

Note and Comment

"Stove-piping" potatoes? Down about French Prairie, some twenty miles below Salem, they grow lots of potatoes—some small ones, too. Now some growers are willing to sell their small potatoes at prices the merchantable product brings. How do those honest tillers of the soil do it? Very simple. Fill a few loaves of the bottom of the sack with good potatoes, stand a stove pipe in the middle of the upright sack, fill about it to nearly the top of the sack with the merchantable article, inside with culls, withdraw the stovepipe and fill in the top of the sack with good potatoes and you will have a combination that will make the buyer use his choicest potatoes on emptying the sack. This is not patented, still we hope none of our readers will take advantage of the information.

The Columbus, Ohio, Trades and Labor Assembly refuses to accept the services of professors from Rockefeller's Chicago University for lectures. They give a good reason, if based on facts, maintaining that the professors have to teach and stand for opinions favored by Rockefeller, else their positions are in jeopardy. The labor people instructed their committee to procure lecturers from "a source above suspicion."

The Independent Votes

In the independent press and the independent voter lies the only hope of freedom from graftdom. A political paper must stand by anything on its ticket, even to the extent that it knows it is making a positive injury to the welfare of the people.

All of the best papers of the country are becoming more and more independent. In New York city it can be said there is not a prominent great political paper today. The election of Jerome shows how willing the people are to support the right. The election of Hearst, though stolen from him by the corrupt politicians, shows the tendency to break away from the straight "yellow dog" system of politicians and graft.

In New York those grand old political pie eaters, United States Senators Depew and Platt, for years the idols of their party, will either have to resign or quit the senate by other means. The insurance investigation, aided by an independent press, has caused this wonderful result.

What the people want is no grafting, good legislation and a "square deal," regardless of political affiliation, and we need this in national, state and all public officials.

Oregon's New Senator.

Governor Chamberlain, in speaking of his appointment of John M. Gearin as senator from Oregon, said:

"I have put the needs of the state above seeking propinquities, and above personal friendship. Some candidates were much warmer personal friends than Mr. Gearin; indeed, lifetime friends that age will not allow duplicated. Mr. Gearin, however, seemed to be the general choice of the state, and he also filled the requirements, that he must be broadminded enough to represent the whole state impartially. Mr. Gearin was strongly recommended from every section of the state, as well as from Portland."

The new senator was born in Umattilla county in 1861, his parents at that time being on their way to Oregon. They settled in Marion county on French Prairie, and there the future senator grew to manhood. He attended school in San Francisco and Indiana, and on his return studied law with Mitchell & Dolph, and was admitted in 1884. His career as a lawyer has been brilliant. He is a pro-

found student, an impassioned orator. When, some years ago, he appeared as special counsel in the prosecution of Dunbar and others engaged in smuggling, the entire bar of Portland attended the federal court on the day he made his argument, which was said to have been the finest piece of legal oratory ever heard in the Northwest.

Senator Gearin is broad-minded, admires Roosevelt, believes in expansion, and loves Oregon as only one who has passed his life beneath her genial skies can. That he will bend all his splendid energies and talents to the advancement of Oregon's best interests is assured. He knows the needs of the state, and all of it, and will play no favorites.

Gearin is the first native son to occupy this exalted position. His appointment will be popular here and in all Western Oregon. It is believed that he will take broad views for the development of the whole state, and especially the west coast. He is believed to be a man who will put up a hard fight for whatever he goes after, and his ability as an orator and as a lawyer will restore the standing of this state in the United States senate.

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Because she stepped too high or carelessly kicked her dress about, Mme. Sanadi Bransen, a musical celebrity of Pittsburg, has created a sensation. The society women at whose reception this occurred were looking low when they should have been looking high and saw bare flesh, no stockings. What business of theirs or anybody else if Mme. Sanadi prefers to go stockingless. Still, under such conditions she should be careful of exposures. "In Rome do as Rome does," you know.

A New York dispatch says the quality of the liquor sold there is not only bad, but that a million dollars a day passes over the bars for the stuff. The surprising statement is made that this is more than the city spends for bread and vegetables, and is about equal to its meat bill.

The New York American gives astonishing figures as to the cost in dollars and lives of maintaining race-tracks in the vicinity of New York. During the 182 days of racing just closed they took from the public \$7,700,800, according to sworn statements required by the law. And what else? The police and criminal court records show that the racetrack was responsible for the downfall of 6205, nearly all young men, by tempting them to rob employers, forge, embezzle, any way to get means with which to satisfy the racing, gambling passion. Too bad that the noblest animal of God's creation should be made the means of man's downfall.

