

An Interesting Letter From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1889. EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:

The Capitol during the interim is the loneliest place in town. It is given over to watchmen, guides and stray tourists. In the rotunda there are perhaps a half a dozen tourists, listening with twisted necks to the narratives of the guides who, now that Congress has adjourned and they cannot point notable people at the rate of 50 cents an hour, have greatly lengthened their descriptions of the frescoes and paintings in the dome.

Aunt Clara, who is said to have had a romance with Henry Clay, and who has for years sold more or less inoffensive pies and cakes from a stand near the rotunda, is still there, "I must terra soon go to de poor house if tesse tull days keep on," she complains, and the oldest guide in the building, who has seen her weekly coming out of a certain bank, for twenty years, utters a sort of defiant challenge to her plaint.

At the door of the House of Representatives the penman sits at his table, ready to write you cards at the rate of 75 cents per pack, but jobs are few and the writer has read twenty-one of Zola's novels since the Senate adjourned. Here and there a solitary clerk goes fast asleep in the library, or wakes up disgusted with living at any price. The watchmen oppressed by the silence over the three acres of marble, solemnly gather by twos and "refresh themselves," as Charles Dickens says, at the immense spittoons.

The President has been regularly installed in his office a little over six weeks, and with the exception of a day's ride down the Potomac, has had no respite from official duties. It is expected that he will take a long vacation as early as possible this year. The New York Times has just published a bitter attack upon General Harrison, based upon the fact that he took his run down the river on a government vessel. One would think the Times had discovered proof of the corruption of the administration. The vessels of the Navy stationed here have always been at the disposal of the President for such trips. Mr. Cleveland very properly availed himself of their use on several occasions, once for four days, and yet to the jaunted mind of the Times what was all right then is all wrong now.

Joe Riskey, of Missouri, who lost \$35,000 on last November's election, was in town last week. In an interview he said: "Outside the state of New York Democrats would like to see Grover Cleveland nominated in '92. But he is handicapped in his own state. The party machine is against him and will never permit his candidacy. That removes him forever. Yet New York will again name the man. The west has no candidates; no man available who is sufficiently prominent. Carlisle and Morrison cannot be considered, as free trade would be the dangerous cry against either. We dare not, while the echoes of war still linger, go south for a standard bearer. Sam Randall is out of the race on account of his tariff ideas. Governor Hill's term of office will expire before the convention meets, and his successor will be in the chair. So far as can be predicted he will leave the position a poor man. As he is poor, his hold will give out when he loses the position which gives him the distribution of vast patronage. In other words the liveliest present supporters of Hill are a class of patriots who are not in politics for their health. The political prince of to-day is the pauper of tomorrow, and, once out of the governor's chair, Hill becomes unavailable."

"All this," continues the sage Riskey, "points to the selection of William C. Whitney as the next Presidential Democratic candidate. Who was the most energetic, intelligent and logical member of Cleveland's cabinet? Not Bayard, or Fairchild, or Endicott, or Garland, or Dickinson, or Vilas oh no. Whitney's administration was pure and his popularity with everyone with whom he came in contact was lasting. Of course the question of wealth is an important one, when the expensive style of American politics is considered. Mr. Whitney is not an enormously wealthy man, but his bachelor brother-in-law is worth about \$25,000,000. He testified to his devotion to his sister by giving her a home in New York worth \$600,000 and adding \$2,000,000 as a sinking fund. How much would he give to see his sister installed as mistress of the White House? Don't you remember how she loved her Washington society triumphs? In New York city she was only one of 400 society leaders. In Washington she had only to share the leadership with Mrs. Cleveland. Every muscle and nerve is being strained by a vast combination to secure Whitney's candidacy, premature as it may seem."

