

BRYAN TURNS PUBLISHER

Will Start the "Commoner" Weekly Paper at Lincoln, Nebraska.

THE BRITISH DISASTER.

Special to the Guard.

LONDON, Dec 15.—General Clements reports that the attack of the Boer army under Commandant Delaney at Nootgedacht, at dawn Friday, caused a loss of fourteen officers killed. Privates not reported. Thirteen officers and 500 men are missing.

General Dewet's force of 3000 Boers broke through the British lines.

BRYAN'S NEW PAPER.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec 25.—It is announced that William J Bryan will soon commence the publication of a weekly newspaper at this place. It will be named "The Commoner."

VACATION FOR PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Dec 15.—Parliament has adjourned for the holidays. It will not meet again until the middle of February.

CAPITAL PERSONALS.

WASHINGTON, Dec 15.—John A. Porter, President McKinley's former private secretary, is dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec 15.—Delegate Wilcox, from the Hawaiian Islands, took the oath of office and assumed his seat in congress.

EXPOSITION COMMISSIONERS.

PARIS, Dec 15.—The American commissioners to the exposition have sailed for the United States.

AMENDING CANAL TREATY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 14.—The senate is still considering the Nicaragua canal treaty. Several amendments have been offered but no definite action has yet been taken.

CONGER ON CHINESE TREATY.

PEKIN, Dec 14.—Negotiations are proceeding between the powers and China.

Minister Conger of the United States believes that the best interests of China require an immediate acceptance of the terms imposed.

THE MORRISON JURY.

ELDORADO, Kansas, Dec 14.—The jury in the Mrs Morrison case, indicted and tried for the murder of Mrs Castle from jealousy, has been discharged.

The jury which had been out about a week, was unable to agree on a verdict. Nine of the jurymen favored acquittal of Mrs Morrison, and three conviction.

BRITISH-BOER FIGHTING.

LONDON, Dec 14.—General Kitchener reports that General Clements' forces were compelled to retire before 2500 Boers under General Delaney.

The British were repulsed in three attacks losing five officers. The Boers lost one officer.

The battle between General Knox and General Dewet's commands is still proceeding.

COUNTY JUDGE SELECTED.

M. D. Thompson, Rep., Gets Away With the Plum.

Special to the Guard.

ROSENBERG, Or., Dec 15.—The republican county central committee this afternoon met here and recommended M D Thompson for county judge to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Joe Lyons, democrat. This is equivalent to election, as Gov. Geer has assured the public he would appoint the choice of the committee. There were a host of candidates. Thompson was the republican county commissioner elected last June for four years. Now the county court will elect his successor.

MANY NEW SETTLERS.—By reference to the records at the court house these days, it will be seen that there is quite an unusual activity in passing titles to land in Lane county. In addition to the recent settlement of the Scandinavian colony a few miles west of Eugene, many solid citizens from the East have come among us and bought lands.

GOOD RESULTS.—A gentleman advertised a house and lot for sale in the GUARD the other day and the day afterwards found a purchaser. Several other inquiries have since been received by him in regard to the matter. Advertising in the GUARD always brings good results.

News-Post News: "Mr and Mrs L E Davis went out to Eugene Tuesday morning, on a visit to friends and relatives. Mr Davis was formerly a resident at Eugene and a pioneer of that section."

PORTLAND FOOTBALL GAME.

Multnomah and Salem Play This Afternoon.

Special to the Guard.

Portland, Dec 15.—The big game between Multnomah and Salem was called at 3 o'clock.

In the first half the score resulted: Multnomah, 0; Salem, 0.

SECOND HALF. Multnomah, 0; Salem, 0.

Wm H Abrams is moving his household effects to Cottage Grove today. Mr and Mrs Abrams will follow in a day or two. We wish them success in their new home.

Independence Enterprise, Dec 12: Mr Sherman Hays was a passenger to Salem Friday, returning Saturday evening, bringing with him his wife, who has been in the hospital there. Mrs Hays is some improved.