With knowledge of a Canadian bank draft forged at Portland in which the forger went free through a technicality, banks are liable to hesitate about accepting Canada bank drafts without telegraphic advice as to their authenticity. There was no way to prove the forgery except by an officer of the bank, and as there is no process by which the witness could be forced to come and very naturally the bank declined to send a man on the long trip where it was not involved, there was nothing to be done but release the guilty man.

The Dallas Chronicle shows a marked improvement. It has added Scripps press service and now gives the world's latest telegraphic news. Like all evening papers, the Chronicle takes Scripps service in preference to the Associated Press.

Letter List

Eugene, Or., Dec. 13. Betsels, M. L.; Batschke, C. R.; Chandler, Miss Mamie; Eberstole, J. L.; Ennor, Mrs. J.; Hayes, Souder; Hooker, W. H.; Hughes, Melcher B.; Johnson, Miss Kattie; Lee, Earl; Malven, Mrs. Katie; Mendenhall, E. R.; Morrel, Ed; Marris, Mrs. Clara; Mekies, Charley; Platt, Mrs. Mattie; Ryan, R. F.; Nynerston, Mrs. Mattie; Skelton, J. C.; Smith, E. E.; Smith, J. E.; Smith, J. S.; Stevenson, I. D.; Stephens, S. H.; Stevenson, R. J.; Sterton, Holt; Stover, C. E.; Sutherland, Ray; Thompson, Mrs. P. H.; Tyler, H. M.; Wick, Fred; Williamson, Miss Mae. J. L. PAGE, P. M.

R. A. BOOTH HOME FROM THE EAST

R. A. Booth, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., who returned to Eugene yesterday from a two months' trip through the Eastern states, was interviewed by a Guard representative today. He said:

"General business conditions in the East are good and it is generally expected that such a condition will extend throughout the year 1906. More cars have been contracted for than at any former time in the country's history. The fact that a panic, or at least a great depression did not follow the exposure of the insurance methods shows the great financial strength that has followed good crops and general development.

"There is much speculation throughout all the Eastern cities that will probably react to some extent, but there are yet many patriotic, conservative men in banking circles who have and are exercising great care in directing the abnormal strength and energy that has followed the general good times.

"This influence is now felt for good, and is serving as a splendid talismanum."

"There is much doing in the way of electric lines throughout the territory between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and also elsewhere. The investments in this direction have generally been good and the West is sure to feel the new pulse from such improvement.

"There is considerable activity in timber purchases, but it is mostly in the South and for immediate manufacture. Pine lands seem much preferable to fir, and hence Idaho and California are getting the benefit now, and will for a few years from money put into forests to a much greater degree than Oregon and Washington.

LUMBER MARKET BETTER.

"The lumber market is much better than during the past two years, but the general feeling is that it will weaken after a few months. Cement and metal are entering much more largely than ever in railroad and other construction which has its influence on lumber demands, especially as it relates to our timber. Pine is less affected.

"We do not intend to increase our output on account of the present activity, as we are afraid it is not permanent. We will keep our present mills moving at as present.

KLANATH LAND MATTER.

"I notice that the press of Oregon has been publishing a fairy tale about the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. in regard to the Klamath Indian lands. The Booth-Kelly Company has no lands in Klamath county, and never has had any litigation with the government. That part of the old Military wagon road grant lying east of the Cascades belongs to an Oregon corporation, 'The Oregon Land and Livestock Co.' The litigation as to the Klamath Indian lands was commenced by the government long prior to the purchase by the O. L. and L. S. Co. The decision in the United States supreme court was against the government, who sought to cancel the patents issued many years ago.

"The government disregarded the road company's right by allotting much of the lands to Indians, hence their present embarrassment. There is no friction or disturbance on this account, nor is any expected. The government will certainly act fairly and nothing more is expected. The company is entitled to the lands and must have possession or be reimbursed. Either course would be satisfactory and nothing less could occur. The lands have been appraised by the government, but no offer has been made and may not be.

"The litigation did not grow out of any act of the present owners. It was instituted by the government, which has failed in its case. Why such an erroneous report has been floating around the press I cannot imagine.

OBJECT OF HIS TRIP.

"The primary object of my trip East was in the publishing interests of the Methodist church. At present there are two large publishing houses, one in Cincinnati and the other in New York, and also a smaller one in Chicago. The present tendency is to consolidate, and a committee of fifteen from the entire convention has been investigating the matter. I represent the Fourteenth district, comprising that part of the United States west of the Rocky Mountains.

