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THE FRIENDS of Col O H Holden are urging him to enter the race as a candidate for the office of representative. The Colonel is well known here, having resided on the river for about six years past. He is a life-long republican and a member of the G A R. He served two terms in the Michigan legislature and was elected speaker of the house during his second term. His legislative experience would be of great value to him if Lane county should see fit to send him as one of her representatives at the state capital.

It is an old saying that you must go away from home if you want to hear the news. In proof of its truth read the following from the Stayton Mail of the 2nd inst. "A large amount of logging is being done on the Siuslaw. There are six logging camps in operation." Instead of six camps on the Siuslaw there are ten camps below head of tide where logging is being actively carried on, and if all on the upper river and its tributaries are counted the number would probably be not less than thirty camps, with several more to start work this spring.

THE EUGENE Register in its issue of February 24th, speaks as if it is a waste of money for congress to make appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors. We think if the editor of the Register will look over the country and study the benefits to commerce that are derived from the improvement of the rivers and harbors, that he will change his opinion as to it being a waste of money to use it for that purpose. Too many people take a narrow view of such matters and regard the improvement of a harbor as being a benefit only to its immediate vicinity. This is a great mistake, as instead of the advantage being confined to a small territory, it affects every place shipping goods by way of that harbor. We hold that it is for the interest of the people of the whole United States to have the rivers and harbors put in good condition for navigating and thereby build up the commerce of the country.

SPEAKING of the fact that no river and harbor bill is to be presented during the present session of congress, the Oregonian says: It may be well to understand, however, that there will be no interruption in the work which the government has under contract under the general head of river and harbor improvements. The completion of these contracts, or their continuance until a future appropriation for that purpose is included in a river and harbor bill, will be provided for by the insertion of an item of \$10,000,000 in the sundry civil appropriation bill. There is, however, an unexpected balance available for this class of work of \$30,000,000, so that the failure to pass a river and harbor bill at this session of congress will nowhere be seriously felt. The amounts still available for work on the river and harbors of Washington and Oregon have lately been published, and it is not necessary to give them in detail at this time. Suffice it to say that the people of these sections can regard the situation with equanimity, since work will go forward without interruption from Coos Bay north to Gray's Harbor, and at the several intermediate points where channels and harbors are being improved by the government, under the direction of its engineer corps."

GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By A WEST CORRESPONDENT.

Greenleaf, March 5, 1900.

When Hazel Wheeler was on her way to Eugene recently she followed the track of a small bear in the road up Chickahominy mountain and near the top passed the animal, which sat on a log near the road. Hazel's horse seemed to be more scared than she was but she passed in safety.

Lucas Wheeler's horse, which went lame when his daughter was in Eugene with it, grew worse till it died. Miss Wheeler came as near home as she could on the stage.

In a patch of 1240 cabbages set out on Nelson creek for early use recently, deer destroyed 300 the first week the plants were out. The patch is watched now to keep the destructive beasts away but poison, guns and traps are under discussion.

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FORCING THE ELECTION OF U S SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE.

Chicago Times-Herald. An important and practical effort is now being made outside congress to bring about an amendment of the constitution which shall provide for the election of United States senators by the people. The prime mover in the matter is a joint committee of the Pennsylvania legislature, which was appointed for the purpose of forwarding the proposed change. After the Quay contest of last year the defects and evils of the present system were felt in Pennsylvania as they never had been before. The attempt to defeat the will of the people was too flagrant to pass unnoticed, and public indignation against a set of political jobbers compelled legislative action.

By the terms of the constitution there are two methods of securing amendments. Congress itself may take the initiative, in which case it is necessary that the proposed measure should receive the vote of two-thirds of each house. After this it must be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states before it becomes binding. This is the simple method, but in the present case it is attended with great difficulties because the senators stand in the way. The composition of their own body is to be affected, and those among them who are skillful in manipulating do not care to take their chances with the people. Hence it is not probable that a majority of two-thirds of the senate can be secured for the bill now before congress.

The other method is one which the Pennsylvania committee hopes to see adopted. Here the initiative rests with the state legislatures. If two-thirds of them make application, congress must call a national convention to formulate an amendment. Once it is adopted by the convention it, too, must be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

The committee has passed resolutions in favor of holding a convention and has sent them to the secretaries of state in those states where the legislatures are now in session, namely, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Maryland, Iowa, Kentucky and Mississippi. As the subject comes up anew in this form it may not be favorably received by legislatures already elected, since it strikes at a legislative prerogative, but if it be made a feature of all future elections it will then be easy enough to get the legislative assent. A campaign properly conducted will force congress to act either directly or so as to avoid the threatening command or by the summoning of a convention under pressure.

The agitation was never so effective as it is now, and the Pennsylvanians are to be congratulated on their excellent work, which cannot be ignored. As we review the subject the admirable prudence and wisdom of the framers of the constitution becomes evident once more. It has never been necessary to try the alternative of the legislative initiative up to now, but here it is at hand to fit the emergency and to prevent congress from thwarting the popular will.

FROM SENATOR SIMON.

WASHINGTON, D C, Feb 15, 1900. Hon O H HOLDEN, President Florence Board of Trade, Florence, Oregon.

My dear Sir: I am in receipt of the resolutions passed by the Florence Board of Trade as to the necessity of congress appropriating not less than \$100,000 for improving the bar at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, the money to be available for continuing the work as soon as the present contract is completed, and requesting that the work be placed upon the contract list and a contract let at once for completing the jetty.

Replying, I beg to say that I shall be pleased to do everything in my power to have congress authorize the improvement of the Siuslaw river as desired by your Board.

Very truly yours, JOSEPH SIMON.

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AN EXAGGERATED REPORT.

