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Do not purge, pain or grip. All druggists, 25c.

A GOOD CLUBBING LIST.

Now that the great political campaign is over and the winter season again with us, all will want an adequate supply of fresh and varied reading matter for the long evenings. Cognizant of this the Gazette has made clubbing arrangements with a number of periodicals and now offers the following to all new and renewal subscribers:

The GAZETTE \$2.50 and	Club Rate
Weekly Oregonian, \$1.50	\$3.50
" S. F. Examiner, \$1.50	3.75
" N. Y. Tribune, \$1.00	3.00
" Inter-Ocean, \$1.00	3.25
" S. F. Chronicle, \$1.50	3.75
Thrice-a-Week N. Y. World, \$1.00	3.25
Webfoot Planter, 50c	2.50
Leslie's Weekly, \$4.00	5.00

Here and There.

Grand concert. Heppner opera house. Saturday evening Jan. 30. Admission 25, 25 and 15c.

The Heppner Transfer Co., has wood for sale. 37-11.

Joe Gibson was up from Lexington yesterday.

Dr. B. F. Vaughan returned from Salem this morning.

Drink the celebrated J. H. Catter whiskey. On tap at Chris Borchers'.

Mrs. Sam Donaldson and daughter, of Fossil, are visiting relatives in this city.

The Redlight people will treat you right. Call on them when in town.

If you want the best of everything, go to the Orange Front, Joseph Biber, Prop.

The meetings conducted by Elder Miller at the Baptist church still continue.

Heppner's city election will be on hand soon. Trot out your candidates, if you have any.

Orin Branson, son of Mrs. B. F. Vaughan, who has been very sick for a week or more, is convalescing.

Mrs. Fry Wilson came over from Monument yesterday and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Bradley.

Joe Masterson was over from Monument the first of the week and took out a load of freight yesterday.

Lee Cantwell and wife returned from Portland on Wednesday morning. Lee is much improved in health.

The date for the grand benefit concert of the First Christian church has been changed to Saturday evening, Jan. 30.

Joe Hager and wife departed for Portland on Wednesday evening where Mrs. Hager goes to receive medical treatment.

Ben L. Leland, of Murphy & Leland, merchants at Monument, came in yesterday to look after some business matters.

This office acknowledges a pleasant call this afternoon from Mrs. Geo. Conser, and Mrs. P. B. McWhorter. Call again ladies.

Royal Diamond, Pan Fired Japan, uncolored. The best 25c tea ever sold in Heppner. P. C. Thompson Co., the leaders.

The Elks are expected to be in Heppner in full force on Wednesday next when the new lodge will be instituted at this place.

Remember the grand benefit concert comes off at the opera house on Saturday evening, Jan. 30. Tickets will be for sale at Conser & Brock's.

J. M. Fisher, a former resident of this county, but who is now engaged in sheep-raising over near Weiser, Idaho, arrived in Heppner yesterday morning.

Born—At Lexington, Or., on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1897, to the wife of Jerry Phillips, a son. Jerry is improving and his ultimate recovery is looked for.

Church services will be dismissed morning and evening in the M. E. church South, because of the inability of the pastor to conduct the services.

Rev. W. E. Putwin was over from Pendleton Tuesday and held services in the M. E. church in the evening, after which he returned home on the evening train.

W. J. Kirkland, of Independence, Or., was in Heppner over yesterday looking after business matters. This office acknowledges a pleasant call from the gentlemen.

Sheriff Matlock returned home on last Tuesday morning, but has not yet recovered from the effects of his surgical operation sufficiently to attend to his official duties.

Buckley's Astoria Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chills, Gores, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or hemorrhoids. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Conser & Brock.

James Stuart Freeman, a well known printer, and for a long time employed on the Oregonian, died at the home of his uncle, J. M. Freeman, January 12th, in Portland. Deceased was a member of Multnomah Typographical Union, No. 58. The funeral took place Thursday from 308 North Twenty-third street, says the Oregonian. Mr. Freeman, about ten years ago, worked for the East Oregonian and will be remembered by many people in Pendleton.—E. O. Mr. Freeman was in Heppner while during the past summer and spent some time in the mountains near this city in the hope that his health might be benefited.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we note the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Conser & Brock.

