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Helping the Rebels.

"Helping the rebels" is now seen at the head of column after column of the administration organs, which are trying to shift the responsibilities of the war with the Filipinos from the shoulders of the rightful parties.

"Helping the rebels" is as non-sensical as it is unjust. This however is no new thing. The United States were never engaged in any war, except perhaps our wars with the Indians, that we did not have the same old cry of "helping the enemy" hurled at those who did not sanction everything the war party did, good, bad or indifferent.

In the Revolutionary war the Tories "helped" in many ways "the enemy." In the war of 1812 the people of New England as a general thing "helped the enemy." In the war with Mexico, the Whigs of the Northern states "helped the enemy" even more than the people of the present time, who oppose imperialism, are "helping the enemy."

A Grave Robber.

One Ed King, who it will be remembered as figuring in a case wherein two sisters were arrested for keeping a house of ill-repute under the guise of a barber shop in Eugene, has turned up as one of the most depraved creatures imaginable. King had lived about Eugene for several years, his wife supporting him by taking in washing etc., until when those female barbers were arrested it was found that he had stolen his wife's jewelry and given it to "Queen Lil," as one of those barber damsels was called.

This resulted in Mrs King being divorced from King at the spring term of circuit court. But now comes the bitter part of the story. A child of this couple died some two years ago and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery near Eugene. A few days ago Mrs King received a letter written at Fresno, Cal, from King in which he said he had taken the body of the child from the grave and placed in charge of a friend at Springfield, and that he intended to have it shipped to Tennessee for reburial. On investigation it was found that the body of the child had been removed, but the most grievous part of the story is yet to be stated. On Tuesday last, Decoration day, Mrs King went to the supposed grave of her child, and placed flowers there to learn the next day that her dead child had been removed to some place unknown to her.

"The Sacrifice of the Shopgirl."

A well written article appeared in Brann's Iconoclast of recent date under the above heading, by Mary Virginia Channing, which calls to mind some recent occurrences here in Eugene. And the frequency of these things have become alarming and should admonish the good people of the community to exert every means in their power to protect it, against an element which is lurking like a moral pestilence in this city, destroying the honor and virtue of young girls and bringing disgrace and inconsolable grief upon their parents and relatives, besides casting a shadow of reproach upon the whole city. We spare the names of several young daughters of respectable families who have fallen victims recently to unprincipled scoundrels and given birth to babies. And these cases it is well known do not include by many the true number of young girls who have thus been morally ruined, but have escaped exposure simply because they have been in better luck than their frail companions, who have given birth to children, which have come to light.

We know whereof we speak, when we say that the cases of illegitimate childbirth mentioned, do not include nearly all the cases of moral ruin that have overtaken

young girls in this city.

Our city officials have for a long time known of numerous cases of immoral practices that have been carried on, and which they have tried to suppress but which they have not exposed for the sake of parents and friends, and for the good name of the city. However we are glad to say that Mayor Harris, City Recorder Dorris, Marshal Stiles, his night watchmen and City Attorney Stevens say they are determined to use every lawful means in their power to enforce the law against law-breakers of every character irrespective of persons.

We bespeak a careful perusal of the article on the outside of this paper under the above heading and commend it to the consideration of the reader.

Pistols, Whiskey, and Crime.

Later accounts say the young Charles Farrell spoken of as being shot and killed last Tuesday in Albany given on the first page of this paper has sufficiently recovered to be out of danger. So much for the wind up of a drunken run in a licensed saloon. Now let the taxpayers foot the cost of the affair before the courts. But "such is life" in an ordinary Oregon town. Give a man a license to sell a young man "fire water" which makes him break the law, and get into court for the offense, and run up a big bill of cost, which the people, instead of the saloonist are made to pay.

Here's how it is: The council sells the saloonist the privilege of selling the unwary drink that maddens him and makes him commit crime and get into the toils of the law, which causes a big bill of costs to accrue which the county, not the town has to pay.

Injustice and Indignity to the Teaching Profession.

Mr. Editor: I have been waiting some time to see some notice taken of certain complaints of great injustice and indignity to public school teachers" referred to in an article on "The Public School Teacher" in the Public School News of Eugene. The article is an able one in many respects, but I cannot agree with the writer, that school teachers are suffering either "injustice or indignity" under present conditions.

