

### Northern Negro Burning.

Ohio burnt a negro at the stake not a year since, and now Illinois follows suit. W. T. Wyatt, a negro school teacher, shot and fatally wounded the county school superintendent of St. Clair county at Bellville, Friday night for refusing to renew his teaching certificate.

The negro was arrested, but a mob took him from the officer and hanged him to a telephone pole in the public square. Even while his body was jerking in the throes of death from strangulation, members of the mob began building a fire at the foot of the pole. The flames flared up and licked at the feet of the victim, but this did not satisfy the mob, and another and larger fire was started. When it was burning briskly the negro, still half alive, was cut down and after being covered with coal oil, was thrust into the fire. Moans of pain were heard from the half-dead victim of the mob, and these served to infuriate further his torturers. They fell upon him with clubs and knives, cut and beat the senseless being almost to pieces, and not until every sign of life had departed did they desist and permit the flames to devour the body. As the fire lighted up the scene the members of the mob stood around the fire hurling more fagots of wood into the flames and denouncing the negro for the shooting.

After such an exhibition of ferocity who will say that it is not more probable that man has been evolved from a condition of life approaching the brute, rather than that he came to full being endowed with the loving attributes of his creator? Turn the best handled and broken cow or horse loose in the woods alone for a few months, it goes back to something of the condition of its ancestors of a thousand years ago. And man has the savage instincts of his barbarian ancestors. They are not dead, only slumbering. Given the occasion and opportunity, the latent savagery of centuries dominates his being.

### Oregon Cities Growing.

(Portland Evening Telegram.)  
Judged by any test that may be applied, it may be discovered and proved that the population and business of Portland is not only steadily but rapidly increasing. One sure proof of this gratifying fact is the increase in the business of the Portland postoffice, on account of which the salary of the postmaster will be increased on July 1st from \$3000 to \$3700 a year. Not only is the business of the Portland office growing year by year and month by month, but that of other and smaller Oregon cities is also increasing. They are keeping pace with the metropolis, and showing that the development and upbuilding of Oregon is general throughout the state. The salaries of the postmasters of Salem, Pendleton, Eugene, Oregon City, Ashland, Roseburg, Grant's Pass, Corvallis, McMinnville, Medford, Hood River, Marshfield, Union, Hillsboro, Newberg, Tillamook, Burns, Independence, Silverton, Huntington and Woodburn, will all be increased \$100 a year on July 1st.  
This does not mean that other prominent and thriving cities like Baker City, La Grande, Astoria and Albany, are not growing too; only that their postoffice receipts do not quite justify the increase at this time. But all Oregon towns are growing right along, and they are doing so because the country surrounding them is being developed, because population and products are increasing, because Oregon, "with her own wings," is constantly rising to a higher and broader flight.

George Smith, the colored murderer of his white wife, went to his death on the scaffold at Portland Friday without the least sign of emotion or fear. And the color of his skin prevented any pallor being noticeable.

Governor Bailey, the bachelor executive of Kansas, has decided to grant the wishes of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and use water instead of wine in christening the battleship named after his state.

### ESTIMATED FLOOD LOSSES

#### Immense Damage in Over Two Hundred Towns by the Recent Freshet.

Kansas City, June 9.—Kansas has suffered as a result of the recent floods more than any other state. No exact figures can, of course, be given, but the damage done in the principal cities and towns is estimated as follows:  
North Topeka, \$500,000; Lawrence, \$250,000; Salina, \$200,000; Manhattan, \$150,000; Junction City, \$100,000; Solomon, \$50,000; Abilene, \$250,000; Lindsborg, \$100,000; Hutchinson, \$100,000; Minneapolis, \$100,000; Emporia, \$50,000; Florence, \$50,000; Lincoln, Center, \$50,000; Atchison, \$100,000; Argentine, \$2,000,000; Kansas City, Kan., and suburbs, \$8,000,000. Nearly 200 smaller towns are affected by the floods.  
The lowest estimate that can be made of the loss done to crops is \$5,000,000.

### Note and Comment.

While the city council is considering exorbitant and prohibitive licenses for carnivals, dog shows, circuses, etc., it is well not to be in too big a haste to lay the lash on these amusement enterprises. Let us consider. The majority of the members of the city council are men who have had their share of amusement in life. They are, this majority, past fifty years of age. It is their tendency to look too much to the material side of affairs. They consider, "What are we going to make out of this?" "How much money will that show take out of town?" "How much license can we possibly put on this enterprise?"

It is plain that the reasoning is not from a standpoint of what the majority of people want, but what cash benefit will come of such an enterprise. The Guard takes the stand that a large majority of the country people who do the hard work of the farms, pitch the hay and fatten the cattle, plow the soil and reap the harvest, demand an amusement that is something different from the likings of a city-bred populace. These people have money. On special holiday occasions they are wont to hitch up old "Nancy" and "Dobbin," pile into the big wagon and come to town to enjoy a brief respite from their physical labors. The wife comes, the children are all out, the "Old Man" is not averse to holding the youngest sun-burned offspring up to see the animals in the cages and watch the monkeys play their pranks. They enjoy it and will have it, no matter if they have to drive twenty miles to enjoy the fun.

