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BY D. W. BATH.

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The Independent is in receipt of a circular letter from Los Angeles, Cal., signed "Veritas Vincit," in which the writer howls loud and long of what will happen if the women of Oregon are given the right of suffrage, and gives several mighty poor reasons why they should be beaten at the polls next June. In the first place we have precious little use for anyone, man or woman, who will send an unsigned letter through the mails, especially when its mission is to do injury. And in the second place, it is none of California's business how the people of Oregon vote on this question. But it goes to show that the "anti" in this state are becoming very much alarmed when they have to send to California to get someone to do their dirty work. "Truth conquers," never you fear, and you will find that out next June.

If the people of Oregon send H. M. Calkins to the United States senate, they will have a man who does things. Mr. Calkins' record as a leader of the movement recently inaugurated to build up Oregon, shows him to possess every qualification required to do effective work in the National legislature. He is a man of force and character, and if elected to the United States senate, Oregon will have a representative at Washington of whom she may well be proud. He is a staunch friend of the workingmen of this country and is opposed to the repeal of the Chinese exclusion law for the purpose of admitting Chinese pauper labor to compete with our free intelligent workmen. If Mr. Calkins is elected he proposes to vote for a constitutional amendment to enable the people to elect United States senators by direct vote.

"Grandma" Mary Ramsey Wood recently received a cane which was cut in Kentucky in 1853 by an old negro, who came across the plains with Mrs. Wood and her party, bringing the stick with him. The old negro is living at Newport, and learning that Mrs. Wood was still alive and living at Hillsboro, concluded to send it to her as a souvenir from the "dear old Southern home." The old gentleman, hearing that a Mrs. Epperson, of St. Johns, who was visiting at Newport, was going through Hillsboro, requested her to see that the cane was given to Mrs. Wood, and she promised to do so. One afternoon J. R. Dailey chanced to be at the train which was bearing Mrs. Epperson home. She gave him the cane, and he in turn took it to Mrs. Wood, who is highly pleased with the gift. The negro said he would send a letter giving a history of the walking-stick from the time he cut it until it left his possession, but up to this time no letter has arrived. The cane is of Yarrowood, which is sometimes called Sourwood.

It is now positively settled that the Suffrage Conference will be held in the White Temple, corner of Twelfth and Taylor streets, Portland, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 4 and 5. The reception which was to have preceded the conference, will not be given, owing to the recent death of Miss Susan B. Anthony, but instead a memorial service will be held at the Temple on Sunday, April 1, at 3 o'clock. Miss Mary Anthony, sister of the great leader, is coming to Oregon to assist the women in their work. When she heard her sister utter her dying prayer for the success of the movement in Oregon, she then and there resolved that she would come to this state and give her services to the effort to make this dying prayer a reality. Added to the splendid list of speakers that will be present at the White Temple meeting, April 4 and 5, will be Mary Anthony, who has been such an inspiration to her distinguished sister all these years.

On March 16th, two years ago, the editor of The Independent purchased this office, type, presses, subscription list and good will. So far as being a news paper, The Independent was at that time, about as poor an excuse as it ever thrust upon a suffering people. It was as near dead as a newspaper could be, and had we not taken possession when we did, the final gasp would have come within the week. But things are changed, and for the better. Instead of going to a handful of dissatisfied readers, The Independent goes into the homes of more than a thousand subscribers in this county and into the homes of hundreds outside the county. Not a day passes but a new name is added to our books, and this of itself is evidence that the paper is appreciated. The office is free from debt and does not owe a cent it cannot pay "on sight." So much for the past. In the future we shall work harder than ever to make The Independent in every sense a newspaper, clean and honest in everything it prints, and if the success of the past two years is an indication of the years to come, many improvements will follow, both in make-up and typographical appearances. We wish, in this connection, to thank the republicans who have stood loyally by us since coming to Hillsboro, for it is their good will and liberal patronage that has made our success possible. A true republican should take and stand by his party paper every time, and when possible give his patronage to it, for in wyal or war, at the heights of its glory or when attacked by opposing forces, the paper will be with its party. Again, we thank our patrons and friends.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.

L. E. Bronwer, a deputy assessor, has been working in this section of the county.

A grand ball was given here Saturday night in commemoration of a patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick.

The band does one of its foremost members, as Jack Coxson, of Middleton, has accepted a position as a vaudeville actor in a Salem theater.

The Standard Oil trust gave the screw another turn toward the earth on the gasoline monopoly last week, and in the meantime the quality of the lighting fluid is growing, daily more obnoxious and unfit for use.

Farmers have been bringing in some potatoes and some hope this week for shipment, however, the market remains dull and unsatisfactory and there is no particular flurry in that direction at current prices.

The assessment valuation of all property in Washington county was raised last year, consequently the mills per dollar should be correspondingly less when levied, yet one of our prominent farmers claims his taxes are greater than formerly. He is investigating the cause thereof.

