

SHEMAKA EARTHQUAKE.

Great Fissures in Ground---Hundreds of People Fell in.

NEW WALKING RECORD.

Special to the Guard.

NEW YORK, Feb 15--The six-day walking contest ends tonight at midnight. The Hegelman-Cavanaugh team is in the lead. They are 150 miles ahead of the world's record.

THE SHEMAKA EARTHQUAKE.

Special to the Guard.

VIENNA, Feb 15--The Transcaucasia earthquake was accompanied by terrible and unusual loss of life. Great fissures opened in the earth, engulfing hundreds of people who miserably perished. Scores of women were in the baths at the public bath-house when the first shock came. The building collapsed and all were killed. A hundred bodies were recovered from fallen buildings last night.

COAST STORM TODAY.

Special to the Guard.

ASTORIA, Feb 15, 1 p.m.--The heaviest gale of the season is raging off the coast today. No damage has been reported so far, but disasters to shipping are feared.

FAMOUS MINSTREL DEAD.

Special to the Guard.

CHICAGO, Feb 15--"Billy" West the famous negro minstrel is dead from a cancer.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT.

Special to the Guard.

GROTON, Mass., Feb 15--Theodore Roosevelt Jr is bright and cheerful today. He slept well last night.

MEAT PLANT BURNED.

Special to the Guard.

CINCINNATI, Feb 15--The Butchers' Supply Company plant burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

Special to the Guard.

BREMERHAVEN, Germany, Feb 15--Prince Henry sailed from here today in the transatlantic steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm. Immense crowds displayed great enthusiasm over the event.

The Prince took breakfast at Kiel and made informal farewells before taking his special train for Bremerhaven.

MUCH ADO OVER NOTHING.

Special to the Guard.

BERLIN, Feb 15--All the papers are very jubilant over the sailing of Prince Henry and his visit to the United States. They claim the visit will cement the friendship between the two countries.

TO WELCOME HENRY.

Special to the Guard.

NEW YORK, Feb 15--Rear Admiral Evans has taken command of the warships assigned to the welcome of Prince Henry.

TOLSTOI STILL ALIVE.

Special to the Guard.

YALTA, South Russia, Feb 15--The report of the death of Tolstoi, the great Russian novelist, is untrue. His condition is considerably improved.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Special to the Guard.

WASHINGTON, Feb 15--The vote on the Philippine tariff bill has been set for Thursday. The irrigation bill will be taken up soon.

The bill for the reduction of war taxes will be taken up next.

MISS STONE NEWS.

Special to the Guard.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb 15--There is no confirmation of the story of the release of Miss Stone.

WASHINGTON, Feb 15--The State department confirms the payment of the Miss Stone ransom. Her liberation is expected soon.

The Wheat Market.

Special to the Guard.

NEW YORK, Feb 15--The wheat market closed here today at 84 1/2 cents per bushel.

CHICAGO, Feb 15--Wheat closed at 78 1/2 cents.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 15--Wheat at \$1.11 1/2 per cental.

The W H Elliott farm of 260 acres, 2 1/2 miles south of Eugene, was sold Saturday through E J Fraser's agency to W F Martin, recently from Minnesota. Consideration \$7800.

WILL REPAIR TRACK.--The train wreck which occurred at Alton Thursday and delayed all trains for several hours, has demonstrated the fact that there is an unsafe place of track there, which has caused four accidents during the last month. Although no lives have been lost there several trainmen have received slight injuries and the Southern Pacific has lost several thousand dollars. The particular piece of the wreck is on a curve, which to straighten will be a considerable expense, but much more economical than a persistent repetition of wrecks. The company has taken steps to reconstruct this piece of track at an early date.

EUGENE WEATHER.

Statistics From the State Climate Report.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

From the annual summary of climate conditions in the state of Oregon for the year 1901, published by the U S department of agriculture, the GUARD has compiled the following figures relative to the climate as observed by the voluntary government observer in Eugene during 1901. The figures are very interesting and should be preserved for future reference:

KILLING FROSTS.

Last in spring, April 15; first in autumn, Dec 11.

THE RIVER.

Highest point reached, 19 feet above low water mark; average 5.5 feet.

TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

Elevation, 435 feet. Annual mean temperature, 51.1 degrees; highest, 96 on August 4; lowest, 21 on Feb 9.

Precipitation--Total for the year, 40.01 inches; greatest monthly, 8.36 in January; least monthly, a trace in July; total snowfall, 2.5 inches; number rainy days, 147; prevailing direction of wind, northwest.

