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OUR city contemporary expresses a doubt as to Binger Hermann's renomination to congress. It says that it "would not be surprised to see Binger's star set to rise no more." We wonder if that pessimistic prediction had anything to do with Mr. Hermann's visit here last week.

THE assessors' census shows a healthy growth in the population of this state since 1890. We have not seen the returns from all the counties, but the figures indicate a gain of about 20 per cent. It is safe to say that the gain in population would have reached 30 per cent if the country had enjoyed its usual prosperity.

THE County Court of Polk county raised Assessor Beckett's assessment of railroad lands one-half and added twenty-five per cent to his assessment of the Southern Pacific's railroad-beds and rolling stock. That is to say the county court raised the valuation from 30 to 60 cents per acre and assessed the road-beds and rolling stock at about \$5,000 per mile. There is really no good reason why the tax-payers of Polk county should kick at the action of the county court, and we don't think they have or will make any complaint about it. When newspapers kick it is not the people kicking by a good deal.

EDITOR DOUGHTY, of the Dallas Observer, who has a good opportunity of feeling the political pulse of the county, says that sundry small and big fry politicians are beginning to muddle the unwholesome waters of the political pool. This is not precisely our contemporary's language, but broadly interpreted this is what the pulling of political wires means.

OUR Webfoot climate is simply getting in and showing Eastern visitors how beautifully the sun can shine here in Oregon in the month of October, the season of "the sear and yellow leaf." It is now pretty generally known that the most incomparable climate on the Pacific coast is found west of the Cascade mountains and between the 42d and 49th parallels. The old myth about the perennial rainy season in Oregon is no longer seriously talked in the East. Intelligent people know better because they have either visited this state or come in contact with those who have, or otherwise gained correct information on the subject. Oregon climate has its distinct seasons—spring, summer, autumn and winter, but the weather is seldom extreme heat, wet or cold. Come and see us and then you will know we speak the truth.

OUR esteemed Yamhill county contemporaries, the Telephone-Register, and the Reporter, are both of the same mind in regard to the uselessness of the Oregon state fair organization. The Register don't mince matters, but says plainly, "Please don't call it other than what it is. Call it the state political payment bureau and gamblers delight. Don't say State fair." The Reporter is not so rabid in its outspokenness but it is of the opinion "that the state of Oregon could go out of the horse trotting business. Practically that is what the alleged state fairs amount to. * * * If Salem wants an annual attraction in the way of a speed contest, no objection can be offered to her having it, but let her

also foot the bill, instead of saddling it onto the taxpayers of the state." There is some grounds for the biting arraignment set forth by our Yamhill county contemporaries. The state fair management gives to much attention to the race course and not enough, to the advancement of agriculture and stock raising. The people of Oregon are only incidentally interested in speed contests, but they are practically and generally interested in the raising of fruits, vegetables and cereals, in increasing the breed of their hogs, sheep, cattle and horses, and in developing the mineral resources of the state. These are the essential things that should be given precedence by the members of the Oregon state board of agriculture.

Now comes South Carolina, in the wake of Mississippi, with a constitutional amendment making educational and property qualifications the sine qua non of political suffrage. While this is specially intended as a direct blow at the colored vote, it will also affect the white vote, but in the end it will prove to be a blessing in disguise to both races. It will stimulate the illiterate and improvident negro and his equally unfortunate white brother to renewed efforts in either obtaining an education or acquiring property or both. This intellectual leavening will result in the uplifting of both races and go far towards settling the much vexed race problem. Of course, the problem will not be solved by the next generation or the next, or even the next thereafter, but it will finally be solved.

It is probable that the Willamette valley hop crop in 1896 will not equal this year's crop either in acreage or number of bales, because the present low prices will cause a number of small growers to go out of the business. Renters who give one-third or even one-fourth of the crop for the privilege of trying to make an honest living cannot come out whole at 6 1/2 cents per pound, and it is only natural that a large number of this class of producers will become discouraged and turn their energies in some other direction. There has been a marked shrinkage this year in almost all the staple products of the soil, and the hop crop has simply been caught at the bottom of the general tumble. Because hops have dropped to the lowest minimum price this year is no reason why they should not command a fair price next year. It all depends upon demand and supply. A short crop in either Europe or America means a better price for hops, and a general revival in business, also means a better price.

