

Our Premium Offers

Notwithstanding that the Guard has been enlarged and the cost of publication materially increased, the Guard Printing Co. makes a special offer to every new or old subscriber during the month of August.

Subscribers, old or new, may take their choice of either paper during August as a premium. Those who failed to get the promised premium magazines will be given their choice of either of these papers in place of the magazines without further cost.

The Weekly Guard is still clubbed with the Semi-Weekly Oregon Journal at \$2.50 a year for both papers.

Looks Dark For Mays

Again it seems likely that Special Prosecutor Heney will "make good." He asserted in his opening address to the jury in the Mays case that the defendants were guilty of the biggest, boldest fraud ever perpetrated in this state against the government.

Former Inspector Ormsby has apparently made a clean breast of his share in the conspiracy and 11 places Mays and his co-defendants in a bad light. He admits having mapped the Blue Mountain reserve in accordance with the wishes of Mays and to have made his report accordingly.

It is plain to see, even at this early stage of the trial, why the former state senator and ex-federal office holder was anxious to plead illness as a reason for not going to trial.

Chile's Calamity

Full details may be slow in coming from Valparaiso as they were in communication from the much nearer city of San Francisco on April 18 and succeeding days.

It appears that the Chilean earthquake began Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. It became violent and lasted about four hours.

It disrupted the granite rocks on which Valparaiso stands and tumbled down houses over in bewildering confusion. As in San Francisco, fire followed the trembling of the earth and the Spanish call it, and extended the work of destruction.

and vapor settled into the streets and houses where throngs of homeless persons were wandering about, crazed by the awful calamity. The number of persons killed is uncertain, but it is undoubtedly great.

The business loss is undoubtedly great. It will fall heavily on the British and other European insurance companies having agencies in the Chilean port. Following an interval of four months the San Francisco calamity, the disaster will be felt with much severity in the commercial world at large.

Hawaii, which is about 4000 miles from Chile, was affected by the earthquake. Wireless reports from the islands of Hawaii, Maui and Hilo, report a tidal wave, the general height of which was five feet. In the inclosed Bay of Malacca its height was estimated to be twelve feet, where it carried away a wharf and its superstructure.

Municipal Insurance

The repudiation of losses at San Francisco by the fire insurance companies and the recent sharp advance in rates by these concerns, has caused a great deal of discussion of the insurance problem.

The plan of Mayor John P. Studley, of New Haven, Conn., to have the municipality attend to the fire insurance business is well worthy of consideration. The Studley plan was first broached at a meeting of the mayors of the state of Connecticut, and many of these gentlemen expressed themselves as favoring careful investigation of the proposition.

The great catastrophe in this city has furnished Mayor Studley with material from which he can certainly strengthen his arguments. For instance, if the fire insurance companies can recuperate their losses by raising the rates for policyholders, it is certain that there is money in the business; and if the city can run the business at a minimum cost, so as to give insurance at a reasonable figure, it is time for the people to get in and save themselves money.

One risk would certainly be done away with—the repudiation of insurance and the withdrawal from the city and state of the sneak thief company. In case of catastrophe the city cannot get away, and its obligations would always be made good.

There is no warrant for the revolution in Western Cuba and it is to be hoped that the government will suppress it speedily. The Cubans have a constitutional government through which all grievances, when there are any, can be redressed peacefully.

President Roosevelt is rendering odious the practice of fencing public lands. It should have been always so. It is the vilest form of greed. Uncle Sam throws open unoccupied public lands in Nebraska, Montana and other states to the people, disdaining to collect a cent for the valuable grazing thereon. Not satisfied

with owning large tracts acquired by unlawful means, cattle kings have fenced in public lands so that no legal settler could acquire them. They have also secured water frontage to the exclusion of others.

The Indianapolis News does not believe the entrance of labor into politics will create a revolution in our political parties. It says: "Of all the men the workingmen are least susceptible to boss control, whether exerted by their leaders or by political managers. They have shown this over and over again. It will not even do to infer that because they believe in organized labor they favor everything for which the union stands. There is independence even in the trade unions."

Now that the new hops are coming into market the price question should soon be settled by actual sales. Growers have come to view contracts with a great deal of allowance, as buyers always find a way to renege them if the market slumps.

