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NOTES AND COMMENTS

From the days the children of Israel grumbled and were sent on their tedious wanderings for 40 years in the wilderness, up to the present hour the world has been full of grumblers. It is too hot, or too cold, too wet or dry. People in reasonable circumstances have visions of the poor house, while the rich grumble that they can't get rich faster.

Human life is a marvel. We enter it naked, we know not from whence or why. We play, we dream, we plan, we do. And then we go out naked—stripped of all our gains—and we know not whither. It's a mysterious episode. It's a gleam, a flash of light between the darkness of the womb and the darkness of the grave—just a flash of activity between the silence of two great stillnesses.

A country editor received the following: "Please send me a few copies of the paper containing the obituary of my aunt's death and publish the enclosed clipping of the marriage of my niece, who lives in Lebanon. And I wish you would mention in your local column if it does not cost anything that I have two bull calves for sale. As my subscription is out, please stop my paper. Times are too bad to waste money on newspapers."

Judge Beach informs the Express that the 1917 department encampment of the G. A. R. can be secured for Forest Grove if even a little effort is made in that direction. Here is something worth the attention of the Commercial club. The encampment would undoubtedly bring several thousand people and keep them here three days. While the old boys are willing to pay their own way, they expect some decorating, the free use of a meeting place and would appreciate the services of a band and the expenses of their drum corps. The 1916 encampment will be held at Eugene next June, at which time the meeting place for the following year will be selected.

Portland and several of the coast cities are reveling in the throes of a Chinese tong war, the Hing Ying Bings having declared war on the other Chinks. Four or five Chinks have been murdered so far. The editor of Express has been making investigations in Forest Grove to learn whether or not there is danger of a tong war here and he has come to the conclusion that, as the only tongs in town are those used in the blacksmith shops and the little tongs used on the table for handling lump sugar, there is really no danger. McGill, Linneville, Stribich and the other blacksmiths have promised the Express editor that if their tongs get hot enough to threaten trouble, they will soak them in cold water until the fever abates. This might be a point worth the consideration of the authorities at Portland—duck the chinks in the Columbia or the Willamette. This treatment has been known to cure hens of the sitting habit and it might cool off the chink tongs.

A team composed of T. R. McClellan, R. Tweed and F. T. Baldwin, O. A. C. students, last

Friday captured first place as butter judges at the Northwest Dairy Produce Show, held at Spakane last week. They competed with teams from the Washington and Idaho colleges. 'Rah for O. A. C.!

Tells Where He Stands

L. A. Fernsworth of Banks, publisher of the Herald of that place and of the Cornelius Tribune, has an announcement in this issue of the Express, declaring himself a candidate for the republican nomination for State Representative from Washington county.

Mr. Fernsworth will have been in the county nearly four years by the time of the next legislative session, and he has taken an active part in the discussion of matters of state and county economy. He has had nearly 10 years' newspaper experience in Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento and Portland, and was a member of the Oregonian reportorial staff. Through his newspaper experience at Sacramento and Salem he has had unusual opportunities to familiarize himself with methods of law-making.

Last year he was chairman of the legislative committee of the state editorial association, and his statement of principles is along the lines advocated by the state association. His slogan is "Uncompromising economy, clean-cut, fewer laws, and The public interests ahead of politics."

His statement of principles says: "Four distinct tendencies of legislation constitute a danger to the well being of the state. I shall oppose them.

"They are: Unnecessary restriction of the freedom of the people; the ever-increasing burden of taxation created by multiplying expenditures out of proportion to the increase in wealth and actual needs; a multiplicity of laws, frivolous and conflicting, which only bring the law into disrepute; laws hampering and restricting, instead of encouraging capital and development."

Some Ink is Poisonous

Up in Washington last week several members of a family were poisoned and made seriously ill by eating butter that had been wrapped with paper which had been marked with a rubber stamp. The ink used with rubber stamps is poisonous and as it frequently washes off the paper and gets onto the butter, the person using such butter is running a great risk of being poisoned.

Dealers who accept butter put up in wrappers not properly printed, place themselves liable to fine, just as the producer who sells the butter.

Butter wrappers when properly printed with a special ink, used by the Express and other well-regulated printing offices, eliminate the danger recited above. The special printer's ink used on butter wrappers is not affected by water. It will not run or erase, nor is it poisonous.

Mrs. A. J. Spillers and little daughters departed Thursday for a visit with friends and relatives at Centralia and other Washington points.

PROSPERITY STRAWS

Salem, Feb. 26—New industries are coming to the state, and in many towns the erection of new buildings and new plants have been announced. Everywhere in the state are the signs of steady, consistent and encouraging growth.

Marshfield—Sawmill at Isthmus Inlet to be operated this month.

