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HE WANTS TO AT THE PREACHER.

The Junction City Bulletin in an editorial, half column long, advocates paying ministers for their services in preaching funerals. Our notion is that there is no authority in law, divine or otherwise for preaching funerals; that the custom had its origin in medieval times and came into use by the Protestants from the custom of the Papal church, which we understand believes in the efficacy of the prayers of the living in behalf of the departed, and which it has been charged and believed by many that the clergy of the Papacy can effect propitiation for the soul of the dead through prayer.

Be this as it may, if the rule were adopted, which is advocated by the Bulletin, and the preaching of funerals should be performed for pay, it occurs to us that in some cases the dead, especially the poor, would sleep the sleep that knows no waking undisturbed as is often the case by the senseless custom of delivering an obituary discourse over the remains of the dead, so full of cant and falsehood that could it speak from its casket it would dispute what was said.

THE PACIFIC DEMOCRAT.

Mr. Thomas Harlan, editor of the Pacific Democrat, an interesting political paper, published in Vancouver and Portland, called at this office Thursday. Mr. Harlan is enroute for San Francisco and says points in the interest of his paper, a paper more properly speaking which may take the place of the several democratic papers now published in Portland. We hope Mr. Harlan's efforts may meet with the necessary encouragement and that a paper may be established in the metropolis which can compete with the daily Oregonian in publishing the news and representing the interests of the people of Oregon independent of doctrinal and party prejudices, and which will speak for the reform masses.

VOTES AS WE SHOT.

We are in receipt of a letter from Thomas Hardy, of Jasper, requesting us to stop sending him the Broad-Axe as his subscription had expired. Mr. Hardy assigns as a reason for stopping his paper, his dislike to our politics, and says he is a soldier of the civil war, and "votes as he shot." If we understand things right that war was to suppress the rebellion and the shots of the union soldiers were directed against men who were under arms as rebels, and that when Lee surrendered and General Grant said, "Let us have peace," and the soldiers of the South disbanded, laid down their arms and returned home, in many instances to find them burned to the ground, their property destroyed and their wives and families scattered and ruined, that the war was over. And that when the union soldiers were discharged and peace declared by the president and general amnesty was extended to the people lately in rebellion, that the war was over, and that there would be no more shots fired either by gun or ballot forever. Especially did we suppose the war was ended when the people of the South like Joe Wheeler, General Lee, Hobson and thousands of others from the South responded to the president's call for soldiers to fight Spain. But we see there is at least one man (and it is to be hoped the only one) in all this land who is still shooting (voting) as though that fight had not ceased a generation ago. No, Bro Hardy we cannot break bread in peace with one at war.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The president's message, is or even a proper synopsis of it, is too long for our paper. But we want our readers to know if they have not already learned that in these days a president's message is like political platforms, easily made, and just as easily broken and wholly unreliable as foreshadowing what the party or the president will do. The position of McKinley today favoring a measure to perpetuate for all time, making gold the standard and thereby imposing upon that metal the burden of doing the business of all other money, silver coins, silver certificates, certificates of deposits and treasury notes or greenbacks, and his former utterances and actions may be cited in proof that at least Mr. McKinley's present message need not be relied on as an index to what he will do.

So please excuse us for not publishing the message.

The Sodaville correspondent of the Express-Advancer says: "The prevalence of smallpox and other contagious diseases in various parts of the county has aroused our town council to the necessity of enforcing the ordinances relating to sanitation and notices have been posted requiring our people to clean up their back yards, alleys, etc. We think it would be a good thing for the town if we could have smallpox scarce often." (Some here in Eugene.—Editor)

Senator Hayward of Nebraska died December 6, leaving a vacancy in the senate which it is morally certain will be filled by either Bryan or Allen.

CHIPS.

Some expansionists hereabouts remind us of the fable of the frog's attempt to ape the ox which burst itself in its effort to expand to the dimensions of the ox. Our expansion friends should remember the fate of the foolish frog.

