

BY D. W. BATH.

"HENS are working overtime," says an exchange. So is the weather.

PORTLAND claims a population of 140,000 and is pushing for the 200,000 mark with an excellent prospect of reaching it in the near future.

EX-SENATOR E. W. HAINES and F. H. Adams, of Forest Grove, and Dr. W. D. Wood, of this city, candidates for senator from Washington county, addressed the Roosevelt club at Cornelius last Saturday night.

WILLIAM ROTHWELL, known as Young Corbett, the prizefighter, formerly lived at Baker City, Or., and attended school in that city. His father, William Rothwell, Sr., taught school in Baker City in the early days. His son does not seem to have followed the teachings of Rothwell, senior.

And now Hearst has established another newspaper—this one at Boston. Mr. Hearst is publishing some mighty good newspapers, but his chance of becoming president of the United States is on a par with the rich man entering Heaven through the eye of a needle. His name will be well known throughout this country, however.

NO COUNTY in any state offers better inducements to the man looking for a home than Washington county, Oregon. The land is rich and will grow almost anything; timber is plenty, and fruit is abundant. Eastern people who are tired of snow, ice and cyclones should visit the Lewis and Clark Centennial next year, look over the great possibilities of this section and judge for themselves.

THE white people of the Far East are firm in the belief that Japan will win in her war with Russia. The Japs, irrespective of class, are ready to make any sacrifice which occasion demands. The nobility has offered its wealth those high up in government circles have even pawned their jewels to assist in the cause of their country. The patriotic spirit is general throughout the Islands, and, while the populace is without information regarding the progress of the hostilities, there is the utmost confidence that the mikado will defeat the Russians.

Tillamook City has been snow-bound for more than a month and its citizens are disgusted and the editor of the Tillamook Herald mad all over. In his issue of March 17th, which reached this office on the 29th, he says: "As Tillamook City has been deprived of mail for nearly three weeks, it is about time for her to sever diplomatic relations with the outside world and establish a postal system of her own. The postal authorities at Portland, who were so darned important and refused to order all the mail in by the way of Sheridan, when they were appealed to day after day to do so, will know they have been up against the sturdy little kingdom of Tillamook before the matter of the delay of the mail is a closed incident at Washington, for they cannot treat Tillamook county with impunity."

FROM CENTERVILLE.

Regular Correspondent. Centerville, March 29.—Mrs. Williamson, of Seattle, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. C. Wren.

Miss Mary Osterman went to Portland Monday afternoon.

New up-to-date styles in cabinet and oval photos at the Pope Gallery. Call and see our photo display.

The farmers around here are having a rural telephone line put in their several homes. This is a step in the right direction as it tends to pass the hours more pleasantly on the lonely farms, especially for the young folks.

The people from Bleeding Kansas, are beginning to think that they have come to a place which should be called Leaking Oregon, but never mind Easterners, the Heavenly Plumbers will soon get to work.

There has been much talk in Washington county of late, about improving the roads and many sides of the question has been discussed. Now what we would propose is that the Washington county people get out their spades and shovels and dig canals instead of roads. That's the very thing! Hurrah!

FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

Politics Warming Up—Commercial Creamery Co.—Oregon Grape Brand in the Lead.

Mining News—Snow 30 Feet Deep on the Divide.

Salem, March 28.—Public interest centers around the conventions this week. Democratic primaries were held last Saturday, but the county convention will not convene until week after next. Where the party is so great a minority one would suppose that there would be no bickerings, but there are. Several incidents are related that seem laughable to republicans. One runs this way: A prominent democrat was met who had "copy" for the primary tickets. He wanted them printed but said one or two names might be changed. "I want to inquire touching their democracy. There are some of our people who have changed their politics recently and they do not always notify us. The republicans are getting our young men. We are in the minority in the city by a thousand votes." He spoke the fact. The republican managers treat all the young men with consideration; welcome them to their club rooms where everything is attractive. It pays, as is proven when the votes are counted out of the ballot box in June. Another incident is related that took place in another ward. The leaders fixed up a list of delegates that was satisfactory to all factions. It was supposed to be greased and would go through, but the rank and file objected to several names and very quietly began scratching. When the votes were counted it was discovered that the slate had been broken and that two delegates on the printed ticket had been beaten. The defeated delegates are furious and the party is in a worse fix than before the compromises had been mentioned.

