

OUR TOWN.

We are, literally, existing in an embryonic state. The act of incubation was performed with success; but, our development is tardy, and our anguish and suspense is agonizing.

If we fail in obtaining these accessories to our growth, we will be compelled to place our shoulder to the wheel of progress, and assist in our own development.

A town cannot be laid out in this county with a better position than that of Coguille City. It lies on the cross roads of the county and in the direct line of any railway that may be built from Empire City, at the entrance of Coos bay, to Roseburg, the county seat of Douglas county.

This town is destined to go ahead; its progress is slow at present, but it is sure, and they will reap the final benefit of perseverance, who stay with it and assist so far as their means will permit in promoting industry.

A Change Needed.

We print on articles on the first page entitled "Hard times in Dakota." A volume of details could not be more explicit or comprehensive in showing the evils of railroad monopoly, and the grinding system of oppression to which the farmers of the country are reduced.

There is no remedy adequate to the suppression of this despotism as long as we are represented in Congress by a body of railroad sharks, attorneys, and obstructionists of just and equitable laws.

We had some nice work at the last senatorial contest in Oregon, and we will await and expect a repetition in the present session.

The system should be abolished and placed in the hands of the people, the same as congressmen now are. It would save time, and compel the state legislatures to devote the sessions to legitimate business—the interests of the people.

The East Day.

The Millerites have set Jan. 25th, as the last day for man on this earth. For the correct prophecy, see Haggai, II chapter, 21 and 22 verses. On reading the verses referred to, and regarding them in the light of truth, the interpretation would apply, most fittingly, to the present host of Socialists, Nihilists and Dynamiters.

The repeated failure of those prophetic warnings with the dates fixed for the end of the world, have not been sufficient to teach the prophets the folly of their course; but, they must occasionally renew the proposition; each succeeding failure remaining as evidence of the impossibility of human beings prescribing the limits to the existence of this world.

CO-OPERATION.

Suggestions have been offered in reference to forming a company to construct a dam on Cunningham creek, and bring sufficient water to the town, to run a saw mill and supply the inhabitants with water from the hills. We have good water in the river, but that necessitates pumps. The idea being to promote industry and to advance the growing importance of this coal and lumber region more rapidly, would it not be as well to form a company, subscribe stock, and proceed with the work.

This locality stands mostly in need of something to enliven it—something that will provoke it into vigorous life. Since the closing of the saw mill, the business of the town seemed to decline, but that is as much owing to the stoppage of all out-door work during the rainy season. There is no doubt but that the project will be successful if carefully entered upon.

We have men able and willing to buy stock in this enterprise, and if money sufficient can be found to make it successful, all will be well, but they should proceed with caution; they should remember that, the more haste, the less speed. If it can be accomplished, it will be an invaluable aid in our progress.

Already, we have received notice that, if this water mill enterprise is undertaken, certain parties will build a brick-kiln near this town. In writing upon this matter, we wish to be neighborly and see our friends go into the matter with clear heads. Investigate the scheme thoroughly. Let the estimate be complete to the minutest detail.

Our Navy.

Admiral Porter (by the way, we served under him in '45) urges the building up of the navy, and says that the assertion that we want "a small but effective navy" does not cover the case. No small navy can be an efficient one if we consider the needs of the country.

Admiral Porter proceeds to describe the features of a modern vessel, citing the Esmeralda, a ship of 3600 tons, built in England for the Chilean navy, as the most perfect ship of the class ever constructed. She will, he thinks, prove a more formidable vessel than the Boston or the Atlanta, and shows herself to be unsurpassed as a commerce destroyer.

Ingratitude.

Webster defines this word, as a "want of due sense of favors received; return of evil for good." While writing a few words on the ungrateful character of some people, we feel that it is beyond our power to add anything new to what may have been said, already on the subject. Humanity is no stranger to man's inhumanity; it cannot be staid to be groping in the dark on the merits of this vile attribute.

If you have a friend, keep him out of your debt. There may be, in fact, there is exceptions, nevertheless, it is a good rule to follow, if the friend's circumstances be straightened, not to allow him to go too deep. In allowing him unlimited credit, you may discover, too late, that your friend has become your enemy.

How often do we observe men, who have had their heads lightened, and lawsuits avoided by the aid of some friend, who stepped to the front and relieved them of their difficulties? How often do we behold the ingrate, who has been relieved in that manner, turn like the poisonous adder and attempt to sting his benefactor to death?

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Seduction.

We have received a call from a friend, who in writing asks us to say something on the evils arising from seduction. Having never been seduced, therefore, a mere novice in such matters, our incompetence to tackle the subject, must be apparent. We think that with our age and experience, we are warranted in saying that we would be proof against any and all efforts, no matter how gigantic those efforts might be, to seduce us.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The increasing importance of our merchant marine should have due weight with congress on the necessity for improved harbors of refuge on this coast. Procrastination in such matters is nothing less than criminal neglect. To appropriate a few thousand dollars as an initiatory proceeding, and then to allow an unfinished work to remain exposed, for from one to two years, to the action of the elements, is false economy and a mere waste of the people's money.

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Chicken Stealer.

We have been requested to say a few words on the night hawks, who prow around and spread devastation among their neighbors' hen-roosts. There are a few people that believe it to be merely a joke. We fall utterly in seeing where the joke comes in, further than that the aforesaid few have not lost any chickens.