"I expect to return East immediately after the holidays, but do not expect to remain long. The purpose of the proposed trip is to make a report of our finding."

Carlson Oliver billed and steel plows just received. Chambers' Hardware.

Around the Courthouse

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The Alliance Trust Co to Christ Miller et al; 177.60 acres in sec 36, tp 17, s r 4 w. \$3000.

Thomas and Johann Soleim to J B Walters; 614x20 feet in Springfield investment and Power Co's ad to Springfield. \$600.

T A and M A Post to Claud E Devor; 104x230 feet in sec 24, tp 17, s r 1 w. \$50.

Joseph H and Ada M Gillespie to J H Devor; half lot in 50x150 feet in Wainwright. \$100.

U S to Solomon B Colvin; 157.92 acres in sec 27, tp 19, s r 12 w. Patent.

Carl E and Emyln Fischer to E E Keper; lot 3, blk 38, Springfield. \$200.

E E Keper to A K Turner; half of certain land in Springfield. \$100.

J F Hager to Wm E Fendall; 100 acres in sec 16, tp 15, s r 9 w. \$900.

Hugh and Emma Roberts to Frank H Morton; 100 acres in sec 14, tp 18, s r 1 w. \$1050.

Frank H Morton to J P Coplen; 180 acres in sec 14, tp 15, s r 1 w. \$1000.

Robert Pattison et al to John J Leonard; 180 acres in sec 17, tp 17, s r 4 w. \$2000.

N J and I W Martin to John Howe; 50 acres in sec 21, tp 18, s r 3 w. \$10.

Mabel J and F E Selover to J J Stoops; north half of fractional lot 4, blk 23, original plat of Eugene. \$100.

M J and Wm M Stoops to Mabel J Selover; 9 feet off of south side of lot 2, blk 23, original plat of Eugene. \$100.

Nesmith Owen to Charles Mayhew; 181 acres in sec 1, tp 17, s r 4 e. \$1.

Charles and Sarah L Mayhew to Nesmith Owen; 100 acres in sec 24, tp 19, s r 8 w. \$1.

T A and M A Washburne to Isaac West; lot 5, Washburne's ad to Springfield. \$125.

John K and M J Clark to Mrs Josie H Castel; lots 6, 7 and 8, blk 3, Glenwood Park. \$1.

G W and M J Garoutte to D H Hemenway and C H Burkholder; 20x 96 feet in Long & Landess' ad to Cottage Grove. \$500.

F and Katharine Mutter to E C Conner; 92 66 acres in sec 16 and 21, tp 28, s r 3 w. \$600.

Lien and Geo Thompson to Roscoe Zammone; 40 acres in sec 12, tp 28, s r 4 w. \$100.

R D Elliott to Olive Reed lot 9, blk 5, Fairmount. \$300.

Edgar and Sarah King to Mertie M Conner; 41 acres in tp 20, s r 3 w. \$275.

A G and Daisy Pirtle to James D Pirtle; 100 acres in sec 28, tp 15, s r 1 w. \$300.

Edgar and Sarah S King to E C Conner; 30 acres in sec 2, tp 20, s r 3 w. \$850.

Coast Fork Lumber Co to Pacific Timber Co; certain lands in Lane county. \$10.

Marian Harper to Mrs L Rowe; east 25 feet of lot 1, blk 38, extended survey of Springfield. \$110.

Valentine Grät to Warren L Grabbit; 83 acres in sec 36, tp 21, s r 4 w. \$10.

H F Hartwig to V L Danton; west half of lot 7, blk 3, Blue River City. \$1.

C W Young, administrator estate of Samuel Harrier, to C M Young; 67.15 acres in sec 18, tp 23, s r 2 w. \$400.

Ella Blachley and Fred Craig to F J and Mae L Craig; lot 8, blk 4, Chester's ad to Eugene. \$300.

Lewis and Olive Masters to Frank and Fred Craig; lot 8, blk 4, Chester's ad to Eugene. \$1.

Geo T and Sarah A Hall to F E Goude; 23.20 acres in sec 24, tp 19, s r 2 w. \$225.

Rebecca A Pope to Wm J Bell; north half of lot 130, I O O F cemetery. \$1250.

PROBATE COURT. Estate of Samuel O West, deceased. Value of property in Lane county, \$200. John D West appointed administrator.

MINING LOCATION. Sam H Burghard locates "Eleanor" mining claim, Blue River district.