Hon. T. T. Geer, messenger of the Oregon electoral college to the president of the United States senate, left Saturday afternoon for Washington, D. C., carrying the result of the vote of Oregon's electors in his pocket, and he will personally deliver the package to Vice-President A. E. Stevenson. Mr. Geer will remain in Washington until Mr. Kinley and Hobart have been inaugurated into their high offices, returning to his home near Salem about the last of March.

For sale—About thirty tons of rye hay, located about two and one-half miles of Hardman. Also 400 acres of good range, fenced, to go with same. Plenty of outdoor government range near at hand. Shoter for 2,000 head of sheep or large band of cattle. Good house on place. Call on Gazette office for particulars. A rare chance to get hay cheap. All signs indicate a hard winter and delays are dangerous.

John R. Lash, who has been Pendleton's city recorder for the past six years, was arrested on Wednesday morning and is now held to answer to the charge of being a defaulter. He is said to be short in his accounts with the city over \$2,000 and the investigation has not ended yet. Mr. Lash has been a very popular officer and his present disgrace falls not lightly on his family and numerous friends.

Our old friend and former Morrow county boy, Frank H. Snow, has gone into the newspaper business again on his own account, having bought out the Petalumaian, a paper published at Petaluma, Calif. We wish Frank success in abundance, and know that if he really will make business for a newspaper, he will succeed.

Sapt. J. W. Shipley returned home from Portland on Wednesday morning. He left Mrs. Shipley in Portland under the physician's care, but reports that she is rapidly improving. While below Mr. Shipley attended the state teacher's meeting at Salem where he says he had a pleasant as well as profitable time.

Word received from Salem yesterday announced that Chas. Johnson was much improved. His fever had broken and he is now thought to be out of danger. Mr. Johnson has been sick at Salem for about five weeks and for a time it was feared he could not get well.

The new Christian church building is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for dedication the last Sunday of this month. Elder W. F. Cowden, of Tacoma, will have charge of the dedicatory ceremonies.

Owing to the special religious services which are being held nightly in this city, the W. C. T. U. have indefinitely postponed their public temperance meeting, announced to take place on the evening of January 25th.

Henry Vanderpool, accompanied by his brother and sister and her husband, arriving from Yamhill county Wednesday morning. Henry has been absent in the valley for some time visiting his relatives.

Now is the time to get the Weekly Oregonian, the greatest newspaper of the West. With the Gazette, both strictly in advance, one year, \$3.50. No better combination of newspapers can be made in the state.

A surprise party was given M. B. Galloway last evening at his photograph gallery, a large number of the young people coming in on him with a rush. They report having had a good time.

Walt Thompson runs stage between Heppner and Monument, arriving every day except Monday and leaving every day except Sunday. Shortest and cheapest route to the interior. Conser & Brock, agents.

Old Hatt and Charley Jones are associated together down at Charley's old place in the tonorial business. Call on them and get your whiskers pushed in.

Phillip Cohn, manager of Heppner's warehouse, will pay the highest market price for hives, furs, sheep pelts, etc. Bring your lots to him.

The Best Way to Cure Disease is to establish health. Pure, rich blood means good health. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier. It tones up the whole system, gives appetite and strength and cures weakness, nervousness and pain to disappear. No other medicine has such a record of wonderful cures as Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, prevent constipation.

Schilling's Best means: we have taken your money and spent it for

as well as we know how to.

Your grocer pays your money back if you don't like them.

Prepared by E. W. Rhea & Co.

THE HOUSE IS ORGANIZED.

Benson is Chosen Permanent Chairman and the Pops and Simonites are Downed.

Capitol, Salem, Jan. 20, 1897. Gazette.—House organized with majority. There is no doubt as to legality. No resistance offered. Crates, of Clatsop and Misener, of Crook, democrats, stand by organization. PATTERSON. The above telegram was received by the Gazette about 4:30 yesterday evening. Other advices from Salem were to the effect that Benson had been chosen permanent chairman and it is now expected that the house will proceed to the regular order of business without further hindrance from the obstructionists.

We also received this morning another dispatch which we give below: Salem, Jan. 22, 1897. Gazette.—Joe Simon, Barkley, Bourne, and eight other populists held a caucus in the senate chamber last night for the purpose of delaying organization. Simon is out with the populists and can't succeed. Senator Mitchell is growing in strength and has more votes than he needs. PATTERSON.

