

**THE INDEPENDENT, HILLSBORO**  
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**FROM THE CAPITAL.**  
**Hon. D. M. C. Gault Writes Another Interesting Letter.**  
Salem, Or., Nov. 22.  
Editor Independent:—I suppose you had a rain that was as great a down-pour as swept over this section—thirty six hours. We had wind too, though neither the rain nor the air damaged property, probably because the latter was hot. The fall has been very seasonable for farm work in this county, and farmers have made the best of it. Well informed parties state that fully a half more wheat has been sown in Marion county than was sown last year. The same is true in Lynn county. The grain is growing rapidly and promises well for next harvest.

Last spring there was much talk of building trolley car roads with Salem for a center, but the ardor of the promoters has cooled. A new scheme is now talked—building a railroad from Salem to the Santiam mines. For forty and more years it has been known that deposits of precious ores existed in the Cascade mountains at the head of the Tautium river, a branch of the Willamette, and spasmodic attempts at development have been made, but, distance from population centers, and the great sums of money required for the enterprises have so far prevented the installing of reducing plants. The railroad above mentioned is the result of a survey of Mr. S. E. Hassan, a native of Egypt, Africa, who recently came here representing wealth both from the eastern states and China. He reports that the Santiam country is the richest in ores of any mines he has examined. Bohemia, in the same mountain range, but further south, has paying properties, and there is no reason to doubt the wealth claimed for the Santiam.

Two recent fires which destroyed property belonging to the Portland Flour Milling Company, has caused some nervousness among business men, who lay the blame to incendiaries. About a month ago the five story brick mill standing on the bank of the river north of the suspension bridge, was burned, and again last Friday evening the old three story wooden mill in the same yard was fired and destroyed. Suspicion rested on a young man of the city, but when arrested he positively satisfied the officers that it was not he. It is stated that another party is shadowed, but no arrests have yet been made. Some think the fires result from spontaneous combustion, as the mills were occupied by Eugene Boese, who had quite a lot of flax fiber stored and in course of manufacture. The theory is that the seed from the flax was scattered on the floor, and was ground under foot with the waste fiber, thus making most favorable conditions for a fire. City politics are arousing more attention than was shown at the November election. The candidate who will arrest the attention of our Washington county readers is Tom Cornelius, who is on the republican ticket for city marshal, an office of importance here, with its salary of \$1000. Unless there is a bad land slide to the independent man, Cornelius will be elected.

Forest Grove sent its best foot ball team here last Friday and got it badly beaten. The score was 38 to 0 in favor of Willamette university. The Forest Grove boys are too light and not well enough trained to stand before the team here, which is trained by Bishop, who last year was with Columbia College, New York, and considered the best man in America for his place.

Hon. H. V. Gates was in town a few hours last Saturday. He was on his return trip from San Francisco.

An operation was recently performed at the penitentiary on Tromley, of Hillsboro tar and feather fame. The hurt which necessitated the interference of the surgeon, was given him at Hillsboro at the time the tar and feather mob was having its amusement. Tromley has retained council and will commence an action for damages received on that night as soon as his term at the penitentiary has been served.

L. U. Jossé, at one time a resident of Washington county, last week bought a house furnishing store, and will for a time at least, be a resident of the Capital. Since leaving Washington county, Mr. Jossé has been in business at Independence, Polk county.

**It Was a Record Breaker.**  
Chairman F. C. Baker is jubilant over the Roosevelt vote in Oregon. He said after the June campaign that it was his belief that the press did more to carry Oregon by 24,217 than all other factors combined, and that the Webfoot state's plurality of 42,988 is not only a record-breaker but is the best showing of any of the forty-five states in the Union. Think of it! Does any other Roosevelt state equal this percentage? Pennsylvania's 490,000 odd looks and sounds mighty big; still that figure means but 42 per cent of the total poll. And Oregon's endorsement of our President by a majority over all the other candidates of 36,693! Should not this showing cause Oregon to appear well before the people of the east? Every county in Oregon deserves the others' commendation for its endorsement of President Roosevelt; and the plurality in Washington county of 1797 entitles the sealions republicans in this county to the National and State Committees' gratitude.

Hop supplies a speciality at the new market of Cate & Son.

