

The East Oregonian looks well in its enlarged condition. Success to it.

The appointment of Hall, Houser and Summers, to the respective positions recommended by the "delegation," has overturned the plans of the Oregonian gang completely. The Oregonian now admits that the success of Corbett is only a "bare possibility."

The arrest of J. P. McManus on the charge of criminal libel and gambling, on indictment of the grand jury at Pendleton, last week, savors considerably more of a personal fight than of anything else. "Mac" will no doubt take care of his side of the case.

The Union Pacific was sold to the highest bidder yesterday at Omaha for \$53,528,523.78. The government loses directly some \$20,000,000 in the transaction, but really, taking into consideration the saving made to it in transportation of supplies across the continent, it has made money on the investment. This sale disposes of an old topic which has been the theme of more than one political agitator.

The great newspaper of Portland, need not fear as to what platform will be adopted at the metropolis next year by the republicans. It need not try to work up any scare about that matter. The republicans of Oregon will reaffirm the St. Louis platform in its entirety. It is not known what platform the Scott-Simon gang will endorse. This is of small concern to the republican party, as those who are not republicans and who do not affiliate with the republican party have no place in assisting to make platforms.

OREGON has hit upon a new expedient to keep her citizens sober, says an exchange. Every man who drinks is required to take out a license costing five dollars a year. Unless armed with this document he cannot get his bitters at any hotel or saloon, for it is a penal offense for the proprietors of these establishments to sell to any person without a license. Every six months the names of the persons who take out licenses are published in the local paper so the public may know who are and who are not authorized to drink. This is a bit of news to Oregonians, but if there were such a law in existence there would be less drinking. Besides it would prove quite a source of revenue.

REPUBLICAN TALKS.

To the Editor: The gravity of the next state contest cannot be brought home too forcibly to the people of Oregon. Seldom has so grave an issue presented itself for our solution. Seldom indeed does greed tear off its mask of hypocrisy and stand before the people so hideous in its nakedness and so confident of its power. The pollsters of public honesty, the revisers of political life are preparing to make their last desperate stand for absolute control of our public institutions and the complete submission of our legislatures to their will.

Having aborted a session of our legislature; having averted an expression of the will of the majority; having wilfully and openly advocated a revolution such as no anarchist in the state ever dreamed of; with the audacity of the criminal, winked at by the law, they are preparing to complete their audacious work. Led by the twin banners of security and revolution, Scott and Simon, themselves, hired emissaries of this gang of greed, are bestirring themselves in every county in the state, plotting and planning for the capture of county conventions, and through them for state and district conventions.

Relating and corrupting every avenue of political and public life, from the state legislature to the United States senate, the gang of political pirates are bent on averting the will of freemen and retaining their lust of power and on the side of our public institutions. Now, with his eyes turned toward the burning heavens, had no more the spirit of destruction in his breast than the tempter who worked a revolution in our state government, betrayed their constituents, broke their promises, deposed their manhood and stained the fair name of our splendid state last winter at Salmon. And they justify it all by saying that "everything was justified to accomplish the defeat of Senator Mitchell." And with this puny, miserable excuse, men who came before you last campaign avowing their allegiance to, and pledging their vote for Senator Mitchell, debased their manhood, deposed and betrayed the confidence of their constituents, and placed a big question mark beside the word, honesty. Some of the gentlemen, it is understood, now say they are willing to "compromise" for the sake of their party's interests. Compromise what? There is no compromise with wrong. Either revolution of state government is right or wrong. If it is right let us endorse it; let it become an established policy; let it become a principle in the science of government. But if it is a wrong, let us stamp it out beneath our feet, regardless of party lines and without compunction.

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It is right for a man to go before the public, and solemnly pledge and swear that he will perform certain acts; if it is right for this man to write letters seeking the support of the friends of certain candidates on the ground of support that candidate, and then wilfully and maliciously break every pledge and betray every promise, let us say so. Let us endorse them, openly, publicly, and willingly and not truckle to compromise.

The Oregonian and its gang of spoil hunters openly threaten that they will bolt the next republican convention if it does not nominate men whom they can bend to do their will. The Oregonian, professing loyalty to no party, having opposed at numerous times on flimsy pretexts the candidates of the republican party, having sneered at Wm. McKinley before his nomination, and having materially damaged the republican party at divers times, now essays to dictate its candidates, map out its policy, and to bully the Oregon delegation in its recommendations for appointments. It demands that Sen. Mitchell defend himself on the principles of the St. Louis platform, although that gentleman has done so publicly and privately to the satisfaction of any fair-minded man, and has a record of never having "bolted" a republican platform in all his life, a thing these gentlemen who demand so much cannot say.