J. H. C.

It has been suggested by a newspaper writer that there was a similarity in the professions of editor and lawyer; and the proposition has been urged, in extenuation of the offence of accepting a subsidy by a newspaper man, that there was no more impropriety in it than for a lawyer to accept a fee for defending a criminal. Referring to an exchange very truthfully says: It is the gravest of errors to suppose that the lawyer and editor sustain the same relation to the public, and it would result in hopeless prostitution of the press if the supposition should generally prevail. There is absolutely no profession that differs so widely from the editor's in his relation to the public as that of the lawyer. Compare their clientele. The client of the lawyer is always an individual or a corporation. The client of the editor is the public welfare. The lawyer is at best a special pleader. His profession is not even ostensibly to support the cause of justice. He is as likely to be called to support the wrong side of a case as he is to be retained on the right side. To-day he defends the vilest criminal, and tomorrow he pleads the case of a wronged individual. Whether obstructing justice with technicalities, or appealing to it for redress for an injured party, he is equally bound to exert his best professional energy for his client. His services are for sale, and if by the effort of his genius he can cheat the prison of a thief and a murderer he is just as much bound to do it, provided he is retained by the criminal, as he is to secure reparation for injury committed.

How different from all this is the mission of the editor. His client is society. His publication is the reflector of the best collective moral sentiment of the whole people. He is not in a strict sense the moulder of public opinion. It is rather his duty to crystallize and give voice to the prevailing sentiment, and to harmonize the better elements of society, to the end that they may work amicably together for the common good.

There is no ground too high for the editor to take. It is impossible for him to overestimate the dignity and importance of his responsibility if in considering it he will only lose sight of the man and his wants, and reflect on the community and its needs. He literally is a servant of the community in which his lot is cast, and yet he can make his services of such a high order that he becomes also a leader.

The following beautiful lines, illustrating the relation of woman to man, serve with equal force to illustrate our idea of the editor's relation to the people.

"As unto the bow the cord is,  
So unto man is woman;  
Though she leads him, she obeys him;  
Though she leads him, she follows him;  
Useless each without the other."

The newspaper is a necessity to a civilized community; yet it could not exist in any other. In one sense it is a public leader; yet it does not faithfully reflect the prevailing sentiment it becomes unpopular and dies. It befriends yet it obeys. It leads yet it follows. Neither civilization nor the press can exist without the other.

It is the editor's mission to catch the highest and best sentiment of the people, and reflect it as the rays of the sun are reflected from a mirror. It is his duty to consider himself largely responsible for the moral tone of the community wherein his influence is felt. The law of the country guarantee him absolute freedom, and in return for this he owes it to his country that his influence, thus made powerful, be cast on the side of the moral and material prosperity of the people. A republic could not exist without a free press, nor could it exist and prosper with a venal press. Just ahead of a nation's progress from despotism to democracy marches the press, whose freedom is the death of monarchy.

Journalism is the noblest the greatest profession on earth, if its devotees rightly interpret their mission. Its prostitution is a crime. A newspaper does not belong to its proprietor alone. It belongs to the people. Legally it is his. Morally it is the property of his clients. The man who manufactures a faulty article of commerce simply hurts his own reputation. The article will be rejected and that is the end of it. The editor who sacrifices the moral quality of his paper, who prints an article that has the poison of vice in its sentiment, or treats flippantly of the better things of life, does an incalculable injury, whose influence may be felt for years to come.

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Summons.