Allow me to quote the complaint: "Concerning the teachers wages and tenure of office a great injustice is done. To a large extent the law of competition prevails, and whenever there is no way of determining relative fitness, or a disposition to ignore it, wages will go as low as the desperate struggle for existence compels the teachers to bid or the false economy of the district will offer."

Now I should like to know whether the writer, above referred to, is ignorant of the fact that the same "competition and desperate struggle for existence" prevails over this whole land among toilers, and largely determines the price of the products of labor, whether of brain or muscle? Surely if the writer is aware of this fact he does not expect that public school teachers should be made exempt from the law of "competition and the desperate struggle for existence" which affects all other classes. Does the writer wish for a law of this kind? Abolish district boards, appoint a county board, whose duties shall be to select teachers for all schools in the county, fix their salaries, salaries and fasten such teachers upon the people "during good behavior;" the county board, of course, being the judges on the "good behavior" of the teachers, allowing the taxpayers no say in the choice of teachers, no say as to their "tenure of office," because of the indignity (?) of teachers having to apply at the end of the year for a renewal of engagement to teach. I have known such a law proposed by the teaching profession, but it was not in the United States. Mr. Editor, if this would not be class legislation, I do not know what to call it. Allow me to make a suggestion: Make the qualifications required by the examining board so high that the number of teachers will be reduced, thus securing less competition and possibly more efficient teachers.

The editor of the Public School News calls special attention to the article entitled "Our Public Schools" and remarks that the suggestions are most timely and the manner of

their presentation makes them both clear and convincing. I hope the editor does not agree with those who claim that teachers are suffering "injustice and indignity" under present conditions. Class legislation is utterly odious to a large majority of the American people and it is well that it is so. Yet, I see no other way by which the so-called "injustice and indignity" can be entirely avoided. Being like the author of the article "The Public School Teacher" of a modest turn of mind, allow me to subscribe myself
AGRICOLA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In Ponca, Nebraska, May 31, three distinct tornadoes passed the vicinity. Large amount of property was destroyed and considerable live stock was killed.

An exchange says there is now plenty of room in the "middle of the road" for what populists are left, by way of explanation of which it may be stated that the great majority of them have taken to the bush.

E. C. Smith has an order for 400 bales of hops of the coming crop. He will contract for 12 cents per pound and advance five cents for picking and drying. Frank Page has an order for 300 bales at like prices.

On May 31st it rained steadily all day through the northern and central portions of California. Ripening cherries and berries will be somewhat injured, and hay cut but not stacked will be destroyed. Growing wheat and barley, however, will be materially benefited.

Arborday was generally observed in Eugene in an appropriate manner. Bunting was displayed from the houses and business was suspended. The demand for flowers was not adequate to the supply. As for ourselves we could only affectionately remember the graves of our relatives who sleep thousands of miles away in our native hills in Kentucky. Instead of flowers we could but decorate their graves with the more enduring emblem of love and affection.

The case against Mrs Lizzie Hanovan and her daughter charged with manslaughter in disposing of an infant born to the latter was brought before Justice Wintermief last Thursday. After considerable evidence had been introduced, the case was dismissed with the understanding that the girl would be sent to the Magdalene Home at Portland, a refuge for wayward girls. Some of the ladies of the W. R. C. have interested themselves in the case and attended to the details of sending Miss Hanovan to Portland.

A special from Manila says: Information has been received that satisfactory results have attended the movement among the members of the volunteers regiments in Manila for the establishment of an American colony in the Philippines. Four thousand of the volunteers are reported to have signed a petition to the president and secretary of war, praying that they receive discharges in Manila. It was explained that they believed the Philippine islands "offered rare opportunity for industrious and enterprising Americans to make homes" and desired to remain, "for the purpose of taking part in the development of the mining, agricultural and industrial resources of the islands."

A case of clever swindling perpetrated a couple of weeks ago has just come to light. A man about 40 years of age, giving the name of Henry Miller, and dressed as a miner, or farmer, came to Eugene May 8 and represented that he had just removed here from Coos county, and was working on a farm near Crewell. He deposited a check for \$155, with one of the banks, for collection from a party in Coos county. He then went to several stores and represented that he was going to the Bohemia mines and wanted to buy supplies. He bought goods to the amount of \$200 or more, giving in payment checks payable May 15, representing that he had deposited a check for collection, and that the money would not be here before that date. On the strength of his purchases he also succeeded in getting about \$50 in cash, and a gold watch from merchants in exchange for checks. He then disappeared, and in due time it was found that he was a swindler. The goods purchased by him are still awaiting orders for shipment.—Register.