Circuses and shows of a kindred nature are the bright spots in the lives of the country people. But they must have a place to exhibit. They are out for all the money there is in it, and they usually put up an entertainment that is worthy of the price, and nobody complains. Street fairs are of the same nature. A competent carnival company conducting a good and well recommended set of shows, well advertised, will amuse more people, bring more cash to the stores, make the town more lively, do more good, and MAKE THE COUNTRY PEOPLE THINK MORE OF THEIR COUNTY SEAT than ten thousand dollars spent in fancy fireworks, pretty floats and a goddess of Liberty, with a reading of the grand old document, the Declaration of Independence, by some pretty school girl. These companies do carry away considerable money, but they give in return some pleasures. They should stand a nominal license but not of a prohibitive nature.

Let the council consider the wants of the majority of the people in the county. And don't forget the time when you begged your daddies to let you have a dime with which to buy some glorious red lemonade; don't forget when your heart palpitated at the thought of seeing the big string of wild animals as the bill-poster stuck his wonderful sheets on your father's barn. Let your memories run back to the time when you paid your quarter gladly, and never thought of how much the showman paid the city for the privilege of entertaining you. At the same time you need not forget that when country people come to town they come with more money than they will spend on the circuses and will leave most of it in the stores.

As was the sense of the previous meeting held by the Iowa Association, the special committee appointed to superintend the celebration of a holiday met last evening and entered upon the final details of the picnic which will be a part of the reunion of the Lane County Veterans in Eugene June 18.

### A Young Westerner.

The following is from "The Commonwealth," a literary publication printed at Seattle, under date of June 6th:

"Mr. Alfred A. Aya, recently admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Oregon and a graduate of the Law Department of the University of Oregon, entered that institution in 1899 and graduated therefrom May 15th of this year. Eleven days later he was admitted to practice before the courts of Oregon. Under John T. Congdon, Mr. Aya entered the Law Department of the University of Washington, where he spent three or four months as a Post Graduate.

"Mr. Aya is a typical representative of the Western young man. His education has so far been earned through his own efforts. He has studiously wrought out his education and, even while at work, has fought his way through ponderous law books and the dull, dry-as-dust curriculum of the knowledge of the law. An instance in point may serve to show what sort of a man this is. For sev-



ALFRED A. AYA.

eral years he was manager of the shoe department of The People's Store, at Tacoma. In the evening, instead of spending his time as most young men on salaries do, he toiled over his books, over references and cross references until the small hours of the night. It is of record too that no whit of his work was slighted during the hours sold to his employer, and when he left the store and that city he had the universal respect of all his acquaintances. As somewhat of an index of his proficiency in his studies, Richard H. Thornton, the Dean of the Law Department of Oregon, appointed Mr. Aya to be the representative of the Law class at the commencement exercises, to be held at Eugene, Oregon, June 18.

"This is the sort of man that makes the virility of the West, the absolute conquerableness of it, and he is the sort of man the west is universally proud of."

### Pitcher Lorimer at Salem.

The Salem league team has secured Pitcher Lorimer, who was recently released by Manager Griffin of the Eugene team. Lorimer played shortstop in Sunday's game against Roseburg and, according to the Salem Journal, was responsible for Salem's defeat. He made 5 errors during the game. In justice to Lorimer, however, it will be said that shortstop is not his position and he told the manager he could not play it. The Journal says:

"Sunday's game was lost by poor playing on the part of Lorimer. No ball player can be blamed for making errors when put in a position that is new to him, or one that he can't play, and that he says he can't play; and there is no one to blame for the loss of the last two games but the management. \* \* \* Lorimer is no shortstop, and should not have been asked to play without practice. It is poor management that will attempt to strengthen a team at the eleventh hour with unpracticed players."

### Died.

(Daily Guard, June 9.)

Mrs. Rosella S. Nettleton died this morning at 7 o'clock at the temporary family home, seven miles north of Eugene, aged nearly fifty-three years.

Rosella Wilson was born at Savannah, Illinois, June 23, 1850. Came to Eugene in May, 1891. Her health had been poor for several years preceding death. Was a member of the Circle of Woodmen of Woodcraft, also of the Methodist church. The funeral will be held in that church tomorrow at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Mulkey cemetery. The family home is on Oak street, between 14th and 15th streets.

The Oregonian conveys the important information that Geo. C. Brown, an Ilet farmer, has a chew of tobacco off his own plug, keeps a hot stove for their own benefit, loans money to poor people who come to him for help, and can't keep all his political promises.

### NEW LUMBER YARD ESTABLISHED

#### Long & Bingham, of Cottage Grove, Will Conduct Branch Yard Here.

The firm of Long & Bingham, lumber dealers of Cottage Grove, have decided to establish a branch yard at Eugene. The new yard will be under the management of C. F. Mitchell, who has had considerable experience in handling lumber.

