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DOING HIS UTMOST.

Postmaster Johnson, of This City is Hopeful of Having Many People Accommodated.

When the "old cat died" at Bellfountain last Wednesday night many people experienced a feeling of desolation, to put it strongly, for they felt that henceforth they would be compelled to secure their mail by whatever means they could. From present indications, things are not so bad as they might be.

B. W. Johnson, our postmaster, is ever alive to the needs of the people and is quick to grasp hold of any proposition whereby patrons of the postal department are to be accommodated. Immediately on receiving information that the postoffice at Bellfountain was to be discontinued he formulated a plan which bids fair to give better service to the people of the section of country above referred to than anything they have yet enjoyed.

During January Mr. Johnson began a correspondence with Postal Department at Washington, D. C., relative to his plan, which he has submitted to the authorities. Much correspondence ensued. Mr. Johnson encountered a ruling of the department to the effect that before a route can be established, or even investigated, there must be presented a petition signed by the heads of at least 100 families residing along the proposed route. There are not 100 families and, furthermore, a petition would be slow. Six or eight months would be consumed before action could be had on a petition, and then only an investigation or inspection be ordered. Our postmaster is "strenuous" and wanted action at once, so he enlisted the aid of Senator Fulton. In one of his letters to the authorities at Washington, Mr. Johnson says:

"By the establishment of a rural route from Corvallis to Bruce; thence west, two and a half miles; thence back to Corvallis by the way of Inavale, a distance of 27 or 28 miles, there can be effected a saving to the department, as it will save the cost of maintenance of Star Route service between Corvallis and Bellfountain."

Continuing the matter, Mr. Johnson further says: "My reason for asking that this matter be hurried up is that service may be established at the earliest possible date, and thus avoid inconvenience to the patrons who will be without service after the discontinuance of the Bellfountain postoffice."

To offset the matter of shortage of families along the proposed route, Mr. Johnson has drawn the attention of the authorities to the fact that this is one of the finest and wealthiest sections of the Willamette Valley, that the farms are all of unusual size, but that their possessors have already become used to a daily mail service and, in consequence, are subscribing for a large quantity of mail.

Through the assistance of Senator Fulton and the persistency of his own efforts Mr. Johnson now has official assurance of an investigation of this route at an early date. All this despite the fact that there are not the regulation 100 families along the proposed route, nor has any petition been presented. We will await developments and hope for the best. If this route is established residents between Bellfountain and Inavale will again enjoy a daily service.

Oregonians in the Cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Robinson, who left Corvallis, last fall, have been visiting through various parts of the East, and are now in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The snow there is about two feet deep and the weather is very cold. They enjoyed (?) a sleigh ride

one morning when the thermometer was 26 below zero, but it was too much for the Webfooters, as Mrs. Robinson returned with her face and one foot frozen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will start for California in about a week and expect to reach Corvallis about the first of April.

The following was written by Mr. Robinson from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for publication in the GAZETTE.

Thinking that a few items from a strange source might be acceptable to the readers of your paper, I will just offer a few notes from this part of the universe. I suppose the weather in Oregon is somewhat milder than in this state. Oregonians would probably think that a temperature of from 10 above zero to 26 below was unnecessarily cool, yet that has been the prevailing fashion here in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. The people here just accept the conditions as inevitable. A good many it is true, soar away, at least in their minds, to where conditions are more favorable and imagine how nice it would be to get away from cold and ice. A great many tell me, "Oh, yes, we are coming out next summer." One man who is superintendent of the street car company has already given notice that he will resign his place rather than miss going to Portland.

Times are good; everybody seems to be prosperous. This is a corn country. Corn and hogs are the principal crops on which the farmers depend for money. The farm buildings do not measure up to those of the dairy districts. One district in Southern Wisconsin (Green), shows more material advancement than any I have noticed in all my travels. It is so marked that anyone would easily see it in passing through. Nice buildings and big shocks of corn are the visible results of their mode of farming. They have 35,000 cows and their exports of cheese amounts to seven millions of dollars annually.

The land has been brought up to such high a state of cultivation that it yields large crops of highly nutritious pasture. I walked over some of that land and saw the condition it was in for fertility, and thought what would Oregon be with its delightful climate, if we would learn from these people the methods that have made them successful.

A Comparison.