Monthly mean temperature--January, 38.9 degrees, 1.9 lower than normal; Feb, 42.5, 0.1 lower; March, 46.8, 1.6 higher than normal; April, 48.2, 1.6 higher; May, 55.8, 0.9 higher; June, 58.2, 1.1 lower; July, 62.1, 4.0 lower; August, 67.5, 3.0 higher; September, 58.2, 1.3 lower; October, 57.4, 4.0 higher; November, 49.0, 2.6 higher; December, 40.6, 1.7 lower. Mean temperature for the year 52.1, 0.1 lower than normal.

Monthly maximum temperature--Jan 12th, 58 degrees; Feb 28th, 72; March 15th, 68; April 10th, 67; May 25th, 85; June 17th, 84; July 22nd, 86; August 4th, 96; Sept 18th, 84; Oct 22nd, 78; Nov 4th, 66; Dec 2nd, 62. Monthly minimum temperature--Jan 30th, 27 degrees; Feb 9th, 21; March 4th, 32; April 15th and other dates, 31; May 7th, 37; June 5th and other dates, 40; July 14th, 41; August 24th, 46; Sept 15th, 38; Oct 9th and other dates, 43; Nov 10th, 33; Dec 12th, 23.

Monthly precipitation, River Station--Jan, 8.10 inches, 3.58 greater than normal; Feb, 5.57, 1.20 greater; March, 4.52, 0.36 greater; April, 2.39, 0.46 less; May, 2.41, 0.52 greater; June, 1.20, 0.35 less. University Station--July, a trace, 0.46 less; August, 0.38, 0.39 less; Sept, 4.09, 2.49 greater; Oct 1.44, 1.18 less; Nov, 4.34, 0.39 less; Dec, 4.95, 1.57 greater. Total precipitation for the year at the University station, 40.01 inches which is 4.63 inches greater than normal.

AT THE SOAP WORKS.

New Boiler Fired up This Afternoon.

The new boiler at Pope & Bowder's soap works was fired up for the first time this afternoon but will not be in active use until the brick work dries out.

The large new soap tank just installed has a capacity of about 25,000 pounds of soap and weighs about 3200 pounds. The tank is so large that an extension had to be built to the new addition to the building to accommodate it.

In addition to the new tank, six new soap moulds have been added and the capacity of the plant will have been more than doubled when everything is in working order which will be early next week.

Five or six people will be employed at the factory when the new machinery is in working order.

DIED.--In Coburg, February 8, 1902, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs G F Burns, Mrs Virginia Riee, aged 82 years, 9 months and 25 days. Mrs Riee and family came to Oregon and located in Junction in 1858. Her husband was killed in a runaway about twelve years ago. She leaves four children, a son and three daughters. Her remains were taken to Junction Sunday and interred in Odd Fellows cemetery.

GRANT'S FURNISHING STORE.--Cottage Grove Nugget: C B Clement, the well known cigar and confectionery dealer of this city, is this week arranging to open a complete line of up-to-date goods' furnishing goods in the room adjoining his cigar store, on the west, on River street. Mr Clement proposes to carry everything in the furnishing line, and it being his old business, he will no doubt secure a share of the trade. The Nugget wishes him success.

Hope are now 15 cents per pound. Eleven cents is the general contract price for the coming crop.

PERSONAL.

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N B Standish is back from Brownsville.

C F Moore returned this afternoon from Creswell.

Ed Andrews returned to Corvallis this morning.

Gas Moulden went to Cottage Grove this afternoon.

F B Chase returned this afternoon from a trip north.

Robt Cooley and wife came up from Brownsville today.

Deacon Davis returned this afternoon from Harrisburg.

Abraham Murphy returned this afternoon from Goshen.

Miss Anna Howe came down from Creswell this afternoon.

C H Powell, of Eugene, registered at an Albany hotel yesterday.

Miss Gertrude Groubeck was a passenger to Creswell this afternoon.

Geo Walker and D F Sheridan returned to Creswell this afternoon.

Attorney J E Young came down from Cottage Grove this afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Hugh Hampton returned this afternoon from Goshen.

Judge and Mrs R S Bean and little son returned to Salem this afternoon.

Miss Anna Markley went to Cottage Grove this afternoon to spend Sunday.

Rufus Wright of Union, a student of the U O last year, arrived here this afternoon on a visit.

Rev C A Woolley went to Albany this afternoon to fill his regular appointment tomorrow.

I L Campbell was down town today for the first time since he was taken ill, two weeks ago tonight.

J D Dammann returned this afternoon from Roseburg where he went to file on some timber land.