Al Auten has placed the shelving and counters in position in his new place of business and is now papering the walls before moving in. He is also preparing to have the front of the building remodeled as stated before.

Medford Enquirer: Cy Miller, of Cottage Grove, was in town Saturday last and the first of this week. Mr Miller is traveling salesman for a Portland firm at present. He was an old friend of the editors in the Grove and we are glad to see his familiar face.

A San Francisco business man has used the Wells-Fargo Company for five cents, this being the price of a revenue stamp he was required to affix to a shipping receipt. He claims that it was the company's duty to furnish the stamp. This is a test case, and if carried up its decision will be awaited with interest.

HEAVY WINDSTORM.

Considerable Damage Done in the City and Surrounding Country.

Daily Guard December 15.—The tall end of the big storm which did so much damage to property in San Francisco and other parts of California yesterday, seems to have struck Eugene and vicinity.

All last night and today a strong southwest wind has blown, at times reaching the proportions of a gale. Reports from the country districts indicate that considerable damage of a minor nature has been done in the way of blowing down fences, small outbuildings, etc., and in one district where the wind was fiercest several trees were broken off or uprooted.

In Eugene the wind has whistled down the streets in regular Kansas style, causing not a few inelegant remarks as an occasional hat was whisked off its wearer's head into the mud in the street. Front yards have been littered with broken-off limbs of shade trees, an awning or two have been torn from their fastenings in front of business houses and several signs blown down, the largest one of which was the sign extending the whole length of Ray & Munroe's second hand store at Seventh and Willamette streets, which came to the ground with a crash just before noon. Had anyone been beneath it would certainly have ended his earthly career.

Court House Items.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. D S Brown et ux to John W Stone \$41.37 acres in tp 19 s r 24, \$1650.

Eliza L Spencer et al to Cora D Spencer et al 8.07 acres in tp 16 s r 4 w, \$1.

J A Bushnell et ux to David C McKee 8.50 acres in tp 16 s r 4 w; \$212.50.

COUNTY COURT. In the matter of the estate of Herbert Blood, an insane person. Fred Wright, guardian, ordered to turn over all real property to said Herbert Blood as he has recovered his right mind, and ordered that guardian be discharged and bondsmen exonerated.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Ellison, deceased. Notice of appeal in the case to set aside the approval of the final account made in said estate.

BILL OF SALE. J M Nichols to David Strome, two horses, wagon and harness \$125.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. Marion D Bolin and Callie E Melbourn have been granted license to wed. J M Cornelius acted as witness.

GOING TO IOWA.—Hartford Sweet, a University student, intends spending his Christmas vacation with his parents in Iowa. He leaves next Wednesday on the trip, expecting to spend ten days at home. Mr Sweet left home to attend a Pacific Coast school (the change was made to procure a dry climate), his intention being to go to Stanford university in California. By some means he got acquainted with Prof Young on the train, who, by sound argument got him to try the "dry climate" at Eugene. Ever since that time, about two years ago, he has been attending the University of Oregon and thinks it one of the best schools in the world. This is his first vacation since arriving here.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—F L Chambers will give a handsome tray with each \$2 purchase prior to New Years. To children he will give a book with each purchase, however small.

MARRIED.—At the home of the bride's parents on Fourth street, Miss Maggie Mercer and Mr Albert Whitney, Dec 12, 1900. Dean E C Sanderson performed the ceremony.

MARRIED.—In Medford, Dec 9, 1900, Mr Scott Davis and Miss Ida Weaver. The bride was a former resident of Eugene, having left here for Medford about nine years ago.

The Gilliam family have had a reunion at Salt Creek, Polk county. Among those present were Mrs Esson and daughter of Eugene.

J J Hill has resigned the presidency of the Great Northern.

The Lane County Bank had 700 bushels of wheat in the Haber warehouse in Junction.