The time, patience and energy of a vast concourse of human beings are put forth with no other object in view but to exist on, and sponge from the toil and industry of others. The numerous body of quacks and pettifoggers that infest society, should be classed with the thieves and gamblers. They aim but to deceive and defraud the population. There can be no distinction where there is no difference.

European Jealousies.

A dispatch from Europe, Jan. 3d, says: Prime Minister Ferry, of France is opposed to Belgium having exclusive suzerainty over the Congo state, and is demanding that France have a share.

It seems that the greed of the European powers to acquire the territory of other nations has no limit. This system of robbery is simplified through the facility with which they launch trained bands of hired mercenaries upon the country to be acquired. Having stolen that which did not belong to them, a division of the spoils is necessary, otherwise, their animosity is aroused, and like any other band of thieves failing in what they consider a fair division, they fly at each others throats.

The efforts to promote trade with the interior of Africa, and to extend the boundaries of commerce, are worthy efforts; yet, all this can be done without wrangling about it, or assuming despotic control of the territory. The interior of Africa is unfitted as a habitation for the white race; therefore, no more is needed for the peaceful condition of commerce than secure posts for trading and good police regulation.

The European struggle goes from bad to worse; and, as it progresses, there will be no security from its aggressive policy. Undoubtedly, the factor that is leading to the front as the opponent of that aggression is dynamite. Throughout the world, each government is using every exertion to improve its arms by the aid of this explosive; but, the folly of mankind is manifested when we see the governments, in the teeth of civilization, perfecting infernal machines, yet, deprecating their use by the people who are subjected to a system of slavery and despotism.

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A Woman of Business.

There is a live business woman in Belleville, Ill., who is said to have made "plenty of money" the past year by plying her vocation as a street contractress. She is accustomed to buy materials in large quantities, and, never failing to meet her obligations promptly as they fall due she, has succeeded in establishing a credit in business circles that is really gilt-edged.

Subscribe for the HERALD.

Notice. We have the selling of a farm of 100 acres with a splendid orchard, good water, a good house, and fine barns, situated on one of the finest tracts of land in the county. The farm will be sold cheap, and the following is a list of the property: 70 head of sheep, a lot of hogs, 1 side of cattle, chain saw, a lot of coes, yardings and the house-hold furniture which is new and good.

FURNITURE STORE, F. Mark, Prop., MANASSAS, COG. Dealer in Furniture, Doors, Glass and Picture Frames, etc., and Agent for White's Sewing Machines.

NEW HACK LINE! Connecting With Steamers "Ceres" and "Little Annie" at the terminus of their upper river route, carrying passengers and freight to and from Myrtle Point. G. A. BROWN, Proprietor.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership business existing between A. L. Nessler and J. H. Hunt, is this day, by mutual consent, dissolved. Mr. Nessler assumes control of the business, and all bills due the late firm are payable to him. Dated at Coguille City, Jan. 1, 1885. A. L. Nessler, J. H. Hunt.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, Dec. 11, 1884. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the justice of the peace of Coos county, Oregon, at Empire City, Oregon, on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1885, viz: John H. Gray, Preemption D. S. No. 422, for the lots 10, 11, 14, and 15, Sec. 11 T. 21 S. R. 12 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: J. Buchanan, John Baker, John Baker, all of Myrtle Point, Oregon. Wm. F. Benjamin, Register.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, November 29, 1884. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the justice of the peace of Coos county, Oregon, at Empire City, Oregon, on Friday, January 16, 1885, viz: Thomas Langlois, pre-emption D. S. No. 422, for the S. E. quarter of S. E. quarter, S. E. quarter of S. E. quarter of section 8, N. W. quarter of S. W. quarter and S. W. quarter of N. W. quarter section 9, township 30 S. R. 12 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Walter Shoemaker, Milton Shoemaker, of Denmark, Oregon, and Saver Galtier and Edmund Galtier, of Coguille City, Oregon. Wm. F. Benjamin, Register.

Land Hunters HO!

Persons wishing to buy farms, wild land or town lots, improved or unimproved, will do well to call on O. C. Huntington, "City and Suburban" Coguille City, before purchasing elsewhere as he has in his lands for sale a large variety of real estate, and can furnish buyers with land in any quantity, from a quarter section ranch, down to a half lot in town, consisting in part of the following:

- 272 acres, good, large dwelling, second-class barn, fine young orchard, good cut house, 20 acres under fence, 15 in grass and 15 in corn land. There are upwards of fifteen acres of fir and oak timber on the land which is of easy access to the river.
150 acres, 100 in the bottom, 25 improved, new frame dwelling, good orchard, barn, fine spring, and 10 head of cattle, 2 hogs, 2 sheep, 1 horse and 10 tons of hay. The timber on upland.
37 acres, all bottom, 20 improved; good house, barn and orchard, also good fences, etc., adjoining Coguille City.
23 acres, all bottom, 6 cleared, all good tillable land; house, barn, out-houses, orchard etc., 1/2 mile from Coguille City.
One suburban lot, containing 1 1/2 acres, new house, 20 fruit trees 2 years old; very desirable for family residence, being 1/4 a mile from Coguille City.

POST OFFICE Store,

C. ANDREWS PROPRIETOR, CONSTANTLY Keeps An assortment of Boots and shoes, Hats and caps, Stationery, Inks, Dry goods and Clothing Ladies, Gents and Childrens General furnishing goods; also groceries, Canned goods, Cigars, tobacco and sundries. He pays the highest price for country produce.