

FISH TRAPS PROHIBITED.

The following letter from Senator Kaykendall was received this week. We have been unable to obtain a copy of the statute to which he refers, but will publish it for the benefit of our readers as soon as we can get it.

EUGENE, Ore., May 26, 1901.

Mr. W. H. Weatherston, Florence, Oregon—Sir: I note this morning in the West your complaint that fish traps are being located in the Siuslaw River to such an extent as to be a menace to navigation and destructive to the salmon. I would call your attention to the general fish law passed at the last session, Sec. 12 of which positively forbids the maintenance or construction of traps on the Siuslaw. You will find this on page 332 of the session laws of 1901.

Yours in haste,

W. KAYKENDALL.

We have lately heard several complaints from different parties about not receiving any reply to letters written to our county superintendent of schools. A number of teachers and district officers inform us that they have written to him about business pertaining to his office—some of them sending four or five letters—without receiving any answer from him. This is not as it should be. When an official receives a communication asking for information connected with his office, it is his duty to answer it promptly. Officers are elected to transact the business for the people, and it is their duty to attend promptly to the wants of all, so far as those wants relate to matters connected with the business of their respective offices. Especially is this true of the superintendent of schools. He is looked upon as setting an example for the teachers, and the teacher again is copied to a greater or less extent by the pupils. For this reason, if for no other, it is important that the superintendent should set a good example and attend to the business of his office promptly and faithfully.

A poor man in New York City who had a wife and children, and strength to do, but no employment, hit upon the plan of tying a placard upon his breast with the inscription upon it: "I want work." He stood at the crossing of two thorough streets until the attention of the passers-by was attracted, and as a result got himself a situation. He had been begging for work for months, but until he made this mute appeal to the eyes of the mass he had met with failure. At last he fathomed the secret of success—advertising. He artfully brought his want and his wares into the market.

It has been several years since the Florence fire company has been called out before by an alarm of fire, but the members responded promptly to the call and did efficient work in subduing the flames. Wednesday afternoon was also the first occasion which the fire extinguishers were called into play in putting out fire in a building. Florence has been very fortunate in this respect so far, as there has never been a building destroyed by the flames here yet.

In such times of insanity as these everybody who is tempted to risk his savings in Wall street ought to memorize the advice old Commodore Vanderbilt gave to his son, after neatly shearing his superfluous wool: "Never buy what you can't pay for, and never sell what you haven't got."

Only five weeks till the 4th will be here, and yet we have heard nothing of any arrangements for a celebration anywhere on the river. It is about time steps were taken to prepare for it, if we are to observe the day in a fitting manner this year.

A peculiar favorable industrial symptom of the times is the buying up and rejuvenating of old and abandoned factory plants. This generally follows periods of unusual activity, and is the result of the increased demands for space for manufacturing purposes.

Two letters and two books written by Edgus A. Poe have just been sold at auction in Boston for \$3600, this amount being about \$397.60 more than Poe ever had in his life at one time.

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You are made aware of the necessity for cleansing your blood in the spring by humors, eruptions and other outward signs of impurity.

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THE NEW SCHOOL LAW.

Superintendent Ackerman has sent to all county superintendents the following circular letter, which is of genuine interest:

SALEM, Or., May 13.

To County School Superintendents:—The new school law will go into effect May 24, 1901. You will notice that section 41 reads in part as follows: "and the fiscal school year shall begin on the third Monday of June and end on the last day of June." A mistake occurred in the enrolling committee and the law should have read as follows: "and the fiscal school year will begin on the third Monday in June and end on the day preceding." I think it will work no injury to administer the law on the supposition that the school year begins on the third Monday in June and ends on the day preceding. The current school year will begin on the first Monday of March, 1901, and end on the third Monday in June, 1902. You will notice, therefore, that the current school year will be more than twelve months long. All reports, records, etc., should be kept upon the basis of the school year extending from the first Monday in March, 1901, to the third Monday in June, 1902. The next annual school meeting will be held on the third Monday in June, 1902. All school officers whose terms expire under the old law, the first Monday in March, 1902, will hold over until the third Monday in June, 1902.