The republican primaries are holding this afternoon and quite a full vote is going to the polls, though there are no contests unless at the counting it shall be found that a silent vote is going in. Good humor prevails everywhere. Interest is in local matters and the convention is held on Wednesday of this week.

The season is coming when the industries are preparing for the summer campaign. The Commercial Creamery Co., probably the largest butter factory in the state, has started its agents out among the farmers. The company is progressive and this season will completely change its methods of manufacture. It recognizes what its patrons and the patrons of all creameries have long known, that its product has not been a good keeper. The most carefully handled product when left in ordinary butteries for from six to ten days tastes strong. The Commercial Creamery Co. now is to sterilize its cream, after which it is churned. Butter made four months ago is as sweet as though made yesterday. Sterilizing plants are to be installed at convenient places in its territory and all cream treated before it is delivered to the factory in the city. The cream is first separated from the milk at the farm, then taken to the sterilizing plant and subjected to heat. It is afterward cooled and ripened in the usual way. The keeping qualities of the butter made from such cream is as perfect as has yet been devised.

If Hillsboro people have to import butter, and it begins to look like it, I suggest that orders be placed with the Commercial Creamery Co. of Salem. The Oregon Grape Brand of Condensed Cream is the favorite brand here, wherefore it is proper to establish reciprocity.

The Salem Canning company is beginning to assemble employees preparatory to an active summer's work. In addition to the usual materials to be canned, green corn will be added. The price for roasting ears will be about \$7 per ton for choice stock. It is somewhat of an experiment, not the mere matter of canning, but will farmers cultivate an acreage sufficient to justify a commercial scale, and will dealers buy the product? On the latter point much depends upon the grade of goods. And here comes in the individuality of the canner. If the company has a skilled opera-

tor who can turn out a perfect and choice product, consumers will soon begin to call for that stock, and dealers will be anxious to supply the demand. The superintendent of the Salem cannery is a new man, trained thoroughly in the corn-fields of Minnesota, but not familiar with Oregon conditions. He thinks though that corn canning here will be a success. One element is the long season. "They tell me that corn never ripens here," said he. "We therefore hope to run on for a month or six weeks instead of two or three as back there. That may be the very thing that will bring success."

The Bohemia mines, on or near the line dividing Lane and Douglas counties, are attracting much attention. Rich ores are being uncovered every day and locators are rushing in. Machinery is to be installed on several properties this summer and communication is to be made easy over railways. At present the snow is deep on the divide and the Willamette. Thirty feet of snow has fallen and it is not certain but that this is to be increased. Knowing ones state that the title to three thousand claims is to be perfected this year.

GAULT.

Uniformly Successful.

From the Tacoma Ledger. President Roosevelt has a habit of "getting there." Some of the measures he has recommended to congress and some of the appointments he has made have aroused more than democratic opposition, but he has met no defeat. When the 57th congress expired by limitation on the 4th of March, 1903, President Roosevelt convened the new senate in extraordinary session to consider two treaties which had not been ratified during the short session of the previous congress. One was the Hay-Harran treaty with Colombia and the other the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The former was confirmed and the latter also subject to the approval of congress. Perhaps the opponents of this measure, which was earnestly recommended both by President McKinley and President Roosevelt, thought that this would defeat the bill, and a crucial test of the president's influence came when the matter finally came before congress.

branches of the new congress in special session early in November last, and within a week the house of representatives by an overwhelming majority approved the Cuban reciprocity treaty. In the senate it was hung up for nearly a month but finally passed. Mr. Roosevelt carried his point and reciprocity with Cuba is now operative. The Panama canal treaty, ratified at Washington, was rejected at Bogota, and immediately the department of Panama seceded from the United States of Colombia. The president's determined stand at that juncture in recognizing the new republic, requiring Colombia to keep her hands off, and in finally recommending the ratification of a new canal treaty with Panama put the president to the supreme test. Opposition in the president's party vanished and the democrats in the senate, who by unanimous opposition could have prevented the ratification, were almost evenly divided, sixteen out of thirty-three voting to ratify the treaty and thereby recording their approval of the president's policy. This was certainly a notable triumph.

