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Is "Old Glory" waving from every doorway today? It ought to.

The Veterans! Their locks are white, their steps are feeble and eyesight dim, but their hearts are young and light. All hail to the "boys in blue."

LeSueur, Minn., claim a hen that is twenty-one years old and lays an egg every day. That's nothing. LeSueur has got the biggest liar in the state of Minnesota.

Fourth of July accidents have already commenced. A lad in a neighboring town picked up a cannon cracker to see why it didn't "go off" and will carry his mouth in a sling until the glad day is passed.

This "long dry spell" is doing much harm to gardens and the growing crops. An exchange truthfully says that "it would be easier now to interest the valley people in irrigation projects than would have been possible some months ago."

THE INDEPENDENT welcomes the old soldiers, their wives and their friends to Hillsboro. May their stay here be one continual round of pleasure and when they return to their homes we hope they will carry with them a good impression of our town and our people.

Here's William Jennings Bryan's platform, written by himself: "The great question this year is not the money question, but it is whether we are to have a plutocracy or a democracy. My own position has been, and will be, that I shall not attempt to decide upon the availability of Mr. Hearst or others. All I ask is that we have a man on whom there is not the taint of monopoly. Parker stands for nothing."

That the burning of crude petroleum for fuel has proved a complete success at the paper mills across the river is shown by the fact that the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, which has been using crude oil for some time, will erect two large tanks above the mill for the storage of petroleum. The tanks will be of steel and have a capacity of 30,000 gallons. They will be placed near the Willamette mill and work has already commenced clearing away the rock foundation for the concrete.—Oregon City Courier.

We cordially invite the Veterans to visit our office and make themselves at home. Here they can find the daily papers, and if they have letters to write they will find paper, pen and ink which they can use and it shall not cost them a cent. We never "smelt" gunpowder ourselves, but did have two brothers who stopped Southern "minnies" during the dark days of the rebellion, one at Antitam and the other during Mosby's Tennessee raid, and this of itself makes us carry a very warm spot in our heart for the boys in blue. May their years be many and their cares few.

The report of a peculiar phenomenon comes from Henderson Station, two miles east of Eugene. A couple of days ago workmen were drilling for water and had reached a depth of fifty-one feet when suddenly they began to hear a deep rumbling noise coming from the bowels of the earth. The men were at a loss to account for the noise, and being considerably frightened, quit work. The strange noise continued for several hours, and was heard by a large number of persons who visited the place for that purpose. All agree that it sounded like a huge waterfall, and one man declared that it sounded as loud as if the Willamette river was falling over a precipice a hundred feet high.

C. J. Mills, who is livestock agent of the O. R. & N. Railway Co., does a good deal of traveling and takes particular note of matters pertaining to his line of business. He has just returned from Eastern Oregon, where he visited the wool-growing centers, and has this to say of the conditions in that section: "The quality of the present wool crop is better than it has been for years, and the prices are higher than they have been for eleven years. The yield is the largest ever known. Farmers are feeling very much elated over their success this year, and are all prospering financially. New York and other Eastern buyers say that Oregon wool excels that from any other place."

Announcement is made of the appointment of C. H. Markham to the office and title of vice-president of the Southern Pacific Company. In his new position of general manager of the lines of the system of the Southern Pacific, to which he was appointed several weeks ago, Mr. Markham's duties have been largely administrative. In being made vice-president of the company, he becomes the chief executive official of the company on the Coast. Markham will henceforth be the chief operating and executive official at San Francisco, entering upon practically all of the duties and responsibilities previously exercised by J. Kruttschnitt, but within smaller jurisdiction. General Manager Markham says his appointment as vice-president of the Southern Pacific was merely in line with the policy to make all general managers of the Harriman lines vice-presidents of their respective companies.

The restaurant on the Chautauqua grounds at Gladstone will be managed by a Chautauqua committee this season instead of being let to private parties. This step is taken by the management with a view of improving the service, as heretofore those operating it have tried to make as much money as possible out of it.

STATE ITEMS.