Shall good citizenship "compromise" this matter or shall we see that our state government shall be managed without the aid of conspirators and revolutionaries, by men who hold their pledges sacred and who insist that order shall come out of chaos and that there is no honorable compromise with wrong?

REPUBLICAN. HEPPNER, Or., Oct. 1, 1897.

LITERARY NOTES.

An article by Mark Twain written in the style of "The Innocents Abroad" and illustrated by A. B. Frost and Peter Newell, is a promise that magazine readers do not have held out to them every day. It is in the November number of McClure's magazine that this rare feat of humor is to be served. One might expect much more than ordinary entertainment from any one of the three items of pictures by Frost, pictures by Newell, and an "Innocent Abroad" article by Mark Twain; but the editors of McClure's, in their profusion, engage to serve all three at once. The Mark Twain article will consist of chapters from the forthcoming book on his recent journey around the world, and is the only part that will be published in advance of the book itself. It follows, those that have read it say, the earlier Mark Twain manner, which is undoubtedly the most popular; on a thread of pleasant travel are strung no end of wise and witty reflections, quaint and quizzical observations, comic adventures and plausible impossible tales.

EIGHT MILE NOTES.

C. E. Jones is hauling lumber for a large barn. A large acreage of summer fallow has been sown this fall. A few cases of Klondike fever on Eight Mile are reported.

Emanuel and Ross Sawyer have been sick, but they are better now. Paul Jones and family have moved on their own farm on Eight Mile.

Mr. H. Warren is building a new house on his farm. His son, Rob, will occupy it.

Geo. Ashbaugh has left for Hancock, Berry county, Ohio, to visit his father who is very ill.

Born—To the wife of John Bellinbrook, Oct. 27th, a son. The mother is doing well. The babe died.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stanton have just returned from Milton, where they were visiting Mr. Stanton's sister, Mrs. Richard Tolbert.

Some persons please write an article on this question: "What good is high license doing toward preventing boys from getting liquor?"

Weather is hot, ground dry, farmers cannot plow, roads are badly cut up between here and Heppner. It is the cause of sending many teams to Iowa as the roads are much better.

The Swedish Lutheran church was dedicated last Sunday. Persons not understanding the Swedish language thought the discourse rather long. Several preachers were present.

Eight Mile, Oct. 30, 1897. E. M. C.

Old People: Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at Conner & Brock's Drug Store.

We print "Simple Account File" statements, with your name and business thereon. Call at office.

CHINA'S MAIL SYSTEM.

How Letters Are Transported in the Flowery Kingdom.

Individuals and Firms Manage the Post Office and Perform Efficient Service—Government System to Be Established.

In a report just published by the state department, Samuel Gracey, United States consul at Foochow, China, tells how the mail is carried in the "flowery kingdom." China has not yet established government post offices or a postal system for the masses of the people, with all her adoption of modern ways, but private enterprise is depended upon to render communication easy between various parts of the empire. This private transmission of mail is conducted through what are called "letter shops." No stamps are used, but the "chop" or sign of the keeper of the "letter shop" is always placed upon the envelope.

In this country when the government wishes to send a communication it incloses it in an envelope marked "official" or "public-free" and it goes through the mail as other letters except that no postage is paid. In China imperial edicts and other official communications are carried from city to city and province to province by couriers. Generally they make the trip afoot, but in case of great haste they are provided with horses at convenient relay stations. Official letters or dispatches are thus conveyed in cases of emergency two hundred or two hundred and fifty miles a day. In districts where transmission of official communications is frequent each station master is required to keep on hand from ten to twenty horses or donkeys, and the local representative of the government is held responsible for all delays that occur. These official couriers, who correspond to our star route mail carriers, are not allowed to carry private dispatches or letters, their operations being restricted to the transmission of government communications.

The public is served by the "letter shops," a carrier system organized by private enterprise transmitting the mail from one station to another. Consul Gracey says at the treaty ports the letter shops are used by natives only, but in the interior, or at places not reached by the foreign postal arrangements, they are employed by foreigners as well, though chiefly by missionaries. These speak well of the system for its security, he says, "but they do not consider it all that could be desired in respect to quickness of delivery. It somewhat resembles our express business, as it transmits parcels of moderate size and weight. It is said to possess two decided advantages over our western system—insurance against loss and monthly settlement of accounts. All the letters and parcels to be sent may be registered and insured."

Before a letter is mailed or delivered to the carrier its contents are displayed, and the keeper of the letter shop then signs his "chop," or sign, so that its point of origin may be determined. Parcels may be transmitted in the same manner, the charge for carrying being a percentage of their declared value. The shopkeeper gives a receipt for the letter or package, and he thus becomes responsible for its safe delivery or its return to the sender, with seal unbroken. In some parts of the empire, the consul says, about two-thirds of the expense of transmission is paid by the sender, the remainder being collected from the receiver. Thus the shop is secured against entire loss from transient customers and the sender has some guarantee that his letter will be conveyed with dispatch. Native merchants who are regular customers keep an open account with the shop and make their settlements monthly.