**To the Legal Voters of Hillsboro.**  
Some twelve or fifteen years ago the City of Hillsboro began improving its streets by planking them. This was paid out of the general fund, that is, by taxing all the property in the city. Myself and some others began to urge this was not fair, that the planking, which was the most expensive improvement going on in the city, was confined to a very small portion of the streets, and that the property adjoining the improvement should pay for it.

This question was handled back and forth for some time, but finally that view prevailed, and the charter was amended so that these improvements should be assessed to the adjoining property. This has not been satisfactory to all, however, as many of the people owning property adjoining the improvement object to paying for the same, and this has been more or less an issue for several elections.

At the session of 1903 a bill was introduced in the lower house, without any request from the council, and railroaded through within an hour after its introduction, changing the charter in this respect, but it was defeated in the Senate by Senator Wehrung. I, of course, cannot speak positively, but I do not believe he would have defeated it if it had not been that Mr. Edward Schulererich and myself were there, at Salem, and urged him strongly, to defeat it.

At the last election Hillsboro elected a council in favor of amending the charter so that the property shall pay one fourth of the improvement and the city three fourths thereof, and a committee has already been appointed by the city council for the purpose of preparing an amended charter for the purpose, and unless the citizens of Hillsboro elect a council, and a mayor, at their next election, opposed to this, it will be done. If the majority of the people of Hillsboro are in favor of being taxed to improve the property of a few, then it should be done, because this is a government of majorities.

My object in opposing this was that I believe it was nearer justice, that it is the method adopted in every other city in Oregon, so far as I know, and that there should be some prospect, some day, that the city would be out of debt. But if the city of Hillsboro enters upon the policy of paying for these improvements, or three fourths of them, out of the public fund, the youngest child in Hillsboro, if he lives to be a hundred years old, will never live to see the city out of debt. On the contrary, it will go deeper and deeper into debt, with nothing but bankruptcy ahead of it.

Now I have fought this matter as long as I care to. I have not made any friends by it, and have made enemies. I do not know who will be candidates for councilman, or mayor at the next election. I may say, however, that I will not be a candidate for, and will not accept either position. I only wish to call the matter plainly to the attention of the people and then let them settle it as they see fit.

So far as I am concerned, I am done fighting on this question. If the majority of tax payers of Hillsboro are anxious to pay for improving the property of a few I only hope they will include me among the few.

**S. B. HURSTON.**  
August Erickson, the Portland gambler, was convicted of the crime last Wednesday, the jury being out only ten minutes.

Burglars broke into the postoffice at Hillsdale, Tuesday night, carted a 500-pound safe a distance of 500 feet, blew the big money box open and secured only 50 cents for their trouble.

Abraham Hackleman, one of the founders of the city of Albany died in that city Wednesday morning aged 87 years. He came to Oregon in 1847, and half the present city of Albany is located on the donation claim he then took up.

Attorney-General Crawford has drawn a contract for the construction of the Portage Railway between The Dalles and Celilo, and at a meeting to be held Friday the document will be examined by the State Engineer, the Portage Railway commissioners and representatives of the Open River Association, to see that its provisions are satisfactory to all concerned.

The population of the Oregon penitentiary reached 364, the highest number in several years. One year ago the number of convicts was down to 285, but the criminal business in the courts the past year has been so heavy that the number of prisoners received has exceeded the number discharged by 79. Over 200 prisoners are now working in the prison stove foundry.

A sensation in municipal politics was created at Albany, when J. L. Tomlinson, John Fosbay and E. R. Huston, supposed to be anti-saloon candidates for city councilmen, from the First, Second and Third wards, respectively, issued a joint statement in the course of which they affirm that the citizens of Albany have registered themselves very emphatically in favor of the policy of licensing saloons; they accept their verdict and abide by the license policy. They are in favor of raising saloon licenses rather than increasing taxes to pay off city indebtedness and will make their campaign on that issue.

**Disastrous Wrecks.**  
Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Medical Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Medical Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00 Trial bottles free.

**Dairy Cows Wanted.**  
F. M. Heidel wants to buy some choice dairy cows. Nothing else wanted.

**Sherwood.**  
Sherwood, Or., November 21, 1904.  
An epidemic of side-walk improvement has struck the town, along with the "beautiful weather," in which to construct them. However, the latter in convenience decomposes no one that have no property to improve for the use of the general public.