NOTARY PUBLIC. The notarial commission of H A Dunbar is filed.

PROOF OF LABOR. C Runyard files notice of proof of labor on "Sunset," "Yankee Girl," and "Yellow Rose" mining claims, Blue River district.

HE WANTS THE GUARD TOO

Wm. Douglas, formerly of Pleasant Hill but now of North Bend, Coos Bay, writes the Guard: "Change my address. This Coos Bay country is fine, has abundance of fresh air and ducks, but cannot enjoy them unless I have the Guard to read."

RUGBY GAME TO BE ADOPTED

The faculty athletic committee of the Stanford University and the University of California has adopted a resolution deprecating the evils of the present system of football playing in America. It recommends the Rugby game be introduced as a substitute.

In the same resolution the committee recommends that intercollegiate football contests shall no longer be played under the direction of the present rules committee, which sits in the East each year and revises the methods of playing the college game. This means an absolute break with this committee, which has governed the game for many years, and the naming of a Western rules committee, which shall have full power to act.

Following are some of the features of the Rugby game: No interference ahead of the runner. Frequent passing from runner to some other player to prevent being tackled. Much drop kicking from the field. Individual play and open and spectacular work results. No mass plays, as ball goes into scrimmage on every down.

MEETING OF GOOD ROADS COUNCIL

The council of twelve of the Lane County Good Roads Association held a meeting at the Commercial Club's quarters last night, the primary object of the meeting being to hear Professor J. M. Hyde's description of a new road drug which is proposed to be put in use on the streets of Eugene and the roads of Lane county. The drug has been in use in the state of Missouri for some time past, and is said to be just the thing for Oregon roads. The council authorized Professor Hyde to construct a model, which will be used on the streets as soon as it is completed to demonstrate its practicability.

The council passed a resolution recommending that the county court appoint a general county road overseer as provided by law. M. Svarverud was appointed correspondent from the local association to the national good roads bureau at Washington, D.C.

Obituary

Samuel Watson was born of English parents on December 6, 1836. The family of Watson were the owners of several estates in the United Kingdom, and were at the time of his birth engaged in milling on one of their estates in Ireland but lived principally in England. In 1863 the family went to New Zealand, returning to London in 1865, and lived in London and Birmingham until 1872, when they came to the United States. Minnesota was then the far West, and the Watsons were among the pioneers, settling in the sparsely populated county of Yellow Medicine, near Granite Falls. While there the labors of the father and mother were completed and both were buried there. One sister is buried at Birmingham and the other, Mrs. Payne, is living at Osseo, Minn. His only brother, Joseph H., was all ways with him. They were neighbors in Minnesota after they left the parental roof, and when one came to Oregon the other also got ready, and again they settled as neighbors west of this city in the fall of 1900. His brother was thus able to be with him when sick, and was with him to the last. Mr. Watson died at his home west of this city on December 11, 1905, being thus only a few days past 49 years of age.

In 1877 he was married to Miss Inge Fossum, who survives, and who was truly a helpmate to him in good and evil days, administering to him and his wants to the last. They had eleven children, all living to mourn the loss of a loving father, and who are all at home except one daughter, Miss S. P. Ness, of this city. His children were all with him during his last illness.

Mr. Watson was educated in the tenets of the Society of Friends, and retained to his death a veneration for the plain and simple teachings inculcated in his youth. He loved the plain, unvarnished truth, a good friend, he would not shield a wrong and his criticism of wrong was direct, but never cruel; it was the performance of a duty with him, not the expression of personal feeling.

A loving husband and devoted and considerate father, his best society was his wife and children. For their sake he maintained to the last that he was not seriously ill and would soon recover, as he had done so often before. He was himself fully conscious of his condition and said he was ready for the call.

It is wholly unnecessary to enlarge on his character at this time. Those who had the good fortune to be his

neighbor and friends or to come in contact with him in business dealings know that he was a man, honest and just to all kind whose kindness was required. He cheerfully lent his aid to any worthy cause in the community, gave his time faithfully to look after the interests of the public schools. Duty to others was his primary consideration, his own interests were secondary. It can certainly be said of him as of the Romans, "all the world could say this was a man."

His work is ended; may we be able to perform the duties assigned to us. N.

Sheep for Sale Registered Crossbred Bucks. J. J. Henderson, Cotburg, Or. If you haven't received one of these doll certificates from Hull's drug store, good for a 35c doll, drop them a card and you will get one, or call at their store on East Eighth street.

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