

TODAY'S WEATHER. Forecast for Western Oregon, fair in southern portions, rain in northern.

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What is One's Loss Is Another's Gain!



It is your gain to take advantage of the low prices and high quality goods in the

Trustee's Sale, Of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Trunks, Valises, Umbrellas, Etc.

NOW ON FOR THE BENEFIT OF CREDITORS.

The One Price Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

I. L. OSGOOD,

Manager.

506 and 508 COMMERCIAL STREET, ASTORIA, OR.

Blank Books School Books Miscellaneous Books

Novels, 10 Cents Sheet Music, 10 Cents

PACIFIC COAST TIDE TABLES

Souvenirs of Astoria

Griffin & Reed.

THREE LOTS.

In a desirable location, 2 blocks from High School. A BARGAIN.

CHOICE LOTS IN HILLS FIRST ADDITION.

On the new Pipe Line Boulevard—Just the place for a cheap home.

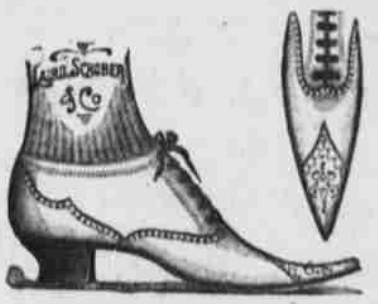
A Block IN ALDERBROOK.

STREET CAR LINE will be extended this summer to within 5 minutes walk of this property—Will call at decided bargain.

ACREAGE.

In 5 or 10 acre tracts inside the city limits, also adjoining Flavel.

GEORGE HILL, 471 Bond St., Occident Block, HILL'S REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE.



COPELAND & THORSEN.

When in want of good-fitting, good-wearing school shoes give us a call. Several new lines lately added.

Don't forget! We put heel plates on your rubbers free of charge.

Popular Footwear!

Popular Prices!



523 Commercial St.

Ask your grocer for

HAMMOND'S

HAMS, BACON,

Mild in Cure (not salty) HAMS Natural Flavor, Tender and Juicy.

LARD, CANNED MEATS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF COUNTY COURT

Various Road and Tax Matters Adjusted and a Number of Errors Were Corrected.

LEWIS AND CLARKE BRIDGE

Money Enough Raised to Build It—Plans Forwarded to War Department—Report Compiled by F. I. Dunbar by Order of County Court.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, and for the County of Clatsop, Monday, February 7, 1896, 1st day of present term. Present, Hon. J. H. D. Gray, Judge; H. H. Gooden and Chris. Peterson, Commissioners; F. I. Dunbar, Clerk, and Jas. W. Hare, Sheriff.

Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m.

Ordered that the clerk issue an order on the Supervisor of Road Dist. No. 5 to deliver the scraper now in his possession to the supervisor of Road Dist. No. 1.

In the matter of establishing a county road from Aldrich Point to Knappa: now at this time is read the report of the viewers and surveyor in the above entitled road the first time, and laid over until tomorrow for second reading.

Communication from J. W. Hare, sheriff, read, stating that errors had been made in crediting School Dist. No. 1 with \$187, and School Dist. No. 2 with \$532 school taxes which should be credited to School Dist. No. 1; ordered that the county treasurer transfer to School Dist. No. 1, \$187 from School Dist. No. 2, and \$532 from School Dist. No. 2, and \$532 from School Dist. No. 1, and \$532 from School Dist. No. 2.

Communication from L. N. Mitchell and W. H. Twilight requesting that the polling place in Knappa election precinct be changed from McFarlane's wharf to Union Hall street; ordered that this change be granted and the polling place for Knappa Precinct be fixed at Union Hall.

It appearing to the Court that an error has been made in fixing the polling place in Mishawaka Precinct, it is ordered that the polling place in said precinct be fixed at the School House in District No. 14, instead of School House in District No. 25.

Communication from Secretary of State relating to error in amount of valuations made by state board of equalization, read and ordered placed on file.

In the matter of the state tax levy for year 1895, Whereas, the secretary of state has certified to the county clerk a transcript of the amount to be raised by taxation for state purposes for the year 1895, and that the levy for state purposes is 4 1/2 mills; it is ordered that a tax of 4 1/2 mills on the dollar be and is hereby levied on all property within the county subject to taxation for state purposes.