The net proceeds of the Tualatin basket social amounted to \$48.00 last Friday evening. This handsome fund with contributions, personally, will be utilized in establishing a public library in the village.

Rev. Cowman has been conducting a series of revival meetings at the Congregational church during the week, and a number of converts is the result of his personal and untiring work in behalf of the church.

A vapor gas lighting system has been placed in the tonorial parlors of Weston, the barber, which would indicate that Sherwood is moving in the right direction, towards metropolitan airs.

The team of horses used by Grover Hagey in the R. F. D. service is fast establishing a reputation for speed, and general viciousness, again on Saturday, having run away and delivered the nail in the mud.

It is reported that the Southern Pacific railroad company will divide the section crew here, and in addition with other men, form a new section with headquarters at Middleton.

Martin Gardner, proprietor of the corner saloon will apply to the town council for renewal of license, at the next session, and if granted pay into the treasury the sum of \$500 as per town ordinance.

Contrary to the expectations of every one, including the physician attending F. W. Sautz, of Middleton, (who was so seriously injured on Friday, one week ago by fulminate caps used for exploding dynamite), he rallied from the shock at once and has continued to improve up to the present time. The suspected injury to the chest did not prove serious as anticipated, on first inspection, and the missile, which proved to be a section of a cap about the size of one's thumb nail was removed on the third day. The attending physician has been removing particles from various parts of his anatomy daily during the week, varying from very small particles to above described and almost in every instance pustulation occurred very quickly, owing to the poisonous nature of material producing the wounds. The most serious and lamentable feature of the unfortunate accident remaining, is the irreparable injury to the left eye, which attending surgeons contemplate removing today. While the remaining one is badly injured there remains some hopes that time and careful treatment may result in restoring the sight. Mrs. Sautz, principal of the public school at Tualatin, has remained at home and carefully attended her husband since the accident, but owing to his improved conditions will return to Tualatin, in a few days to resume her duties again in the school room.

**Cornelius.**  
It is reported that the corner formerly owned by Frank McGinnis, has been sold to Mr. Dooley, of Forest Grove, and is generally understood that Mr. Dooley will open a bank on the property next year.

Nearly every town lot in Cornelius is owned by private parties. Twenty lots having been bought by different parties the past week and the buildings that will be put up here next year will surprise the oldest inhabitant.

F. Verhoeven sold his 1904 hop crop last week to Portland parties at 3 1/4 cents per pound, being the banner sale of the season so far reported.

Real estate seems to have taken a sudden jump in Cornelius. R. W. McNutt reports more sales in the past thirty days than have been made here for a year. Its advertising that does the business.

Forest Grove and Hillsboro business men have spent a lot of money advertising their respective towns through Portland papers and Cornelius is left out in the cold. Why not the business men of this town advertise through the county papers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robbins, of Portland, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, of Cornelius.

Miss Nellie Couture, of Portland, is visiting friends in Cornelius.

Rev. Wilkins will preach especially to the young people next Sunday at 11 a. m. Services Sunday evening as usual.

C. W. Hendrix made a trip to Portland Sunday, returning Monday evening.

Dr. Large, "attending," of Forest Grove, passed through Cornelius Wednesday.

Miss Katie Moner of Gales Creek, spent Sunday in Cornelius.

The long looked for motor went whizzing by Wednesday. No stop here.

John Buchanan visited Portland Wednesday.

Albert Backus of Idaho visited old friends in Cornelius last week.

At Oregon City the jury at 7:15 Wednesday night returned a verdict finding Lauth guilty of murder in the first degree. The prisoner betrayed signs of nervousness but received the verdict without comment. Council for defendant immediately applied for a new trial, and were given until Saturday, December 3, to perfect the application. On the initial ballot the jury stood nine to three for conviction in the first degree. The case went to the jury at 4 p. m. George W. Lauth shot and killed Mrs. Lenore B. Jones, a woman with whom he had been living, in Oregon City, September 6. The crime was committed at the home of the woman's par-

ents, J. N. Woods and wife. The murderer made no attempt to escape.