The yard will be situated near the depot, and will contain the best of every kind of lumber. The firm has a good reputation and will no doubt conduct a good business in this city.

The first lumber will arrive from Cottage Grove in a day or two, when active operations will begin.

### WILL HAVE A REAL FAT TIME

The much heralded game of baseball between the fat and lean men of the Knights of Pythias will take place on June 25th, Thursday afternoon. The Knights will have a fat time indeed. It is a good thing that they did not decide to play football on the same score. If we remember correctly the fat men have a baseball victory to their credit, having defeated the lean gang two years ago. It is now up to those of the slimmest to gather up a few tallies. Following is the temporary lineup, subject to change upon the death of any player:

Leans. Pats.  
C. A. Wintermeier c G. W. Griffin  
C. L. Winter p Fred Fisk  
C. W. Lowe ss A. C. Woodcock  
E. R. Mumby 1b Lew Griffin  
O. E. Roberts 2b H. A. Vincent  
Deacon Davis 3b H. W. Thompson  
Horace Burnett rf W. Ross  
W. L. Cheshire cf R. M. Donahue  
D. E. Yoran if C. C. Kaufman  
Lean subs—Lester Luckey, Roy Knox, W. M. Morrow, I. T. Nicklin, H. L. Traver, C. D. Chorpensing, C. E. Willoughby, Frank Taylor.  
Fat subs—J. O. Watts, F. L. Gibbs, W. Waddie, W. W. Brown, S. W. Taylor, Andy Taylor, Otto Gilstrap, L. T. Harris.

### Removed to Salem.

W. E. McElroy, who has so successfully directed the Fourth Regiment band during the past year and more, has moved his family to Salem where he is director of the military band of that city and also has charge of the music at the Grand opera house of Salem. Mr. McElroy's band will furnish music for the big carnival to be held next month there.

Eugene people generally regret to lose Mr. McElroy and his estimable family.

### Building Improvement.

A letter from John P. Coleman, who is in California, states that he is desirous of improving his Willamette street property in Eugene and has placed the matter in the hand of a representative here. The property referred to is comprised of the buildings next to the Smeede hotel. The buildings will be built through to Park street and another story added.

### Born.

(Daily Guard, June 9.)

To Mrs. Wm. J. White, of San Francisco, at 382 West Seventh street, Eugene, this morning, a 12-pound daughter.

John T. Harris, formerly of Eugene, is now in the real estate business in Portland.

Lee Heselton has sold his fine driving horse to J. H. Beckley, who will send him down to Portland to put him on the track awhile.

The dirt from the excavation for L. O. Beckwith's new brick is being hauled to L. G. Adair's new residence lot, and to C. D. Hales' and L. O. Beckwith's places.

Clarence Poley, the crack distance man of the "Varsity" track team, has been elected captain for the coming year. He is a popular student on the campus and will be an efficient captain on the field.

Teams are at work preparing the grounds for the moving of the Ingham warehouse to the site of the Ebbert warehouse near the depot. The vinegar factory to be fathered by Ingham & Zimmerman is well under way.

Yesterday's Albany Democrat: Hon. A. C. Woodcock, the well known lawyer-farmer of Eugene, was in the city today. Mr. Woodcock has formed a partnership with Hon. L. T. Harris. \* \* \* Hon. R. A. Booth, the head of Oregon's largest lumber firm, was in the city today.

Dr. Stacey Hemenway and Miss Irene Chitwood were married at Klamath Falls one day last week. Dr. Hemenway formerly resided in Eugene, being a brother of Volney Hemenway here. He is now the official physician at the Klamath Indian agency.

Ernest Bechdolt, son of Superintendent A. F. Bechdolt, has accepted a position for the summer on the Seattle Post-Intelligence and is now at his post. Bechdolt has been High School reporter for the Guard during the past year and the field has been admirably covered. "Jack" is an artist as well as a newspaper man and will make his future without doubt.

The Woodmen of the World, according to their custom have erected a pretty monument over the grave of the late I. W. Pope in I. O. O. F. cemetery. This monument will be unveiled Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is requested that the attendance of Woodmen be as large as possible. Meet at the hall at 2 o'clock. Evening services at the Baptist church will be attended in a body. Rev. H. A. Green delivers the annual sermon.

### Bees Settle on a Dog.

Albany Herald: John W. Holman, who lives across the river in Benton county beyond Spring Hill, did have a fine English setter bird dog, but hasn't got him now. Mr. Holman keeps a good many stands of bees and this is about the time of year bees swarm, at least a stand of Mr. Holman's bees swarmed the past week. The faithful dog, seeing the bees buzzing in the air like a great fowl, "set them," and this attracted the attention of the bees, the swarm came down and settled on the dog. The dog did not take kindly to the treatment and began to scratch them off and in return they began to sting, and as a result enough of the bees stung the setter to kill him, and now Mr. Holman does not know which he thinks the most of, bees or dogs.

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