The following, taken from the Salem Statesman, constitute the grounds upon which the organization was effected:

A reporter of the Statesman called for Senator Mitchell last evening and inquired if he was willing to express an opinion as to the constitutional power of the house to organize and transact business with a less number present and qualified than two-thirds of the members elected to the house. He answered as follows:

"While it is perhaps a delicate thing for me to state an opinion, considering the position I hold as the nominee of the republicans for United States senator, I regard the question as one absolutely free from doubt, and as having been well settled by numerous legislative and judicial adjudications. I am clearly of the opinion that a majority of those elected to the house have a perfect right to organize the house permanently, and that such house, when so organized, provided there are present two-thirds of the number actually present and duly qualified, whether a majority or more than a majority, have a perfect right to transact any and all legislative business pertaining to the house of representatives. In order that I might be fortified in this opinion by the very highest authority in the United States on this subject, I yesterday wired Hon. Geo. F. Hoar, chairman of the judiciary committee of the United States senate, and I herewith hand you copies of my telegram to Senator Hoar, and of his answer to me. It will be seen Senator Hoar, confirms the view I have stated."

"Salem, Or., Jan. 19, 1897.

"Hon. G. F. Hoar, Chairman of Judiciary committee, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.:

"The constitution of the state of Oregon provides as follows:

"First: 'That senate shall consist of thirty, and house of representatives of sixty members.'

"Second: 'Two-thirds of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may meet adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members.'

"Query: Can the house organize permanently, a majority only being present, and such house elect a senator and lawfully do other legislative business provided two-thirds of such majority are present? Thirty-one republicans and four democrats, being all the democrats in the house, thirty-five in all, are now present in the house ready to organize; while nineteen populists, being all the populist members of the house, and six populist republicans refuse to come in and be sworn. While we believe the house has a perfect right to permanently organize provided thirty-two or more members are present, and that two-thirds of such members will constitute a quorum to enable the house not only to elect a senator, but transact any and all legislative business, yet in order to avoid any possible fiction, the majority have been patiently waiting in the hope of securing the presence of two-thirds of all the members elected to the house before organizing.

"Any suggestion or advice you are willing to give for use here will be greatly appreciated. J. H. MITCHELL.

"Washington, D. C., Jan. 19, 1897.

"Hon. John H. Mitchell, Salem, Oregon:

"I think two-thirds of number actually qualified make a good constitutional quorum. If only thirty-five qualify they may organize and lawfully do business. Some question and principle aside in national house and senate time of the rebellion."

"Geo. F. Hoar"

"In addition to what I have just said, I may state that I am this evening in receipt of a second dispatch from Senator Hoar, and from which it seems those who are engaged in the legislative hold-up, through one of their attorneys, appealed also to the same high authority for an opinion on this subject. The following is the dispatch just received from Senator Hoar, which speaks for itself."

"Washington, D. C., Jan. 20, 1897.

"Hon. John H. Mitchell, Salem, Oregon:

"I have sent the following dispatch to C. A. Delph in response to his inquiry: 'If Oregon constitution provide house of representatives shall consist of sixty members, or provide a less number and that legislature may increase number to sixty, which has been done, and further provide that two-thirds of such house shall constitute a quorum to do business, my opinion is that two-thirds of the lawfully qualified members of each house may constitute such quorum, although a less number than sixty have qualified, and a less number than forty are present and act. Therefore, if thirty-five persons are all the qualified members of the house, and twenty-five others lawfully elected refuse to qualify, the action of the majority of the thirty-five in organizing or electing a senator, or other legislative business, will be constitutionally valid, at least twenty-four being present. Two-thirds of the thirty-five being all the lawfully qualified members will then make a quorum. This doctrine was settled in the national senate and house during the rebellion, and has been acted upon in those bodies ever since. I have given this opinion to Senator Mitchell. Geo. F. Hoar."

"In further confirmation of the correctness of the construction I place upon the constitutional provisions of our state, I beg to hand you the following dispatch, voluntarily and without any request from me sent this evening by Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, one of the eminent lawyers of the nation, and late chairman of the republican national convention at St. Louis."

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"Strongly advise organization house with members ready. Elect speaker. Notify senate and governor of organization. Jointly with senate agree on time of voting for senator. If bolting members hang out, appoint committee, investigate, report reason for their action, declare seats vacant. No doubt about legality such course believe such action would bring absentees in quickly."