TUSSELS WITH OUR EXCHANGES

Bryan may hang up his fiddle now, and 16 to 1 is no more. The Plaindealer of Roseburg has like a certain animal spoken of in the Bible opened its mouth. Brother Conner, "stop dat knockin at the doah."

We have not learned whether the conductor of the Drain Watchman is an editor or an editress—or whether the Drain paper is a Watchman or a Watchwoman. We have tried to exchange with that paper several times just to find out some of those things, but thus far we have failed. We'll try again.

Junction Times: Claude B Cannon, of Roseburg, has received the appointment of deputy collector of customs for Alaska. The appointment is worthily bestowed but at the rate Douglas county is being recognized there will not be a sufficient number of republicans left to form a central committee.

They don't need a republican central committee in Douglas county Brother Morehead. The demo-pops are running that county now—Mika kumtaz?

Judge Geo K Nash of Columbus, Ohio, was nominated for Governor by the republican convention Friday and John A Caldwell for Lieutenant Governor. The convention adopted a strong administration platform, which means for war and expansion.

Capital Journal: This morning while C H White was passing a wheelman on the walk on the courthouse grounds, he was deliberately run into, the consequence of which will be in evidence on his left hand for several weeks. It seems that the young man deliberately turned his wheel square across the walk, striking his left hand and badly mashing his thumb and mangle each finger severely. The young man never stopped to find out whether any damage had been done or not, but disappeared as soon as he could. Mr White went to Dr Lane's office and had the hand dressed, the thumb being severely cut, and all the fingers on that hand. The accident will disable Mr White for several weeks. The latter has but just recovered from having his shoulder dislocated and reset.

It is a fact that before Governor Geer became so bitterly opposed to the return of the Oregon soldier boys he secured the discharge of his nephew—the only relative he had in the army. Comment is unnecessary.—Oregon State Journal.

Why is "comment unnecessary," Brother Kincaid? Let's comment just a little bit: Since we first read Noah Webster's fable of the farmer and lawyer about the difference it makes as to whose ox it is that is gored, we have been prepared to regard with some leniency the smartness of the lawyer in defending his personal interest. When the governor's nephew was in danger of being gored by the Filipino's bull—lets it's fair to presume that the governor wanted one soldier, his nephew, returned from Manila, but when his nephew was out of harm's way and the rest of the Oregon soldiers who were nothing to the governor, and when they were being gored by the Filipino's bull—lets, why the governor is opposed to the return of the other Oregon soldiers. And this is our comment.

Closed Down.

We feel gratified to announce that gambling rooms and slot machines have closed in Eugene through the notice of our city officials to parties concerned that the law would be enforced rigidly against them in case of the law's inaction in this regard. We are glad also to state that there seems to be no disposition upon the part of any to disregard the notice of the officers, but that all hands have cheerfully set aside their slot machines and quit handling "chips." We are certain that the action of our city officials in this regard will meet the hearty approval of every good citizen and will receive his moral support in the discharge of his duty.

Died, at Alpn, Oregon, May 26, 1899, of consumption, Mrs Annie McVay, aged 48 years. The remains were interred in the Deadwood cemetery.

Bodies Brought Home.

The remains of three Oregon volunteers, who died of typhoid last summer in the Philippines, were brought to San Francisco on the United States transport Sheridan, which has arrived from Manila. The bodies are in hermetically sealed caskets, and will be shipped at once to the relatives of the dead. Their names are:

Private Edgar J. Johnson, Company D, died July 28. Remains sent to Rockford, Wash.

Private Rufus K. Holbrook; Company C, died August 10. Remains sent to Lowell, Oregon.

Private Edwin C. Young, Company A, Second Oregon volunteers, typhoid; died August 11. Remains sent to Edwin Young McMinnville, Oregon.

Died.

May 24, 1899 at his home, Indian Valley Washington county Idaho Ezekiel Bailey aged 75 years. The subject of this sketch was born in Clay county Kentucky in the year of 1824, and remained in that county until the winter of '49-'50, when he came to Missouri and crossed the plains in that year to Oregon with a large train, arriving on Mary's river in Benton county in October. Remaining here about a year, he came to Lane county, this state, and took up a donation land claim three miles west of Eugene.

