



BROAD-AXE



"HEW TO THE LINE, LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY."

The Curse of Familiarity.

In their strife for mental equality with men, women have unintentionally broken down a fine reserve of manner which previously lent them an air of mystery, of superiority, in the best sense, than which no element is more successful in holding a man's interest, love, and respect. The young woman who greets a man with an equivocal smile at the hands of a man she would be a peach with a bloody rubbed off.

Every day I become more convinced that at the root of the increasing evidences of widespread marital unhappiness would be found the familiarity that breeds contempt. When a boy climbs a tree for green apples or cherries, which ever he prefers, he constantly sees a better one higher up beyond his reach, until he nearly breaks his neck to get the one out of his stretch, partly hidden by foliage. And so man's ideal woman hangs at the tip-top of the tree of knowledge. If the ideal drops into his hands he throws it to the ground as worthless and begins to climb again. Would it be reasonable to think, after working so hard for cherries, that he would value them long if he ate a surfeit of them?

Greenleafs.

The Greenleaf correspondent of The West last week says that "Mr. Willcutt cut his finger while dressing an old deerskin." Well, if Mr. Willcutt cut his finger, who can prevent it? Let Willcutt cut Will's finger if he likes. The Greenleaf correspondent is unnecessarily excited.

What he says about the church at Deadwood reminds us of something we saw on the door of a church house back in the mountains of Kentucky half a century ago, which read: "Some come here to take a walk, some come here to laugh and talk, some come here to meet a lover, some come here to doze and nod, but few come here to worship God."

Reform Needed Badly.

It would appear from statements given in the papers that we are retrograding in the matter of the treatment of prisoners in the penitentiary, as also in the treatment of the inmates of the hospital for the insane and the institution of the reform school of the State. All manner of ugly and disgraceful reports are afloat. Just now a streak of indignation is agitating the public mind over the conduct of superintendent of the penitentiary Gilbert for brutally flogging Charles Williams and George Johnson for the grave crime of trying to escape the prison walls and gain their liberty. Oh! it is such a crime for a man to want freedom from a penitentiary that flogging is a just punishment with the cruel lash.

On Sunday, an unknown man attacked the 14-year-old daughter of O. T. Morris, of Turner, while she was in a stubble field, rounding up cows. The man jumped from behind a clump of brush, threw the girl on the ground, took off one of her shoes and ordered her to skip. Mr. Morris heard the screams of his daughter, and ran to her rescue, but the assailant was nowhere to be found.

The snow storm of February 1, was general all over the Willamette valley.

With Our Exchanges.

Items of Interest Clipped From Our Exchanges From Over The State.

Ex-United States Senator J. H. Slater died at his home at La Grande, Or., January 28th, after several weeks' confinement. Senator Slater's name is a household word in Oregon and his death is well known to require no further notice at the hands of our readers. Jim Slater's ashes will rest in the hands of the Grants Pass Dewey says. The editor of this paper is soon to buy a shirt. Strange and extravagant as it may seem we are determined to do so, and with this end in view we wish the dealers to submit bids. The contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder. Quality and style don't count. Any old thing will do. Send in your bids at once.

The Broad-Axe sends congratulations to the people of Cottage Grove on the peaceful adjustment of past local differences, and we feel now that when we go to that thriving city we shall not have to regulate our thoughts and words to suit the sentiments of its people according to the boundary lines of two distinct parts of what by nature was only one. There's a bright future for Cottage Grove.

Arar in Rose.

Arar in Rose, the founder of Roseburg, is seriously ill.

When the post-office at Paisley, Lake county, was robbed in 1896, one of the men implicated in the affair made his escape. The name of this man was John Hilton, and no clue to his whereabouts was ever obtained until a few days since, when he was located at Boise City, Idaho. He was placed under arrest and confessed his crime. A post-office inspector will be sent to Boise at once, armed with a copy of the indictment found against Hilton and other papers necessary to secure his return here.