It would appear that Oregon fruit is beginning to attract some attention in the East. The New York Sun in a recent editorial says: "If, indeed, the Oregonians raise such apples and pears as the Oregon newspapers tell of, they might not lose any money by keeping the New York market supplied with them. It is far from Oregon to New York, but apples and pears will bear transportation a long distance. From a boastful Pacific coast state, that borders upon Oregon, lots of poor fruits have been sent here, as well as to London this year. * * * It is not all the time very easy to get even an apple of the best kind in New York, though apple trees are plentiful in all the states." There are only a few favored localities that will produce first class apples as the seasons come and go and the Willamette valley stands at the head of the list. With proper care and cultivation the apple, pear and prune crops of this country never fail to bring good returns in both quality and quantity. Of course, it requires labor to produce good fruit in Oregon as the insect pest has attacked the orchards, but the same climate and soil are here that used to grow the famous big red apples in the early days. It is certain that fruit culture is destined to be a great and lucrative industry in this country, and the thrifty farmer, who is abreast with the times,

will raise apples, pears and prunes as well as hops, wheat, pork and beef.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS.

That beautiful and impressive play will be reproduced at the Opera House, in Independence, Friday evening, October 25, by Prof. Wm. Rasmus, assisted by the Salem lodge of Knights of Pythias, and under the auspices of Homer Lodge, No. 45, K. of P. of this city. This drama, which was played twice in Salem last week, during the session of the grand lodge there, was a decided success. Regarding the play the Salem Post says:

"This is a piece which appeals to everyone and shows the possible depth of friendship one man may have for another, but which, as a general rule, is not universal, and a case with few parallels. It is a play which draws out and displays to good advantage the sterling qualities of two good men, while it also pictures the character of another as wicked as theirs is good. Mr. Wm. Rasmus, as Damon, portrayed a certain line of acting, which is seldom seen by a Salem audience in this city. He is strong and forcible in speech; has an excellent voice, and his gestures are perfect, showing he has given the piece deep study and also has had stage experience of a high character."

The Salem Statesman says: "Prof. and Mrs. William Rasmus, assisted by the local Pythian talent, scored another unqualified success last night in their second presentation of 'Damon and Pythias' at the Reed. Not in a long while have Salem lovers of the drama had anything offered them equal to this. The real excellence of the whole affair was augmented by fine staging and accurate costumes and those who witnessed the culmination of this endeavor of the local Pythians to please the Salem public must of a certainty bear testimony to the splendid measure of their achievement. It was altogether remarkably well done and amply appreciated."

Tickets are on sale at Patterson Bros., Independence, and at C. L. Hawley's, Monmouth. Admission 25 and 35 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

GRAND MILITARY DRAMATIC FESTIVAL.

A grand military dramatic festival will be given in this city at the Auditorium on Thursday, October 31, 1895, under the auspices of Gibson post, G. A. R.

Frank Readick and Miss Millie Freeman will play

"AMERICAN BORN,"

assisted by local talent.

This is one of the most popular American patriotic plays ever placed upon the stage, and abounds with dramatic and soul-stirring incidents.

The play will be before the public for several evenings with admission fee at popular prices.

Full announcements will be made in next week's paper. It is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Readick and Miss Freeman are the leading star actors of the Pacific coast, and they need no introduction to the people of Independence, having played here only recently in the celebrated drama "Destiny; or, From Florida to New Mexico."

The play is given for the special purpose of securing suitable stage scenery for the auditorium building.

SECOND EXCURSION.

There will be another special excursion from Parker, Independence, Derry, Crowley and McCoy to the Portland Industrial Exposition on Wednesday, October 30, returning the following Saturday. Round trip \$2.75, including two admissions to the Exposition. Persons wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should secure tickets at least three days in advance. The excursion is under the management of R. D. Cooper.

NOTICE.

The Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Co. have made the following reduction in their rates from Monmouth to Portland based upon a One Minute conversation, and commencing October 1st, 1895:

One Minute, 50 cents.
Each additional 30 seconds or fraction thereof, 5 cents.

As a majority of Long Distance telephonic conversations are finished within one minute, the above represents a substantial reduction.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Polk county association of the "Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers" will be held in Independence on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, October 19th, 1895, for the purpose of adopting by-laws and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

J. T. FORD, President.
M. L. DORRIS, Secretary.

COUNTY NEWS.

Important Happenings and Events From the Various Neighborhoods in the County

Gathered by The Enterprise's Corps of Able Correspondents.

NOTE.—Correspondence should be received not later than Wednesday afternoon of each week to insure publication. We want a live correspondent in every town and township in the county.

DALLAS.

Correspondence to THE ENTERPRISE.

There will be a sensational brothel started in this city soon.

Mrs. Campbell and family last Monday started for Oakland, Cal.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Whitehorn are building neat residences in this city.

Mr. J. S. Moore and family, of this city, moved to Independence Friday.

Mr. M. A. Embree, of Kings Valley, was doing business in Dallas Tuesday.

The reading circle met Monday evening at the residence of Rev. J. L. Futrell.

Several families from the country have moved to Dallas to school their children.

The members of the Baptist church have organized a Bible reading society.