John Day, an old pioneer, after whom the John Day river was named, died in Montana recently, a very old man, and penniless. He was well known among the pioneers of the early gold days of Canyon City and camp Watson, acting at times as a United States scout in the numerous Indian wars of the time. He has won and lost more fortunes than one has ever dreamed of.—Exchange.

Dust is a thing of the past on the streets of this city. The crude oil recently sprinkled on the streets is a permanent improvement, and a thorough success. Other cities would do well to follow suit, and do away with the antiquated water wagon.—Wasco News.

We would be satisfied with the "antiquated" water wagon. We are using straw now; but for heaven's sake don't say we told you so.

Crop Report.

The past week has been dry, with cool nights and drying winds. All growing crops need rain, and unless it comes soon spring grain and the second crop of hay will be unusually light. A heavy frost occurred Friday morning in the eastern high level sections, and tender vegetables were badly nipped and some grain damaged. On the same morning light frosts were reported in a number of localities west of the Cascades, but they did no material harm.

Fall grain is filling nicely, but spring grain is heading short. Haying has made rapid progress during the week, but nearly everywhere the returns show a falling off from previous expectations. Pastures are drying up, but feed is still good and stock continues in excellent condition.

Hops, gardens, field onions, potatoes and corn, although needing rain, have made fairly good progress during the week. Early potatoes are being marketed. The season so far has been remarkably free from pests.

The strawberry crop turned out fairly satisfactory, although it was not so heavy as it would have been had there been more rain earlier in the season. Apples continue promising and the outlook for peaches is fairly good. The yield of cherries is better than expected.

Excursion Rates to Yaquina Bay.

On June 1st, the Southern Pacific Co. will resume sale of excursion tickets to Newport and Yaquina Bay. Both Season and Saturday-to-Monday tickets will be sold. This popular resort is growing in favor each year, hotel rates are reasonable and the opportunities for fishing, hunting and sea bathing are unexcelled by any other resort on the Pacific Coast.

Piano for Sale or Trade.

A first class new piano at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

The water in the Willamette river is getting to be somewhat low and the river steamers plying on the upper river are compelled to work carefully when heavily loaded. They are still making trips as far up as Corvallis, but it is thought that this will not last very much longer.

Three masked men held up the stage running between Whitney and Canyon City Saturday afternoon, but before securing much booty were frightened away by a team coming up in the rear. The manner in which the holdup was performed indicates that the robbers were novices. A sheriff's posse is now on the hunt for the three bandits, who took to the brush when the other team drove up.

S. H. Horton living six miles west of Monroe has the most remarkable peach tree in the state. The tree was planted 14 years ago and has been bearing fruit since the third year being so heavily laden this year that the limbs have to be propped to keep from breaking. It was simply a sprout when planted and three years later bore a bushel of peaches and the fourth year bore four bushels and has been bearing out of proportion to its size each year since.

The Indians of Umatilla reservation are preparing for one of the largest and longest celebrations that they have held on their grounds for some years. Owing to the fact that the town of Penitence has decided not to celebrate, the Indians will have the Fourth of July all to themselves, and will make the most of the exents. A big feast will be held on July 3 at which all of the Indians of the reservation will make it a point to eat all they can hold.

The Clackamas County Spiritualist Association will hold its annual camp meeting at New Era, 18 miles south of Portland, on the Southern Pacific railroad, and near the Willamette River, July 2 to 25 inclusive. They have a beautiful grove, good water, and excellent hotel accommodations on the grounds. Able speakers and mediums will entertain and instruct the audiences in attendance.

While operating a mower at his farm at Beaver Creek, near Oregon City, W. M. Scanlon, a farmer, was seriously injured. His horse became frightened and, running away, the machinery was overturned, falling on Mr. Scanlon, who suffered severe bruises including the dislocation of the shoulder and numerous wounds caused by coming in contact with the blade of the mower. His escape from fatal injuries is considered miraculous.