The condition of Mrs E R Hollenbeck remains about the same. Physicians are constantly in attendance at her bedside and it is hoped she will recover.

Brownsville Times: "We saw a letter from Blue River this week which encourages us in the belief that these mines will astonish mining circles next season."

Independence West Side, Dec 13: Mr and Mrs C W Hodgson of San Francisco, visited during the week with Mr and Mrs E W Cooper and Miss Patience Cooper. Mr Hodgson is general agent for the D C Heath publishing house and Mrs Hodgson is a former resident here, being Miss Balm Mann before her marriage.

\$1,000,000 REDUCTION

The Lane Board of Equalization Marks Down Her Land 20 Per Cent.

PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT DISTURBED.

Daily Guard December 15.—The Lane County Board of Equalization, consisting of Judge H R Kincaid, Clerk E U Lee and Assessor D P Burton, in session today, reduced the land valuation 20 per cent. The reason for the reduction was given that personal property was assessed proportionately lower than real estate. Assessor Burton informs us that the assessment was made on about the same basis as last year, and as the reduction is the same as last year, 20 per cent, the amount of real estate cut off will amount in value to about \$1,000,000.

The personal property was not disturbed, although at first a horizontal reduction of 20 per cent on the entire assessment was proposed. It probably would have passed only its legality was questioned.

PERSONAL.

Daily Guard, December 15.—Mrs A G Holden is back from Roseburg.

Julian McFadden, of Corvallis, is in the city.

Geo T Hall, Sr, has returned from Portland.

Wm Preston returned from Portland last night.

Judge A L Frazer, of Portland, is in the city.

C M Young left for the Blue River mines yesterday.

Mrs Kuykendall returned home on today's 1:06 train.

Frank Goodman, of Cottage Grove, was in Eugene today.

Rev E F Beaudreau was a passenger to Crescent this afternoon.

Capt Ben D Boswell returned to Boswell Springs this afternoon.

Harry Knowland, of Cottage Grove went to Portland this afternoon.

B K Lawson, the paint dealer of Cottage Grove, was in Eugene today.

Wm Brown and wife, of Salem, are visiting Mr and Mrs G E Detmering, in Eugene.

Miss Irene Powell has returned home to Brownville, after a visit here with Mrs A L Peter.

Rev W A Elkins went to Myrtle Creek this afternoon where he holds services tomorrow.

Miss Lulu Norris came up from Junction this afternoon to spend Sunday with relatives.

J H Beckley arrived home this afternoon from a trip to Spokane and other inland Empire points.

George Fisher returned from the Blue River mines last night. He reports the Lucky Boy mines active.

Sheriff W W Withers started for Blue River this morning to serve some papers on parties in that locality.

Hon Chas H Baker and F M Dodson of Waverlyville, spent last night in Eugene and attended the G A R meeting.

Chas Klingensmith arrived home from Tillamook today, where he has been working for Thompson & Holden in their hotel.

J W Hobbs, deputy internal revenue collector, returned last evening from an official visit to Siuslaw points. He left today for Portland.

R F Groger, book-keeper for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co at Saguana, spent last night in Eugene, attending the band concert and dance.

Rev E C Sanderson goes to Albany on tomorrow morning's early train to attend the dedicatory exercises of the new Christian church at that place, which has been built at a cost of \$6,000 or \$7,000.

Mrs Terherne, who has been visiting her father and mother, Mr and Mrs W M Benner, in Eugene, left today for her home in Iowa. Enroute she will visit a sister, Mrs J R Clinton in Portland.

MARRIED.—Dallas Itemizer, Dec 14: "Isaac Yoskum and Miss Mabel Hill of Bridgeport, were married at her home Wednesday by Rev H A Deck and at once left to spend the winter in East Tennessee, where they were both raised. They have loved each other long and well and both have a host of friends. Mr Yoskum is one of the largest hop raisers in the county. He had a big and paying crop this season and will have in over 100 acres next year." Ike formerly raised hops here and his many friends will be glad to hear of his marriage.