Of course there is a revolt in Cuba. It's in the climate, as well as in the blood, the desire for constant broil having been passed down from generation to generation.

Eugene's Water Supply

The work of analyzing the samples of water taken from different points in the city by a committee from the Lane County Medical Society, consisting of Drs. Ira Bartie, Geo. Wall and J. W. Harris, was completed late this afternoon and the result of the analysis was the same as that made recently by Dr. Ralph Matson, the state bacteriologist. The water that had passed through the filters was found to be absolutely pure, containing no bacillus whatever.

The committee will at once prepare an official report of the analysis, which will be published by the Guard. Harrisburg Bulletin: The citizens of Eugene are extremely happy since the final test of their drinking water was made by the state board of health and pronounced perfectly pure by that body. Eugene suffered a heavy loss by the condition of the water furnished her citizens during the last few years, not only by the death of a number of her citizens during the last year, but reports of the conditions existing there kept away a great many who under other circumstances would have located in the city.

Independence Enterprise: This paper is pleased to announce and the public is glad to know that the city of Eugene is now supplied with pure water. Eugene is a city everybody in the valley is proud of. She was leading in progress when her onward march was checked a year ago by the discovery of her very bad water supply. Now it's different. New wells have been sunk and water there meets the tests of scientific analysis obtained and again Eugene takes her place in the procession of progress.

Roseburg News: Eugene now has pure water, the state board of health having made a careful examination and having found that it is as pure as it is possible to have it in this region. This is good news and will benefit not only Eugene, but the entire state as well, for we cannot afford to have any more such epidemics as that which prevailed at Eugene last spring.

The twelfth semi-annual Central Willamette district convention of the Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., will convene in the A. O. U. W. hall in Junction City, October 16 and 17. Will organize on the afternoon of the 16th, and close Wednesday evening, the 17th, after regular meeting night.

CASTORIA. The Best You Ever Bought. Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

CONRAD WIDMER, PIONEER, DEAD

(From Saturday's Guard.) Conrad Widmer, a pioneer of Lane county, died at his home, two miles west of Eugene, this morning at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 2 days. He was born at Baden, Germany, November 23, 1829, and came to Eugene about 45 years ago. He was in business here for many years and built the first story of what is now known as the Pickett block. A more extended sketch of his life will appear later.

The funeral will be held Monday at the Catholic church, with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

SCIENTIST CHURCH OF COBURG INCORPORATED

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Coburg, filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk today. The incorporators are: Mrs. A. Y. Vandusen, Mrs. Mary Zachary and Mrs. E. J. Deffenbacher, trustees; Mrs. Ella H. Macey, Mrs. Clara Naylor and Mrs. Arabella Leonard, directors.

Oregon News

Harry C. Robertson, private secretary to the late Senator John H. Mitchell, who was apprehended with the senator's incriminating letter to his law partner, Judge Tanner, through information furnished to government detectives by Max Pracht, has been appointed to a position in the secret service department.

Twenty-five hundred dollars in hard cash gone—stolen—and absolutely no clue to the thief. These are the cold facts that have been confronting the officials of the firm of Allen & Lewis, wholesale grocers, and a large number of Portland detectives for the past three weeks. The money disappeared from within the walls of a fire and burglar-proof vault which is located in the office of the wholesale store at 46 Front street, north, Portland.

The sawmill and all of the buildings at Parkersburg, on the Coquille river, except the residence of Manager Kronenberg and one other, were destroyed by fire Saturday at noon. The schooner Advance, which was lying at the wharf loaded, got away all right, but the schooner Oregon, which was awaiting cargo, was badly damaged, and would have been completely destroyed if the river steamer Liberty had not come along and towed her to a place of safety. As it was the rigging was destroyed and a portion of the stern burned away.

The Myrtle Creek (Douglas County) Lumber Co. lost its planing mill, Monday by fire, supposedly starting from sparks from an engine. The entire plant was destroyed, including the Johnson lumber docks and several thousand feet of lumber piled there. The present company have built new docks near the railroad track and were at work clearing up the stock on hand at the old site.

Personal

(From Saturday's Guard.) Mrs. M. E. Dorman returned to Junction today, after visiting here. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Mahon.

