shall not perform circuit duty; and the other class shall consist of as many Circuit Judges as may be deemed necessary, who shall hold full terms without allotment and who shall take the same oath as the Supreme Judges.

The Legislative Assembly may create as many circuits as may be necessary.

Adopted by the Senate, February 15, 1893.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.
Concurred in by the House, February 15, 1893.
W. P. KEADY, Speaker of the House.
Adopted by the Senate, January 31, 1895.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.
Concurred in by the House, February 6, 1895.
CHAS. B. MOORES, Speaker of the House.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION, NO. 10.

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and hereby is proposed:

That the Constitution be amended by adding Article XIX, as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE XIX.

Section 1. The necessary use of lands for the construction of reservoirs or storage basins for the purpose of irrigation or for rights of way for the construction of canals, ditches, flumes or pipes to convey water to the place of use for any useful, beneficial or necessary purpose, or for drainage, or for drainage of mines or the workings thereof, by means of roads, railroads, tramways, cuts, tunnels, shafts, hoisting works, dumps or other necessary means to their complete development or any other use necessary to the complete development of the natural resources of the state or preservation of the health of its inhabitants, is hereby declared to be a public use and subject to the regulation and control of the state.

Section 2. The right to appropriate the unappropriated waters of any natural stream to beneficial uses shall never be denied.

Section 3. The use of all waters now appropriated for sale, rental or distribution, also of all waters originally appropriated for private use, but which, after such appropriation, has heretofore been or may hereafter be sold, rented or distributed, is hereby declared to be a public use and subject to the regulation and control of the state in the manner prescribed by law. But the right to use and appropriate such waters shall be subject to such provisions of law for the taking of private property for public or private use as provided in Section 18, Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

Section 4. The right to collect taxes or compensation for the use of water supplied to any county, city, town or water district or inhabitants thereof, is a franchise, and cannot be exercised except by authority of and in a manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the House, February 15, 1893.
W. P. KEADY, Speaker of the House.
Signed March 7, 1893.)
Adopted by the Senate, February 17, 1893.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.
(Signed March 28, 1893.)
Adopted by the House, February 6, 1895.
CHAS. B. MOORES, Speaker of the House.
Concurred in by the Senate, February 13, 1895.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the state of Oregon, by repealing Section 35 of Article 1.

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring: That section 35 of Article 1 of the Constitution be and hereby is repealed.

Adopted by the House, January 11, 1893.
W. P. KEADY, Speaker of the House.
Concurred in by the Senate, January 30, 1893.
C. W. FULTON, President of the Senate.
Adopted by the House, January 30, 1895.
CHAS. B. MOORES, Speaker of the House.
Concurred in by the Senate, February 12, 1895.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring: That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon be and is hereby proposed:

ARTICLE 1.

The elective franchise in this State shall not hereafter be prohibited to any citizen on account of sex.

Adopted by the Senate, February 6, 1895.
JOSEPH SIMON, President of the Senate.
Adopted by the House, February 6, 1895.
CHAS. B. MOORES, Speaker of the House.
CHAS. B. MOORES, Speaker of the House.
Adopted by the Senate, January 31, 1899.
T. C. TAYLOR, President of the Senate.
Adopted by the House, January 31, 1899.
E. V. CARTER, Speaker of the House.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF OREGON,
Office of Secretary of State.

I, F. I. DUNBAR, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon and Custodian of the Seal of said State, do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, of the Legislative Assembly of 1893,—"Municipal Indebtedness amendment;" Senate Joint Resolution No. 13 of the Legislative Assembly of 1893,—"Judiciary Amendent;" House Joint Resolution No. 10 of the Legislative Assembly of 1893,—"Irrigation Amendment;" House Joint Resolution No. 2 of the Legislative Assembly of 1895,—"Repealing Amendment;" and Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 of the Legislative Assembly of 1895,—"Equal Suffrage Amendment," with the original copies now on file in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the seal of the State of Oregon.
[SEAL] Done at the Capitol, at Salem, Oregon, this Third day of November, A. D. 1899.

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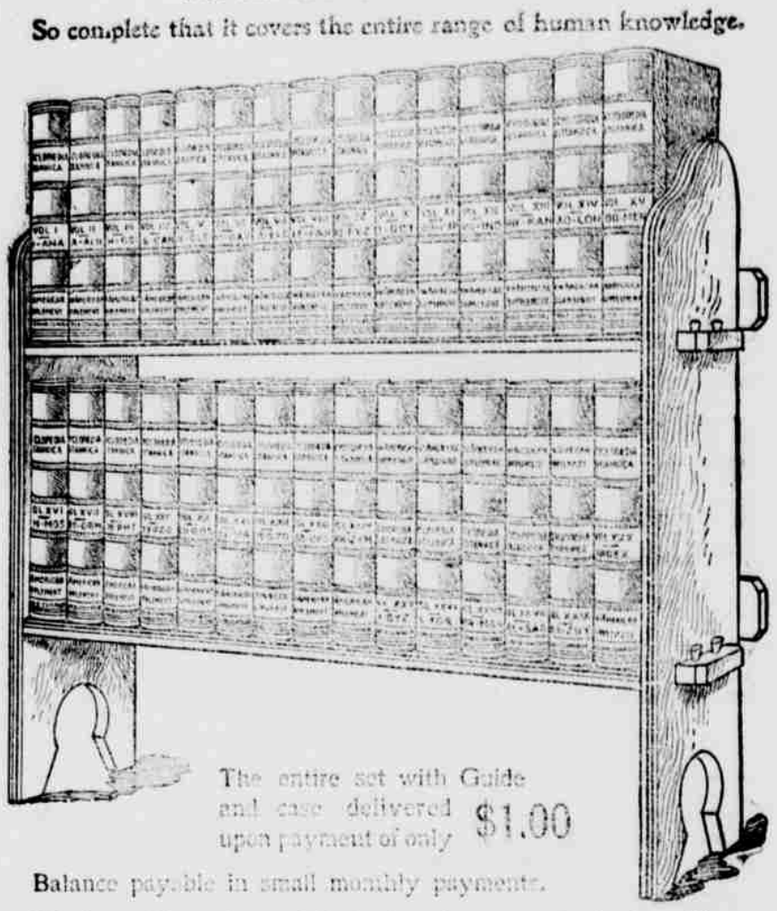

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