In the Circuit court of the State of Oregon, for Union county.  
The Board of Commissioners for the sale of School and University Lands, and for the investment of the funds arising therefrom, of the State of Oregon, Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
S. A. Mahaffey, Martha E. Mahaffey and John S. Bay, Defendants.  
To JOHN S. BAY, THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:  
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit, on or before the 23d day of September, A. D. 1889, the same being the first day of a regular term of the above entitled court, commencing next after the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to answer, or fail to answer, the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: For a decree foreclosing a certain mortgage given by the defendant S. A. Mahaffey to the State of Oregon, covering the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 7, Tp. 3 S, R. 41 E, W. M., in Union county, State of Oregon, given to secure two certain promissory notes given by said S. A. Mahaffey to the said State of Oregon for the sum of \$33.33 each, and interest thereon from April 22nd, A. D. 1878 at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and for a sale of said premises, to satisfy the sums due on said notes, and costs and disbursements of this suit, said notes and mortgage being now owned by the plaintiffs herein, and to also ascertain and determine your interest and rights in said premises, as judgment creditor of the defendant S. A. Mahaffey, and that you may be forever barred of all right, title and interest in or to said premises and every part thereof, and for general relief.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. James A. Fee, judge of the above entitled circuit court, made at chambers and dated April 9th A. D. 1889.  
JOHN R. CRITES,  
Attorney for Plaintiffs.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

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C. J. DUFFEY,  
By J. DUFFEY, Agent.

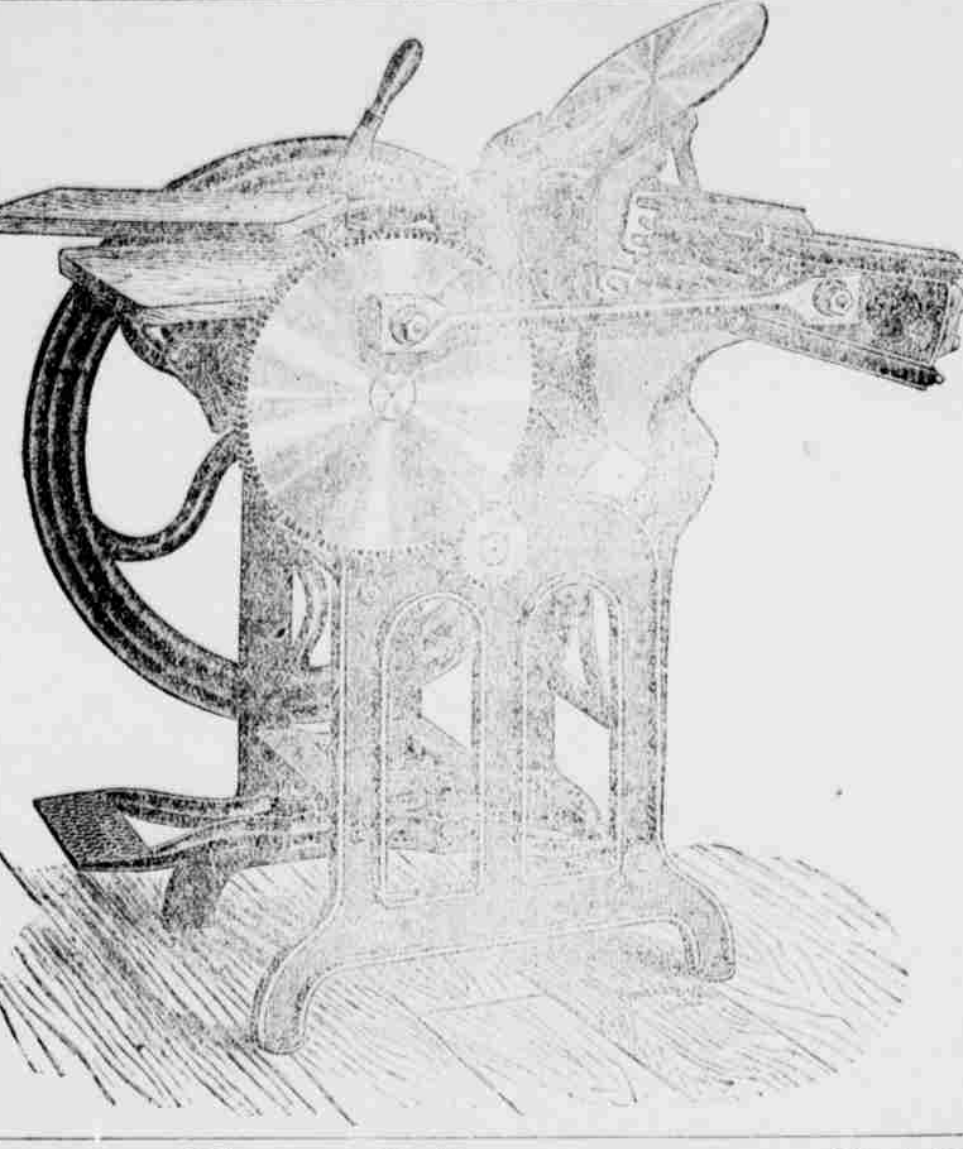
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Dated at Union, Oregon, April 8, 1889.  
SINDRILLA SHOEMAKER,  
4-11-w5 Executrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the estate of John Carr, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same duly verified according to law, to the undersigned, administrator of the late will and testament of said John Carr, within six months from the date hereof, at his residence near Island City, Union county, Oregon.  
Dated this 20th day of March, 1889.  
J. J. GRIMMETT,  
3-21 Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
April 26, 1889.  
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 register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on June 7, 1889, viz:  
WILLIAM H. BOWMAN.  
Hd. No. 3771, for the NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 34 and SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 35, Tp. 7 R. 41 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
W. D. Emele, G. W. Wright, Wm. Miles and F. M. Dean, all of Medical Springs, Or.  
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.  
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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
March 23, 1889.  
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 register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on May 13, 1889, viz:  
WILLIAM MERRAY,  
D. S. No. 7391, for the NE 1/4, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4, and SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 1, Tp. 4 S, R. 41 E, and