We have special blanks to be filled by applicants for state life diplomas, under sections 179 and 180, Oregon School Laws; hence, when applicants wish to make application for a life diploma, under said sections, they should make application to this office for the proper blank. I will consider it a favor if you will so inform all applicants.

Yours Truly,

J. H. ACKERMAN,
Supt. Public Instruction.

GARDINER NEWS.

May 27, 1901.

Miss Lena Wessela was in town Monday. Charlie Morris was seen in Gardiner Sunday. Be quick, Charlie, you'll catch on.

Capt. Bergman is little under the weather, and also Geo. Peterson of the U. R. L. S. S.

The Gardiner mill is running full time. The wharf is so covered with lumber that bicyclists fail to find room for riding.

Born in Gardiner, Monday morning, May 27, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Perkins, a bouncing daughter.

The Sadie arrived safely from San Francisco Thursday, loaded with grain, hay and murrhys for the Gardiner stores.

Miss Gussie Wilson has gone up West Branch to cook in her father's logging camp. Johnny looks quite sad. Never mind, she'll come back.

Col. Holt has been giving a series of lectures on temperance in the I. O. O. F. hall during the last week. Many signed the pledge and a good attendance was had at all meetings.

Albert Pyrite's smiling countenance was seen in Gardiner Sunday. Last evening of him he was pulling against the tide with his hat off. Guess he's gone up Soap Creek! Good bye, Albert—come back next Sunday.

The late Harry Brant, of the light house, died May 24, and was interred in the Gardiner cemetery Sunday, May 26, with all the honors of the Masonic lodge, of which he was a worthy member. A large number of sorrowing friends followed his remains to their last resting place, and much sympathy was shown for the widow and orphans left to mourn the loss of an honored husband and father. Many beautiful floral offerings were given. Mr. Harry Brant came to Oregon when a boy sixteen years of age, where he has remained for thirty years and has been second keeper of the Umpqua light-house for a number of years, being honored by all who knew him.

Mr. W. J. Baxter, of North Brook, N. C., says he suffered with piles for fifteen years. He tried many remedies with no results until he used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, and that quickly cured him. Meyer & Kyle.

MORAL ISSUES.

In every community there are those who see, or think they see, a moral issue involved in whatever becomes a matter of public concernment. It may be but the selection of a pound master, or deciding whether or not certain public improvements shall be undertaken; these good people come forward with their grave questions of morality and endeavor to inject them, as it were, into what is really only a plain business proposition, having no moral aspect whatever. Oftentimes the establishment of public utilities are frustrated and men are chosen to office for which they are totally unqualified, because of the blind, unreasoning activity of a few impractical "reformers." That these people are really sincere and honest we may easily believe, but the fact is that some by education or lack of it, and others by chosen avocation, are unqualified to exercise sound judgment upon questions which are purely business propositions. It is a pitiable spectacle when such men are heard talking themselves hoarse in endeavors to give a moral or immoral character to things which plain, everyday, sensible practical citizens regard as purely business matters.

The moral reformer is continually in error as to methods, because he cannot or will not see that the moral sentiment of no community can be impelled in any direction. It is this sentiment which is the impelling and, if necessary, the compelling force. Since the moral sentiment of a community on any subject is the consensus of opinion held by a majority of the people comprising the community, it should be plain that it cannot be created by the enactment of laws. It is a growth from within, never from without. It is the slow growth of educational processes directed upon the individual, not upon the masses.

It is the experience everywhere that laws enacted ahead of public sentiment are inoperative, because there is no public sentiment back of them compelling their enforcement. In vain may we enact the most righteous laws and select the best men to administer them; they will not be enforced unless clearly demanded by public sentiment.

Our impractical reformers, too, must recognize that there are scores of intelligent, upright and moral citizens who, for instance, are total abstainers, and who would firmly, yea gladly enforce laws for the suppression of vice and crime and the elimination of "the saloon influence," yet who are not prohibitionists. Other men there are who are especially well qualified to decide upon matters of community interest who even deny the divinity of Christ. Why may not the people select such men for their servants without the factious opposition of moral theorists.

