

Note and Comment.

Earl Hood of Portland has changed or rather lost track of his personality for the third time. At eighteen, it is claimed, he had a sponge, as it were, drawn over the state of his life, commencing anew so far as his recollections of those years of existence were concerned. A second cataclysm brought forgetfulness of the past, and now for the third time he must commence life anew without experience. It must be annoying for, perhaps, like not a few others he has paid well for jobs of experience, but unlike them, has the fruits of his investments taken from him at intervals. But maybe he has had creditors. He could conscientiously snap his fingers at them and say, "I know you not!"

Then if his domestic relations were none too pleasant what a convenient excuse for disregarding marital vows and commencing anew in that particular. It is a dangerous precedent. If Hood's statements are accepted as true may not other men conclude it best to destroy their past?

Those people who take such delight in twisting the tail of the British lion will find no excuse for another twist in the report of the Department of Commerce, just made public, that more than one-half our exports for 1903 went to British territory, to be exact, forty-two per cent. The amount is given at \$768,000,000, of which \$534,000,000 went to England, or more properly speaking, the United Kingdom. We reciprocated to the extent of \$308,000,000. Of course Great Britain is glad to buy our foodstuffs, cotton and other products, still that is no excuse for anti-British rables. On the other hand therein lies good reason for cultivation of the friendship of the only other country in the world that talks as we talk, without whose literature we would be poor indeed.

The German bark Magdalene has left Portland with the fifth cargo of wheat from that port in six years. The value of the cargoes foot up the nest sum of \$225,000, with \$163,500 paid the owners for freight. Her previous four trips were made in 1911, '14, 1913 and 1915 days. Charter rates are low this year and she will get but \$20,640 for carrying this cargo where she got \$33,990 in 1901. This trip she is carrying 161,200 bushels of wheat valued at about \$125,000.

Rev Downs of Winlock, Washington, has a forgiving disposition. He says he will take his eloping wife back if she will manifest the proper spirit of repentance. As nothing has been heard from Mrs. Downs, who by the way deserted her five children, it must be taken for granted that she is satisfied with the blacksmith. Rev. Downs' spirit of forgiveness is only equalled by that of the husband in Dean Swift's works, who could take "a drink of his wife's cold tea and speak of the army with reverence," even though he was aware that his wife was entertaining the captain in the next room.

The Poor Boy's Better Chance

United States Senator Dooliver of Iowa is "not wasting any sympathy on the children of the poor," as he asserted in an address in the Brooklyn Plymouth Church Sunday. "What little sympathy I have," he asserted, "I will give to the children of the rich if you have and give \$100,000 to a boy to start him out in life, he does not start. I suggest keeping that \$100,000 and that boy assert: it will be better for the boy, and as facts seem to prove, better for the \$100,000."

"The real American type, with its background of poverty, discipline and hard work, was characteristic of very President of the United States," he continued. "Since Washington, and could have been said of W. J. Bryan if he had been elected."

Corn is now manufactured into forty-seven food products and 108 articles of commerce. Within the memory of middle-aged men it was the habit of the shoddy-rich to turn up their noses at the suggestion of eating corn in any form.

Africa's Sleeping Sickness.

According to the statement issued by the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, no less than 68,000 persons have died of the curious sleeping sickness which has ravaged Africa, 10,000 having perished within the last five months. Notwithstanding all efforts on the part of the British authorities, there has been no abatement in the spread of the disease in Uganda. The sickness first made its appearance in that section three years ago. A commission has decided that the disease is scattered by a fly called kivo, but no antidote has been discovered. Another commission is said to be in prospect to see what can be done to prevent the spread of the plague. Segregation seems impossible, and no relief is in sight.

The first symptom of the presence of the disease is headache, with swelling of the glands of the neck, followed by protracted sleeping on the part of the patient. The disease runs its course in from six weeks to two years.

Mrs. Minnie Kruger, of Chicago, has become the sister of her four sons through the legal formality of adoption. She is a widow and should she remarry her boys would be brothers-in-law to their stepfather.

Here is one postmaster who values life more than office. E. S. Parnell has resigned at Junction, Arkansas, and says he will leave that state to get away from the political feud that caused his resignation.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, says not more than three or four per cent of the members of the Mormon church enter into plural marriages. If they have to apologize for indulging in polygamy even to such a small extent, why should not the church discredit that part of their creed entirely, the more so considering that the practice is abhorrent to our civilization?