Miss Gertrude Bushnell returned to Junction City today, after visiting friends in Eugene.

Miss Orpha Harms, Postal telegraph operator, is home from her vacation at Portland, Seaside and other northern points.

A. J. Ettinger and family have arrived here from Payette, Idaho, and will make this city their future home. They have purchased a residence at 303 West Fourth street from Mrs. L. H. Smith.

General News Notes

Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior under President Cleveland, and now editor of the Atlanta Journal, has been nominated in the Democratic primaries of Georgia for governor by a large majority over Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution. Smith's platform was radical on the negro question.

Texas Republicans have nominated E. H. R. Green, son of Hetty Green, the woman financier, for governor. His chances of election are not bright, as even his minority party is split into factions.

The Junction City public schools will commence on Monday, September 17th. The full corps of teachers is as follows: Professor J. B. Lent, principal; Miss Fannie Colvin, assistant; Miss Gertrude Lathy, first intermediate; Miss Gussie Burns, second intermediate; Miss Ethel Corbin, primary. Max and Adial Ruff have been employed as janitors.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE NEARLY COMPLETED

The new school house in West Springfield is fast nearing completion and will be ready to sound the bell on the first day of the new school year.

The saw mill boys from Coburg came down Sunday morning and played a game of base ball with the Springfield mill men. The victory was an easy one for the visitors as the score was 14 to 4.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Herr Bahhorn, Saturday afternoon, Aug. 18, 1906, a son. Mr. Bahhorn is proprietor of the Hamburg Novelty Co. who entertained the citizens of Springfield Saturday and Monday nights.

J. A. Cox, the gentleman who will soon open the new store in Springfield, arrived Tuesday evening and is getting his building in readiness for his stock of goods which have partly arrived. He expects to open for business about Sept. 1st.

A subscription paper has been circulated among the citizens and business men this week to raise money for the purpose of building a bell tower for the town bell. The tower will be forty feet high and will be built to the rear of the city hall.—News.

Died

At the family home north of Irving, Wednesday evening, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Grupp.

At the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Job, at Cottage Grove, August 20, 1906, Lucy R. Job, aged 17 years, 11 months and 15 days, of consumption, after a lingering illness covering nearly two years. The funeral services were conducted at the home August 20 at 8 o'clock p. m., Rev. Grace officiating. The morning local carried the remains to Corvallis, where interment took place in the family lot.—Western Oregon.

Miss Elizabeth Thom died at the residence of her brother F. W. Thom Thursday evening, August 23, 1906, aged 67 years, 10 months and 28 days.

Tuesday evening Miss Thom was out in the barn gathering eggs. She was found unconscious with a gash cut in the back of her head. At first it was thought that she was injured by a fall, but the attending physicians Drs. Lee and Owen pronounced it apoplexy. She did not regain consciousness and passed peacefully away.

Miss Thom was a highly esteemed lady. She was housekeeper for her brother and dearly loved her brother's motherless boys.

She took an active part in the church and Sunday School work and rain or shine she was always in attendance. Funeral services will be held at residence Saturday morning at ten o'clock by Rev. Erskine and interment in Odd Fellows cemetery.—Junction City Times.

Mrs. Emma George, died August 17, 1906, at the residence of her son Samuel Horton, aged 65. The body was shipped to her old home south of Portland for interment.—Times.

Dexter Items

Special Correspondence. Dexter, Aug. 24.—J. R. Hills and wife came down from Fall Creek yesterday for a week's visit.

W. H. Fenton and son are painting the Dexter store and house.

The Statzer hay press of Pleasant Hill is baling hay for the farmers here.

Mrs. Hena Whitbeck, of Wendling, left for her home yesterday after a two weeks' visit with relatives here.

Rev. Horn, of Eugene, preached here Sunday afternoon. There is talk of employing him to preach once a month for a year.

Mrs. M. E. Dunton returned from Creswell Monday after a few days' visit there. Her daughter, Mrs. George Hillegas, and children accompanied her home.

The Parvin Templeman thrasher began work here Monday. They have purchased a new self feeder which is doing good work. J. M. Parker and wife, Verain Parker, C. M. Parker and family, of this place, and J. V. Stewart, of Goshen, left yesterday for the lakes. The Sunday school gave a social here Saturday evening for the purpose of buying new song books. A very good time was had. Ice cream and cake and lemonade were served.