All worthy citizens are worthy and upright, and are teachers and exemplars of morality. Some are exclusively devoted to teaching morality and religion. Let all these unite in developing and strengthening public sentiment on lines of honest, virtuous citizenship. Wholesome laws will then become easy of enactment and enforcement, and public morality will become a sturdy, healthful, growing force for good rather than a periodic and spasmodic manifestation of theoretical moralities and pesterous isms.—Corvallis Gazette.

AGAINST SECRET SOCIETIES.

The general assembly of the United Presbyterian church has officially adopted a revised church creed. Under it all persons who hold membership in secret societies are barred from the church. In effect the action of the assembly expels members who refuse to sever their affiliations with secret societies. A very spirited debate preceded the decision of the assembly, the minority making a strong fight against the anti-secret society part of the creed.

The longevity of women—and of pensioners—finds conclusive illustration in the fact that four widows of Revolutionary soldiers are still on the rolls, their ages ranging from eighty-five to eighty-nine. Needless to say, they were young girls when they married the Revolutionary veterans, one of these interesting weddings having occurred as late as 1811.

Skin affections will readily disappear by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Look out for counterfeits. If you get DeWitt's you will get good results. It is the quick and positive cure for piles. Meyer & Kyle.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, May 20, 1901.

The illness, in San Francisco, of Mrs. McKinley, and the death, in Washington, of Mrs. Gage, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, have been more discussed both in official and private circles for several days past than matters of state. Illness and death are two things which never fail to absorb the interest of those concerned, and in cases of persons of such prominence, all are concerned. Had the death of Mrs. McKinley been announced, there would have been no public surprise, but, as though to emphasize the adage "It is always the unexpected that happens," Mrs. McKinley, who has been an invalid for years, rallied and it is now hoped, will recover, and Mrs. Gage, who had enjoyed robust health until she took the grip, as a result of exposure during the inauguration ceremonies at the east front of the capitol, died. Brief funeral services were held this morning at the residence of Secretary Gage, after which the secretary and his daughter left for Chicago, with the remains. Mrs. Gage was unquestionably another added to the long list of prominent victims to the 4th of March inauguration day, and her death will doubtless serve to increase the agitation in favor of the sensible reform of making inauguration day late enough in the season to be safe for the outdoor exercises, which have killed so many persons and will continue to kill when the weather is inclement as it nearly always is, until changed.

In sentencing Rev. L. D. Bass to pay a fine of \$1000 and to serve three years in prison, for fraudulent use of the mails, in connection with the "Bureau of Civil Service Instruction," and a "Union Teacher's Agency," Justice Barnard, of the Supreme Court, of the District of Columbia, addressed a few words to the prisoner, which are equally applicable to all educated crooks. He said: "You have had all the advantages of family, education, religious training, and the position of a minister of the gospel; you have had experience among many different classes of society in different states; and there was no excuse for you to undertake the fraudulent methods and schemes shown by the evidence in this case, to rob the credulous, unwary, and inexperienced. You could have made an honest living, and given value for every dollar received, had you not conceived the idea of getting something for nothing, under the pretense of performing a service for others. You went to work shrewdly and systematically to deceive people and to get them to confide in your honesty, wisdom and power, by so mixing up truth with falsehood, as to pass it all off for genuine. You well knew, as I must believe from the evidence, that you were not able to make good such representations, and that they were all made only to induce your victims to send you their money. You were not sincere in these widely circulated statements, and you have succeeded in depriving many struggling and honest persons of the money that was needed by them for the necessities of life."