In the year 1853 he married a Mrs. King who came to Oregon from Missouri in that year. The fruit of this marriage was six children, three boys and three girls to-wit: Mary, wife of James Calloway of Lane county, Martha wife of George Ware residing at Mitchell Crook county Oregon, John H. and Jeff D. of Idaho, Mrs. Sarah who married a gentleman of Douglas county, (name not remembered) and Lee youngest son, also of Idaho.

Mr. Bailey removed from Lane county in 1875 and settled near the town of Mitchell Crook county where he remained until about the year of 1889, when he removed to Indian Valley Idaho, and settled on the place where he died after a year's illness, from the effects of grip and old age.

Ezekiel Bailey was in every sense of the word a typical pioneer. He stood six feet and 7 inches in his socks, weighed 230 pounds ordinarily, all bone and sinew, had a dark rugged complexion and coal black hair when young, never knew fear, was generous to a fault, and possessed the old fashioned sense of honor and integrity, that characterized the early pioneers of Oregon. We may mention that Mr. Bailey took part in most of the Indian wars of this country, and that he became a member of the Baptist church many years before his death.

Well, we must bring this notice of our old friend and neighbor to a close. We knew him in boyhood, in the land of our birth. We have known him in Oregon now 41 years, and little did we think through all these years that it would fall to our lot to say a parting word over his remains, for from any reasonable calculation he should have survived the writer of this. And as we lay our pencil aside, we revert in memory to the many, many pleasant hours we have enjoyed together through the long years of our journey through life. And we can only say, as Bob Ingersoll said a while ago, at the grave of his early play mate. "It seems to me that some how or other we shall meet again," and until the time when the grave shall give up its dead rest in peace, the ashes of Ezekiel Bailey.

The wool market at The Dalles is opening up quite satisfactory. Within the past few days sales have been made at prices in advance of 12 cents, while there have been numerous offers of 12 cts. for choice clips of last year's wool, and 10 cents has been offered for a few choice lots of this year's clip.

Plaindealer: Last Thursday night Frank L. Smith, then under the sentence of death in Jacksonville for the murder of Peter Nelson, signed a statement to the effect that he did not kill Nelson, nor assist any one to kill him. The statement was signed a few hours before news of the commutation of Smith's sentence to life imprisonment reached Jacksonville.

New Rock Crusher.

The new rock crusher recently purchased by the county will be used in improving the roads in the south part of the county, commencing in the vicinity of Cottage Grove. A 15-horse power J. I. Case traction engine has been purchased to furnish power for the new crusher. Both crusher and engine will be delivered at Cottage Grove. The county will have two first-class crushers in operation during the coming season. The one now in use is at work on the roads west of Eugene.

Charnelton Mulligan died May 30 at his home in Springfield. He was aged 72 years, 11 months and 10 days, and was one of the earliest, best known and most respected of Lane county's pioneers. He came to Lane county in 1874 and was among those who donated lands for the laying out of the county seat.

They have their storms just east of us sometimes that makes a Willamette say: Well, gee whizz! Last week in the vicinity of Fossil it hailed down lumps of ice three-fourths of an inch in diameter, killing chickens, damaging orchards, gardens and crops. Large panes of glass were broken in the Fossil Journal office, and near Mayville George Gibbons lost four valuable horses by lightning. Gee whizz doesn't cover the bill.

Blachly News.

The crops in the famous Lake Creek valley are looking well. Some wheat, however, is looking a little yellow, but with a little sunshine we will make a fair crop. Oats are looking well and we will have the usual amount of fruit. I find by traveling over the valley that some of the peach orchards will be a little short, but I think the fault is mainly with the farmers for not cultivating the trees as they should. Some of us are a little tardy with our gardens but what is up is looking well, and we are all still planting as fast as the weather will admit.

Slashing and fence building are going on almost on every farm. From the indication now there will be a large amount of land cleared and fenced the coming season. There will also be some who will build new residences and barns this season, of which I will have more to say in detail later on, for the people of this valley are of the kind who build up and beautify their homes. There have been several land sales of late, and more are now under way. Our beautiful valley is fast filling up, and all our new comers seem to take hold as if they meant business.