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TWO JOHNSONS IN EVIDENCE

California and North Dakota Representatives on the Free Coinage Substitute Bond Bill.

DEBATE WILL BE A LONG ONE

Members Anxious to Declare Themselves on the Hill—Flurry Speeches by Messrs. Johnson, Who Are on Opposite Sides of the Question.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The senate free coinage substitute for the house bond bill was debated five hours in the house this afternoon and five hours at the eight session. Nevertheless, the pressure from members for time to present their views is so great that it seems possible now that the debate may be run over into next week.

The speeches so far have been tame and dry. There were two notable exceptions, however, today. Johnson, of North Dakota, and Johnson, of California, both Republicans, but on different sides of the silver question, afforded entertainment and, perhaps, instruction. The former was once a school teacher, and today he brought the methods of the school room into the house. He placed some charts in front of the speaker's desk, illustrating graphically, the rise and fall of prices in this country; the production of silver; the price of wheat in India measured in silver, and, pointer in hand, like a professor to his pupils, explained the converging and diverging lines.

Johnson, on the other hand, whose fiery protests against the passage of the bond bill attracted general attention and won the applause of the silver men, was an eloquent speaker, urged the Republicans not to ignore silver and warned them of the dire consequences that might follow if they did.

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THE PRESIDENT ON THE LOAN

Chief Executive States His Views in the Bond Deal to the New York Post.

New York, Feb. 6.—The Evening Post publishes an interview with President Cleveland regarding the bond issue, in which he says:

"From such information as comes to me from various private sources I am convinced that more small holdings of gold will be drawn into the treasury than appear on the surface. Small country banks, for instance, which are buying bonds for their customers, have many more bonds in their New York and Boston correspondents and this gives the loan the appearance of having been taken up by big financial institutions at the expense of small investors."

The subject of the syndicate contract of February 1895, having been mentioned, Mr. Cleveland remarked that he had never had reason to question the wisdom of that arrangement under the conditions then existing.

"That contract," he added, "helped us out at a time when forty-eight hours' delay might have produced serious results. My preference would have been to have had the present loan more popular than it appears on its face, but we have done the best we could. I do not think that small savings of gold, or the equivalent of making bids, if we could have sold them, would have brought out a good deal of this gold; but the only bonds the law allows us to issue have to be sold considerably above par in order to keep the rate of interest within a reasonable limit."

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CINCINNATI MUCH EXCITED

That City Worked Up Over Another "Crime of a Century" of Her Own.

GIRL'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Her Head Severed From the Body by the Murderer—Portland Man Kills His Wife and Then Attempts Suicide. But is Unsuccessful.

Cincinnati, Feb. 6.—All day the city has been nervously excited over the developments of the now famous story of the mysterious death of Pearl Bryan, the Greenocastle, Ind., farmer's daughter. What is called a confession of two of the young men implicated as her murderers is only a strange sort of a half-defiant winging under the semi-torture of police examination, in which each culprit appears to be trying to shield himself as an accidental accomplice, and make the other the real criminal.

So far it is known that Pearl Bryan, about to become a mother, and desirous of hiding her shame, left Greenocastle, Ind., Tuesday, January 22, ostensibly to visit Mrs. Fisher in Indianapolis; that William Wood saw her on the train; that she came directly to Cincinnati, tried to see Scott Jackson at the dental college that night, but could not; that she registered at the Indiana House as Mabel Stanley, city, and was assigned to room 114. After that the stories about her do not agree. Alonzo W. Walling, a roommate of Scott Jackson, both of whom were arrested last night charged with murder, says that Jackson saw Miss Bryan on Wednesday and that he went about the city with her, and finally, on Friday, compelled the crime of murder, cutting off the girl's head and bringing it to Cincinnati in her own valise, which he kept until Monday, when he cast the head into the Ohio River.

On the other hand, Jackson, in a stolid, half stupid and always obstinately argumentative manner, placed the entire burden on Walling.