Extracts from an editorial written by M. D. Gage, of San Jose, for the San Jose Mercury, April 13, 1904. He says in part:

In no two representatives of modern occultism has there been such unity in diversity as in Miss Marguerite Foy and Miss Anna Eva Fay. For the two distinct types of sensitive, nervous organizations, represented by them are peculiarly distinguished by the nervous temperaments which characterize the hypnotist and the clairvoyant individual. Miss Foy has dark hair and eyes, and a vigorous, or positively magnetic personality while Miss Fay's hair and complexion are light and her physical organism is less vigorous and therefore negatively magnetic to her "control" and her audience.

Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. Kings New Discovery for consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, though stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing disease, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it on all Dr. Kings or Bucklen's remedies as all others are mere imitations. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, Ill. and Windsor, Canada. For sale by Allen & Woodward.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

SENATOR AVERY EXPLAINS.

The Jayne Bill Discussed by Our Senator—Plainly Stated, as You Will See.

EDITOR GAZETTE:

The Jayne Bill has attracted so much attention here lately the contents of which are so little known I will refer to one or two provisions in this bill, also to Section 3 of the present local option law, in order that your readers may see how the law applies to Corvallis and what effect the Jayne Bill would have on Corvallis, provided it became the law.

Section 3 of the present local option law reads as follows:

"If under the provisions of this act, an election shall be demanded wholly, or in part in any incorporated city or town, or in any ward or precinct thereon, to be held at the time of a city or town election, occurring in a year in which there is no general election, then the county clerk shall notify the proper authority of such city or town that such election has been demanded, in order that such city or town authority may cause the official ballots to be prepared, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and the city auditor, or clerk or recorder, as the case may be shall make return to the county clerk of the votes for or against prohibition in the several precincts of said city or town, and thereafter said matter shall proceed, in the case of a general election."

I think it will be readily seen that under this law which is now in force, the saloon interests can demand an election at our regular city election occurring in May not only as to the whole of the city, but can demand an election in one ward or precinct if they see fit. This would enable them to concentrate their force on one ward and would no doubt carry it in spite of all opposition.

Now, in the so much dreaded Jayne Bill as it passed the House will be found that Section 1 started off as follows:

"Whenever a petition therefor, signed by not less than 30 per cent of the legal voters of any precinct of any county in this state shall be filed with the county clerk of such county, such precinct shall be wholly within or wholly without an incorporated city or town." As we have no such precincts in the city of Corvallis, all extend outside of the city limits, and as these precincts cannot be changed under one law before November 1906, and not then unless the county court deems it advisable. I think it will be plain that if the Jayne Bill had become a law, it would not have been possible for the saloon interests in Corvallis to have even demanded a vote on this question before June 1908. As nearly all the towns in this state went wet at last election, the Jayne Bill was evidently prepared for the protection of these wet towns, but in doing so, the framers of this bill lost sight of the effect it would have in the few towns like Corvallis that went dry. Some of the saloon men in Corvallis "caught on" to the effect this bill would have on Corvallis and during the last few days of the session I received not only requests from temperate people, but a few very urgent letters from saloon men in Corvallis requesting me to vote against the Jayne Bill.

The amendments to the Jayne Bill, known as the Coe amendments, were incorporated in the report of the senate judiciary committee which provided for a petition of not less than 25 per cent of the legal voters, a town like Corvallis could vote only as a whole (not by wards or precincts) and further provided that the election should not be held before the first Monday in June 1908, and only biennially thereafter. I favored and voted for these amendments which would have passed the senate had they come in a little earlier so the senators could have had more time to examine them.

A majority of the senators including myself were in favor of passing some measures that could not be justly charged with unfairness by either side, that after being submitted to the people and

a vote taken, the question would be settled for a few years at least, we hoped to eliminate what we considered the most objectionable and dangerous feature of the present law, allowing only ten percent of the voters on either side to force an election upon the people every year on this question.

P. AVERY.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK GROVE.

Thos. Jones and family were visiting at the home of James Johnston, Sunday.

Mr. Chambers, of Kings Valley, was doing business in Albany, Monday.

Mrs. Frank Holman is on the sick list, as well as many others in this neighborhood.

Will Morris is now the owner of a matched driving team. He got them from Mr. Sox, of Albany.

Oak Grove School has been discontinued this week on account of the teacher's illness.