While H. F. Mellwain and wife of Albany were returning from Cascadia Thursday they stopped nine miles from Albany to eat their lunch. Mrs. Mellwain took a 22 calibre rifle and while shooting at a mark her husband had set up, a bullet struck a branch, deflected and passed into her husband's body, causing a wound quite similar to the wound which caused the death of President McKinley. Mr. Mellwain is in the hospital at Albany hovering between life and death.

Frank Wallace, who resides near the Walla Walla river above Milton, met with a most serious accident on Monday. While engaged in driving cattle his horse stumbled on a side hill and in the fall the sharp horn of the saddle plunged Wallace to the ground, the point of the horn entering his hip to the bone, making a frightful and dangerous wound because of the hemorrhage it caused. Mr. Wallace managed, with great effort, to drag himself to the road, where he was discovered and taken to his home.

F. J. Thatcher of Corvallis, says the Gazette, has received clippings from papers in Illinois, where he used to live, containing accounts of an unprecedented invasion of rats. Millions of rats have suddenly made their appearance, doing great damage to stock and grain. Where the rats come from is a mystery to the farmers. The rats appear to be most numerous in Mercer county, but there are many thousands in the adjoining counties. An idea of the magnitude of the pest can be gained from the fact that one man in two weeks succeeded in capturing and killing 3,435 of the rodents, using steel traps to catch them. In spite of this enormous slaughter his farm is still overrun and there appears to be no diminishing of the number. The rats attack droves of hogs, biting them and tearing their flesh, which results in blood-poisoning. Hundreds of hogs are being killed in this manner. The rats also kill little pigs outright and devour them. These complaints come from all parts of these counties. Poison has been used, cats by the thousands have been imported into the counties, but there is no abatement of the plague and the farmers are greatly worried over the outcome.

On one strawberry farm at Hood River or 125 pickers gathered 3000 crates and then several hundred crates were given away for lack of a paying market. How does this item strike our Eastern readers who pay two bits a look for strawberries which are concealed in a box with its bottom about half way to the top, and which hitches nearer and nearer that locality as the price goes down.

We want to publish the best local paper ever turned out of this city, but we can't do it unless our readers take an interest, and help along the good work. This office has two telephones and they are here for use. Whenever you learn of any local happening, just call us up and we will be delighted to print it. If you have a friend or relative who is visiting you, if you are going away, have sickness in the family, weddings, births, accidents, and in fact know of anything that will interest another, don't fail to call the editor up or write him, and you will soon see how much more local news your home paper will give you each week. Either phone.

You can buy canned goods cheaper at Greer's than any place in Hillsboro.

Marriage Bells.

A most thoroughly enjoyable time 1:30 p. m. was had at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Pomeroy near this city, June 26th, the occasion being the celebration of the marriage of their daughters, Misses Maud E. and Etta F. Pomeroy to Thomas W. and Edward S. Henton—two sisters to two brothers, J. A. Campbell, of the Christian church officiating, and it is needless to say that where he officiates on such occasions all "goes merry as a marriage bell."

After the ceremony the bridal party and the guests sat down to an elegant dinner. The table was decorated with white lilies and pink roses.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Grant Landess, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lesley, Mr. and Mrs. Henton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Enoch, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lesley, Misses Lorena Enoch, Ester Landess and Mr. John Ennis.

Ice Cream—The Hazelwood—best on earth—for sale by the pint, quart or gallon at Palmateer's.

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Tea Garden Drips. Log cabin maple syrup. Try our barrel syrup, 40 cents a gallon. H. Wehrung & Son.

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Advertisement for Regulator Line. Features a large illustration of a steamship and text: "REGULATOR LINE. Portland---The Dalles Route. STEAMERS 'Regulator', 'Dalles City', 'Metlako'. Connecting at Lyle with the Columbia River & Northern Ry. Co. For, Wahkiakus, Dalby, Centerville, Goldendale, and All Klackat Valley Points. Steamer leave Portland, daily (except Sunday) at 7 a. m., connecting at Lyle with C. R. & N. train for Goldendale at 5:30 p. m. Train arrives Goldendale, 7:35 p. m. Steamer arrives, The Dalles, Steamer leaves The Dalles daily, (except Sunday) 7:00 a. m. C. R. & N. train leaving Goldendale 6:15 a. m. connecting with this steamer for Portland, arriving Portland, 6:00 p. m. Excellent meals served on all boats. Fine accommodations for team and wagon. For detailed information of rates, berth accommodations, rail, road connections, etc, write to, H. C. CAMPBELL, Mgr., S. McDONALD Agent, Portland."

