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FLORENCE, LANE COUNTY, OREGON.

Councilman Kyle's first ordinance is a good one and should pass without a dissenting vote.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani has formally renounced her right to the throne of Hawaii. Viva la Republique!

We have been flooded with country correspondence this week. A portion of it sought the waste basket for final repose.

Several interesting articles, among which was the city treasurer's report, were unavoidably omitted in this issue but will appear next week.

Many of the leading Oregon papers are jumping Captain Tommy Symons for his report on the Yaquina bar. Tommy undoubtedly deserves it all.

Work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia will be resumed about the 1st of March. Work on the jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw will be resumed when?

One of the latest additions to our exchange table is the Astoria Evening News. It is a six-column folio, a breezy sheet and Astoria business men should support it liberally.

There were 1001 patients in the state insane asylum Friday. This is the first time in the history of the asylum that number has been reached. It is nearly time for a branch, we think.

As usual we get it in the neck. In the proceedings of the commissioners' court on last Friday was the following: "In the matter of petition of Hans Hansen et al. for wagon road on Siuslaw river, it being determined by the court that the remonstrance against the same was greater than the petition for it, it was dismissed." What is the objection to the proposed wagon road?

Councilman A. O. Funke made a grievous error Monday evening. When a matter is referred to a committee to report, then the committee should use every endeavor to make a report, if it only contains two lines. That is what the councilmen are elected for and they should do their duty to the town and citizens, instead of going off in a sulky because they are not consulted on every trivial affair. If Mr. Funke intends to keep this thing up, his resignation should be accepted. Otherwise he is a very good councilman.

A VOLUNTARY EXPLANATION. Representative Moorhead's plea of defense for supporting Dolph as against the wishes and demands of his constituents is about as indefensible as could be made. When a man sets up a defense of caucus nominee as the wishes of his party it is inconsistent with party tradition, and it proves itself more, if anything, at this particular time, when the same man who he now gives so strong support defeated the caucus nominee. It has been so done more than once. It is true as he says that the republican party is a "majority party," but it is not true as he would try to make believe a majority caucus party, as such rules are only enforced where party measures are to be enforced as against political opponents, but caucus majorities obtained through questionable means, and no adopted pledges, are not binding on individual members, although personal pledges given by the candidate's friends may hold persons to stand against the interests of their constituents.

Again, he says "the citizens of Lane county had sufficient confidence in my integrity and judgment to place me in this honorable position, and as I am on the ground and familiar with the situation, I propose to exercise my best judgment, let the consequences be what they may." This is baby threats of duty. People in Lane county are as able, if not better able, to know than in "being on the ground." The people expect their servants to do that which is for their best interests, both state and national, and Mr. M. knows, if he knows anything, that nine-tenths of the voters are and have been opposed to the re-election of Dolph, not only as to his "temerity" on the silver question, but also in regard to railroad land grant forfeitures.

He further says: "I certainly deserve credit for consistency. I have stood by my honest convictions when every member of the home delegation has deserted me." How funny; such personification of pure unalloyed "consistency," and "honest convictions," jumping from Lord to Dolph; and still worse, "when every member of the home delegation has deserted me." Alley, McClung, Baker, Hillegas, stand up and tell us your constituents, what made you "desert" Moorhead? We await an answer, and we know that it will be "there was no 'desertion' on my part by our constituents who stood by me."

Mr. Moorhead does not say in his nearly a column of self-explanation and apology why he voted for Dolph in the caucus when he says he went there with Lord as a preference. The Salem papers gave the names of 32 persons whom they claimed as "who are reliably known to have cast their votes against Dolph." Dolph received 40 votes; 72 votes were cast; now another explanation is in order. —Eugene Star.

SENATORIAL SITUATION.

MONDAY, FEB. 4. Dolph, 35; Williams, 9; Hermann, 6; Lord, 4; Lowell, 3; Weatherford, dem., 7; Hare, pop., 10; absent and paired, 16.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5. Dolph, 41; Williams, 19; Hermann, 12; Lord, 3; Lowell, 3; Weatherford, dem., 8; Hare, pop., 10; absent and paired, 2. The changes were: Baker, from Williams to Hermann; Curtis, from Lord to Hermann; Hofer, from Lord to Hermann; Cooper, from Hermann to Lord; Wright, from Hermann to Lord.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6. Dolph, 39; Hermann, 13; Williams, 9; Lord, 3; Lowell, 3; Weatherford, dem., 7; Hare, pop., 10; absent and paired, 6.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7. Dolph, 41; Hermann, 13; Williams, 9; Lord, 4; Lowell, 3; Weatherford, dem., 8; Hare, pop., 10; absent and paired, 2.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8. Congressman Binger Hermann withdrew from the senatorial race today, but his withdrawal had no effect upon the pliancy of the opposition. Seven of the men who had supported him went over to Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, while the others were divided between Hon. George H. Williams and Governor Lord. The vote was: Dolph, 41; Lord, 8; Williams, 11; Lowell, 10; Hare, pop., 10; Weatherford, dem., 8; absent and paired, 2.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9. Dolph, 39; Williams, 9; Lowell, 8; Lord, 5; Weatherford, dem., 4; Hare, pop., 10; absent and paired, 24; total, 90.