Grants Pass—Dyer Company of Cleveland, O., have contract for erecting \$600,000 sugar factory near here.

Portland to have new vaudeville theatre to cost \$425,000.

Spaulding Logging Company will cut 55,000,000 feet of logs back of Corvallis.

Ontario—District to be formed to develop Warm Springs irrigation project. Donald campaigning for a cheese factory.

Plans on foot to irrigate 100,000 acres of Little and Big Agency plains in Jefferson and Crook counties.

Portland Chamber of Commerce to be reorganized to concentrate more upon payrolls and industries and less upon long-distance enterprises.

Corvallis grants Southern Pacific a franchise upon its own terms.

Baker to get a modern dairy plant.

Portland—Pacific Coast Steel Company plans to erect \$500,000 plant here.

Cottage Grove—Quicksilver mine near London to resume operations.

North Powder wants to build a new school house.

Jackson county has good coal but in January shipped in nearly 100 carloads. Capital needed for development.

Portland Brewing Company resumes operations and will make non-alcoholic beer.

Ashland—\$15,000 to be spent remodeling hotel Oregon.

Land Grant bills in Congress are mostly constructed to expedite land grabs and keep alive further litigation.

Eugene—Business men promoting enlarged fire brick factory.

Gresham—Before taking advantage of the Union high school gymnasium students must procure a physician's certificate as to physical condition.

Astoria making fight to be designated as a naval base.

Dallas Commercial club is boosting a tank factory at that place.

Independence—Wm. Riddle hired a man to catch gophers on his farm. Result, 3800 in one year at 25c each, or nearly a thousand dollars from this crop.

Oregon City's ordinance prohibiting jitney busses from operating in that city without a franchise was declared valid by the supreme court in an opinion written by Justice Benson.

McMinnville—County clerk will sell \$7000 bonds to build a bridge across Willamette slough.

Yoncalla votes April 17 on \$20,000 bonds for water works.

Springfield—Christian church plans \$1000 addition.

Monmouth gets \$5000 co-operative creamery plant.

Roseburg planning \$75,000 high school.

West Chehalis—John U. Smith's slogan for legislature—"No more laws. Repeal, amend, abolish. Drastic cutting of expenses."

Marshfield—Wooden ware factory to make carload daily seeking location here.

Astoria—County road master will build two and one-half miles Nehalem highway.

Stanfield—Swift Packing Company makes 230,000 acre land purchase near here.

Political Announcements

For State Representative
L. A. FERNSWORTH

To the members of the Republican Party in Washington County:

I beg respectfully to solicit your consideration at the Republican Primaries May 19, for the office of state Representative. I favor uncompromising economy, clean-cut, fewer laws, and I shall place the public interests ahead of politics. I shall work against unnecessary, frivolous and conflicting laws, and I shall give my best efforts to lightening the ever-increasing burden of taxation created by expenditures out of proportion to increase in wealth and actual needs.

L. A. Fernsworth.

To the Voters of the Republican Party for Washington County

I am a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk, for the Primary Election to be held May 19th, 1916; have been chief deputy County Clerk for the past two terms, was born in Washington County, am familiar with the work of the office, and if nominated and elected will during my term of office attend to the duties thereof, exercising economy, and courtesy to the public.

HENRY A. KURATLL

The Forest Grove Shoe Store

Fourteen Years Ago

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Fourteen Years—a long time to look ahead, but seemingly not so distant in the past.

Fourteen years have made great changes in the business representation of our city. Very few of the earliest stores survive. Some are gone; many have moved away; others have taken their places.

Today Forest Grove is more prosperous than ever before—a mighty good proof that it is a splendid place in which to reside.

Today our trade is larger than it has ever been—a mighty good proof that our store is a splendid place to buy shoes.

You would be surprised to know the large number of families who have been our steady customers for fourteen years, though there are some who have never given us the opportunity to show them the shoe service of which we are so proud.

Our slogan is: "Each Year a Better Year," and right now we are preparing for a record breaking season. We are purchasing the very latest styles and patterns of the best grades of FOOTWEAR on the market, and will soon be ready with complete lines in many widths. Kindly pass the word along to any of your friends who have had to send or go out of town to be fitted.

We believe styles will not be so extreme in design as those that startled everybody last season. The new shoes are beautiful models and the latest novelties you will find extremely ATTRACTIVE.

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Job Printing

this advice is worth considering, for many a town has been promoted to the city class by the patriotism of its citizens in refusing to send away for things they could get at home.

THE EXPRESS

plant is fully equipped for all classes of job printing, printers of taste and judgement are employed and you can get almost any kind of stationery the most exacting fancy might crave. Come and see.

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