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MR. GEER FORTUNATE.

Most people in our state have heard that Hon. T. T. Geer has declined the office of register of the Oregon City land office, or rather, declined to be recommended for the place, as his decision was made before his appointment by President McKinley last Friday. It is presumed that he will allow the office to go to some other person, thus becoming, in his estimation, a great republican martyr. Most people and most newspapers have commented upon the action of the delegation in appointing Mr. Geer to the office of register of the land office at Oregon City when he desired to be collector of customs for the port of Portland. Some condemn the delegation—many are reserving their opinions until later.

The Gazette is of the opinion that Mr. Geer is a very lucky man to have succeeded as well as he has. Mr. Geer has been spoken of as a very great laborer for the party. 'Tis true. Yet last year before the June election when he campaigned Eastern Oregon, and last fall when the weeping willow of the Waldo Hills toured the state, he was not only paid his expenses but money besides. He made no great sacrifice for the party at that time that calls for any special favors.

Mr. Geer is a man who has few friends that he will fight for in the little preliminary party skirmishes. He prefers to sit on the fence. He is not a man who will live or die, politically speaking, for a friend, unless that friend happens to be Geer.

Last winter when Mr. Geer was sent back to Washington as one of the successful electors to carry the election returns, as prescribed by law, he intended to stay several weeks. About that time the senatorial fight became very warm. His professed friend, John H. Mitchell, was striving to be re-elected. Mr. Geer rushed back frantically without taking the vacation that he intended, threw himself into the breach for the purpose of helping—T. T. Geer. Why, his lightning rod was up so high that it could be seen plainly before he left Washington. Mr. Geer never went near the friend that he claimed to think so much of. He thought lightning might strike him.

However, some members of the delegation were very thankful to Mr. Geer for past services, and before they departed for Washington at least one member promised him support for the Oregon City land office. Later on his clothes grow too small to fit him and he put up his perambulator pole for a bigger place, a position that he claims 98 per cent of the republicans wanted him to have. If this is the case the remaining two per cent is by all odds the largest percentage for its estimated size, numerically, that the people of this state ever saw.

The Gazette speaks for itself and no one else when it says that Mr. Geer is very fortunate to get as good a place as the Oregon City land office. From the standpoint of party services and that of undying fealty to friends, Mr. Geer has many superiors who have and will ask favors of the Oregon delegation which will have to be refused. Whether Mr. Geer accepts or not, is a small matter to the people of Oregon. There are plenty of good men for the place. One of them will get it.

GREAT BRITAIN is having a hot time with her rebel subjects in India.

YELLOW fever is still raging at New Orleans and at other points in the South.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

The papers all over the country are agitating the "savings bank" question, contending that their establishment would result in much good. The Gazette would be very remiss, as well as entirely out of fashion, if it did not fall into line and give its mite towards the good cause.

Man is largely swayed and controlled by the influence of example, and this characteristic of human nature makes the postal savings bank a benefit and a blessing. One of these banks being started in a community, the thrifty few begin at once to make deposits. Their example stimulates others to thrift and economy, and thus the benefits are soon carried into a large portion of the homes.

Eight per cent of the depositors in savings banks are in New England and New York. Some account for this preponderance by saying that the people there are more economical and thrifty than in other parts of the country. The truth is that when the American character is reduced to its final analysis, it is found much the same in the west as in the east. But even if it were true that the people of New England were thrifter than the people of the trans-Mississippi, that would be all the greater reason why means should be provided for the cultivation of thrift in the newer sections of the country.

Throughout the United States there were in 1895 but 1017 savings banks. In Great Britain, where the population is only about half that of the United States, more than 10,000 postoffices receive deposits as agencies of the postal savings bank. In Belgium alone in 1895, 379,418 deposit books were issued to children.

It has been often said, and it is true, that if the people of the United States, with their superior resources and indomitable energy had the thrift of European nations, they would soon be the richest people on the globe. It is then the duty of statesmanship to provide wise means for the cultivation of the virtue of thrift. To this end there is no better influence than the postal savings bank. Experience everywhere has proved it. The postal savings bank has been adopted by nearly every enlightened nation in the world. It is a splendid success. It is in no sense an experiment. Opposition to it is narrow, selfish and unpatriotic, and emanates either from ignorance or a jealous fear in the minds of capitalists that it would bring opposition to them, lower the rate of interest, and afford the government of the United States and the various states competition in the sale of their bonds.

ARROYA, who attempted to assassinate President Diaz, of Mexico, last week, was stabbed to death by a mob. Diaz is a great favorite with the Mexican people.

KLONDYKE MATTERS.

What a Returning Miner Says of the Country—Such Suffering Will Ease.

Leo Peterson, editor, manager and owner of the "Commercial Review," printed in Portland, who was in the city yesterday gleaming facts and figures regarding the wheat crop of Umatilla county, related a most interesting interview which he had with a gentleman who was just returning to his home at Billings, Mont., from the Klondike, while riding on the train between Umatilla and this city, says the Pendleton Tribune. Mr. Peterson failed to learn the Klondiker's name but from him learned more of that northern country than he had culled from all the newspapers reports.

The following are the principal features of the information which was conveyed to Mr. Peterson: The returning Klondiker boarded the train at Umatilla, having come south by the way of Spokane. He went into the Klondike country in March last but unfortunately made a mistake in not taking up any claims. He started in the saloon business and made lots of money. Before leaving for home he bought an interest in a valuable claim and expects to realize something big from the property.

The whole Klondike river is staked out on both banks for twenty miles, but there are some good claims yet to be had along the Stewart river. He has mined in Colorado, Montana and the Black Hills but never, in all his travels, saw anything so rich as the Klondike country.