Mr. Anderson Taylor, who has been in Dallas for some time under the care of a physician, died in this city Friday.

From present indications the Dallas public schools will have a much larger graduating class this year than last year.

Owing to the high prices charged for goods by Dallas merchants, a goodly number of our people have done their trading in Salem and Independence.

The members of the M. E. church South, are glad to welcome Rev. J. L. Futrell back to his old field of labor. This is the third time he has been given this work and it is hoped he will be able to do a great work for the cause of Christ during the coming year. Rev. J. L. Futrell has done more for the Southern Methodist church of this city than any other preacher since the organization of the church here. The membership has grown in two years from thirteen members to eighty and have under construction one of the finest church buildings in Polk county.

Two of our most enterprising young men left here for Corvallis Tuesday to attend the Agricultural college.

PARKER.

Correspondence to THE ENTERPRISE.

Dan Atkinson was married in Portland last week.

Mr. R. T. Boothby and wife were visiting at Parker Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Calbeath has "Pet" on the turf training for the spring races.

Mr. Thos. Newton is at Parker running Wm. Fugua's apple evaporator.

Wm. Collins, of Corvallis, was a guest at Wm. Fugua's Monday and Tuesday.

The Oregon Pottery Co. is shipping clay from Buena Vista to Portland via Parker.

Mrs. Julia Madsen, daughter of Mrs. H. S. Kerr, is visiting her mother at this place.

School is progressing nicely under the able management of Miss Lora Butler, of Monmouth.

Jas. Helmick will have a new roof put on his dwelling house, and will then have the whole house repainted.

The Southern Pacific company are improving their grounds here by having all the shrubbery and useless material burned.

LITTLE JOKER.

FOR SALE.

The furniture and fixtures used in Loo's Short Order Restaurant, on east side of Main street, Independence, Oregon, is for sale. The restaurant is now doing a first class business. Good reasons for selling. Inquire at Restaurant.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gundeman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at any Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

Rev. Dr. Parker

is the beloved pastor of the Universalist church at Fargo, N. D., and has been a pastor in Providence, R. I., New York City and Troy, N. Y. He writes:

"I regard Hood's Sarsaparilla the best blood purifier, and I have good reason for this opinion. I am now 80 years of age. Four years ago I was afflicted with rheumatism in my back and limbs, so badly that it was impossible for me to get my usual sleep at night. I had just partially recovered from my grip, when I used Hood's Sarsaparilla 40 lbs. My appetite was poor and I felt languid and weak. In fact I was in a very dilapidated condition. Having heard and read so much about the wonderful cures produced by Hood's Sarsaparilla I resolved to give it a trial. I followed the directions, and before the fifth bottle was finished my appetite was restored, I felt

invigorated and strong. My rheumatic difficulty had entirely disappeared. I cannot but think very highly of Hood's Sarsaparilla." J. N. PARKER.

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Hood's Pills are the best and most reliable medicine.

THE AAMOLD CONCERT.

Quite a large audience greeted Herr Aamold at the auditorium last evening. This talented virtuoso has appeared before an Independence audience on several previous occasions, but he was in most excellent form on last evening and some of his renditions showed the delicate touch of the true artist. Musicians are here, not made. Herr Aamold is a child of the Norwegian and he has evidently inherited some of the genius that made Ole Bull and Jennie Lind famous in every land where cultivated people appreciate the ideal and beautiful in music. He was brilliantly sustained by Madam Aamold on the piano, and Miss Etta Beamer, a charming vocal soloist. The talented musicians were repeatedly encored by the lighted audience. Independence claims a local interest in Miss Beamer as this was her home for several years during her early girlhood. She possesses a charming and well cultivated voice and attracts as much by her modest and charming manner as by the excellence of her singing. She is a song bird of whom Oregonians may feel proud.

One Gives Relief.

It is so easy to be mistaken about indigestion, and think there is some other trouble. The cure is Ripian's Tablets. One tabule gives relief. Ask any druggist.

While hunting deer in the mountains near Grants Pass last Friday, Francis Emmons, an old experienced mountaineer, made the fatal mistake of shooting and instantly killing his hunting companion, J. Carter, whom he mistook for a deer. There is no excuse for an experienced hunter making such a fatal mistake. There is excuse for an inexperienced hunter but none whatever for an old mountaineer.

About four weeks ago the fine new school building at Medford was burned down, and the public schools are now being taught in the different churches. In spite of these demoralizing circumstances there are 375 pupils in attendance, and it is said, the enrollment will be largely increased as soon as the new school building is completed.

Charles Feister, the old man who killed his wife near Grants Pass several months ago by drowning her in a pool of water, was sentenced on the 11th to be hanged November 29. It is said that he showed very little concern when the sentence was passed.

\$100 Reward. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.