Mrs. Rock returned home, Friday, from Drain, Oregon, where she went a few weeks ago to visit with her son, Wesley, who came out from Missouri last fall.

Ex-Sheriff Huston was here, Monday, buying horses.

John Benson has sold his 40-acre farm to Mr. Armstrong, of Albany. The price paid was \$40 per acre. Mr. Benson will go to Portland to reside.

Albert Small left for Portland, Monday, taking with him his little boy, who is about three years old, for medical treatment.

Henry Cauthorn and wife, of Independence, were visitors at the Williamson home, Sunday.

Sheriff White and deputy passed through this part of the county, Friday, on their way to Wells Station.

D. N. Williamson and son, Charles, of Albany, came out Friday and spent the day with relatives.

John Benson returned from Salem, Tuesday, where he had been to attend the funeral of his daughter, who died at the asylum, Sunday.

BELLFOUNTAIN.

Miss Inez Williams, Golda Howard and Bertha Coon returned to OAC today, after a visit of some days at their respective homes.

Mr. Boyd, the blacksmith, and family, recently moved to Linn Co., near Shedd Station, where they intend to reside.

Miss Palmer has been taking the place of Miss Reader, teacher of the primary grades of the Bellfountain school, while she attended the teachers' examination last week.

Mrs. S. C. Starr returned home last Wednesday from Halsey, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Mauck.

Mr. Waltz has been quite ill since Sunday, with neuralgia.

Mr. Wheeler and family, who moved to this vicinity last spring from Nebraska, intend starting to Idaho today, as it seems they were not satisfied here. We regret their departure, for they are well thought of, and a help to any community.

The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Howard, who has been quite sick with typhoid fever, seems to be gradually improving, and will, no doubt, with proper care, entirely recover.

The people of the neighborhood in general are suffering from severe and light attacks of la grippe, but hope to recover soon.

This vicinity has not missed its share of the cold weather that is visiting other communities. Some think the grain is injured, while others have been too busy trying to keep themselves warm to think of grain at all. If this cold snap ends in a rain, however, it may not seriously affect the grain or grass.

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week of the current news of

Benton County.

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All the local news all of the

time, with a large amount of

miscellaneous matter.

Notions for February.

GAZETTE—Bell phone No 341.

Umbrella work at J. K. Berry's.

Olives in bulk at P. M. Zierolf's.

GAZETTE—Independent phone No 438.

All work guaranteed at J. K. Berry's.

Umbrellas recovered and repaired at J. K. Berry's.

Get your ribs fixed at J. K. Berry's.

Do not fail to see P. M. Zierolf's line of holiday china.

Get your school books and school supplies at Graham & Wells.

Lewis and Clark souvenir plates at P. M. Zierolf's.

Silk and woolen goods a specialty at Corvallis Steam Laundry.

OAC souvenir dishes at P. M. Zierolf's.

Send your lace curtains to Corvallis Steam Laundry.

Patronize home industry—Corvallis Steam Laundry.

Standard A cedar shingles for \$1.50 per thousand at the Corvallis Saw Mill. 10 ft.

Second grade fir lumber, almost any dimension, for only \$6.50 per thousand feet, at Corvallis Saw Mill. 10 ft.

Are you going with the crowd? The time of your life—the event of the season—W. O. W., Albany, Feb. 25. 11-15*

Thirteen hundred shares Great Eastern Mining company stock for sale at 10 cents per share. Address Box 62, Corvallis, Oregon. 11-15

A Menace to Health.

Kidney trouble is an insidious danger and many people are of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized. Foley's Kidney cure corrects irregularities and strengthens and builds up the kidneys, and it should be taken at the first indication of kidney trouble, as it is impossible to have good health if the kidneys are deranged. For sale by Graham & Wortham.

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to know who is doing one of the largest businesses in town, just take a peep at our store and see what WE are doing. There are whys and wherefores to everything. The people trade with us, first, because they like our way of doing business; second, because they admire our broad, liberal policy; and third, because they know we keep everything in the House-furnishing line—and at prices within reach of everyone.

Our new spring stock of Go-carts will arrive about Feb. 13th. To make room for them, we will sell those on hand at greatly reduced prices. Easy payments—ask for terms.

"1900," "Ocean Wave," and "Western" washers always on hand.

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