

Note and Comment.

What a contrast! New snow covered Missouri yesterday, Eastern Nebraska and Kansas, Western Iowa and Southern Illinois.

The crowd hissed the Fitzsimmons-Gardner fight at San Francisco, Wednesday. It was too tame. People who pay money for a seat at a prize ring do not want a Sunday school exhibition.

The meanest man in the country was at Payette, Idaho, Tuesday night. He "held up" the woman night operator in the telephone office and compelled her to give him money for his supper, as he claimed, then locked her in the office when she left.

Some people are so unthoughtful! There is that actress playing in Portland who sought to add to her paying capacity by having it published in an interview that she was playing in Ford's theatre the fateful night when Booth assassinated President Lincoln in that place.

Nearly sixteen thousand acres of the fine pine timber on the eastern slope of the Cascade mountains between the Military and McKenzie wagon roads, was decided to a Minnesota timber firm the other day by the State Land Board, for \$1.25 an acre.

The Baker City Democrat warns the people against fakery and peddlers. Home merchants and dealers are entitled to the protection of the press against those foreign, transient peddlers who pay no taxes in the county, and who can fleece right and left because they never expect to visit the county the second time.

Eugene's building boom has not abated with the approach of winter. New buildings are going up on every hand and a small sized army of workmen will be kept busily employed for weeks to come, in fact until the renewed activity of spring sets in.

After torrents of discussion and much hesitation the public school teachers of New York have organized with approximately thirteen thousand members. In an army like that what a delightful time the walking delegate would have.

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Potatoes are cheaper in Oregon and Washington at present than almost anywhere else in the United States. In New York they are worth 50 to 65 cents per bushel; at St. Louis, 57 to 60 cents; at Boston, 57 to 60 cents; at Chicago, 50 to 63 cents.

Panicky Prognostication.

Here is a dismal prognostication sent out from Chicago in a press association dispatch:

It has been estimated that before the close of the year the big employing concerns of the country will have discharged nearly 1,000,000 men, most of them laborers and general utility workers.

Still we rather think people in this instance are scared before they are hurt. Winter is about with us and it is but natural that manufacturing and other industries should have partial cessation.

There are evidently worse things than the dread of lynching. The negroes who emigrated to Liberia are now petitioning this government to bring them back to Georgia.

The State Land Board has sold 189 acres of tide land, sand is the better name, near the end of the Columbia river jetty.

The Guard is the home paper of Eugene—the one that is read in three-fourths of the home firesides at night. That is why its excellence as an advertising medium is not challenged by any rival.

Fashionable and swell New York society should be scandalized, if such a thing were possible, by the rapid transfer of marriage obligations by Mrs. Arthur Kemp, sister-in-law of the Vanderbilts, yesterday.

Queen Lill is besieging congress again with her claim for \$200,000, being the value of the crown lands of Hawaii, the title of which passed to the republic when the monarchy was abolished.

The circuit court at Portland has dismissed two old indictments for the very good reason that the parties involved have gone before a higher court to answer for their crimes.

"A country editor called on me one day," said Clyde Fitch, "to ask my opinion about a play he had written. After talking a few moments he asked permission to wash his hands, as he had tumbled from a trolley car and gathered up more of the mud than he cared to carry home."

"Life" gives a line, maybe two, each week to each of New York's prominent theatres, giving play on and such criticism as may be crowded in that space. And doubtless the theatre sometimes thinks "Life" extravagant of space.

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"Smoking on the car?" exclaimed the disgusted woman, as Dennis Flaherty, with his short-stemmed pipe, took the seat beside her.

EUGENE FIRMS VIC-TIMIZED

Earnest Easthum, A Logger, Forges Checks.

Then Proceeded to the Gambling Tables, Losing It All—Caught at Junction City.

Earnest Easthum, a bold, bad man who has been working in Newton Griffin logging camp on Fall Creek, for the past few months, came down to spend Thanksgiving in Eugene.

Running short of the coin of the realm he thought of an easy way of supplying his empty pocket book, and procuring a checkbook from the Eugene Loan & Savings Bank, he proceeded to write out checks as lavishly as if he had been a millionaire.

Word was received by Sheriff Fisk that the forger had been caught at Junction this morning. Deputy Sheriff Harry Bown and Al Waddle drove down this afternoon to identify and bring the prisoner back to the county jail in this city, where free grub and lodgings will be furnished him.

BAND CONCERT AT ARMORY

A Fine Program Rendered by the Eugene Band at Armory Hall.

The band concert Wednesday evening was not attended as well as the excellent program merited. Those who attended were highly pleased with the numbers rendered.

Nugget Changes Hands.

Howard & Brown, of the Cottage Grove Nugget, have sold their interests in the Nugget to A. F. Bettersworth.

Mr. Bettersworth is well known to the pencil pushers of Oregon, and is a hustler from away back. He has been connected with the Harrisburg Bulletin. The Nugget shows improvement with his first issue.

Stole His Birds

Lee Hoselton reports the loss of four fine chickens that he had cooped up fattening them for a Thanksgiving feast. Some lover of chicken flesh purloined the birds for his use and Lee had to resort to turkey.

Obituary.

David E. Rice, more familiarly known as "Dave" died in Eugene Saturday evening, Nov. 21. The deceased, who was one of the best known men in Eugene, had a host of friends who miss his genial face.

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COBURG BRIDGE FINISHED

Bridge Has Been Rebuilt--New Approach.

Has Been Closed Long Time--Very Heavy Travel--The Ferry Was a Regular Mint.

The county bridge over the McKenzie river near Coburg has been rebuilt and is now completely finished.

The entire cost of the new bridge will amount to less than \$1400 and on account of delays in lumber and high water the cost is from \$150 to \$200 higher than it would have been had all circumstances been right.

FORGER ARRESTED

Examination Will Be Held Tomorrow Morning--Had Only Two Dollars Left.

Earl Eastman, who hunched several Eugene business men last Thursday, was brought to Eugene last evening by Deputy Sheriff Bown and W. Waddle from Junction, where he was apprehended and held until the arrival of the officers to take him into custody.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mauer returned to their home in Salem today. Mr. Mauer is one of the contractors who built the new High School building.

Laid To Rest.

The remains of the late Dave E. Rice were interred this afternoon at two o'clock. The funeral services were held from the residence of R. R. Hayes, 460 Oak street, and were well attended by the friends of the deceased.

Oregon Their Mecca.

W. J. Fallweller and wife, of Tulare county, California, are in Eugene, looking for a location. Mr. Fallweller intends purchasing in this vicinity, but has not decided whether farm or city property.

Killed Porcupine

Mr. Goddard killed a very large porcupine out on Spencer's Butte yesterday. The porcupine is very scarce in Western Oregon. Only once in a great while is one seen, but in Eastern Oregon these animals are plentiful.

Married.

G. A. Nichols and Miss Lillie Ritchey, residents of Cottage Grove, were united in marriage this morning by Justice of the Peace C. A. Wintermeier, in his office in this city.

To California.

E. C. McClanahan and wife, of Seattle, Wash., are visiting Mr. McClanahan's brother, E. J. McClanahan of this city.

Wedded.

Mr. J. E. Young and Miss Ermine E. Vesch, popular leading society people of Cottage Grove, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's father, Hon. R. M. Vesch, in Cottage Grove, November 25, 1903. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Wallace.

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Died.

Mrs. Whitole, of Marcola, died this morning at her home. The body will be buried tomorrow at the Laurel Hill cemetery, near Henderson Station.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c. Enclosed with every bottle is a Test Case, package of Grove's Black Root Liver Pills.