"Hettie's" neighbor boys over the ridge are taking on progressive modern ideas of manliness (according to her story) and she laments the situation, "Pizen" of the nature referred to is exceedingly dangerous, but quite commonly indulged in, (regardless of good advice) everywhere.

Some few pieces of the "queer" have made their appearance here lately. A very fine specimen of the \$5.00 variety was passed to a merchant last week, but was detected when to late and the dispenser being unknown, that closed up the deal.

The revival meetings at the Congregational church continued on during the past week, nightly, with unabated interest. A number of conversions have resulted, with others under convictions, so the labor of the workers in the vineyard have not been in vain or without reward.

Mrs. William Vincent, residing with her family at the old saw mill camp at Vincent sawmills above Middleton, lost her residence and most of the furniture by fire Thursday afternoon. The fire is supposed to have originated in a defective flue. But little was saved and the loss was severe; however, an insurance policy for \$500 was held on the house and contents.

The warehouse door connected with the general merchandise store of J. C. Smock was broken open some time during Saturday night, but as nothing was missed the supposition is, that some drunken rowdy smashed the door, at the street entrance, rather to attract attention than pilfer from the premises.

Frolics of this nature are quite likely to land the frisky individual in limbo if persisted in, that is if his identity becomes known and guilt established.

Jack Town.

Regular Correspondent.

A. W. Smith and family of Forest Grove visited at S. E. Olson's Sunday. They were on their way to Arlington, where Mr. Smith has employment on the railroad.

Sol Jack and family visited relatives near Scholls Saturday.

Miss Pernilla Olson gave a St. Patrick's party for the Seventh and Eighth grades last Saturday evening. Those present were: Misses Alice and May Meehan, Jessie McInnis, Beulah Nicodemus, Wahnetta Jack, Lizzie and Edith Smith; Messrs. Claude and Adrian Johnson, Meade Hepler, Geo. Withycombe, Herman Reese, James Meehan, Oliver Smith, Zenas and Onas Olson. All report a very pleasant evening.

Our first fall of snow came Saturday night and Sunday.

The spelling school last Friday evening was well attended.

Will and Levia Jack were Hillsboro visitors Monday.

Jacktownite.

Laurel.

Regular Correspondent.

Mrs. W. N. Brown is seriously ill. Walter Daily, son of Arthur Daily, accidentally fell and broke his collar bone. Dr. Lenard was called to set the fractured bone.

Mrs. Hull is seriously ill at her home.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter Alice were out to their home from Portland Sunday. Guy and Miss Edith Hathorn, visited with relatives at Leisville, Sunday.

Frank Brown, of near Gresham, was called last week to the bedside of his mother.

Jake Messinger and family visited at Gus Messinger's in Hillsboro Sunday.

The stock holders of the telephone company met at Laurel Monday to consider the division of the neighborhood line.

It is feared that the cold weather has damaged the fruit considerably in this section.

It is reported that snow was fourteen inches deep at Bald Peak, Monday and was still snowing.

A. B. Flint was up from Scholls, Monday.

A Correspondent.

The Independent and The Portland Daily Telegram one year for \$5.

Beaverton.

Regular Correspondent.

Mark Wilson is able to be up and around the house again, but is not able to be out on the street yet.

Mrs. J. D. Wilmut was in town Sunday.

The deputy county assessor has made his appearance on the streets of our quiet city. Consequently this is the time of year that prices of property decrease very rapidly.

Mrs. W. B. Mitchell is sojourning with her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Church, for the sake of her health.

O. C. Sundt is with us again, fixing up the buildings on his farm, preparatory to moving out here again this summer.

School was dismissed last Thursday and Friday on account of damage done to school property by the fire last week.

The Cady-Anderson Co., are arranging the stock in their new store and expect to open up for business in a few days.

C. E. Hedge will deliver groceries through the country in this vicinity this summer. B. L. Griffith will have charge of his wagon.

Tigardville.

Regular Correspondent.

Ex. Manager Wm. Tigard has accepted a position on the Alberta Professional Base Ball Team and left Monday for Portland where he visited until Tuesday. He will be greatly missed around here, as he always was the first to lead in everything that came along and always kept the ball rolling. We all wish him excellent success.

Fred Gault and family also left on the same train. He will spend a few weeks in Arberdeen, Wash., and from there will go to Alberta, where he takes up a claim. He also will be greatly missed among the boys.

Last Thursday evening saw a large attendance at the Grange hall to partake in the oyster supper which was provided by the defeated side of the contest in the Degree of Honor. The supper was greatly appreciated by all. Geo. Washington Smith rendered some classical music on the violin, as did also Mr. Goddard and Mr. McDonald.

Johnny Brandt visited friends in Portland Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Mattie Pollard, of Portland spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Rose Tigard of Tigardville.

On account of the lovely weather last Sunday afternoon, Doc Tigard and Arthur Miltenberger took the opportunity to watch their chances and walk to Portland. They encountered ten inches of snow at West Portland and made the trip in three and one-half hours, half an hour sooner than they anticipated.

