

UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

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

Sunday was another of those fine days that can be found in no other land. Oregon is ahead and Coos county is the garden-spot of the world.

We'll say we are sorry, but goodness knows we can't reach 'em. J. J. Baker and Len Braden returned from their Salem tour last Sunday and report a hard trip.

Arrived in this city, at the home of S. E. Johnson, February 16, 1899, a fashionable young lady who Sam says is all push and can entertain admirably, and will doubtless be a good saleslady, as she disposed of more cigars in one day than he had sold in a month.

On last Sunday we noticed a number of children promenading on the top-rail of the fence around the public square. This is dangerous amusement and should be prohibited.

George W. Pembroke returned from the mines on Johnson and Salmon creeks last Sunday. He reports fine prospects, with life and activity among the miners.

The band treated the town to some fine music from the band-stand, on the public square, Sunday. Thus a good band can have their presence appreciated by showing a good spirit, which we believe our band will always do.

J. C. Brown, who served our town long and faithfully as marshal, has accepted a position with E. G. Flanagan, of Marshfield, and is now out rustling fat beef for the latter's market.

J. T. Dunlap, who has been running on the schooner Mizpah, was in town Friday and Saturday of last week. He reports a very rough voyage on the first trip to the city, and says it was hard experience for a land-lubber.

A meeting of the stockholders of the schooner Mizpah was called to be held at Coquille City on the 21st. It is thought that she will be sent to Alaska in the spring.

La grippe, though still in our midst, is losing ground fast of late and will doubtless take its departure in the near future.

D. Giles (or rather the girls) have set out a fine lot of strawberry plants on his residence lots in town. We are watching their growth quite patiently, and promise to be on hand at picking time.

Mrs. F. P. Hermann, who has been at her husband's bedside during his late illness, returned to Bandon last week.

It was thought for a while on last Sunday evening that the Filipinos had exchanged their bows and arrows for old tin-pans, cow-bells, horse-fiddles, etc., and come to take Garden Grange. However, the excitement soon died away when it was learned to be only a few boys and girls serenading the newly married couple.

The newly-elected city officers now hold sway and everything is serene.

Well, well, who ever heard of the like, and still a-coming!

GREATEST BATTLE OF THE SESSION.

Passage of the Daily Text-Book Bill Places the Book Trust in Fair Competition With Other Sellers of Books.

Salem, Feb. 16.—(Special correspondence of The Telegram.)—There is little question that the greatest battle of the session has been between the friends of the Daly text-book bill and the American Book Company, and the dramatic scenes enacted in the house yesterday as the struggle between principle and the best interests of the public schools on the one hand, and a book trust that has been charged, either rightfully or wrongfully, with levying tribute upon the schools on the other.

This battle, according to the allegations of those who have been in the thickest of the fight in opposition to the continuance of the book trust influence, has been predicted both upon the excessive prices charged for the school books and the poor quality of the books themselves. Now that the back of this hydra-headed octopus has been broken, a more successful future for the educational work of the state is predicted.

The American Book Company, against which so much has been said, is still in the ring, but only in competition with other publishing houses. It is now a free-for-all fight for preference and the books that may in the future be adopted will have to win on their merits.

There is no denying the fact that the American Book Company has done its utmost to defeat the Daly bill, and this fact perhaps, coupled with its cheap and useless lobby, has operated in the success of the bill. The paid agents of the book company have had little influence on the members of the house and the bill might perhaps have been much more easily defeated had they kept out of the fight.

Had this fight culminated earlier in the session sensational developments no doubt would have followed the charges of bribery and corruption yesterday made by Flagg and others upon the floor of the house. Representative Fordney claims he has always been opposed to the Daly bill, but Editor Hofer, of the Capital Journal, contends otherwise.

Incident Over the Text-Book Bill.

Salem, Feb. 15.—The Daly school text-book bill caused a fiery debate in the house this forenoon. The bill had previously been defeated but was up for consideration. Curtis, Whalley and Hawson made hot speeches against the bill, and Stewart, Stillman and Moody supported it.

Whalley declared that Editor Hofer, of the Salem Journal, had tried to intimidate members to vote for the bill, and Hofer, who was present, retorted by calling Whalley a liar. The house thereupon passed a resolution censuring Hofer. Flagg and Hawson waxed wrathful and made charges and counter charges. During the progress of the debate it was ascertained without being denied that money had been used to defeat the bill. The house did not adjourn until 12:40, having finally passed the bill 33 to 26, 1 absent.

The measure now only awaits the governor's signature to become a law. It provides for a commission of five, appointed by the governor, to select public school text books.

DANGER IN CALCIUM CARBIDE.

Rules Governing Its Sale in New York. Liquefied Acetylene Gas Prohibited.

Superintendent Murray of the Bureau of Combustibles has made regulations governing the transportation, storage and sale of calcium carbide, which the firemen declare to be a source of danger in a burning building, because when water reaches it acetylene gas is given off. A number of stores keep it for use in bicycle lamps. Hereafter, in transit or on storage, it must be enclosed in hermetically sealed iron receptacles marked "Dangerous if not kept dry."

No package may contain more than 100 pounds. It must be stored in isolated buildings that are fireproof and waterproof. No artificial light or heat will be permitted in the building where it is stored. Not more than twenty pounds, in bulk or in cartridges, may be kept in any store or factory, and this must be in a fireproof safe or vault above the street grade and it must be kept six inches above the floor.

The manufacture, transportation, storage, sale or use of liquefied acetylene is absolutely prohibited within the limits of this city.—N. Y. Sun.

Swiss Government Purchase of Railroads.