The resolution submitting the issue of woman suffrage a second time to the voters of the state in the form of a constitutional amendment passed both houses Jan 31 by all but a unanimous vote. It was a good-natured concession to a personal appeal from Mrs. Dunaway, who has been very active in the lobby during the past ten days. A similar resolution passed at the last regular legislative session, and the proposed amendment will be submitted at the next general election.

Guard: Three boys named R Foster, Roscoe Wilson, and Jackson, aged in the early teens started out last Tuesday to become border ruffians, but were nipped in the bud. They broke into the residence of Mr. Miller, residing near the river bridge and stole two jars of fruit. Going across the river they proceeded to eat the same. The boys next broke into the hen house of an old man named Davis, residing across the river and stole some chickens, which they brought to town and sold to E. E. Stevens for \$1.69. Marshal Stiles arrested the Foster boy, who was brought before Wintermeir and fined \$5.00. The other two boys were committed to the county jail. The other two boys are now being sought by the constable and will be tried upon being apprehended.

Antelope Herald: The spring weather tempted the fire company out for drill on last Monday, the ground having been too muddy for the past two weeks for effective drill. An exciting and amusing incident of the drill was a fierce water fight between two of the hose crews. Charlie Wallace and Del Howell at one nozzle and Charlie Brown and Al Esping at another pressed up to within ten steps of each other and played the steady inch stream with relentless vigor, levelled straight at each other. It took grit and endurance to stand the steady beating of the cold stream of water and each side displayed those qualities in unlimited quantities until the captain called time.

About Senator Stewart.

We see it bricited about in some quarters that Senator Stewart of Nevada, since his re-election owes his success to Southern Pacific R. R. influence, and that he is that corporation's attorney.

We think Mr. Stewart's character as an honorable man, statesman, and life long defender of the rights of the people is too well known throughout this nation to need any defense.

The senator's fame is secure and his place in the history of the nation fixed where neither the tongue of slander can reach nor the progress of ages can effect.

His re-election to succeed himself as United States Senator is a crowning honor to a well rounded life of public service to which but few men have attained in our country. And the shafts of ribaldry which his "honest money" traducers will have about as much effect as a rubber pointed arrow would have if directed against a wall of solid masonry.

Short in His Accounts.

North Yakima, Wash., Jan 30.—The city council in special session Saturday night listened to the report of an expert who had examined the city treasurer's books, and found a shortage of about \$5000, \$400 of which has been taken since January 1. The balance extends back over a period of three or four years. City Treasurer Pressey this morning turned over personal property to the amount of \$1000, acknowledging the use of \$2000 of the city's money, but denying a knowledge of the balance. There will probably be no arrest.

The shortage discovered by the experts up to tonight is about \$3000, but it is claimed the whole shortage is \$6000. Of this amount \$1900 is chargeable to ex-City Clerk Voorhees, and \$1000, Pressey claims, was a saloon license paid in by Thomas Lund and returned to him. Pressey admits a shortage of \$500 or \$600, and claims to have paid warrants, which cannot now be found, with the balance. Careless bookkeeping seems to have been the cause of the shortage. Pressey has turned over to the city his store book accounts and a quantity of hay, which he values at \$2000, and says it is all his property.

Advice to Young Men.

"Topics" in the Tulare Register has the following to say to young men: "Young man, you are pursuing a mistaken policy. When you have borrowed five dollars of an acquaintance, which you intend never to pay back, you account yourself five dollars ahead, but you are not. You have knocked another prop out from under your own underpinning. And when a merchant of any sort has trusted you, and you do not pay the debt or try to, you are not the gainer by the transaction. You have caused your discredit to be recorded in another man's black list. This man will tell others that you are not good and those others will not trust you, and, before you know it, every man's hand will seem to be against you. You will not have a friend whose friendship will be worth anything to you. In other words, you have squandered your patrimony at the threshold of your adult life, for the best capital a young man can have to enter business with is an unblemished credit, a reputation for paying his bills. The business world is not overly exacting in its standards. You can do a great many wicked things if you want to and still preserve your standing if you only pay your bills. Paying bills covers a multitude of sins in the business world, but though you were as exemplary in your conduct as a holiness disciple, you will be as devoid of real friends as a polecat if you owe everybody and pay nobody. This is not meant for any particular person. It is meant for a good many of them."—Ex.