A Monmouth dispatch of the 23rd says: It became known today that Rev. Mr. Allen, pastor of the Baptist church, had been assaulted by his sweetheart's father, M. Overholzer of Tigardville. The cause of the assault is the outcome of trouble that has been brewing between the pastor and several residents of the neighborhood whom the pastor characterizes as his enemies. He alleges that these persons concocted a scandalous story relative to him, and he threatened prosecution. The story had the effect of causing Overholzer to call on the minister and demand certain letters that had been written him by Overholzer's daughter. Upon refusal to give them up it is said, the irate father assaulted him.

Appearances again point to the possibility of a big battle south of Mukden. The Japanese, according to an official report, have received a severe setback in the vicinity of Sintintin, in which direction they apparently were attempting to execute a wide turning movement. It is scarcely believed possible that the two great armies can winter less than a rifle-shot distant from each other, though the heavy defenses on each side make it extremely difficult for either to assume the offensive. It is believed, however, that if the deadlock is to be broken General Kuropatkin will let Field Marshal Oyama take the initiative, as the Russians have the better of the present position, namely, a strong line of defence and Mukden behind them, making satisfactory winter quarters, where the Russian reinforcements are now accumulating for an advance next spring. The Japanese also are being strongly reinforced. The rivers are sufficiently frozen to permit of the movement of artillery and commissariat trains, so that the country actually is better adapted to a Japanese advance than during the summer.

While Minnesota gave Roosevelt 125,000 plurality, John A. Johnson, democratic candidate for governor, was elected over R. C. Dunn by a plurality of 10,000. Minnesota voters do not take kindly to "grafting" Dunn was the only republican on the ticket defeated in the state. Loren Fletcher, defeated John Lind, for Congress. It will come natural for "Your Uncle" to hang his hat on the peg he has used for the past twelve or fourteen years with the exception of one term, when John Lind beat him in the race.

The electoral vote of Maryland is divided, one Republican elector being chosen and seven democratic.

Yes, Roosevelt is stronger than his party, but the party doesn't seem to need any beef tea.—Portland Journal.

Promise of airship contests at the Lewis and Clark exposition are given in a telegram received recently from President Goode by Vice-President I. N. Fleisher. The desirability of having these contests was recently urged upon exposition headquarters and Mr. Goode was communicated with. His telegram states that he is making favorable progress in arrangements with T. S. Baldwin for the California Arrow, the airship which has created such a furore at St. Louis.

**Winter Rates to Yaquina Bay.**

In order to accommodate the many people who wish to make a winter trip to Yaquina Bay, the Southern Pacific Railway company will sell on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, until March 31, 1905, round trip tickets, at low rates, to Yaquina Bay and return, limited to sixty days from date of sale. Those who desire to take advantage of this rate should apply to nearest Southern Pacific ticket agent for tickets.

**Probate Court.**  
In the matter of the estate of Jane Zeigler, deceased; witnesses examined and arguments by respective counsels heard; ordered that counsels have time to file briefs.

Matter of the last will and testament of Thos. D. Humphreys, deceased; petition filed asking that codicil be admitted to probate, it having been proved in open court; so ordered, and the appointment of the executrix of the will of said deceased be confirmed.

Matter of the estate of Charlotte Grace Myers, deceased; the bond and appraisal approved, and ordered entered on the journal as of the date when all of said papers were filed.

Matter of the estate of G. W. Shaver, deceased; administrators report filed; receipts, \$98.75; disbursements, \$62.75; balance on hand \$33.00. Ordered that report be allowed and approved.

Estate of Martin Manning, deceased; ordered that guardians be discharged, their bondsmen released and the guardianship closed of record.

Estate of Philomena Perrett, deceased; ordered that the administration be discharged, his bondsmen released, and the estate closed of record, the account being approved and the estate administered.

Matter of the estate of Hannah Hough, deceased; motion filed asking for order to see real estate; ordered that citations be issued and served upon the heirs at law of said deceased to appear at the court house room on Monday December 12, and show cause why said order be not granted.

I have just received several disc and cylinder graphophones and about 200 of the latest records, for both the disc and cylinder machines, from the Columbia company. Be sure and select some of these records for your machine.

F. R. DAILEY.

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