

CITY ELECTION.

While it may be considered a little early for the discussion of an event nearly two months distant, yet in the opinion of this paper a few words now are not out of place.

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How is that price, ye advertisers who grumble at decent rates? The Oregonian is publishing eight pages of sheriff's tax sales at 40 cents per line, five insertions.

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The management of Heppner for the past year has been entrusted to non-partisan hands. Party matters have never crept into the town's affairs.

The activity in certain quarters in efforts to make the public believe that there is some doubt about the annexation of Hawaii, indicates that some money is being spent for the purpose of creating anti-annexation sentiment.

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McBride, of Oregon, presented and asked for immediate consideration of a resolution for relief of the American miners and other sufferers in the valley of the Yukon and its tributaries.

FITZSIMMONS says that he will fight Corbett again if his wife gives consent.

THE Harney Valley Items has come out wonderfully improved and enlarged. Success to it.

OREGON produces the past year \$5,000,000 in gold. This beats the Klondike with its \$3,500,000.

THE Gazette is under obligations to Hon. Harrison R. Kincaid, secretary of state, for a copy of the election laws of the United States and of the state of Oregon.

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EX-GOVERNOR JOHN WHITTAKER, of Eugene, is very ill from paralysis. Mr. Whittaker served one term as governor and represented the state two terms in congress.

R. R. HAYS, of Tillamook, a well known republican politician, died last Monday of pneumonia.

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THE Gazette will remind a young man of Lexington who winds a facile pen that this paper pays for its own sample copies, and that this job could be done a great deal easier if those who owe this paper would "dig up".

THE Corvallis Gazette was asked if it would "bolt" Lord if renominated for governor. The Gazette answered that principles were greater than men.

THE great sympathy felt for the bereavement of President McKinley tinged the assembling of congress with unusual sadness, which not even the great interest felt in the strong message of the president could dissipate.

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Worn Out? Do you come to the close of the day thoroughly exhausted? Does this continue day after day, possibly week after week? Perhaps you are even too exhausted to sleep.

Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, contains just the remedies to meet these wants.

CONVICTED IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Gus Wachlin Found Guilty at Hillsboro of the Murder of J. C. Ledrick

A HEINOUS AND BRUTAL CRIME.

The Jury Returned a Verdict on Last Saturday Morning at 4 O'clock - Attorney Cleeton's Dramatic Argument.

The sensational Wachlin murder case, of Washington county, came to an end Saturday morning at Hillsboro, the county seat, amid some of the most dramatic scenes that were ever seen in an Oregon court.

The jurors did not feel like resting till a conventional daylight hour to pronounce the cold-blooded murderer's fate. At 3:30 Judge McBride was aroused from a deep sleep into which he had fallen after a most exhausting session.

Gus Wachlin, the prisoner, received the announcement in a stoical manner. He was evidently hardened to it. Intuition would have told an intelligent man after the scenes at the conclusion of the trial last night that he would be convicted.

The German colony near Cornelius, in Washington county, from which Gus Wachlin, the convicted man, came, had promised that if the murderer escaped the gallows through the fault of the law there would immediately be a lynching.

It is probable that Wachlin will hang for his crime without a try in the supreme court. Messrs. Bagley & Brown, of Hillsboro, defended the prisoner in an able manner.

Wachlin deliberately and calmly premeditated the murder of John Ledrick, the Cornelius rancher. He said he would do it months before he brought it to accomplishment.

Wachlin, after his release from the pen, went to Cornelius. On the 13th of April, 1894, he was waylaid and killed Ledrick at or near his cabin. It was cowardly done. He slipped up on Ledrick, and with a bludgeon smashed in his skull.

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner, at their office on the 2nd of January, 1898.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for the County of Morrow. In the matter of the estate of Eliza Sperry, deceased.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Dec. 10, 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.

SHERIFF'S SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of an execution and order of sale 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 7th day of September, 1897, in favor of Ed Reed Plaintiff and against W. L. Salling, E. W. Rhea and C. E. Redfield Defendants.

BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANT ISSUED OUT of the County Court of the State of Oregon 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, 1895, and 1896, in arrears.

WHEAT MARKET. Wheat is worth 60 to 61 cents in Heppner today. The market is quiet. Yesterday's Chicago report says: May wheat opened this morning at 91 3/4 to 91 1/2, against Saturday's close of 91 1/4.

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Mathews & Gentry, BARBERS. Shaving 15 Cents. Shop two doors South of Postoffice.

"When you hear dem bells!" YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE HEPPNER TRANSFER CO'S Belled express is coming. Does delivery work on short order, 10 cents and upwards.

MASQUERADE BALL! At the OPERA HOUSE December 24th, 1897. Admission \$1.00; Masked Ladies Free; Lady Spectators, Fifty Cents.

MEADOWS & HATTEN, The Pioneer Blacksmiths. Have made some elegant improvements in their establishment and added a large stock of iron, hardware and other materials essential to the happiness of those who need quick repairs.

GARRIGUES HALL, HEPPNER, FOR TWO WEEKS. Commencing About Dec. 20. ON THEIR REGULAR ANNUAL TOUR.

THE DR. GRANT MEDICINE CO., Of Portland, Oregon and Spokane, Wash. AND THEIR... ROYAL ENTERTAINERS, Under the Direct and Personal Management of

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NOTE TO THE PUBLIC. Dr. Grant can be found at his office in the Palace Hotel during the visit of the company to this city and will give advice to all absolutely free. The afflicted public invited. Curiosity seekers—10 to 12:30 noon; 1:30 to 5 P. M. OFFICE HOURS—10 to 12:30 noon; 1:30 to 5 P. M.