

"Facts and Fiction" for 1897.

For 1897 arrangements have been made by which the readers of Facts and Fiction are promised an overflow of good things.

The publication will continue to be printed on a superior quality of paper and the illustrations will be principally halftone copper plates, the costliest process now in use.

The series of frontispiece portraits of western authors will be continued, and will be followed by a series of each of artists, illustrators, publishers and editors, all of which will form a portrait gallery of great interest to the general reader.

A fashion page will be among the new features. This will be so edited as to be practical and money-saving.

Leading articles, illustrated when necessary, on events of national and world-wide interest will appear as subject matter presents itself. In these the aim will be to give a more analytical survey of the subject than is found in the daily press.

"The Lincoln Page" has touched a popular chord, and this department will be continued. In addition to much other matter, a series of articles on the conspiracy to assassinate Mr. Lincoln, with special reference to the trial and execution of Mrs. Surratt, will be contributed by Judge J. W. Clappitt who was counsel for Mrs. Surratt in the famous trial. These articles will make some startling and unexpected disclosures of perjury on the part of federal officials of that day and will give some information about this great national tragedy with which the general public is unfamiliar.

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Wall Bro's sawmill is still running and is cutting some fine lumber. Many of our people have been affected with colds for the past week. Hon. J. H. Roberts of Norway made our town a business visit last week. Among other goods Hermann & Brown received quite an invoice of hardware last week. Wm. Page moved his family into the town residence of Chas. Adams, he having rented the same. Mr. Lavine will occupy the residence now being erected by Miss May Giles on her property adjoining town. Both meat markets of this place are supplied with Levi Gant's choice beef, Machado having purchased the whole lot on hand. Some of the cattle-buyers have finished their work and retired to the smiling Catechick creek valley to enjoy the profits of their labor. The band boys expect to get up a fine social on the hard times principle in about a month that will surpass their former successful efforts in that line. Of course every one will attend the entertainment given by the ladies of the Eastern Star on April 10th, as their entertainments are always a rare treat. E. G. Flanagan of Marshfield spent several days in town last week. He shipped several head of beef cattle and mutton sheep to Marshfield by Monday's train. S. H. Miller and P. A. Decker, jr., have leased the Stevens barn and opened the same on April 1st for the accommodation of the public. They are energetic men, whom we predict will make a success of the living business. George Hall, upon his return from Marshfield last week, informed us that he believes the people of the bay will push the county division question no longer. This would certainly be right, as division can only create high unnecessary tax on each side. Report was brought to town recently that a man within a few miles of this town, with a barn-full of hay for sale, is allowing his cows to starve to death rather than feed them. It will, however, be investigated, and if found to be true the party will be called upon to explain his cruelty to animals. Efforts are being made to get Oregon's delegation in congress to introduce a special bill for the relief of M. B. Balien, of the Middle Fort, an Indian war veteran of 1855-'56. The old gent has seen 83 years, and has been a very energetic and useful citizen of Oregon since somewhere in the forties. Too much cannot be done for these old pioneers who first made it possible for civilization to be planted along this coast. Ben Shull and his enterprising neighbors are still pushing their road work. They will soon have it possible to drive up the South Fork at any time of the year. If every neighborhood had such settlers as Shull, McNair, Berry, Ernest Hermann, Strong, and others, they would soon improve their roads. Mr. Luttrell, who lives on the Schroeder homestead, has given ten days, work, or more. This is very liberal for a man not owning any real estate in the vicinity, and he speaks a progressive spirit that is certainly commendable. Chas. Dodge and wife are spending a few days with their relatives in this place. Mr. Dodge sustained an injury to two fingers while coupling some cars recently. We learn that Mr. Dodge is an ancient member of the Brotherhood of Engineers, and had he not neglected the same since moving to this section he would now be receiving a handsome benefit from that order. Such orders as the above and the Woodmen of the World, the Foresters, the Red Cross, and many others are well worth the serious consideration of every young man, while the privilege is at their command. Each year there are millions of dollars paid out on their policies; why not hold on?