After four months' discussion the nomination of Leonard Wood as major general was confirmed, only two republicans in the senate opposing it, and five prominent democratic senators supporting the nomination. As weeks and months pass the president's success in every determined effort he makes becomes more and more evident. As the president happens to be uniformly right, he ought to succeed. His course commends popular approval.

A Change of Venue. Toledo Leader: The following is told of a couple who attended the state fair last fall and stopped at one of the best hotels in Salem. About 2 a. m. the husband was seized suddenly with severe stomach cramps and was almost frantic. His wife was very frightened, but knew that something must be done quickly, so without waiting to put on clothing started downstairs on the jump with naught on but her "nighty." Running into the din-

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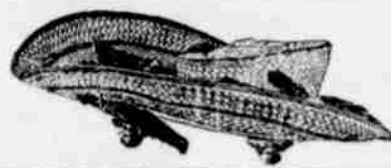
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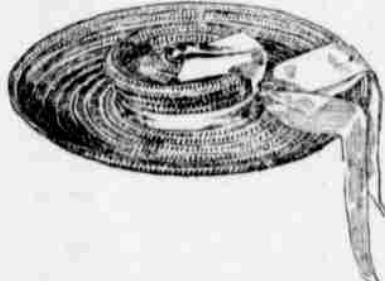
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CIRCUIT COURT.

Regular March Term Now in Session With Judge T. A. McBride on the Bench—Proceedings up to Thursday Night.

John Carthy, convicted, last week, of burglarizing a saloon in Cornelius, was sentenced, Monday, to 4 years in the penitentiary.

D. J. Porter, of Gaston, was released under \$1000 bonds, for one year, to keep the peace.

William Fragmeire vs Albert Waelin, decree of foreclosure. State vs James Lee set for trial on April 6.

District Attorney returned not a true bill vs John Hurley.

Washburn & Rayeraft vs E. C. Hughes, default and decree.

Michael Rahn vs Henry Dick, report of commissioners confirmed.

Washington County vs H. P. Ford, 2 cases, judgment for defendant.

Davis Wilcox vs Geo. A. Morgan, plaintiff allowed until Saturday, April 2nd to plead to answer.

W. H. Lyda vs E. A. Jerome, de fault and judgment.

State vs Theodore Salzgeber, motion to dismiss appeal argued and taken under advisement.

Dixon vs Dixon, decree of divorce, Mrs. Dixon allowed 1/2 of the real estate, \$50 attorney's fees and \$1000 cash, to be paid in 30 days and also \$50 per month for support of minor children.

Ranes vs. Raney, decree of divorce.

For Sale. A 7-room house and one and one-third acres of land in South Hillsboro for sale at a bargain. Address W. A. Ruhl, Hillsboro, Or. 45 4

Just arrived—barrel salt herring at Messengers.

FAVORABLY MENTIONED.

A Voter Suggests E. L. McCormick for County Clerk.

Mr. Editor:—Permit me to use a little space in The Independent to mention a matter of importance to voters. Mr. E. L. McCormick has been favorably mentioned as a probable candidate for nomination for county clerk of Washington county at the republican county convention to be held in Hillsboro April 7th.

Mr. McCormick has been a life-long republican, an earnest and faithful worker for his party and is a popular man. Should he be nominated, he will add strength to the ticket and be a credit to the party. The republicans cannot find a man better qualified to serve in the capacity of county clerk, and we hope and trust that the convention will favor Mr. McCormick with the nomination for clerk.

A REPUBLICAN VOTER.

Probate Court.

Est. of Philip Baughman, deceased. Claim of executor for \$62.50 allowed.

Guardianship of Philomena Perrett, feeble minded. Petition filed asking that a guardian be appointed. Citation ordered to be served requiring Philomena Perrett to appear at county court rooms on Tuesday, April 12, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. August Kempin ordered to take charge of personal property.



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