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HANNA A GREAT MAN.

Senator Marcus A. Hanna is dead, and since his death the people can better appreciate and more fully realize the greatness of the man.

From obscure parentage, Hanna, round after round climbed the ladder of success against all odds until he reached the top. He was a born fighter, and with him there was no such word as fail. He always looked far into the future, and the foundation of everything that he undertook was built on solid rock. He made few mistakes. In the business world he was a power. In amassing a great fortune, he succeeded through his own ability and his own efforts.

Upon entering politics, Hanna showed the same zeal, great executive ability, and took his place in the front ranks in hewing out the road to success.

In the campaign of 1896, when the country was threatened with the silver craze, Hanna, as a great leader, was out with every weapon at his command against it. He was always at the front and took the brunt of the battle. He was made a special target. He was cartooned, he was abused, he was talked about and misrepresented more than any other individual, but above all he came out carrying the banner of victory.

To get a seat in the United States Senate, he had another hard fight, but he succeeded and his last election was a walk over. Prior to his death his name as a Presidential candidate was not looked upon lightly. He was a strong man.

His name can well be placed among the great men of the nation.

LONG CREEK'S DISGRACE.

The people of Long Creek have held a mass meeting to discuss the method of procedure in instituting a vigorous campaign in an endeavor to run down the cowardly criminal or criminals who blew up the office of the Ranger with dynamite. The officers and people of Grant county should leave nothing undone in bringing to justice the perpetrators of this dastardly crime, for this will in a measure help to blot out the disgrace that now hangs over the community. While Mr. Coe has been erratic and probably has rushed into print with too much local scandal and has shown a weakness in this, still the public is amply protected with laws to punish for the circulation of libelous matter.

This work of anarchy is a blow at American liberty and the freedom of the press.

Mr. Coe is a poor man who has worked hard to get together the property which was destroyed without a moments warning, or the slightest show of defense.

Not only has Mr. Coe's property been destroyed but he has received an anonymous letter in which his life is threatened.

This is a serious affair which demands the immediate and determined action of Long Creek's citizens.

A number of the prominent taxpayers and citizens of the northern portion of Grant county, and especially in the vicinity of Monument, want to cut off a certain portion of Grant and become annexed to Morrow. They do the

principal amount of their business in this county and it would be a great convenience for them to be annexed and bring them closer to the county seat. For the people of Morrow county who believe in expansion, now is a good time to talk this matter up and get the proposition in proper shape before the next session of the legislature.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed George Conser, cashier of the Heppner bank, a member of the State Lewis and Clark exposition commission, vice C. B. Wade, resigned. It's a good appointment. Mr. Conser is a strictly honest man and will not knowingly stand for any grafts on the state appropriation. Let it be hoped the ordeal before him will be less trying than the Heppner disaster. — Independence Enterprise.

The office of sheriff, of Grant county seems to be a coveted prize. The Blue Mountain Eagle contains nine announcements from candidates for this office. The paper does not state the number of precincts yet to hear from.

The E. O. and Tribune of Pendleton are fighting and saying all sorts of unkind things about one another. They sound like two little boys. It's poor business.

DELINQUENT TAX SALES.

An Excellent Showing Made by Sheriff Shutt.

The following parcels of land were sold last Saturday by Sheriff Shutt for delinquent taxes for the year 1902:

A. G. Jennings, $w\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ and $w\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 30, T. 2, R. 25 E.; sold to G. W. Dykstra for \$7.99 and costs, taking a certificate of sale at the rate of six per cent per annum.

J. M. Conway, or 9, in blk. 11, Mt. Vernon, add. to Heppner; sold to G. W. Dykstra for 79 cents and costs, at six per cent interest.

Isaac Hinkle, $w\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 35, T. 1 S. R. 29 E.; sold to W. L. Smith for \$4.70 and costs at six per cent interest.

A. G. Jennings, $n\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 30, T. 2 S. R. 23 E.; sold to A. Rood for \$8.22 and costs at six per cent interest.

It will be observed that the owners of the land sold when redeeming the same will have to pay only six per cent interest on the purchase price. In nearly all the other counties of the state the rate of interest has run all the way from six to 1000 per cent.

Out of about \$63,000 charged against the sheriff on the 1902 tax roll for collection all has now been collected except \$20.82 for which the above property was sold. Lake is the only other county in the state of Oregon that can beat this record for tax collecting. Lake has every cent collected on the 1902 roll. When compared with most of the other counties, which have from one to several columns of delinquents on the tax roll, this is an excellent showing.

The 1903 tax roll which has just been turned over to the sheriff, contains about \$65,000 to be collected.

Not so Herculean a Task.

Friends of the Panama treaty will be gratified to learn that competent engineers do not consider the herculean task of excavating the great interoceanic canal by the isthmian route as so interminable in labor and the expenditure of hard American dollars as common belief makes it. The history of the Panama Canal has made it a good deal of a bugaboo, and there is, indeed reason to view the undertaking of its construction by the United States with some misgivings as to time and money. All estimates must necessarily be loosely approximate.