In some of the larger cities and towns the letter shops are numerous, but in many remote villages there are none. In Shanghai there are nearly two hundred. Some of the shops employ solicitors who go from house to house working up trade, competition in many cities being strong. In the northern provinces the shopkeepers imitate the government and employ a system of mounted carriers. Horses or donkeys are used, the relays being about ten miles apart. Each carrier or messenger is entrusted with seventy or eighty pounds of mail matter, and travels about five miles an hour—much slower than the government carriers. For short distances and in central and southern China the messenger travels on foot at a rapid gait. When the messenger arrives at a station he hands over the mail to a fresh carrier. "He starts at once," says Consul Gracey, "no matter what may be the hour of the day or night, and regardless of winds, rain, heat or cold, he continues the journey until he, too, has completed his service and handed the parcel over to a third messenger, and thus it reaches its destination."

This "pony express," like that which was in use across the western plains of the United States forty years ago, is sometimes subject to interruption by highwaymen, but the Chinese have a way of compounding such villainy and thus protecting their postal service. The robber bands of each district collect blackmail from the shopkeepers, and for regular sums paid they not only do not molest the messengers themselves, but they agree to keep other marauders from doing so. Large firms engaged in the carrying business and in transporting travelers by carts between given points are in the habit of contracting with the brigands for the safe passage of their goods and customers. "Thus," comments the consul, "the evil of mail or express robbery, common enough in more civilized countries, is recognized as probable and duly provided for. Although, of course, not legal, this practice is quite common and is not to be removed from the custom of some other nations, its licensing social evil that cannot be entirely suppressed."

The number of prisoners confined in seventeen states is 110,538, and among these the illiterates, in proportion to numbers, contribute six times their quota. The records in the towns show an even greater proportion of crime among the ignorant and the illiterates, which for the whole country furnish to each thousand of persons eight times as many prisoners as those who can read and write. It is plain from these facts that our schools have already greatly reduced the amount of crime, and that when we shall have succeeded in getting rid of all illiteracy we will still further reduce the number of criminals.

Gave Back My Health.

There is no reason for being despondent and considering diseases of the blood incurable, simply because the treatment of physicians and many so-called blood remedies fail to effect a cure. Though it is naturally disheartening to the sufferer who faithfully takes the prescribed treatment of the physicians, often at the expense of hundreds of dollars, to find himself, no better as time goes by, still a cure will result from the right remedy, S.S.S., no matter what other treatment has failed.



Mr. Charles Glenn, of 1763 Dudley St., Cincinnati, is one of the many who constantly praise S.S.S. for giving him back his health. He says: "From childhood I was afflicted with a terrible blood disease, and have taken almost every blood remedy on the market, but my case was desperate, and one by one they failed. The large red blotches increased in size and number, and soon covered my entire body. My parents had me treated by a number of physicians, but the disease was too much for them, and after their temporary relief was over, I found myself growing steadily worse. Thus I grew into manhood, handicapped by a terrible disease, and having tried so many remedies without relief, when a friend urged me to take S.S.S. I had little faith in any medicine. I was happy to find, however, that I had at last gotten the right remedy, for one bottle of S.S.S. did me so much good that I had hopes of being cured. I continued the remedy, and was cured completely, the unsightly spots soon disappeared, leaving my skin perfectly clear. My general health was also built up, and I am robust and strong. I believe S.S.S. will cure the worst case of blood poison in the world."

S.S.S. is a real blood remedy, and will cure the most obstinate cases of Cancer, Eczema, Catarrh, Scrofula, Rheumatism, Contagious Blood Poison, old sores, or any disease caused by impure blood. It is the only blood remedy guaranteed to restore the system to its normal condition, and is sold by all druggists. Valuable books and on blood and skin diseases will be mailed free by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER authority of a writ of execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow and in and to the effect that the said writ and order rendered and entered in said court on the 5th day of October, 1897, in favor of W. P. Lord, Jr., Plaintiff, against the said E. L. Matlock, Defendant, for the sum of ninety dollars, with interest thereon from the 5th day of October, 1897, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and fifty dollars attorney's fees, and the further sum of twenty-three and 50-100 dollars costs which judgment was entered and docketed in the clerk's office of said court in said county on the 5th day of October, 1897, and by the court that the mortgaged property to-wit: The north-east quarter section twelve (12) in township one (1) north range twenty-five (25) East W. M. in Morrow county, Oregon, be sold for the investment of funds arising therefrom, plaintiffs, and against Henrietta E. Becker, O. W. Becker and E. F. Hughes, defendants, for the sum of ninety dollars, with interest thereon from the 5th day of October, 1897, at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said date at the court house in Heppner, Morrow county, Oregon, sell all the right, title and interest of the said Henrietta E. Becker, O. W. Becker and E. F. Hughes in and to the above described property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the proceeds to be applied to the satisfaction of said execution and all costs and costs that may accrue.