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
L. A. Robertson, A. Cockrell, Wade Shelton and John Miquaney, all of Union, Oregon.  
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.  
HENRY RISEHART,  
3-28 Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
April 12, 1889.  
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 register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on June 4, 1889, viz:  
ELMER PHILLIPS,  
D. S. No. 7672, for the SE 1/4, NE 1/4, and NW 1/4, NE 1/4, and NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 19, Tp. 6 S, R. 41 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
T. H. Foster, Shannon Marshall, John Reeves and J. N. Mitchell, all of Telocast, Oregon.  
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.  
HENRY RISEHART,  
4-18-w6 Register.

Summons.

In the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for Union county.  
Thomas B. Hart, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Sarah E. Hart, Defendant.  
To SARAH E. HART, THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:  
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit and court, on or before the first day of the next regular term of the above entitled court, to-wit: On the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1889; and if you fail so to answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, which is for a dissolution of the marriage contract now existing between you and the plaintiff and for general relief. And you will take notice that this summons is published by order of the Hon. James A. Fee, judge of said above circuit court, made and dated at chambers on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1889.  
JOHN R. CRITES,  
4-25-w7 Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
April 10, 1889.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on May 28, 1889, viz:  
BRANDRUS W. BATES,  
Hd. No. 2863, for the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 6 and NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 7, Tp. 4 S, R. 41 E, and,  
JOHN R. CLINE,  
Hd. No. 2899, for the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 12, NE 1/4, Sec. 13, Tp. 4 S, R. 40 E, and W 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 7, Tp. 4 S, R. 41 E, W. M., and  
JOHN BATES,  
Hd. No. 2905, for the SW 1/4, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4, and NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 7, Tp. 4 S, R. 41 E, W. M.

They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Andy Wilkinson, Alfred Munkie, R. V. Davis and William Wilkinson, all of High Valley, Union county, Oregon.  
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.  
HENRY RISEHART,  
4-18-w6 Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
March 21, 1889.  
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 register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on May 3, 1889, viz:  
FREDERICK SIMONS,  
D. S. No. 8305, for the W 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 27, Tp. 9 S, R. 45 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Charles M. Waterbury, Leander J. Ferguson, Lewis F. Jennings and Joseph Evans, all of New Bridge, Union county, Ore.  
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.  
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