Japan has her spies all through the world. An instance came from Vladivostok yesterday in a Japanese barber shooting a Russian officer dead, then announcing himself a captain of the Japanese general staff, adding with a dash of self-glorification that he was not used to taking insults. However, indiscreet the man was we cannot but admire the courage that will certainly cause him to lose his life.

General Kouropatkin, who is to have command of the Russian land forces, received his fighting spurs in the series of battle at Plevna and Schipka Pass during the Russian-Turkish war. For heroic onslaught, it remained defence and slaughter these battles have no parallel in modern times, save the storming of Atouna Pass and the charge of Pickett's brigade at Gettysburg. It is the opinion of competent war critics that Kouropatkin will not meet his Waterloo at Manchuria or elsewhere, during the pending war.

The Oregon agriculturalist says: It is the opinion that the Oregon or Washington prune grower who has a good orchard in a locality adapted to prunes, will get as good average returns for his investment and labor during the next ten years as the growers of other fruits and probably better average returns for investment and labor than the farmers of the country as a whole. It does not look that way to a good many prune growers at the present time, but a good many people are as extreme in their hopeless view of the future now as they were in their rosy anticipations a dozen years ago.

Daniel Freeman, who made the first entry under the homestead law, is still alive and residing on the land for which he received a patent under his entry. Mr. Freeman was a soldier in the volunteer service of the United States and stationed near Brownsville—since changed to Beatrice, Neb., where was located a United States land office, at which place he made his entry a little past midnight on the morning of January 2, 1863. His patent was issued to him on the first day of September, 1903, and bears the signature of President Grant.

REPORT OF EXPERTING COMMITTEE

Sheriff's, Clerk's, Treasurer's and Assessor's Accounts.

To the Hon. County Court of Lane County Oregon:
Gentlemen: The undersigned committee appointed by you to examine the records and accounts of the sheriff, county clerk, treasurer, assessor and school superintendent respectfully submit the following report:

SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT.
W. W. Withers, sheriff and Fred Pisk, sheriff, in account with Lane County, Oregon, from July 18, 1902, to January 31, 1904, inclusive: Assessment Roll, 1901. Receipts.
Taxes outstanding July 8, 1902 \$ 18706 71
Cash on hand 98 63
Interest and Penalties collected 873 71
Costs collected on printing Sheriff's assessment 384 25
Over collections 11 91
Error in rebate given in former report 3 44
\$ 20082 70

Contra—
November 1, taxes, penalties and interest paid to county treasurer \$ 13009 30
January 5, 1903, taxes, interest, etc., paid to treasurer 3119 78
February 24, taxes, penalties, etc., paid to treasurer 1720 06
Taxes returned delinquent Sheriff's corrections 178 65
Taxes on property bid in by Lane county at tax sale 28 91
\$ 20082 70

Assessment Roll, 1902. Receipts.
Amount of tax on 1902 roll \$ 195328 76
Sheriff's assessment 83 28
Interest collected 513 80
Penalties collected 944 33
Advertising collected 368 00
Over collections 19 36
\$ 197259 53

Contra—
Amount paid treasurer on taxes \$ 189379 54
Rebates on taxes allowed Sheriff's corrections 758 43
Sold to Lane county at tax sale 28 00
Interest paid treasurer 513 80
Penalties paid to treasurer 944 33
Costs collected advertising, paid treasurer 367 75
Over collections paid treasurer 19 36
Amount of tax delinquent and unpaid 572 43
Cash on hand from interest, penalties and fees 2 16
\$ 197259 53

Miscellaneous Taxes. Receipts.
Collected on 1901 roll after close of roll receipts \$ 8084 23 02
Collected on 1902 roll after close of roll receipts 8880 1 20
Redemption of property sold to Lane county on roll of 1901 27 76
\$ 51 98

Contra—
Paid to treasurer on redemptions for Lane county on roll of 1901 27 76
Cash on hand from above taxes 24 22
\$ 51 98

Sheriff's Fees—
Cash on hand from last report July 7, 1902 \$ 71 85
Fees collected from July 7, 1902, to January 31, 1904, 175 40
Back fees collected 7 30
\$ 254 55

Contra—
Cash paid to treasurer on fees collected 254 55
CLERK'S ACCOUNT.
E. U. Lee county clerk in account with Lane County: Cash on hand from filings as per report July 7, 1902 \$ 36 35
Cash on hand from fine, do 100 00
Cash on hand from redemption certificates, do 4 32
Cash on hand from delinquent taxes, do 22 56
Collected from filings, etc. 5611 45
Certificates state bounty fund 126 67