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS. Notice of Sale of Stock for Delinquent Assessments. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Thad W. Vreeland, has been appointed by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of M. L. Donahue, deceased, and has duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof, to the said administrator at the office of Harry E. Hoyley in Hillsboro in the County of Washington, State of Oregon, or to the said administrator at his office, 414 Chamber of Commerce, in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. Dated June 17, 1904. THAD W. VREELAND, Administrator of the estate of M. L. Donahue, deceased. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Maurice O'Gorman, deceased, and has duly qualified as such, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers annexed, at the law office of Benton Bowman, in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from this date. Dated this June 17, 1904. JOHANNNA O'GORMAN, Administratrix of the Estate of Maurice O'Gorman, deceased. Benton Bowman, Attorney for Estate. NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE. The undersigned, having been duly authorized by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, hereby gives notice that from and after the 16th day of July, 1904, he will proceed to sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real property, to-wit: parcel or parcels, belonging to the estate of George Bruder, deceased, and particularly described as follows: Beginning at the north-west corner of the south-west quarter of section twenty-four (24) township two (2) south, range two (2) west of the Willamette Meridian, in Hillsboro, Oregon, the north line of said quarter section its full length forty (40) chains, thence south along the east line of said quarter section fifteen (15) chains, thence west parallel with said north line of said quarter section fifteen (15) chains, thence north along the west line of said quarter section fifteen (15) chains to the place of begin; containing fifty (50) acres. Bids will be addressed to the undersigned at 215 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon. DONALD G. WOODWARD, Administrator of the estate of George Bruder, deceased. NOTICE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, Executor of the estate of William Leverich, deceased, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, my final account as executor of said estate, and that said court has set Monday, July 11, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, as the time, and the county court room in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said account and the final settlement of said estate. W. N. BARRETT, Executor of the Estate of William Leverich, deceased. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Marock, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers, at M. Bailey Bump's law office, in Bailey Block, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from date hereof. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this June 3, 1904. FRANK FROMMELT, Administrator of the estate of Joseph Marock, deceased. M. Bailey Bump, Attorney for Estate. NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Executor of the estate of John P. Smith, deceased, has this day filed with the County Court of Washington County, State of Oregon, my final account as executor of said estate, and all persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at the law office of S. R. Huston, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this May 26, 1904. MARY ELLEN MILLER, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of John P. Smith, deceased. S. R. HUSTON and BENTON BOWMAN, Attorneys for Executrix. NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of John P. Smith, deceased, has this day filed with the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, my final account as administrator of said estate, and all persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at the law office of S. R. Huston, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from date hereof. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 28th day of June, 1904. E. R. TONGER, Attorney. All Ready for Business. Messrs. Nelson & Reed, of the North Glencoe Lumber Mills, have finished their contract and are now ready to cut lumber for the trade at their old rates. They will also manufacture all kinds of moldings.

Large advertisement for The L. M. Hoyt Co. featuring an illustration of a hat and text: "Hurrah for the 4th of July! How we have longed and looked forward to the day, not only as a Holiday of great noises, but to many a busy housewife it spells OPPORTUNITIES for now at least she will go to Hillsboro and to HOYT'S POPULAR STORE and buy many articles she has so needed but been unable to get elsewhere. She will have the pleasure of selecting a Fine Hat from their Splendid Stock of Millinery and will wear it with pride, knowing it is Up-to-Date. MONEY BACK STORE. That means if you are not satisfied just tell us and we will return your money. THE L. M. HOYT CO."