Captain Krangel of the Danie/son feels the indignity of the exaggerated of the misfortune of his vessel that is published by a San Francisco paper, which states among other things that the schooner's crew were rescued by the crew from the life saving station. The life saving crew responded promptly to the summons and rendered what assistance they could till the vessel was back into the channel, but the crew had to travel about twenty miles on the beach and did not reach the vessel till the day after she went aground. At every low tide the schooner was high and dry on the sand and a person could walk all around her and from there to the high land without getting into water. At no time were the lives of the sailors in danger, neither was any of the freight on board damaged though it remained on the vessel till she was brought to the wharf at Florence.

WORK RESUMED.

The jetty work which was suspended last fall on account of inclement weather was resumed this week, under the management of Mr Brown, who was foreman at the quarry last year. A crew of men have been driving piles and making such repairs as are needed preparatory to putting in rock. The work is to be continued now till the contract is completed, which will probably take about six months.

YOUNG MAN, ATTENTION!

Solo News. Young man, attention! Dost thou go around the land at night and rush the growler and perambulate with the feminine? Dost thou whooper up with the boys and finger the substance of the jackpot, and plant thy shakels against the ever-slippery finger. Dost thou puff a 2-cent cigar or pull the deadly cigarette, and hast thou lost thy grip on ways that are right and wisdom which is good in the world? Verily thou art in a very bad row of stumps, it will not be long ere thou art known in the land no more. Thine heels will fly up and thou wilt fall in the soup. Keep thine eyes on the gun and monkey not with the juice of the jag. Stand clear of the man with the axes and in the ripening years of life thy pockets will be full of the fruit of the earth, while those who mind not these commandments are partaking of the lunch that is free.

CARDINER NEWS.

(From the Roseburg Plaindealer.) School has closed and private school will soon commence with Miss Rose Parrott as teacher. We are very glad to see Mrs Chandler back home after being absent all winter. We hear that Walter Austin is going to leave the mill soon and Miss Emma Gless the mess house. What is going to happen, Walter? We understand the mill is going to shut down next week. Then it is time to make gardens.

A SAFE BAR.

Notwithstanding all the reports that have been in circulation about the wrecks occurring here, there has never yet been a vessel wrecked either on the Siuslaw bar or in the Siuslaw river. True, several vessels have struck on the spits while entering the river and remained there a number of days before they could be worked into the channel so as to float easily, but every one that has had any difficulty has been taken off again. This doubtless would not be the case if it were a rocky harbor like some others along the coast, but with no danger from this source, a vessel striking rests easily on the sand with no trouble from rocks punching a hole in her sides.

The steamer Maggie which ran ashore February 5th and did not get off till March 1st, came nearest being a total loss, but she is now at Glendale awaiting orders as to what shall be done with her. The other vessels, the Emma Utter, Augusta, George H Chance, Danielson, Bella, Berwick and one or two others whose names we have forgotten, all succeeded in getting afloat with little or no damage.

Probably there is not another harbor on the coast where there have been as many wrecks run aground without one or more wrecks occurring to charge up against the place.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

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POINT TERRACE ITEMS.

By CARMEN.

March 6, 1900.

Mr Jesse Bounds, wife, and little daughter are visiting friends on the river.

Miss C Blume who taught the Point Terrace school returned to her home at Pleasant Hill Monday.

School election passed off quietly, Mr Neely being elected director.

Mr Wm Bernhardt and family visited at Mr Brynds last week.

Mr Archie and Miss Beatrice McLeod and Miss Eta Sanders visited at Mr Whisman's on Sweet creek, Saturday and Sunday.

THE EUGENE MAIL.

No Eugene mail was received at the Florence post office from Monday till yesterday. The reason so far as we can learn is this. The contract for carrying the mail between Eugene and Mapleton for four years from July 1st 1898, was let by the postal department to a party in the east and by him sub-let to Eli Bangs of Eugene. It is reported that the contractor has failed.

The Guard says that Mr Bangs states the contractors are behind about eight months in their payments to him and that he will not carry the mail longer till a settlement is made. The mail from Eugene arrived here yesterday having been brought in by Bangs' stage.

RAILROADING PATENTS. A single firm of Patent Lawyers, O A Snow & Co, of Washington, D C, have in the last year procured 1,630 patents for their clients, many of them for rejected inventions. O A Snow & Co have been accused of railroading patents through the Patent Office, but they insist that this locomotion is better than ox-carting them for by the latter process the inventor often dies before he gets his patent.

NEW SCHOOL OFFICERS. The following are the officers elected by the various districts in this vicinity at the annual school meeting, so far as we have received reports.

Florence.—E A Evans, director; O W Hurd, clerk. Point Terrace.—W W Neely, director; Lester Ogden, clerk.

North Fork.—Jared Scott, director; Mrs A J Morris, clerk. Maple Grove.—Directors, Ira Hoffman one year; J A McLeod three years; Clerk Chas David.

Mercer Lake.—O Dowell, director; O W Sutton, clerk. Glendale.—F F Kane, director; Chas Harwood, clerk.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N Y) druggist called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by all druggists.

GENERAL NEWS. The New York Journal and Advertiser says that ex-President Cleveland is seriously ill at his home in Princeton. He is not confined to his bed, but he seldom leaves his room, on the upper floor of his home. He rarely sees visitors, and takes practically no interest in any events of the world at large.

It is rumored that Justice Gray is likely to retire from the United States supreme court. He was appointed by President Arthur in 1881. Attorney General Griggs and Ex-Secretary of State Day are mentioned as his successors.

Senator McBride has offered an amendment to the Indian bill appropriating \$204,800 for the payment of the Unspqna, Coos and Siuslaw Indians for surrendering their lands to the government in 1850.

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