P. Moir took advantage of the snow Sunday by taking the children out for a sleigh ride.

University Notes.

Regular Correspondent.

On Thursday, March 15, occurred the annual academy debate between the Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Literary Societies. The question debated was concerning negro suffrage: "Resolved, that the Fifteenth Amendment should be repealed. The Gamma Sigma team was as follows: A. C. Allen, leader; Jonathan Hiltz and Albert Kirkwood. The Alpha Zeta team was composed of William Gwynn, leader; Gordon Brown and Haskell Ferrin. The decision was given to the Alpha Zeta team.

The students of Pacific University have organized a fund to be known as "The Students' \$10,000 Fund." They have elected a committee of twelve and these have appointed sub-committees to cover every part of the state in collecting money for the rebuilding of Herrick Hall. The chairman of the committee and manager of the fund is Samuel B. Lawrence, of Scholls Ferry. He is a man of great business ability and it is expected that everything will be successful under his management.

Last Saturday evening in Marsh hall the music lovers of Forest Grove received a rare treat. The Choral Union and Glee Club rendered a program which was excellent. The main feature of the program was the singing of "The Lady of Shalott" by the chorus interspersed with solos by the Misses Hartley, Maud Shannon and Moseley. Mr. Markell sang the "Prince of Orange" and was well received by the audience. The most pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the singing of negro melodies by the Alpha quartette. These were especially pleasing to the audience after having listened to the classical music. The crowd was rather microscopic but very enthusiastic. The chorus will soon start on a trip to Oregon City, Hood River, The Dalles, Wasco and probably Baker City and will have a night at Hillsboro sometime after their return.

Pacific University has accepted the challenge for a debate sent by Williamette. The debate will be held in Salem about April 27th and the question for discussion is "Resolved, That in its relations to foreign powers, the United States should be governed by the Monroe Doctrine."

Scoggin Valley.

Regular Correspondent.

The snow storm that has been raging for the past few days has ceased. Snow fell to the depth of four or five inches in the valley and in the foot hills and vicinity from fourteen to sixteen inches. Both telephone and electric wires were disabled but were quickly repaired.

School at this place will close this

week. Mr. Fletcher has given very general satisfaction as a teacher.

Mrs. C. Dennis who has been visiting her daughters in Forest Grove, returned to her home on Wednesday.

Elmer Hoodguy and Fred Robinson have begun moving their saw mill to this place.

Mrs. Perry is quite sick.

A Forest Grove dispatch of March 21 says that the final examinations for the winter term of Pacific University began this morning, and by the end of the week the larger portion of the students will have gone home for the spring recess, which they will spend in soliciting contributions to the student-body \$10,000 fund, which will build a dormitory to replace Herrick Hall. The Portland committee is already at work, and reports \$500 contributed by Frank M. Warren, a trustee of Pacific University,

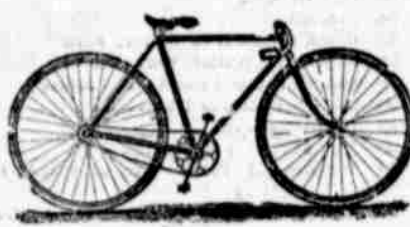
and an equal sum from F. W. Leadbetter. At noon today the student subscriptions had passed the \$400 mark. A meeting for students and college is called for tonight at Vest's Hall, when the Forest Grove committee will commence its more active campaign. President Ferrin will preside, and prominent citizens and members of the faculty will speak.

A small boy made a sensation for a short time by quietly transferring a card bearing the words, "take one" from a lot of handbills in front of a store to a box of oranges.

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Gales Creek Precinct, J. W. H. Adkins, Gales Creek.
Gaston Precinct, E. X. Harding, Gaston.
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Dairy Precinct—J. L. Kirtz, Greenville.

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Registration books closed for primary election, April 10, at 5 o'clock p. m.
Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballots for county offices, April 4; for state, congressional and district offices, March 30.
Primary election, April 20.
General election, June 4.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Sirwell S. Fuller, deceased, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, my final account as such administrator, and that said Court has set Monday, April 9, 1906, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time, and the County Court Room in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said account and the final settlement of said estate.
Dated March 6, 1906.
WM. E. FULLER,
Administrator of the Estate of Sirwell S. Fuller, deceased.
W. N. BARRETT, Attorney for Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
(Department of Interior.)
Land Office at Portland, Oregon.
February 10, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at Portland, Oregon, on March 26, 1906, viz:

ROBERT FONDA
H. E. No. 12361 for the Lot seven of sec. 15, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., S. 2 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. B. Adams, G. P. Turpin, Ernest Hanson, and Charles Hitchcock, all of Scholls, Oregon.

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Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Merritt E. Hotchkiss, deceased, with the will of said deceased annexed, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, my final account as such administrator, and that said Court has set Monday, April 16, 1906, 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.
Dated March 16, 1906.
W. N. BARRETT,
Administrator of the Estate of Merritt E. Hotchkiss, deceased, with the will of said deceased annexed.
S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for said Estate.

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