The Initiative And Referendum In The Legislature.

A bill is before the legislature for a general law providing that in any county upon five eights of the voters, petitioning the county judge to call an election in which the choice of county seat is to be settled by a majority vote; and is so settled, the question shall be raised again for ten years. Here is exactly an explanation of the principle of direct legislation by the people. Five eights of the voters (which is too high 25 percent of the voters is enough) may initiate the movement by petition to the county judge who shall call the election in which the question referred whose decision shall be final. There is no question but that the Swiss system of law making is growing in favor, and that it will be generally adopted soon there is no doubt. Let them inform themselves on this great and vital subject, and then they will hasten to put its principles into practical operation.

Re-Appportionment Bill Passed.

Salem, Jan 27.—The re-appointment bill which passed the house yesterday passed the senate after a debate consuming the whole morning session, and after two attempts to postpone and three attempts to amend had been lost. The final vote was 22 ayes, 4 noes, 4 absent. Daly of Lake filed a protest. The bill has now passed both houses and goes to the governor for his signature. Following is the apportionment by districts that is now proposed:

Table with columns: Dis. Counties, No. 1 Marion 2, 2 Linn 1, 3 Marion, Linn 1, 4 Lane 1, 5 Douglas 1, 6 Douglas, Lane and Josephine 1, 7 Coos and Curry 1, 8 Jackson 1, 9 Klamath, Lake, Crook, Wasco 1, 10 Benton 1, 11 Lincoln, Tillamook, Yamhill 1, 12 Polk 1, 13 Yamhill 1, 14 Clackamas 1, 15 Washington 1, 16 Columbia, Multnomah, Wash 1, 17 Clackamas, Multnomah 1, 18 Multnomah 5, 19 Clatsop 1, 20 Wasco and Sherman 1, 21 Grant, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco 1, 22 Morrow, Umatilla, Union 1, 23 Umatilla 1, 24 Union and Wallowa 1, 25 Baker, Harney, Malheur 1, Total 30

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Table with columns: Dis. Counties, No. 1 Marion 5, 2 Linn 3, 3 Lane 3, 4 Douglas 2, 5 Coos 1, 6 Coos and Curry 1, 7 Josephine 1, 8 Jackson 2, 9 Jackson, Douglas 1, 10 Benton 1, 11 Polk 1, 12 Polk and Lincoln 1, 13 Yamhill 2, 14 Yamhill and Tillamook 1, 15 Washington 3, 16 Clackamas 3, 17 Clackamas and Multnomah 1, 18 Multnomah 12, 19 Clatsop 2, 20 Columbia 2, 21 Wasco, Crook, Klamath, Lake 1, 22 Umatilla and Morrow 1, 23 Umatilla 2, 24 Union and Wallowa 1, 25 Union 1, 26 Baker 1, 27 Malheur and Harney 1, 28 Grant, Gilliam, Sherman Wasco 3, Total 60

Arthur Hughes, aged 22, wanted at Steelville, Mo., for rape, was arrested Tuesday by Sheriff R. L. Stephens at Glide, 18 miles from Roseburg in the mountains of North Umpqua river. He was lodged in jail at Roseburg, and will be taken to Missouri soon.

Baby Is Fatally Burned.

Angie Martelle, a baby five months old, died at the residence of M. Cron, 651 Fifth street, yesterday afternoon, from burns received Sunday in a fire which destroyed the home of her parents at Cape Horn. The child was one of four children who were rescued from the flames by the heroism of their mother. The others escaped with but slight injuries, and it was hoped that Angie might recover, but her frail baby life was not vigorous enough to endure such terrible suffering, and in spite of medical assistance, which the distracted parents came to Portland to seek, she became weaker and weaker till she died.