CARL M. SLAYBACK, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE AT THE DRUG STORE. FLORENCE, - OREGON.

HARD TIMES! SELLING AT COST FOR CASH. J. M. SETTLE, IN THE CARMAN BUILDING. FLORENCE, - OREGON.

THE WHITE RUBBER GOAT. Lord Byron looks with a haughty stare straight on from the shelf at me. With the haughtiest wave to his smooth blonde hair. That an artist would care to see. And the proudest curl to his silent lip. And the coldest and loftiest smile. With his head set back at a lordly tip. Over that collar of daring style. And down in the corner of that same shelf. As meek as a goat might be. A white rubber goat—ashamed of himself—Stands wabbling his head at me. A white rubber goat that I happened to know. Has a wonderful whistle somewhere. Concealed in the region that his side has been kissed. The whistle of his rubber hair. The white rubber goat is a homely goat. With eyes that are bloodshot and red. And lumpy wiskers that hang from his throat. In a bunch like a beard of lead. And the voice that he utters from his stomach is shrill. And his figure is awkward and squat. But I've seen that that white rubber goat will fulfill. An errand which Byron cannot. Oh, Byron, look down with your cold, biopic eye. And scorn the white goat if you will. You never can quiet my baby's cry. And the countenance haughty and child. This critic of art with her red feet. Will pass you all scornfully by. For the goat whose red mouth into white has been kissed. And whose voice is a squeeze whistle's cry. —Ladies' Home Journal.

THIS IS NEW YORK. A Picture of the Metropolis as Drawn by an English Artist. I regard with interest the custom house officer, the first American I have seen on native soil, and can scarcely answer his questions for staring. He is a handsome, weary man, exactly like one of Leech's volunteer officers of 1810, and he writes rapidly, holding the pen between the first and second fingers. There's Bartholdi's gigantic statue at last, and there are the piers and swing of Brooklyn bridge. Sam has fastened up all my luggage, and we shake hands heartily. I shall never forget him and the oranges he brought me stuck on a fork. As I go down the gangway a crowd of faces look up at me from the dock. A twinkling Irishman darts at me with Lord to Dolph; and still worse, "when every member of the home delegation has deserted me." Alley, McClung, Baker, Hillegas, stand up and tell us your constituents, what made you "desert" Moorhead? We await an answer,

and we know that it will be "there was no 'desertion' on my part by our constituents who stood by me." I drive jolting over tramway lines, under elevated railways, between piles of snow as high as the early walls of Rome. I see an unmistakable Irish policeman, in a helmet with a turned down brim, regarding with admiration a colored lady sauntering through the slush of the sidewalk in goliaths. We are nearly smothered by a cable car sinking along, ringing a funeral changing bell. I see a disused lamp-post, with dark red letter box fastened to it; next, a tall, black, electric light pole. On the lamp-post I read, on one side, Fifth Avenue; on the other, East Twenty-sixth Street. On the top of a huge building there's a huge sign advertising certain cigarettes. On the face of it three large clocks tell the time in London, New York and Denver. As we jolt past, up Fifth Avenue, I read on a board, "Oh, Manie, won't you take your honey boy to see Peter F. Dalley in 'A Country Sport'?" This is New York.—Cornhill Magazine.

What Passed Between Them. Two men of more or less timidity who had always been friends got into a row one night which ended in one getting pretty badly battered and the other being arrested for assault and battery. On the trial the attorney was quite anxious to know why two such friends had got into such trouble. "Will you state just how the difficulty originated?" he inquired of the one on the stand. "The witness told a very much involved story. "That isn't what I want to know," said the attorney simply. The witness made another try. "That's no clearer than the other," objected the attorney. "Can't you tell just what passed between you and nothing else?" "The face of the witness showed a light in it. "Oh," he said, "is that what you want to know?" "Of course it is. Tell that and no more." "Well, as near as I can remember, there were 10 hours, four weeks, two gin fizzes, two Manhattans, one brandy and one vermouth, one bottle of champagne!" "That's enough," interrupted the attorney. "All the rest is easily explained now."—Detroit Free Press.

Temperatures of the Earth. Goldthwait's Geographical Magazine is authority for the statement that the temperature of the earth increases one degree on an average for each 55 feet of descent into its interior, basing its conclusions on observations made at the great shaft at Sperrhagen, Germany, which is the deepest boring ever made by man—4,173 feet. At such a rate of increase the earth's temperature of only 300 miles is 18,000 degrees above the zero of Fahrenheit's thermometer. One curious point in this connection is that 18,000 degrees is Professor Rosetti's estimate of the probable temperature of the sun.—St. Louis Republic.