Is This a Nation Of the Morally Brave? By ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK, Secretary of the Interior

It is probably asserted and claimed for our country that it is the land of the free and the home of the brave, but, while it is historically true that it is the home of the PHYSICALLY brave, it is a question in my mind whether it is not too much the land of the free and too little the land of the MORALLY brave.

It is the smooth and machine ridden legislator, whose conscience has been cauterized by the appeals and demands of his supporters, upon whom responsibility for wrongdoing must rest.

It is the vote of such legislators which, in a large measure, governs the passage, amendment or repeal of legislation that encourages or prohibits iniquitous enactments such as, at this very moment, remain upon the statute books, in spite of my earnest appeal, year after year, to have them modified, amended or repealed, because of the unmistakable opportunity AND INDUCEMENT they offer the pension shark and the horde of unconscionable grafters, whose business it has been, and still is, TO ROB THE GOVERNMENT of the public domain.

About four years ago a special agent of the land office forwarded a report, inclosing the confession of one guilty man, who, as is usual in such cases, complaining of the unequal division of the spoils, exposed the action of three other confederates, who had for years systematically and illegally acquired possession of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ACRES of the public domain through the instrumentalities and agencies which were absolutely corrupt.

This confession occasioned the immediate and enforced retirement of the commissioner of the general land office and a prompt investigation, which developed fraudulent land transactions in many of the northwestern, Pacific coast and southwestern states.

THESE INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVED THE ARREST, INDICTMENT AND CONVICTION OF OVER SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS IN OVER TWENTY OF THE STATES AND TERRITORIES, INCLUDING AMONG THE NUMBER SOME WHO HAD HITHERTO STOOD HIGH IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY RESIDED.

In prosecuting the investigation the department has met with many delays and distinct opposition, but its instructions to its representatives have been to proceed without fear or favor, REGARDLESS OF POSITION and influence.

A Poem for Today FAITH By John Greenleaf Whittier

SPRINGFIELD MILL WILL NOT CLOSE FREIGHT SHIPMENTS FROM OREGON CITIES

It was reported this week that the Booth-Kelly mill would be closed down for thirty days, but in conversation with Superintendent Kennedy we learn that it is not the intention of the company to do so as long as it can possibly be avoided. It is true, said Mr. Kennedy, that nearly 80 men had been laid off during the week, but these were mostly of the night shift, as on account of the shortage of cars it was found necessary to discontinue the night crew for a time. Most all of those who were laid off were single men. As they could easily find employment elsewhere the company decided it would work a less hardship on the business houses of Springfield to dispose of them, thus they retained nearly all of the men who had families. At present work is plentiful and no men need be out of employment for even a day as the water company and the S. P. Company are both taking on all the help they can get. It is thought that within thirty days cars will be plentiful and the double shift will again be in operation. Until then let every one be patient and remember that the Booth-Kelly Company have made Springfield what she is today. Let us remember that the interests of the large corporations are the same as the interests of the private individual.—Springfield News.

An exchange publishes a table, said to have been given by its local agent, giving the number of cars of freight shipped from different Oregon points during the month of July, being those only of local shipments. Among them are the following: Portland, 1045; East Portland, 520; Newberg, 100; Dallas, 137; Salem, 128; Springfield, 115; Eugene, 90; Coburg, 78; Wendling, 70; Grants Pass, 69; Albany, 56; Oswego, 55; Forest Grove, 51; Saginaw, 49; Sheridan, 45; Medford, 42; McMinnville and North Yamhill, 36; Lebanon and Independence, 34; Roseburg, 33; Brownsville and Corvallis, each 14; Harrisburg, 16; Jefferson, 2; Junction, 25; Shedd, 3; Tallman, 4 West Seio, 2. H. E. Ankeny, who has been ill for several months, has been taken from Newport to the North Pacific Sanatorium in Portland. His condition is reported no better. There will be a gathering of all the deputy game wardens of the Willamette valley, Friday, August 31st, at Salem to arrange for having the valley thoroughly patrolled during the month of September.