The election to settle the long and bitterly discussed question of the purchase of the five main railroad lines of Switzerland by the government was held Sunday, Feb. 20, 1898, and by 8:30 o'clock in the evening the general result was known in every town and city in the republic. The news was given to the people by the government absolutely free of charge, which demonstrates the fact that Switzerland has one of the finest telephone systems in the world. It is owned by the government and operated in the interest of all the people.

The total number of votes cast was 560,892; each citizen above the age of 21 having the right of suffrage. Of this number of votes 384,382 were in favor of, 175,511 against the purchase, making a majority in favor of government ownership of 207,871. The roads to be purchased are as follows: Jura Simplon, Swiss Northeast, Swiss Central, United Swiss and Gotthard. On the 6th of December, 1891, the question of the Swiss Central Railroad was voted upon and the vote cast was 420,500. The number in favor of the purchase was 130,500 and the number opposed was 290,000; the majority against the purchase being 159,500. Thus it will be seen that there has been since 1891 a great change in the minds of the people of Switzerland concerning the government ownership of railroads, and this change has been brought about by a thorough discussion of the subject in the press and on the platform. Never before in the history of the republic has such a bitter contest been waged, and never before has the government received such a large majority.

The amounts estimated as being the cost of construction and equipment of the five main lines are as follows: Jura Simplon, \$54,494,000; Swiss Northeast, \$44,250,000; Swiss Central, \$28,200,000; United Swiss, \$15,255,000; Gotthard, \$48,794,000; total, \$190,998,000. The total length is 1700 miles, and the amount that the government will have to pay for these roads is estimated at about \$200,000,000. The total receipts in 1897 were \$20,722,600. An average of 5 per cent dividends has been declared during the past five years. The number of persons employed is about 25,000. The result of the election is being celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the country.

The fares are about one cent a mile.

A pass good for every day in the year for one year costs \$18.

JAMES T. DEBOIS, Consul-General. St. Gall, Feb. 31, 1898.

Mormons in Session at Baker City.

Baker City, Or., Feb. 14.—On Sunday in the South Baker meeting-house of the church of Latter-Day Saints, there were held day and evening sessions of the conference of the Oregon Mormon mission. The convention, which was brightened by the high-class music for which the Saints are famed, was attended by the 10 elders who are laboring in various parts of this state, several prominent church officers from Salt Lake City, Montana and Idaho, besides a large number of the 275 Mormon residents of Baker City and vicinity; also not a few Gentiles. Among Baker City's leading Mormons are: David Eccles, C. W. Nibley and Joseph Barton, who, together, hold controlling interests in the Oregon Lumber Company's mills, in this city, the Sumner Valley railroad, and the \$500,000 beet sugar factory at La Grande.

General Gomez Nearing Havana.

New York, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says: General Gomez, it is now stated, will reach Havana Wednesday or Thursday. His reception in the country is discouraging his opponents, who anticipate the acceptance of \$3,000,000 from the United States.

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Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. R. S. Knowlton.

At Amity, Feb. 14th, Charles Clancy sold three horses to a Washington buyer for \$480.

Several others have been disposed of for good figures.

Change of Climate Breaks Down the Health of an Oregon Man.

What a Few Bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla Did for Him.

Our home is in Clark county, Washington. My little boy was taken with asthma when only two years old, and grew worse until he was five, when the physician advised us to take him to a dry climate. I resolved to go to the great wheat fields of Eastern Oregon and work in harvest, but I soon found my own health was falling. I could neither eat nor drink without getting sick. I was blind and dizzy. I procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it, and in a few weeks I was well and able to work every day. My little boy is now taking Hood's Sarsaparilla with good results." D. PATTER, Wascow, Oregon.

Hood's Pills do not purge, pain or gripe. Druggists. 25c.

Late Literary News.

The question of handling the wires and gas, water and drainage pipes in great cities, and even in towns, is becoming with each year one of greater importance. A prize was offered to the engineers of the United States by the Cosmopolitan magazine for the ablest article suggesting a scientific, economical solution of this problem. The paper of Henry F. Bryant has been selected by the committee as the one most ably meeting the conditions. It appears in the February Cosmopolitan.

"Some Plays and Their Actors.—Without Prejudice," is a new department in the Cosmopolitan. The names of the contributors are not given, but in the staff are embraced the majority of the leading critics of the country, including David Belasco.

It is interesting to note that in these days of competition in the magazine field the editions of the Cosmopolitan have gone from three hundred thousand in February, 1898, to three hundred and fifty thousand in February of this year.

Treasurer's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that all county warrants endorsed prior to May 10, 1892, will be paid on presentation at my office in Coquille City, Coos county, Oregon. No interest will be allowed after December 25, 1898. This 17th day of December, 1898. W. W. HAYLER, Treasurer.

Why pay rent always, when you can buy a place of your own, part on time, and pay rent to yourself.

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Notice.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ARAGO Creamery Company are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the stockholders held at the Arago Creamery, at Arago, Coos county, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Among other business which may be considered, the meeting is called especially to consider and accept propositions to sell or lease the Arago Creamery plant. By order of the directors. W. L. HAYLER, President. Attention: J. Henry Schroeder, Secretary. (Feb. 14)

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned was, on the 1st day of July, 1898, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Charles Harner, deceased, and that I have qualified as such administrator and entered upon my duties. All persons having claims against the said estate, are hereby required to present the same, properly verified, to me, at the law office of Albert E. Seaman, in Empire City, Coos county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 27th day of December, 1898. WILLIAM TURPIN, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Harner, deceased. [Jan 25]

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