Portland, Feb. 6.—Geo. P. Baxter, a logger, tonight cut his wife's throat with a razor and then cut his own. The woman died almost instantly, but Baxter is still alive, though dangerously injured. Before attempting to end his own life, Baxter tried to kill his 5-year-old child, but it escaped under the bed. The tragedy occurred at the Winters House, on Grand avenue, on the east side, about 5:30 tonight. Mrs. Baxter had been to Vancouver today and came home drunk. He was also under the influence of liquor, and they began to quarrel. Baxter seized a razor and cut his wife's throat, almost severing the head from the body. He then stabbed his own throat several times. He was taken to the hospital and the body of his wife to the morgue.

SIX LOST THEIR LIVES. Collapse of a Bridge in Hartford and the Awful Consequence.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 6.—Six workmen lost their lives and nine others were barely rescued from the icy waters of the Pequot river, near Bristol, early this evening. A new bridge had been built over the river, carrying the tracks of the New England railroad, and men were at work taking up the ties and rails from the old bridge, which was in progress of demolition. Fifteen workmen had gathered about the middle of the bridge in their work, when suddenly the structure began to shake, and, with scarcely a moment's warning, gave way. The men were all precipitated into the water below, in the midst of a broken mass of timbers. Two or three managed to reach land in safety, and unhurt. Up to 11 o'clock nine men of the fifteen had either escaped or been rescued alive. The body of the men has been rescued and five are still missing.

GOLD DEPOSITS. New York, Feb. 6.—The total deposits of gold at the sub-treasury and assay office today, in anticipation of the payments of allotments of the new government bonds, were \$115,000. The \$1,000,000 of gold which arrived on the Atlantic coast to be for account of J. E. Morgan.

JOHN HAMMOND IS AT LIBERTY

The Leader of the Late Uprising in Johannesburg Given His Freedom on Bail.

Members of the Reform Committee, Charged With High Treason and Inciting the Natives to Rebellion, Now Going On in the Transvaal.

Pretoria, Feb. 5 (Wednesday)—John Hammon, charged with the leadership of the late uprising in Johannesburg, was liberated on bail today.

Pretoria, Feb. 5.—The trial of the members of the reform committee began here yesterday. They are charged with inciting themselves to rebellion and with high treason. The first evidence produced was that of a mining commissioner. He testified that the men held the town with the avowed intention of opposing the government of the Transvaal, and asserted that certain members of the reform committee had said within his hearing: "The country will soon be ours, from Cape Town to the Zambesi."

HE HAD THE WRONG HORSE. Kooxhange. Mike is an Irishman just fresh from the Emerald Isle, who recently came to Hackensack, N. J., and was employed by two gentlemen, each keeping a horse in the same stable, to look after their equines. One day Mr. Jones told Mike to hitch up his horse and bring it around to his residence.

Mike did as he was bidden, but when Mr. Jones saw the turnout he said: "Why, Mike, that is not my horse; that is Mr. Smith's animal."

"Begorra," promptly replied Mike, "so I knowed that want't your horse, sir, but I couldn't quite make up my mind which horse belonged to the other gintleman."

A REVIVAL NEEDED. New York Weekly. Mrs. Gabb-Satara! Satara! where's that old broomstick I left in the closet? Satara—I don't know, ma; what do you want with it?

"Your wicked pa says he won't go to church with me, and I want to see if I can't knock a little Christianity into him."

Tussockia is a candid friend who shows us ourselves in our very worst light.

MIGHT GO ON THE STAGE. Truth. "This an awful big bill for Turkish baths. Why do you go there so often?" "Where on earth can a girl go who has nothing to wear!"

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

FIGHTING IN CUBA

Several Skirmishes Result in Small Losses on Both Sides.

Havana, Feb. 6.—The insurgents fired upon the pilot engine of a passenger train between Barro and Gayay. An escort of troops on the engine returned the fire, killing five and wounding two insurgents.

Lieut. Colonel Jariros had a skirmish between Mananillo and Leads and killed three insurgents and took one prisoner. The troops lost Major Verjara and four soldiers were wounded.

The bands of Pancho Perez Matagan and Manillo Argo attacked a force of forty civil guards who were protecting a company of telephone linemen. The insurgents sustained numerous losses while the civil guards were compelled to retreat with a loss of two killed and five wounded.