E. L. MATLOCK, Sheriff of Morrow county, Oregon. Dated 26th day of Oct., 1897. 92-91.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FOR the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers in the schools of this county and for state and life diplomas, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at the court house at Heppner, opening Wednesday, Nov. 10th at 1:30 p. m.

W. W. WILLEY, School Supt., Morrow Co. 93-95.

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LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. Oct. 4, 1897. 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 County Clerk, Morrow county, Oregon, at Heppner, Oregon, on November 17th, 1897, viz: CHILTON C. WILSON.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Engstrom, M. J. Williams, Edward Engstrom and A. B. Perry, all of Lane, Morrow county, Oregon. 83-96. JAS. F. MOORE, Register.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE.

gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Oregon. Monthly \$5.00 and expenses. Position steady. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope The Dominion Company, Dept. Y Chicago. 75-26.

Hood's Pills.

The Lives of Infants Preserved by Artificial Means.

There is no reason for being despondent and considering diseases of the blood incurable, simply because the treatment of physicians and many so-called blood remedies fail to effect a cure. Though it is naturally disheartening to the sufferer who faithfully takes the prescribed treatment of the physicians, often at the expense of hundreds of dollars, to find himself, no better as time goes by, still a cure will result from the right remedy, S.S.S., no matter what other treatment has failed.

The reason that S.S.S. (Swift's Specific) has so successfully cured even the worst cases after other treatment had been tried in vain is that it is the only remedy which forces the poison from the blood, and permanently eliminates it from the system, which is the only correct principle of curing the disease. Mercurial remedies bottle up the poison and tear down the system, while S.S.S. forces out the poison and builds up and adds strength and vigor to the entire system. It is nature's remedy, and contains no harmful ingredient.

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LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. Oct. 8, 1897. 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 J. W. Morrow, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on Friday, November 19, 1897, viz: JOHN E. PETERSON, of Gooseberry, Oregon, Homestead No. 408 for the SE 1/4 of Sec. 31 Tp. 2 S. R. 24 W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank A. Lundell, Charles J. Anderson, John Johnson and August Carlson, all of Gooseberry, Oregon. 87-98. JAS. F. MOORE, Register.

Notice of Intention.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON. Sept. 29, 1897. 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 County Clerk, Morrow county, Oregon, at Heppner, Oregon, on Oct. 30th, 1897, viz: COMMODORE P. BOWMAN.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. H. Wilson, A. J. Davis, William McCarty, all of Echo, Oregon, and M. S. Corrigan, of Galloway, Oregon. 82-93. R. F. WILSON, Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Benjamin Parker, Frank Ward, Reuben Allen, Albert H. Allen, all of Hardman, Oregon. 81-95. JAS. F. MOORE, Register.

SPokane Falls & Northern.

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The whiskey that old Jim Crow made, that Henry Clay drank, that Andrew Jackson loved, that William Henry Harrison went into ecstasies over, can be found at Low Tiller's. It is "de role" of 'n' Juice."

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CITATION.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF Oregon, for the County of Morrow. In the matter of the estate of E. G. Sperry, deceased.

To James B. Sperry, administrator of the above-named estate greeting: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, at the court room thereof, at Heppner, in the County of Morrow, on Tuesday the 16th day of November, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and there to show cause, if any there be, why you should not be removed as such administrator and your letter revoked.

Witness, the Hon. A. G. Bartholomew, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, with the seal of said court affixed, this 14th day of October, A. D. 1897. Attest: J. W. MORROW, Clerk. 568-98.

SUMMONS.

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE SIXTH DISTRICT of Morrow County, State of Oregon. D. E. Gilman, Plaintiff, vs. R. W. Bearden, Defendant.

To R. W. Bearden, Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the District aforesaid, on the 17th day of November, 1897, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the office of said Justice, in said district, at Heppner, in the County of Morrow, in a civil action. The defendant will take notice herein that if he fail to answer the complaint herein the plaintiff will take judgment against him for \$25.00 and the costs and disbursements of said action.

This summons is served upon you in pursuance of an order made and entered in said court on the 5th day of October, 1897. W. A. RICHARDSON, Justice of the Peace, 6th Dist. Morrow Co., State of Oregon. 85-98.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. Oct. 8, 1897. 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