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The very latest musical composition to enlist popular approval is "The Broad Street Conservatory March," composed by a young Philadelphian, Roland H. Smith, a pupil of the popular institution to whom his work is dedicated. It is highly inspiring, suggestive of the popular marches written by Sousa. It has been played by all the leading theatre orchestras and concert bands in the Quaker City, and at the seaside and mountain resorts. The piano part of this excellent march has just been issued, and through a special arrangement with the author we are enabled to present a copy free to every reader of this paper who will send name and address, enclosing this notice and 6 cents in stamps to cover mailing and postage, to The Broad Street Conservatory of Music, 1331 South Broadway Street, Philadelphia. The retail price of the March is 40 cents, and this is an offer that should be appreciated by our musical friends.

Tacoma Sun: The people of the state have realized more in the way of freight rate reduction from the legislature of 1897 than it has of any previous Republican legislature, but still they expected more than they received, and, therefore, in selecting their legislature in the fall of 1898 they will weed out the weak points and elect a People's party legislature that will be as far above the legislative body of 1897 as that body was above its Republican predecessors.

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UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille and What is Going on There.

Ott Willard and wife are visiting with relations in this place. The band boys treated the town folks to a serenade on last Thursday evening.

O. Dodge left on Monday's train for Empire City. He goes on business before the county court.

Levi Gant has furnished his town some of the finest beef this winter that has ever been in this market.

Jacob Strong run a few logs to our sawmill one day last week. Frank Wyland also furnished some nice hard wood.

Rice Murry of Camas valley arrived in town last Saturday, bringing four passengers from the outside to this place.

W. H. Erdice now has the lumber on the grounds and will soon have the skimming station at this place ready for operation.

Henry Bryant, of Myrtle creek, reports that stock in that section is in fairly good condition, considering the severity of the winter.

Ash Moore, of Salmon mountain, spent several days in town last week, returning Saturday. Mr. Moore expects to make a good clean-up in the spring.

Robt. Martin of this place paid Bandon a business visit last week, returning Sunday. Bob is a restler and will always be found on deck when business calls.

F. P. Hermann made some substantial improvements in his dwelling house last week. Mr. H. believes in always adding new features to home attractions.

Almus M. Wilson, of Rural, was down from his home last week. He reports that stock is in need of better weather and it is actually necessary that the grass start pretty soon or cattle will suffer seriously.

Joseph Noyes, our pioneer nurseryman, has been very busy of late attending to his young nursery. Mr. Noyes also has a fine variety of trees and shrubbery for market, and all of the latest and best varieties.

The school building has been much improved. Three of the rooms have been completed—painted and put in fine condition. We understand that Dr. Leap, one of the directors, led in this very laudible enterprise.

We were sorry to see Prof. Frank Bunch move from our burg last week. Mr. B. has established a fine reputation as a teacher in this place, and many would have been glad to see him retained as one of our useful citizens.

If you want a few minutes of real enjoyment, just step into either of our barber shops, when you will forget the world under the light hand of the artist, for only ten cents. The price is the same at both shops and in keeping with the hard times.

H. Hartley, one of the South Fork's most prosperous farmers, informs us that while the winter has been unusually severe, his stock is in good condition, and plenty of feed in the barn. He also has fine lot of bacon and lard for sale. We would be pleased if we could say as much for all the farmers in this vicinity.

Some of the advance sheets of the forthcoming History of Coos County are about ready for the press. We learn that it is the intention of the author and committee in charge of that important work to publish in the county press some of the reminiscences of early days already handed in, and this gives others of the old pioneers an idea of what is wanted of them in the shape of a story.

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It is understood that the railroad lawyers, at their meeting, will devote less time to considering the coming supreme court fight than to devising some other method of meeting the emergency. Our plan is to ask congress to enact special laws so that pooling may be continued under the influence and direction of the interstate commerce commission. This, it is argued, would enable the commission to prevent discrimination and at the same time enable the railroads to avoid ratecutting.

Another plan to be considered is that the association be in relation only to the classification of freight. This, it is argued, would not be a restraint of traffic, and therefore not a violation of the law. With freight properly classified the railroad men think they might be able to maintain rates by verbal agreement with each other.