It is estimated that of the 2,000,000 inhabitants in London over 1,000,000 are poor, living on less than \$3 a week for each family. Over 300,000 are in chronic poverty.

Nothing indeed but the possession of some power can with any certainty discover what at the bottom is the true character of any man.—Bunke.

THE TALE OF A DOVE. A Strange Incident in the Closing Scenes of a Murderer's Life. "I can recall a strange incident that has never found its way into print," said a member of the New York congressional delegation to a Post reporter. "It happened in Long Island, in the Queens county jail, and, to say the least, is tinged with a strangeness. Patrick Casey, a Long Island City policeman, was an inmate of the jail, under the sentence of death for the deliberate murder of his superior officer, Sergeant Caminsky. The district congressional delegate from the district of Queens, New York, James W. Cowley, was Casey's counsel and succeeded in having his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. On the day Casey was sentenced to death a pure white dove flew in the courtroom window and alighted on his shoulder. The dove refused to be removed, accompanied Casey back to his cell and became his constant companion. At the same time Charles Rugg, the notorious negro murderer, was also an inmate of the jail, awaiting trial for the murder of Mrs. Lydia Mayne and her daughter. Just previous to the day set for his trial Rugg escaped from the jail, but two days later was captured and returned to the jail. The day of his capture was the day set for Casey's removal to Sing Sing to serve his life sentence. As he was being taken from the jail and while in the sheriff's office being prepared for his journey Rugg was led in by his capturers. All this time the dove had been perched on Casey's shoulder, but as soon as Rugg was led in the dove flew from Casey's shoulder and over to Rugg, alighting on his shoulder, as if it had found a long lost friend. "All efforts on the part of Casey to call it back were in vain, and as Rugg was led back to the cell from which he escaped the dove went with him. It remained with him up to the morning of the execution. On that morning as Rugg marched up the scaffold the dove was perched on his shoulder and remained there until the fatal knife was drawn over his face. As soon as that was done the dove flew out one of the jail windows and was never seen around the jail again."—Washington Post.

BLASTING GELATIN. One of the Most Important Explosives, and How It is Made. By far the most important as well as the latest form of dynamites or solidified nitroglycerin are those designated not too happily as "blasting gelatin." Many persons imagine, quite naturally, that these consist of some form of gelatin, isinglass or glue, converted by chemical means into a powerful explosive. But "blasting gelatin" contains no particle whatever of gelatin, properly so called, the term being applied to a mixture of nitroglycerin and a nitrocellulose. It is prepared at Andover, in Ayshire, N. B., by heating nitroglycerin in "jacketed" pans to between 40 degrees and water at 60 degrees C.—140 degrees F.—a certain proportion of dry

gun cotton, the "sensitive" kind. A current of water at 60 degrees C.—140 degrees F.—circulating between the outer and inner pans keeps the contents of the pans at the required temperature, and by mixing is effected by mechanical means. Any rise in temperature above 45 degrees C.—100 degrees F.—is quickly checked by running into the outer "jacket" a stream of cold water in place of the hot water. In the course of about an hour, the nitrocellulose is dissolved in the nitroglycerin, the two bodies then forming a mass or mass of stiff homogeneous jelly. It may indeed be compared to the photographic collodion, thickened by vaporation, the gun cotton having been dissolved not in the usual alcohol-ether mixture, but in nitrocellulose. When composed of 33 per cent of the latter, with 7 per cent cotton, we get a most powerful explosive. Mr. G. MacRobert, the manager at Andover, observes upon this point: "Of all the nitroglycerin explosives blasting gelatin is the strongest. If the energy of dynamite be represented by 100, that of blasting gelatin will be 150. Nitrocellulose is more powerful energy than blasting gelatin."—Nineteenth Century.

Cleopatra's Rival. The beautiful Octavia, the wife of the great general, but weak and infatuated, Antonius, was a woman of personal integrity and moral worth. When Antonius, for the second time, asked this lady to fall under the charms of a young man, she indignantly refused. He was her husband's house and took care of her own and Antonius' children, but also those he had had by Fulvia, one of his previous wives. Of this Fulvia Plintarchus says: "It was her ambition to govern those who ruled, and to command the leaders of armies. It was to Fulvia, personal integrity and moral worth. When Antonius, for the second time, asked this lady to fall under the charms of a young man, she indignantly refused. He was her husband's house and took care of her own and Antonius' children, but also those he had had by Fulvia, one of his previous wives. Of this Fulvia Plintarchus says: "It was her ambition to govern those who ruled, and to command the leaders of armies. 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