Registration fund, land titles 22 60
Discount on registration books 26 80
Taxes collected and county certificates redeemed 63 87
Fines collected 910 00
Errors in warrants paid 2 00
Paid for gravel by Linn county 3 90
Bond forfeiture collected 300 00
\$ 11190 52

Contra—
Paid to treasurer cash on filings, etc 9002 25
Bounty fund certificates delivered to treasurer 5126 67
Registration fund, land titles paid to treasurer 2 60
Discount on registration books paid to treasurer 26 80
Taxes and county certificates redeemed paid treasurer 110 75
Fines paid to treasurer 1010 00
Error in warrants repaid and paid to treasurer 2 00
Collected from Linn Co on gravel, paid treasurer 3 90
Bond forfeiture, paid treasurer 300 00
Cash on hand, error in footings filing book, balance Cash on hand C. M. Baker to Pryor, not carried out 1 00
\$ 11190 52

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.
Geo. F. Craw, treasurer, in account with Lane county, from July 8, 1902, to January 31, 1904, inclusive: Balance cash received from A. S. Patterson treasurer \$ 17662 98
Received from sheriff taxes, interest, penalties and printing 1901 roll 17849 14
do roll of 1902, taxes 189379 54
do interest 513 80
do penalties 944 33
do printing 367 75
do over collections 19 36
Received from sheriff, fees do redemptions and sale of cert 44 01
Received from clerk, fees for filings 9602 25
do land registration fund received from assessor, poll taxes, 1902 216 00
Received from county clerk, do 2 00
Received from assessor, poll taxes, 1903 1197 00
Received show license 20 00
Received from clerk bond forfeiture 300 00
Received from clerk, bounty fund certificates 126 67
Received from fines, various sources 1379 60
Received state school fund warrants 25292 25
Received from J. E. P. Withers, reward for capture of Lyons 500 00
Received from state road fund 4848 85
Received from P. B. Mason, surveying change of road Received donations for bridgework 32 10
Received from lapsed school districts 149 and 147 133 48
do 59 55
Received from Geo. Wall, M. D., money appropriated pauper 20 50
Received from clerk, discount on books 26 80
Received from taxes and redemptions 112 70
Received from use of county tools 24 25
Received donations on Blue River road 1222 50
Received from old lumber sold 17 30
Received from superintendent, institute fund 407 50
Received from road districts, road fund, repaid 140 05
Received from sales of Co. property 94 05
Received from errors in warrants repaid 4 00
\$ 272835 35

Contra—
Excess fund orders paid \$ 375 20
Road fund warrants paid with interest 803 71
General fund warrants paid 109114 19
Interest on same 7018 24
State taxes and interest paid 36306 47
County school fund orders paid 46505 98
State school fund orders 24797 85
Special school tax triplicates paid 23586 45
City tax triplicates paid 14415 70
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ASSESSOR.

D. P. Burton, assessor, in account with Lane county, from July 8, 1902, to January 31, 1904, inclusive: Amount of poll taxes collected, 1902 990 00
do 1903 1202 50
\$ 2192 50

Contra—
Paid to treasurer, poll taxes 1902 990 00
Paid to treasurer poll taxes 1903 1197 00
Cash on hand from poll taxes 1903, February 1, 1904 5 00
\$ 2192 50

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

W. M. Miller, county school superintendent, in account with Lane county institute fund, July 8, 1902, to January 31, 1904, inclusive: Collected from teachers' certificates and indorsement 516 00
Contra—
Cash paid treasurer on same 407 50
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1904 108 50
\$ 516 00

Institute Expenses—Drawn from the treasury on warrant 8240 00
Paid expenses of institute, August, 1903 240 00
LANE COUNTY WARRANTS—GENERAL FUND

Amount of warrants outstanding as per records in county clerk's office January 31, 1904, and chargeable to general fund, \$100,768.66. This amount will be greatly reduced in the immediate future by the taxes to be collected on the 1903 assessment roll, as none of the same has yet been received by the treasurer.

We have examined carefully and in detail all the financial accounts of the above named county officers and find their books well kept and but a very few small clerical errors therein. JOHN M. WILLIAMS, M. S. WALLIS, Committee.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION.

By request of the common council, notice is hereby given that the city election to be held on the first Monday in April, will be conducted under the Australian ballot law and that nominations of candidates to be voted for will have to be filed with the city recorder according to the terms of that law.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS, City Attorney.

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