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WHAT OUR EXCHANGES SAY.

The Oregonian but a month or two ago called Jonathan Bourne a scoundrel, and the free silverites anarchists. Now it is like peas in a pod with the whole lot. It indorses their action in holding up the state, and says the house is not organized because the parties who want to organize it intend to do so on a huddle basis. That Jonathan Bourne, Joe Simon, the populists, the democrats, the free silver republicans, the Oregonian and its "anarchists" all want it organized on an economical basis. Is this true? Is it true that the legislators the Oregonian urged the people to vote for are all thieves, and the other fellows all saints? The Oregonian, like an ostrich, has stuck its head in the sand and imagines it is hidden, being unaware that the larger portion of its anatomy is plainly visible.—The Dallas Chronicle.

The thing to do, gentlemen of the legislature, is to make a record of common sense, industry, frugality and dispatch in handling the business with which you have been intrusted. But you are not doing it.—Telegram.

The legislative entanglement is the natural fruit of duplicity in politics. Unscrupulous methods, long pursued, are met by irregular and arbitrary action.—Oregonian.

A frank confession is good for the soul; and since the Oregonian is the duly actuated agent of duplicity and unscrupulous methods, it gives us pleasure to reprint the deathbed repentance of the old sinner.—Salem Statesman.

The place to carry the deadlock is within the legislature and not by the subterfuge of playing hide-and-seek behind the back whenever there is an indication of a quorum being present in the hall of representatives. Those who resort to this trick are not doing what they were elected to do. Unless defeated by sixteenth or eighteenth day, the cause their place is in the legislature, where they were commissioned to, and where everybody has a reasonable right to expect them to be.—La Grande Chronicle.

A Cure for Lambs Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes London Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by Conser & Brock.

Timber Culture—Final Proof. Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. The Dallas, Oregon, Jan. 16, 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WESLEY A. T. McNaught, of Lexington, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make final proof for Joseph L. Gibson, U. S. Com. at his office in Lexington, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 10th day of Feb. 1897, under culture application No. 234, for the NE 1/4 of section No. 34, in Township No. 2 south Range No. 24 east.

His names as witnesses, Thomas L. Dorman and Vandevore L. Coffey, of Eight Mile, Oregon, Milton R. Morgan and Meno A. Miller, of Heppner, Oregon. JAS. F. MOORE, Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANT ISSUED OUT for the County of Morrow, to me directed, commanding me to levy on the goods and chattels of the delinquent taxpayers named on the delinquent tax roll for said county for the years 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895, thereto attached, and none being found, then upon the real property as set forth and described in the said delinquent tax rolls, or so much thereof as shall satisfy the amount of taxes charged therein, together with costs and expenses, I have duly levied, having been unable to find any goods or chattels belonging to the respective delinquents named, and proceed upon the following described parcels or parts of land as set forth in said tax lists, lying and being in said Morrow County, State of Oregon, described and assessed as follows:

Andrew, C. L. lot 6 blk 16 in Stanton's addition to the town of Heppner. Tax 1891. 1.00

Erick, Samuel lots 5 and 6 blk 2, Castle Rock; tax 1891, 42c. 1892, \$2.50

Garrett, Dyer lots 3, 4 and 16 blk 1, Castle Rock; tax 1891, 65c. 1892, 75c.

Rena Otto lots 5 and 6, blk 2, Castle Rock; tax 1891, 42c. 1892, 1.00

Whittington, J. B. lots 7 and 8, blk 2, Castle Rock; tax 1891, 65c. 1892, 80c.

Whittington, M. V. lots 1 and 2, blk 11, Castle Rock; tax 1891, 65c. 1892, 1.00

Parish, David J. lots 10 and 11, blk 11, Castle Rock; tax 1891, 65c. 1892, 1.00

Mr. Vernon addition to Heppner; tax 1891, 65c. 1892, 1.00

Northern Pacific History Co. 8 and 9, 10 feet of east part lot 2, blk 1, lot 1, blk 11, Mt. Vernon addition to Heppner; tax 1891, 65c. 1892, 1.00

Bremser, Wm. NW 1/4 of sec 8, T. 2 N., R. 27 E., tax 1891, 65c. 1892, 1.00