The Martelles live on a farm near Cape Horn, Washington. The father of the family came to Portland Sunday morning, and during his absence, and while the mother was at the barn feeding the chickens, the house took fire. Mrs. Martelle was attracted by the glare, and remembering that her four helpless children were alone in the house, she rushed to the door, but was driven back by the heat. With the energy of despair, she shattered a window in another part of the house, and crawling through it rescued her two larger children, who were endeavoring to escape by the door. The two babies, however, had hidden in their terror in a closet, and Mrs. Martelle groped about for some time in the blinding smoke before she was able to find them. Their piteous cries finally enabled her to locate their whereabouts, and at the risk of her own life she ran into the closet, which by this time was blazing fiercely, and dragged them forth into the open air.

A glance at Angie showed that her burns were serious, and though the little one had not the gift of speech she told of her agony in a language which the mother understood, and which wrung her heart. As soon as possible assistance was summoned, and the child was brought to Portland, where everything possible was done to alleviate her sufferings till the end mercifully ended them.

The Philippine question is assuming gigantic proportions, not only in Congress, but in Europe. Germany and Spain it is thought, will recognize the independence of the Philippines, in which case it is stated that Great Britain will recognize the sovereignty of the United States in the Philippines and at this writing, Friday, the dispatches say that hostilities between the United States troops, and the insurgents at Ho Ho and Manila may occur within 24 hours. This in addition to the fact that small pox is liable to break out among our troops, make the situation critical and alarming.

Keeping His Pledges.

Pursuant to my promise made and published in the Roseburg Review on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1898, to the citizens of our county, I have this 28th day of January, 1899, made the necessary arrangements with the First National bank of Roseburg, for the payment of \$500 to the county, pending the result of the action of the present legislature relative to the salary bill now before that body. My salary remaining unchanged during my term of office, the bank is requested to turn over the money to the county. Otherwise I reserve the full right to cancel the foregoing agreement.

J. F. GAZLEY, County Clerk. I hereby certify that this arrangement was duly made as above stated, on Saturday, January 28, 1899.

T. R. SHERIDAN, Pres. 1st Nat. Bank. William Stocker died at his home near Drain a few days ago. He was suffering with the measles and while somewhat delirious went out of the house in his stocking feet and bathed his face in cold water.

A Freak Bill.

One of the freak bills is that of Fordney, requiring an affidavit before marriage that the husband has not smoked a cigarette for three years previous. While such a bill will undoubtedly be a good thing for future generations it is a freak and doesn't help anybody.

These bills as the use of the word is fatal in its effect on the health of the one who uses them excessively than upon the user.—Capitol Journal.

Yes, and it is just such old foggy positions as that exhibited by the Albany Democrat in the paragraph above as prevents the onward progress of the car of reform at present.

Conservatism hangs like a mill stone about the neck of the people who are striving to get out of the old ruts. The howling, ranting, populistic pen pusher of the consolidated Broad-Axe finds fault with the Register because this paper does not open up a rapid fire attack upon every man who is in office simply because he is an office holder. The editor of the Broad-Axe in nearly all questions manages to get on the opposite side from the majority, and to use one of his own expressions, like the lone coyote on the moonlight night howls to keep himself company. He has forgotten his good resolutions; but let him bark. We will all live on just the same.—Register

There's no danger of the Register ever opening up "a rapid fire attack on any man who is an office holder," if said office holder has any official crumbs at his disposal, and the Register can get those crumbs by keeping still, as is now the case. And unlike the Broad-Axe the Register seems to indicate that in order to be in the right, it is only necessary to go with the majority, if that is where "Ward's ducks went 'hellwards," the place where such chickens as the youth of the Register would go rather than not go with the majority. But if he went there who would miss him?

Circuit Court Cases.