HOPS PURCHASED.—Hort Brow, E C Smith's agent, today purchased 27 bales of hops from J L Flint for 13 cents per pound.

STORM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Telegraph Wires Down and Great Damage Done.

San Francisco, Dec 14.—A storm of unusual proportions visited this coast early today, doing considerable damage in some sections. Telegraph wires are prostrated, and during the morning San Francisco was entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world. The wind reached a velocity of nearly 60 miles an hour in this city and was of greater velocity in the exposed sections. Thunder and lightning was accompanied by rain and wind. During the height of the storm rain fell in torrents, and almost reached the proportions of a cloudburst. The wind caused damage in many sections of the city, but by far the greatest damage was done to one of the moving tanks of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company, at North Beach. Over 248,000 feet of gas was released and caused a fire which did considerable damage. The loss to the gas company will reach many thousands of dollars. A house was also blown over at North Beach. So far as known no one was injured.

Election of Officers.

A. O. U. W.

Daily Guard December 15.—Eugene lodge No 15 A O U W met in regular session last evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: E Chapman, P M W; A Lombard, M W; N Aya, foreman; F Y Shuman, overseer; B J Hawthorne, recorder; F W Osburn, financier; Geo B Dorris, receiver; Frank Bowls, Guide; Wiley Ham, I W; V McFarland, O W W Harris, medical examiner.

G. A. R. ELECTION.

Last evening the annual election of officers was held by J W Geary post, G A R, and the following were elected to fill their respective offices for the ensuing year: Post commander, E F Chapman; senior vice commander, Wm Sherman; junior vice commander, S T McFall; quartermaster, J W White; officer of the day, Charles Beedle; chaplain, J M Shelley; surgeon, L Simon; officer of the guard, R A Bartlett; trustees, S T McFall, Geo Weider and J A Burlingame. Delegates to the state encampment to be held in May, 1901, at Forest Grove: J A Burlingame, J T Kowland, J W White, C H Baker, Waverlyville, L Simon, W F Martin, R A Bartlett, S T McFall. Alternates: E F Gumm, Jasper, Thos Plank, A Yerington, D A Gibbs, M J Hillegas, Springfield, Thos Hardy, Jasper, Chas Beedle. The business being concluded, cigars and candy were passed around by the commander-elect.

THE BABER AFFAIR.—Junction City Times: A good deal of talk has been indulged in for some time past concerning a shortage of wheat in the warehouse of W H Baber. In order to satisfy all and insure a just prorata to receipt holders should a shortage exist, by mutual agreement, G C Millett has taken charge of the elevator and has a force of men at work weighing out the contents of the bins. Should a shortage be found Mr Baber has volunteered to turn over the elevator building, private residence, two quarter sections of land and one piece of eighty acres, and some town lots in Eugene. It will require several days yet to determine the amount of wheat in the elevator and in addition to this, he has considerable wheat in the mill warehouse. When the inventory is completed the exact status will then be determined.

Daily Guard December 15.—A LIVELY SET-TO.—Last night between 10 and 11 o'clock when all good people should have been in bed the quietness which usually pervades the hallways of the Hotel Eugene at that hour was disturbed by the sounds of a fearful combat. It seems that two lady guests of the hotel had had a falling out over something one of them had said concerning the other, and meeting in the hall of the third story of the hotel last night, words ensued, glass tumblers, etc., were thrown promiscuously around and much loud talk of a particularly choice nature was indulged in. It is said that one of the women suffered a broken nose and a black eye in the mixup.

Daily Guard December 15.—YOUTHFUL WANDERERS.—Two lads of about 10 years of age each, passed Eugene the other night northbound. They peered out of the door of an empty boxcar and said "It was awful crimp to travel after night in a boxcar." They said their home was in Portland, and had started for California but backed out and were homeward bound.