We are to celebrate the grand old Fourth of July, as a large crowd responded to a call on May 19 at the school house where we held a most enthusiastic meeting.

Committees were appointed on all the various duties. The place selected was at the Triangular lake, one of the most beautiful places in the county. Messrs Roberts and Tipton were elected marshals of the day which will guarantee law and order. And we now extend a general invitation to all of Lane county, and will guarantee all who may choose to come a good time except such as the C E Loomis ilk who I see by your paper, the Broad-Axe is still waving the bloody shirt. Such as we do not want out here, and if he comes he may get what he needs, a coat of tar and sent back over the road in double quick. He may get thrown in the middle of the lake for fish bait. For a man that would write what is over his name at this day and time should tuck their head in shame and sneak off never to show up in decent company again, for we hope to soon see the day when all such men are stopped from braying in public. I will have more to say in regard to our celebration in my next.

Win Blachly, our most worthy road supervisor, will commence to work the roads soon, which are in a bad condition. Then everybody can come out and see our beautiful valley.

Isaiah Slayter made his regular business trip to Junction City last week.

Mrs L O Thompson and son, Owen, made the county seat a business visit last week.

A union fun lay school was organized last Sunday with Miss Ora Read as superintendent, which will

guarantee its success.

Messrs E Wolf and Win Tripp have their shingle mill in running order, and are now turning out about 20,000 shingles per day, and as fine a shingle as is made on this coast anywhere and they deserve the patronage of everybody in Lane county who may need shingles. They guarantee their shingles to be just what they say they are, so everybody send orders to Wolf & Tripp for shingles to Blachly, Oregon.

In conclusion I want to give three cheers for the Broad-Axe, and its editors for their courage in battling for the people's rights. We are the wage earners, and the honest ones (what few are left) and for throwing hot shot into the ranks where it belongs. The tax-ridden people with their barefooted children and ragged dressed wives begin to think as you do Mr Editor in regard to McKinley tariff and trusts.

Oregon Troops Still Fighting.

It turns out now as has been predicted. The Oregon troops will not come home as given out they have been taken back to the front, and were in a heavy battle the town of Morong east of Manila June 4, in which four men were killed whose names we have not learned, and six wounded.

The heat it is stated was intense, and the troops suffered greatly. This news will fall on the ears of our people like a peal of thunder causing many expressions of bitter disappointment. We have no words to express our surprise and utter inability to account for the conduct of the war department in the expansion business. The people will know bye and bye.

Oh, Well, Love is Grammarless.

Miss Mary Jilk has wedded William Him. However ungrammatical it may be, she is Him's and Him is hers.

Briefs.

The pioneer Captain Rigdon of Pine Openings was in town Monday.

We ask a careful reading of the communication elsewhere in this paper over the signature of "Agricola." It treats of a most important subject.

Our regular Blachly correspondent gives the Broad-Axe quite a compliment, and roasts "Dr. Loomis" after the most approved style. Read it.

Anyone can distinguish a poisonous serpent from a harmless one, for a venomous snake possesses invariably a triangular shaped head and a blunt nose, while its tail is correspondingly blunt and stubby.

The weight of a car axle is but little less than that of a single wheel, ranging from 425 to 650 pounds. In the new steel cars, with a capacity of 100,000 pounds, the weight of the axles is about 900 pounds each. The guaranteed life of a car axle varies from three to six years.

An eminent physician says that no person should be permitted to drink tea or coffee until he or she has attained the age of 18 years. In the young those beverages unduly excite the nervous system, and have an injurious effect upon the digestive organs.

A German professor, in giving his experience as an explorer in the wilds of Africa, says that the best protection against lions is an umbrella, as the beasts are especially afraid of one when opened suddenly upon them.

The band boys played some gay and lively pieces last Sunday afternoon in the city park. They were short but sweet. Boys you don't play long enough so the lovers of music say.

Laura Donaldson, a patient at the insane asylum, committed suicide by hanging at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. She made a cord of her night dress, fastened it to a window guard and jumped off the sill. She was 39 years old. She was committed from Wasco county April 10, 1898.

The Nuggett is busily engaged now advertising the Broad-Axe among the miners and its readers in the south part of Lane, last week's Nuggett giving us a nine-inch single column upper-cut write-up. We will retaliate by swinging heavily and hope it will land on his wind. Let the good work go on Howard.