The following cases have been filed in the circuit court of Lane county:

J. M. Horn vs R. D. and T. Brown; to recover money. Judgment is asked for \$120 and costs.

Thomas J. Johnson vs Katie Johnson; suit in equity for divorce. The complaint alleges that the couple were married May 29, 1894, in Nebraska. The issue of said marriage are Earl and Pearl Johnson, twin boys, nearly four years old. Desertion is relied upon.

A Mysterious Affair.

A mysterious case in East Salem has been brought to the notice of the chief of police. The home of R. L. Colvin has been ransacked four times within the past two years, everything movable, including jewelry, bric-a-brac, etc., being taken place after place. The place was found during the temporary absence of the family. Nothing has ever been missed after a search of the house has been made. Although a careful watch has been kept, the trespasser has never been seen. The work was first charged to boys in the neighborhood, but it is now thought that the guilty person is an adult. The police expect to secure evidence to connect some person with the crime.

Recent accounts from the Palouse country appear somewhat premature: "Farming operations are in active progress in the country South and West of Colfax, and last week hundreds of acres were plowed for spring seeding. Farmers in the Alkali flat country are seeding, and many are well along with sowing their spring grain. Squirrels are out by hundreds, the country bears the marks of spring, the hills are becoming green, and farmers are busy with their spring work."

County News.

Died—Jap Evans, an old settler of the Mohawk valley, in this county, died at his home Feb 1, aged 59 years. Mr. Evans was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, and came to Oregon in 1864, settling in the valley where he died. He was married.

On Feb 1, in Eugene, E. M. Abbott and Miss Susie Abbott were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Of course Rev J. T. Abbott performed the ceremony that made them one in heart and soul, no change of name being required.

Campbell & Walker this week sold their hops consisting of some 125 bales to E. S. Smith of Eugene. This business closes up the hop business for this season in Lane county. The price paid we believe was 15 cents per pound.

Harold Stevenson, 18 years old, son of R. O. Stevenson, was killed by a falling tree Tuesday night. The accident happened five miles west of this city.

Will It Be Built?

W. W. Oglesby, Robert Clow and G. F. Skipworth of Junction, Feb 1 filed the following articles of incorporation in the county clerk's office:

First—The name of said corporation shall be The Cottage Grove and Bohemia Rail Road Company and its duration is indefinite.

Second—That the purpose for which it is formed are to construct, build, maintain and operate a railroad and to secure the right of way for the same.

Third—That the principal office of said corporation shall be at Junction City, Oregon.

Fourth—The amount of the capital stock of said company or corporation shall be \$500,000.

Fifth—The amount of each share of such capital stock shall be \$100.

Sixth—The terminus of said railroad shall be at the Bohemia Mines, Lane county, Oregon.

News Notes.

Thomas H. Clark who kept a shoe-maker shop on Fifth street Vancouver, B. C. was found dead in his chair last Tuesday. His death is supposed to have resulted from heart failure.

Two men were drown in Young's bay a few days ago and another was saved only by good fortune. Abram Junna, a dairyman in charge of the Andrew Young ranch, is the man saved, and Harry Light and August Baer were the two who were drowned.

C. C. Cunningham, murderer of Oliver C. Young, was sentenced Tuesday by Judge Lowell, in the State circuit court. Having been convicted of murder in the second degree, he received under the statute a sentence of imprisonment for life at hard labor.

W. Tansing, the labor raising advocates an income tax levied by the federal government; and an inheritance tax levied by states.

"Sixteen to One."

Oregonian: "Sixteen to one has driven ten able democrats out of the United States senate. They are Falkner, Gorman, Gray, Mitchell, Turpie, Mills, Smith, Roach, White, Murphy."

Yes, and sixteen to one has driven two able republicans out of the United States senate. They are J. N. Dolph, and J. H. Mitchell. Scott is always phighting phantoms.

The Dallas Times-Mountaineer says spring has stolen anthem in that locality, and they are reveling in almost summer weather, and that Thursday was the warmest day they had had for forty eight years, the mean temperature being fifty-five.