The isthmian canal question was again brought to the front by the return to Washington of Senor Corea, the Nicaragua minister, who called at the department of state and announced that he was authorized by his government to sign a treaty for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal with the United States. After his call at the department of state, Senor Corea said: "I come back with full powers, even to the extent of signing a treaty with the United States. My government is willing to give this country the most liberal terms possible to assist in the construction of a canal through our territory. Of course, it is impossible for us to concede to the United States sovereignty over the lands upon which to build a waterway, but we are willing to give the United States the fullest control short of that. President Zelaya and the other officers of my government are perfectly satisfied with the terms of the protocol, signed by myself and the representatives of Costa Rica, with Secretary Hay, last year. We hold that that protocol is still binding. The fact that it is based on the Hay-Panchofote treaty, which has lapsed, does not, in our opinion, invalidate the binding nature of the document. This being the case, we hold that there is no chance for the Colombian government to come in and that the Panama canal is barred from consideration. The signing of the protocol by the United States, in our opinion, commits the United States government to the Nicaragua route. Even if this were not so, we have every confidence that the United States, of the two routes, would prefer to build the Nicaragua Canal, because the glory of the discovery of this route belongs to an American, it would be constructed with American machinery, and the money

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out. Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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spent would come back to the United States." Evidently Senor Corea and his government know of the activity of those interested in creating sentiment in this country in favor of the Panama Canal, and are trying to counteract it.

When the enormous transactions of the United States government are considered, the amount lost by defalcation does not seem large. According to official figures, recently compiled in the treasury department, the total defalcations of federal officials, from the founding of the government to the present time amounted to \$16,000,000. The post office department has been the worst sufferer of any branch of the government, probably because it necessarily offers more opportunity for theft.

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REED READINGS.

BY X. Y. Z.

May 27, 1901.

W. L. Phelps is logging on J. L. Taylor's place.

S. L. Taylor was over from North Fork Friday.

P. L. Tucker went to Mapleton one day last week.

O. S. Phelps was in this vicinity a few days last week.

P. L. Tucker and family have been sick of la grippe.

Miss Stella Milledge has gone to Dillard, Oregon, to visit her brother, L. E. Milledge.

Mr. Ferris was in the neighborhood Monday. He reports his health much improved.

Mrs. W. L. Phelps left last week for Natron, Oregon, having received word her father is very ill.

The citizens of this place have agreed to meet at the Hermann cemetery to clear off the grounds.

Revs. T. A. Yost and Wm. Plowman, of the United Evangelical church, held services at Hermann and Reed, Sunday. They have accomplished much good, and we hope their earnest efforts will be crowned with greater success.

BY PROXY.

We had a real old-fashioned thunder storm last Saturday.

Miss Stella Milledge started last week for Dillard, Oregon, where she will spend several weeks with her brother and family.

The Phelps logging camp is now running at full blast.

Rev. Plowman delivered a very interesting sermon at the Reed school house last Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Phelps left on last Thursday's stage to attend the sick bed of her father.

Mr. P. L. Tucker and family have been very sick for the last week with la grippe.

Mr. Ono Phelps visited on the creek last week.

Mr. S. L. Taylor and wife will spend the summer on Indian Creek, where Smith is working in the Phelps logging camp.

Sunday school at the Hermann school house every Sunday at 10 a. m. and at Reed at 2:30 p. m. Every one is invited to attend.

BEWARE OF A COUGH.

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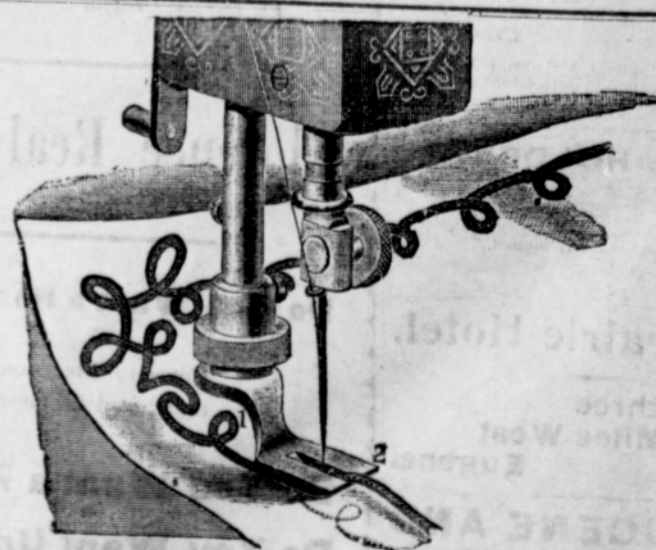
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