A CHANGE.—Junction City Times: Frank Osburn of Eugene, was looking after his business in this city Monday. As Mr Baber has given up the flouring mill, it will probably be leased to other parties.

Oregon City Courier-Herald: H W Rowland, who is now connected with the American Type Foundry Co in Portland, and T D Rowland of the United States engineer's office, visited relatives here Sunday.

SOCIAL.

Daily Guard December 15.

THE BAND CONCERT.

A fair audience greeted the Fourth Regiment band at the opera house last night. One of the best musical programs ever heard in Eugene was given and the audience, though not large, showed genuine appreciation by their vociferous applause after each number and encores were responded to several times. The best numbers on the program were conceded to be Prof Glen's vocal solo, Mrs Hulin's violin solo, Messrs McAllister and Cochran's cornet duet and Rosini's "Stabat Mater," by the band. Announcement was made that the band would give another concert in a month and regularly thereafter. It is hoped and believed that they will be better patronized in the future.

The following was the program rendered last night.

Selection—The Yeomen of the Guard... (From Sullivan's Comic Opera.)

Band.

Cornet Duet—Flowers from Fairyland

Chas Cochran and Frank McAllister, Baritone Solo—Intermezzo Sinfonico...

(Cavalleri Rusticana)—P Mascagni...

Prof I M Glen—Band Accompaniment.

Brass Quartette—Nodine... Pettie

Cochran, Davis, Gilstrap and Gilstrap.

Selection—Tannhauser... Wagner

Band

Violin Solo—Ninth Concerto, DeBariot

a Allegro

b Adagio

Mrs L G Hulin, accompanied by Mrs Hollenbeck.

Swallow Folks... Chas S Cochran

Band.

Rosini's Stabat Mater—Ilamatus...

Band.

AT ARMORY HALL.

One of the most brilliant social functions ever attended by our young people was the dance at Armory Hall after the concert last night. The elite of the city was present and a couple of hours were delightfully spent in that pastime so popular with our young people. Svarverud's orchestra furnished the music and it was, as it always is, excellent. The decorations were beautiful. Besides the numerous mirrors and lace curtains which adorned the walls and windows, evergreens, palms and potted flowers were much in evidence and the electric lights were shaded so as to shed a crimson light over the room, creating a very pretty effect.

GHOST SOCIAL.

A novel entertainment in the shape of a ghost social, was given last night by the young ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. It was a success in every sense of the word. All seemed satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

A delightful meeting was held in Frank's Hall this afternoon. The regular program was carried out.

NEW DANCES NOT SO PRETTY.—W E Eaton, dancing instructor, made some observations while on a visit to San Francisco. He says the people there as a rule do not dance so gracefully or so well as they do in Portland. They are more inclined to the new-fangled steps, which are not nearly so pretty as many of the old steps.—Portland Telegram.

INTERESTING ATTRACTION.—In the window of the Bourne Mercantile Co's store is a miniature oil pumping machine advertising some oil company in California. The tower, the pump and everything connected with it is quite realistic and has attracted considerable attention.

OREGON POSTMASTERS.—The president today sent the following nominations of postmasters to the senate: Oregon—D W Wilcox, Lakeview, A W Severance, Tillamook; George Summers, Prineville; F G Jewell, Sumpter.

INDOOR BASEBALL.—The young men of the University have organized an indoor baseball team and elected Fred Edwards captain. They will play several games with outside teams this winter.

The O R & N Co will introduce Bavarian hops and barley into Oregon. The United States imports Bavarian beer to the value of about \$1,000,000 annually, and if the hops and barley can be produced and the beer manufactured here, it means a new industry for the country and keeping more money at home.

Portland Telegram: A New York paper wants the name of the Philippine Islands changed, because they were named in honor of Spain. Well, they might be called the McKinley Islands, or the Hanna Islands, and there are enough of them to bestow the names of all our members of congress, generals, governors, and all officials down to constables, upon an island. But possibly the "White Elephant Islands" would be the most appropriate name.