Hass't the reiteration of the charge of Mr. Plumer of Polk that he bought the superintendency of the penitentiary from Governor Geer for \$1,000 about lost its force? The B.A. thinks that as between a man that will sell a public office and one who will buy it, there is but small difference, and that the word of neither is entitled to credit. So in this case where the credit and honor of the state is concerned as it is here, where the honor of her chief executive is involved, the vantage ground is on the side of Geer who is entitled to the benefit of the doubt.

The Oregon City Courier-Herald of December 8 contains a call by the chairman of the central committee of the populists, democrats and silver republicans to meet in Oregon City on December 16 at 11 o'clock. This looks like the three opposing party organizations to the republican party were moving in a direction to unite in June and November next in the approaching contest. What will the "union" people of Lane do? Don't all answer at once.

It is now talked in political circles of running ex-Governor Bradley of Kentucky as a running mate with McKinley for vice-president. As between McKinley and Bradley for statesmanship and brains, there is but little difference and the brains contained in each other's cranium would not spin one poll that a No. 6 hat would fit.

The Guard says "Mayor Harris has issued orders closing back doors of saloons on Sundays and also to close at 12 o'clock at night." Closing back doors of saloons at night and on Sundays is good as far as it goes, but there's the trouble. Both the back and front doors of saloons in Eugene should be closed on Sundays and week days as well. It is but a few days since that night was made hideous all night by drunken men who paraded the streets in open day, insulting ladies passing, giving the officers trouble in running them into the lockup. What should become of the licensed saloonist who made those people drunk who had to be locked up? We express the opinion that the man who administered the liquor should have been marched off to the city jail along with his drunken customer, and that city authorities are morally responsible for all that results from the excessive use of ardent spirits vendid over the counters of licensed saloons.

There is much complaint among farmers about the condition of the hitching racks around the court house square. The scene presented there any day is one to stir up pity for the poor beasts that stand there often from morning till night in mud knee deep hungry and chilled. It is downright cruelty and in violation of law.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Estate of Alice E. Geer deceased. Notice is hereby given that Nina E. Geer, administratrix of said estate, has filed her account for final settlement of said estate, and Thursday, December 14th, 1899 at ten o'clock in the forenoon has been set by order of the Hon. J. O. Potter county judge for hearing objections to the same.

NINA E. GEER, Administratrix.
GEORGE B. DORRIS, Attorney.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Welcome Hays Mulkey deceased. Notice is hereby given that Louisa Mulkey has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Welcome Hays Mulkey, deceased, by the Honorable J. O. Potter, county judge of Lane county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the executrix at the law office of Geo. B. Dorris in Eugene, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, with the necessary vouchers.

LOUISA MULKEY, Executrix.
GEORGE B. DORRIS, Attorney for estate.

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Please Take Notice.

This paper will cease to be sent to any one after the expiration of the time for which it is paid, and subscribers may save themselves, and the postmaster trouble by remembering this.

Joseph Sloan, brother of the Sloan brothers of Eugene, died at Lebanon last Saturday from dropsy.

Eugene Market.

Wheat 41c.
Wool 16c.
Hops 10 to 11c.
Barley 45 to 55c.
Oats—25 and 27c.
Hay—Baled, chest \$7.00, Timothy \$8.50 to 9.
Eggs 24c.
Flour—in wholesale lots \$3.00 retail \$2.40.
Milk—Eugene \$12.00 shorts \$25.00.
Hogs—dressed, 5 1/2c.
Live cattle—Steers 3 1/2 cows 3 1/2 to 3.
Sheep—\$2.50 and \$3.
Dressed Veal—6 1/2c.
Butter 30 to 40c per roll.
Poultry—Hens 7 to 8 cents.
Potatoes 25c. per bu.
Onions, per lb. 2c.

Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Joseph M. Evans deceased, has filed in the county court of Lane county, state of Oregon, his final account as such executor of said estate and that Monday the 26th day of February, 1900 at the hour of one o'clock p.m. has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

J. S. STEVENS, Executor of said estate.
THOMAS EVANS, Executor of said estate.

COMMUNICATIONS.—Write us short, newsy items of your respective neighborhoods. All communications for the Broad-Axe should reach us by Thursday.

Lost: Between 7th and Monroe sts. and Christian church, a gold scarf pin with garnet set. Finder please leave at the Broad-Axe office.