Rocky Mason, of Albany stopped off in Eugene this afternoon on his way home from Cottage Grove.

Prof Geo Lilly, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis the other day, is still confined to his home.

Prof and Mrs F L Washburn will leave Tuesday morning for Berkeley, Cal, thence for Minneapolis.

Carl Schaefer returned this morning from his trip to Southern Oregon towns in the interests of the Eugene razor factory.

Miss Blanche Warbington returned to Pleasant Hill this afternoon after having attended the teachers' examination here.

Mrs J M Barry and child who have been in Eugene the last few months visiting Mrs Barry's parents, Mr and Mrs L Rieckel, left this afternoon for San Francisco.

Sheriff Frazier, Major Dyer, Dr Owen and S B Hayden returned this afternoon to Portland after having examined a lot of horses purchased here for the U S artillery.

Roseburg Review: C Schaefer, of Eugene, was among the arrivals at the McAllen House last night. Father Beutgen, of Eugene, was here last night visiting with Father Berthelme and greeting old friends.

AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

Will of Virginia G. Rich and Other Legal Matters.

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Mortgage \$200 00
Chattel mortgage 50 00
Chattel mortgage 135 15

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Duncan Scott to L W Brown 220 acres in tp 18 s r 4 w, \$1800.

John Whiteaker to Lizzie M Miller lots 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 Blk 4 Fairmount, \$106.

Robert Balentine to Booth-Kelly Co 160 acres in tp 18 s r 1 e, \$10.

J J Winn to Honek Land and Live-stock Co 320 acres in tp 15 s r 5 w, \$1 and other valuable consideration.

WILL PROBATED.

Estate of Virginia G Rich, deceased.

Will admitted to probate. Probable value of property \$1000. Property left to Ida E Roberson, daughter; Mary A Tattle, daughter; Cora E Burns, daughter, and Harvey L Rich, son. The will was executed April 23, 1901, and was witnessed by Albert Walker and J B Maie. There being no executor named in the will it is ordered that Harvey L Rich be appointed executor with bonds at \$2000. Bond filed with H A Skeels as surety. Herbert Walker, Z T Kintzley and Manly Doane appointed appraisers.

THE COLONY.--Junction Times: Three families have already made selections for homes on the Millett farm through Mr Nelson, the promoter of the Danish Colony. One selected the Bennett tract which has already a good residence. The other two went to Harrisburg Wednesday to make arrangements for lumber to build. Another arrival is expected soon from Iowa who commands a capital of \$20,000. It is believed that he will select the home place.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

J. Arthur Gamber Chosen to Represent U. O. in State Contest.

THE OTHER ORATORS.

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J. Arthur Gamber, of the senior class was chosen winner of the tenth annual oratorical contest held last evening in Villard hall.

Though not the best in the history of the college, the contest was good and showed hard, original work on the part of the orators in the preparation of their themes.

The musical part of the program deserves mention and the audience highly appreciated the kindness of Mr Arthur Louis Frazer for the instrumental solo which took place of the song by Miss Templeton who was unable to sing on account of sickness.

THE ORATIONS.

S A Pennick in his oration, "Elijah F Lovejoy" reviewed the life and struggle of that great man in his efforts to overcome slavery in strong opposition to public opinion. This spirit shown by Lovejoy was the spirit of contention for right in the face of overwhelming opposition and should be the principle of every true man.

In the oration "The Conversion of Clovis," by Benj F Evans, the speaker surveyed the situation at the time of Clovis and showed that by his example was brought about a change in the course of nations. From this as an illustration Mr Evans emphasized the power of personal example in influencing and controlling others.

The oration, "Law-abiding Citizenship," by Geo W Eyre, included a description of the origin and existence of some of the most conspicuous forms of lawlessness as are found about us. Anarchy was given especial emphasis. As a climax the example of President McKinley was taken as the true and only type of perfect law-abiding citizenship.

Leiston L Lewis, in "Our Civic Renaissance," noted the signal victory of reform which has recently been won in our great cities. The people have not only expressed a desire for purer government but a demand for it. This demand marks the beginning of our civic renaissance and the solution of some of our great civic problems of modern government.

"Public Opinion" was the subject considered by J Arthur Gamber. The speaker held that people must think, and think rightly if they wish to hold to the principles upon which true democracy was founded. Otherwise interest will be lost and democracy drift into bureaucracy.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES.

Herman Tartar, of the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis; W G Hale, of Pacific university at Forest Grove; E A Smith, of McMinnville university at Salem, and Charles Sternberg, of Albany college, will represent their respective institutions at the state contest.

UNIVERSITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Plans Being Drawn for Work Authorized by Legislature.

It will be remembered that the last legislature appropriated \$6,000 for improvements to be made in the University buildings.

Architect Richard Martin, Jr, of Portland, is now at the University drawing plans and specifications for this work which will be commenced in a very short time.

The proposed improvements include the remodeling of the basement of Deady Hall, putting in new bath rooms at the gymnasium and building a woodhouse east of the new power plant.

Albany Democrat: There is considerable talk about the girlie telephone. The Democrat is not anxious for it to hurry. It likes the sweet, though sometimes impatient query "Number," as uttered by the gentle-voiced telephone girl.

A wildcat three feet in length was killed by the county clerk of Josephine county in the courthouse yard at Grants Pass last week. We assure our Eastern readers that this is not a common occurrence. The animal had probably had a "cat fit" and didn't realize his dangerous position.

John Whisman, an old-time Lane county friend of the publisher of the Mail and of City Recorder York, was in the city Saturday on a brief stay. The gentleman is now living on Williams creek, in Josephine county. He is as square and honorable a man as ever stepped on Oregon soil and his coming this way cannot be too plentiful to wear out his welcome. Medford Mail.

BLUE RIVER MINES.

Equal Cripple Creek Mines for Richness.

THOUSANDS SPENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

William H Morton, superintendent of the Blue River Mining Co, of Lane county, has returned to his home at 1113 East Taylor street, Sunnyside, to remain until April, says the Oregonian. He said yesterday that the district has a most promising future before it. Between \$250,000 and \$300,000 has been expended in the development of the various mining properties of the district, most of which are owned by Portland men, in the erection of buildings, stamp mills and other structures. Work has been started on an extensive electric plant to supply power to the stamp mills of the mines, which is to be completed and in operation by October next.

"I was in the Cripple Creek and other mines that caused so much excitement," said Mr Morton, "but it is my judgment that the Blue River mining district equals the former in richness and extent. It covers about four miles square, and is about 60 miles southeast of Eugene, and reached easily by stage. The owners of the Lucky Boy mine, Messrs Fred and Frank Sharkey, L Zimmerman and N B Standish, of Portland, have a 15-stamp mill, and during January their cleanup was \$28,000, which was a big run. I understand their average cleanup had been \$9000 per month.

"The free milling quality of the ore makes it easy to get out the gold. The ore is very much like that found in the Cripple Creek mines. The Lucky Boy mine is one of the richest in the Northwest, and the other mines I have mentioned are all of the same character. As far as the developments have gone it is shown that there is ore enough in sight to keep the mines in operation a good many years. While the Blue River mines were discovered 12 years ago, only within the past few years have men of capital got hold of them so that developments could be made. I look for great things in this group from now on. The owners in every case are satisfied with their holdings and will put in mills. The installing of an electric plant to furnish electric power in the district will be an important advance step. There is abundance of water power, and electricity is so much cheaper than steam and can be transmitted easily to any portion of the district. The scenery is beyond description. It is my judgment that Oregon has better paying mines than Alaska. They are certainly more accessible."

PORTLAND'S NEW PAPER.

The Evening Journal Will Start Up About March 1st.

The GUARD has received the following which is self-explanatory:

PORTLAND, Ore, Feb 14, 1902.
DEAR SIR:--About the first of March The Journal, an up-to-date afternoon newspaper, will begin publication in this city. A complete plant, consisting of a large size Goss perfecting press--capacity, 24,000 copies per hour, typesetting machines, etc, is being installed, and when completed publication will begin.

In order to expedite matters we would like to ask you to add The Journal to your exchange list so that we may receive your paper in advance of the day of our first publication. This courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

Trusting to be able to establish ourselves upon terms of closer relationship, we remain,

Very respectfully,
JOURNAL PRINTING CO.
ALFRED D BOWEN,
General Manager.

FINGERS SHOT OFF.--Nugget: John Putart last Friday while extracting a shell from a large Winchester had it explode, and it blew off the ends of the third and fourth fingers and badly mutilated the end of the second finger on the left hand. The accident occurred about a mile east of town. The young man came to town and Dr Job dressed the wounds, which are now healing very rapidly.

OPERATION.--Cottage Grove Leader: Monday Dr Wall performed a very delicate operation on Mrs Katie Medley. Mrs Medley has been in very poor health for some time and many thought she could never stand an operation, but it was most successfully performed and the patient is getting along nicely. Dr Harris of Eugene administered the ether.

BORN.--At noon today to the wife of M C Hoffmann, West Sixth street, a daughter, weight 8 1/2 pounds.