General Dryo later overtook the same band at Iquica, but they dispersed when attacked by the troops, leaving four killed and carrying away many wounded. It is reported that among the latter is the leader, Matagan, with two bullets in his breast.

NO PRIZE FIGHTS. Special to the Astorian. Washington, Feb. 6.—The bill to prevent prize fights in federal territory, which passed the house yesterday, passed the senate today. The president will probably sign the bill immediately.

O. R. AND N. REORGANIZATION. New York, Feb. 6.—The reorganization committee of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. announces that the plan of re-organization is operative. Deposits of consolidated mortgage and collateral trust bonds will continue to be received up to February 25 without penalty. After that date the payment of \$20 per bond will be required. Deposits of stocks will be received up to the same date upon the payment of \$6 per share.

STOCKS UNAFFECTED. New York, Feb. 6.—The course of the stock market was extremely disappointing to many persons who had expected much from the great success of the government loan, and a decidedly up-turn in prices both here and abroad. Apparently in London and on the floor of the New York exchange the news was not regarded from a broader point of view than as affording an opportunity to secure profits accruing from the recent rise. Conservative financiers expressed the opinion that securities will soon reflect increased confidence as to the financial outlook.

COLLECTS PAPERS

James Smith Has Devoted Fifteen Years of His Life to a Strange Charity.

N. Y. Herald. In Scott's novel, "Old Mortality," the principal character, from which the book takes its name, spends his life traveling through the country caring for the tombstones of the Covenanters. A somewhat similar character has been discovered in New York, with the difference that his life is devoted to alleviating as much as he can, in his humble way, the sufferings of the sick in hospitals.

His name is James Smith, and for fifteen years he has been pushing his work, unremunerated, collecting newspapers and depositing them in the big red box placed for that purpose by the Associated Hospital, at the corner of Vesey street and Broadway.

Attention has been directed to Smith's work at last by the carelessness of the persons whose duty it is to empty the box and distribute the literature among the hospitals. No collections had been made for nearly a week, and yesterday the box was filled to overflowing, and newspapers, magazines and periodicals were piled on it to the top of St. Paul's churchyard railing, and around it on the ground, much to the inconvenience of pedestrians. Smith, however, was not his daily contribution to the pile, and he has no doubt, go on doing so, as he has for fifteen years, whether the hospital attendants carried the papers away or not.

Smith's field of operation is the Post-office building. He makes a tour of it every afternoon and collects papers and periodicals from the clerks and officials. The attendants all know him and aid him by saving for him all the newspapers thrown away in the corridors of the building. There is a big basket standing in the Park row corner which is known as "Smith's basket," and it is daily filled by the attendants.

The special policeman guard the basket as jealously as if it were a receptacle for the mails, and every afternoon Smith comes and handles up its contents and carries the papers over to the churchyard corner, where he deposits them.

He is a little old man, bowed with the weight of 55 years, and he wears an old-fashioned "County Antrim" silk waistcoat. He dresses like a respectable laborer. Such, in fact, he was when he came to this country in his youth. It is said that when he was a young man he met with an accident, while at work and was confined to a hospital bed for several months. Then he learned the loneliness of the hospital, and when, fifteen years ago, he inherited a small annuity from relatives in Ireland, he determined to devote his life to making brighter the days and hours of those whose homes are in the hospitals.

Smith lives in a little room in a cheap Bovey lodging house. He cooks his own meals on an oil stove, and does no other work but to make his daily tour of the Post-office building. The attendants say that he has never missed a day in his recollection. Smith's income, he says, though small, is enough to support him in comfort. His tastes in food and clothes are modest, and he has no relatives to whom to leave his money.

THE MARKETS. Liverpool, Feb. 6.—Wheat, spot, firm; demand, poor. No. 2 red winter, 85 1/2d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 85 1/2d; No. 1 California, 85 1/2d. Hops, unchanged. Portland, Feb. 6.—Wheat—Valley, 69 1/2d; a la Walla, 69 1/2d. Post Washing Powder on earth. Large size, 10 cents. Soap Flakes.