Living there is very high. He paid \$4.50 for a piece of tenderloin of mutton not much bigger than his hand, and \$2.50 for two outlets of mutton. It is almost impossible to live there for less than \$4.50 per day. The wages are, for miners, \$15 a day; for ordinary laboring men, \$10 to \$12 a day.

The people are putting up with all kinds of hardships in that country. They are nearly all living in tents, there being only about half a dozen cabins to be found. The people are not prepared for this winter. It is known that the

provisions now in camp will not last through the winter, and unless the steamer, which was to have left about the 10th of this month, lands the provisions she carries in time to get them through, the hardships of the approaching winter are going to be something terrible. There is nothing left at the camp at the present time but bacon and beans. Fortunately there is lots of game and many of the people are busy hunting. The mule is all done in the winter time. A great deal of money changes hands in gambling. One large saloon and gambling house takes in on an average \$1,400 a day. Six other saloons take in \$300 a day each. All drinks and cigars are 50 cents.

The Canadian government will find itself in trouble if it tries to take every other claim. The people intend to fight this proposition. This will not affect most of the people that went in early last winter.

There are 5,000 people now on the trail trying to get in. Doubtless many of these will die on the road from starvation, and a large number will become disheartened and turn back.

When he went into the country there were 109 men, women and children on the trail before him. He left twenty dogs at Skagway to be in readiness for him upon his return and with them will take a quantity of provisions over the trail to the camp. From reports he estimates that there will be 25,000 people in there the coming season.

There are no idle people in the camp. Nor are there any petty larceny gentry. The laws, which have been made by the miners, are very strict, as a consequence there is little fear of deprivations being committed. It can be positively said that there are no bums in the country. This is explained in the fact that such people would not risk the hardships that are to be endured in getting into the country even were it possible to buy a subsistence during the trying journey.

Lumber is very scarce in that country. It cannot be had at all without going from 15 to 40 miles for it. It is a mistake to think that fish are plentiful. They are not. A fish weighing five or six pounds costs \$5.

There is stored at the present time in two stores as much gold as could be carried by two freight cars waiting to be shipped out of the country but it will not be brought out this year.

During the summer the people are obliged to use gloves and cover their faces and necks with mosquito netting to protect themselves from the gnats and mosquitoes. The latter are so bad that they at times sting through buckskin gloves. The gnats are even worse than the mosquitoes.

The news pertaining to that country is greatly exaggerated by the press and particularly by the San Francisco papers. As an instance three men were interviewed by newspaper men upon their arrival in the sound. They told the scribe that they had \$5000 among the three of them. The papers came out next day stating that they had returned with \$5000 each.

Has Many Horses.

Probably the empress of Austria spends more than any other woman in Europe on horses for her own riding. A really first-class hunter command almost any price the owner likes to ask for it, but let it once hesitate at a fever or show signs of temper and it is never ridden again by her majesty. When the empress is hunting and the meet happens to be from her residence she generally drives to within a short distance of it in a brougham, wearing ordinary carriage attire. With her majesty are two ladies in waiting, whose duty it is to see that everything required for the empress' wear on horseback is brought by the dressers, who follow in another carriage. The coachman has orders to drive up to any gentleman's house which happens to be in the neighborhood of the meet, when the footman alights and requests that a room may be placed at her majesty's disposal to dress in. Naturally a good many people have been somewhat taken aback at this being suddenly asked to accommodate an imperial guest, and this was especially the case in Ireland where the empress was hunting there a few years ago, for they were not accustomed to such an honor. However, she did there as she always did at home.—Chicago News.

Bottled Up!

Whether in the form of pill powder or liquid, the doctor's prescription for blood diseases is always the same—mercury or potash. These drugs bottle up the poison and dry it up in the system, but they also dry up the marrow in the bones at the same time.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of an execution and order of sale regularly issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Morrow, and to me directed and delivered, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 24th day of September, 1897, in favor of The Oregon Mortgage Company, Limited, a corporation, plaintiff and Bernard Pappenga and Ella Pappenga, his wife, defendants, upon a recovery of the sum of \$28.25 together with interest thereon from the 24th day of September, 1897, at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, and for the further sum of \$1.40 costs, and whereas by said judgment it was ordered and adjudged that the following described real property to-wit: The south-west quarter of the south-east quarter, and the north half of the south-west quarter, and the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter of section 14, township 4, south of range 2 east of Willamette meridian, all in Morrow county, Oregon, be sold in satisfy said judgment, costs and accruing costs. I will on Saturday, the 24th day of October, 1897, at two o'clock p. m. of said day, at the court house door in Heppner, Morrow county, Oregon, sell all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, Bernard Pappenga and Ella Pappenga, in and to the above described property at public auction to the highest and best bidder therefor, for cash in hand, the proceeds thereof to be applied to the satisfaction of said execution and all costs and accruing costs.

E. L. MATHIAS, Sheriff of Morrow county, Oregon. Dated 21st day of Sept., 1897.

Mary's Definition.
It was in the Sunday-school class.
"What is a wine bibber?" asked the teacher of the little tots.
Up went little Mary's hand.
"Well, Mary?"
"I think it is a man who drinks wine and a bit on his head's worth his nice new clothes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Timber Culture—Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. The Dalles, Oregon, Sept. 13th, 1897. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JAMES N. C. Keithly, of Hartman, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before J. W. Morrow, County Clerk, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on Monday, the 22nd day of October, 1897, on timber culture application No. 332, for the SE 1/4 of section No. 22, in township No. 4 south, range No. 24 east.

He names as witnesses: Frank Moreland, James H. Allen, Ed Moreland, and Oscar Keithly, all of Hartman, Oregon. JAR. F. MOORE, Register. 79-90

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