However, we have lately, from Major Black and Lieutenant Brooks of the United States Engineer corps operating in Panama, the assurance that two fifths of the work of construction is already

completed, which is to say that the canal is practically half done. This is much better than most of us had supposed. In round numbers, 85 million cubic meters of earth have been excavated, making a ditch of regulation width 14 miles long on the Atlantic side of the isthmus and four miles on the Pacific side. There is no Gibraltar like rock to be blown asunder and vanquished by sheer attrition, as the bugaboo alarmists are fond of claiming, and the dry cutting still to be done amounts to but a few miles in extent. The work done by the French Panama Canal Company has been well done, though of course, there is much wreckage and jungle of late growth, and the old excavations will have to be deepened. American sanitary experts on the ground assert that the alarming unhealthfulness of the region has been considerably exaggerated, and that although pestilence is endemic, sickness and mortality can be vastly reduced and minimized by the exercise of stringent sanitary regulations, such as were put in force by the Americans in Cuba.

It is estimated by the best engineers who have lately examined the line of the canal thoroughly, that the remaining work on it can be done in less time than was employed in the active constructive work of the old Panama Canal Company. Some of them put the minimum requisite time to completion at seven or eight years, others at ten years.

If this be true, it is highly gratifying to know that there can reasonably be no foundation for all the talk we have been hearing about the improbability of the present generation witnessing the opening of the great transisthmian waterway to the commerce of the world. When Yankee energy, Yankee skill and Yankee dollars combine to accomplish a great National project such as this, the accomplishment is not only sure but it is apt to be swift.—A. J. CURRIN (Dem.)

LEXINGTON NEWS.

Lexington, Feb. 16, 1904.

Hayes Stockard and wife visited here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. McMilian went to Ione Saturday to visit relatives.

Charles P. Barnett and family left here for Pendleton last Friday.

A large number of Valentines were distributed at the postoffice Saturday and Monday.

Mrs. E. S. Tyler has been quite sick for several days. Her son, Frank, is still under the doctor's care, also.

Mrs. R. F. Wilmot and daughter, Miss Kittie, of Ione, attended the "Birthday Party" at the Artisan hall Friday evening.

Revival meetings will begin at the Methodist church next Sunday instead of on Wednesday. The church will be dedicated February 28th.

A movement is on foot to organize an auxiliary Roosevelt club here. A meeting will be held at S. E. Notson's office next Monday evening to complete the organization.

The basket ball game Saturday between the Heppner and Lexington teams was a tie at the end of the second half. The game continued till the Heppner team scored, which gave them the game.

About twenty of our young people went down to Strawberry Flat to attend a box social last Saturday evening. They report a splendid time. The proceeds of the social will be applied on an organ for the Sunday school at the Flat.

Saturday morning P. M. Christenson's house was the scene of an explosion. Some dynamite had been put into the stove to thaw. Some member of the family closed the oven door. The dynamite did the rest. The stove was wrecked and the house damaged, but no one was hurt. The impression of some people at first was that some one who was jealous of Mr. Christen-

FEBRUARY WHITE SALE

Don't miss this sale of White. These goods were bought before the cotton was advanced in price and marked under. Will save you

25 TO 30 PER CENT

on present worth. Our New York buyer took advantage of a tip before the advance in price of cotton, many months ago and placed an order for our spring needs in Ladies' ready to don lingerie. The goods are here and go into our February White Sale at a saving of 25 to 30 per cent to you. We anticipate quick selling at these prices, so come early as the assortment, though complete and the quantity large now, will be broken before the sale is over March 1st. SEE WINDOW.



SHOES

The first two shipments of Shoes have just been received and being put in stock, comprising all the latest cuts. None better than the

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2000 Men's Neglige and Golf Shirts

have been received and are ready for your inspection. The

IDEAL BRAND

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Don't think because we received 2000 of these Shirts that they will last forever. It will pay you to call early before they are picked over.



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son had blown up the stove, but it proved otherwise.

The "Birthday Party" given by the home mission society was a decided success. The Lexington band made their first public appearance that evening, playing several pieces in the street before the entertainment and furnishing part of the music for the entertainment. The program and supper were enjoyed by the crowd. The receipts were \$43.25.

Hardman News.

Grand ball at K. O. T. M. hall February 19th.

J. B. Adams and George Bleakman went to the county seat last week.

Prof. E. Jay Merrill and wife were attending institute in Heppner last week.

Bernard Bleakman has returned home and will remain until shearing commences.

Kenard McDaniel was in from the Mallory saw mill and reports the snow from 2 to 4 feet deep.

Adams Brothers have sold the Ferguson house and barn and three acres of ground to H. E. Warren of Hail Ridge.

Our city election last Monday resulted in the election of the following persons: J. A. Adams, mayor; C. A. Repass, recorder; W. H. Miller, marshal; D. H. Jenkins, treasurer; H. E. Leeper, H. A. Emry, A. J. Cox, Frank Cramer, C. H. Hams, N. K. Paul, councilmen.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE--

To the legal voters of Morrow County Oregon. I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the will of the Republican County Convention

Very Respectfully,
GEO. J. CURRIN.

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