SCHEMING FOR WIVES. How a Hundred Women Were Lured to Oregon by Skillful Strategy.

"There are plenty of women in Oregon now," observed a prominent Oregon politician, who is here to see that that state is not forgotten in the matter of patronage, "but it is within the memory of many of us when women were very scarce there. We gave it out that we wanted them for school teachers and the like, and encouraged them to come out there, but the truth was the men wanted them for wives. I remember one we sent a young man to Massachusetts, where he was well acquainted, with orders to collect 100 young women and to escort them back to Oregon. We guaranteed every one of them one year's employment. The active man in the matter was a fine-looking young man, who afterward served two terms in congress from our state. He spent two months in selecting the party, and started west with them. On the trip out he courted one of the school teachers on his own hook and actually got her consent to a marriage on the arrival of the train at Portland. The boys howled considerably about it, claiming that he had treated them unfairly, in having first choice, but there was a lot of fine, marriageable material left. Some of those women are today the leading ladies of the society of the state. More than three-fourths of the hundred were married inside of three years, and many in less than one year. A few of the lot, however, are teaching school there today, not that they have any offers, but because they would not accept any of the fellows who offered themselves. Now that Senator Mitchell has about given up his contest to return as senator, he will likely be succeeded by a gentleman who married one of the party of school teachers to which I refer. He will bring his wife here with him, and your Washington folks can see for themselves the kind of ladies we had out there for school teachers. They can't be surpassed even if equaled anywhere. I may be an interested person, though, for it happens that my wife was one of the party."—Washington Evening Star.

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It is understood that the railroad lawyers, at their meeting, will devote less time to considering the coming supreme court fight than to devising some other method of meeting the emergency. Our plan is to ask congress to enact special laws so that pooling may be continued under the influence and direction of the interstate commerce commission. This, it is argued, would enable the commission to prevent discrimination and at the same time enable the railroads to avoid ratecutting.

Another plan to be considered is that the association be in relation only to the classification of freight. This, it is argued, would not be a restraint of traffic, and therefore not a violation of the law. With freight properly classified the railroad men think they might be able to maintain rates by verbal agreement with each other.

SCHEMING FOR WIVES. How a Hundred Women Were Lured to Oregon by Skillful Strategy.

"There are plenty of women in Oregon now," observed a prominent Oregon politician, who is here to see that that state is not forgotten in the matter of patronage, "but it is within the memory of many of us when women were very scarce there. We gave it out that we wanted them for school teachers and the like, and encouraged them to come out there, but the truth was the men wanted them for wives. I remember one we sent a young man to Massachusetts, where he was well acquainted, with orders to collect 100 young women and to escort them back to Oregon. We guaranteed every one of them one year's employment. The active man in the matter was a fine-looking young man, who afterward served two terms in congress from our state. He spent two months in selecting the party, and started west with them. On the trip out he courted one of the school teachers on his own hook and actually got her consent to a marriage on the arrival of the train at Portland. The boys howled considerably about it, claiming that he had treated them unfairly, in having first choice, but there was a lot of fine, marriageable material left. Some of those women are today the leading ladies of the society of the state. More than three-fourths of the hundred were married inside of three years, and many in less than one year. A few of the lot, however, are teaching school there today, not that they have any offers, but because they would not accept any of the fellows who offered themselves. Now that Senator Mitchell has about given up his contest to return as senator, he will likely be succeeded by a gentleman who married one of the party of school teachers to which I refer. He will bring his wife here with him, and your Washington folks can see for themselves the kind of ladies we had out there for school teachers. They can't be surpassed even if equaled anywhere. I may be an interested person, though, for it happens that my wife was one of the party."—Washington Evening Star.

Uncle John Weaver, of Sumner, a pioneer and highly respected citizen, came over last week and spent several days with G. F. Boubell.

TO SAVE THE ASSOCIATION. Railroad Lawyers Will Try to Devise a Plan and Evade the Court's Late Decision.

New York, March 30.—Leading railroad lawyers of New York and Philadelphia will confer today at the office of James C. Carter to see what