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Locating the Imbecile.
 Victor Hugo was a victim to the thirteen superstition. At a house where Hugo had been asked to dinner one of the other guests, after waiting some time, asked the hostess why they were so late sitting down to table. She explained that a guest having fallen her, she had been compelled to send for another to avoid the party mustering thirteen.
 A few minutes later the same guest started talking to Hugo. "Do you know why we are kept waiting?" asked the latter. "Yes," came the reply. "Because some imbecile is afraid to sit down thirteen to dinner." Solemnly and severely the poet rejoined, "L'imbecile, c'est moi."

A TYPICAL "PLATFORM"

Picking up a paper the other day, the editor noticed the "platform" of a certain member of the legislature who is seeking renomination. As we have nothing against this particular legislator and no other candidate for the office, we will not name him, but we would like to use his "platform" as text for a "few remarks." It runs as follows:

"If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, favor creating a bureau of economy and efficiency for Oregon; rural credits; fewer laws; fewer commissions; strict economy; a law to protect vessels from piracy in case of wreck; publication in official paper of each county at close of session, the amount of appropriations voted for by each member of the legislature; a just share of state road funds to rural counties."

It would be hard to find in the same number of words a better specimen of the typical political spiel, calculated to catch votes. "Economy and efficiency" are badly needed in the conduct of public affairs, in Oregon and elsewhere; therefore he advocates a "bureau of economy and efficiency." "Rural credits" also has a sound calculated to resemble music to the ear of the rural voter. But wait a minute. Just below, this gentleman declares that he wants "fewer commissions." Yet he has already called for the creation of two additional "bureaus"—for it would take a bureau or commission to administer rural credits—and if the taxpayer can tell the difference between a "commission" and a "bureau" when it comes to paying the taxes for their support, then he is a dandy. Yet his next declaration is for "fewer laws, fewer commissions."

"Fewer laws"—here are other catch words. What, in particular, do they mean? Do you know, gentle reader, what you mean when you echo Colonel Hofer's cry for "fewer laws." What laws do you mean? What the devil are you talking about? What particular laws are in the class of "too many." Why doesn't our candidate give us an idea what laws he would wipe off the statute books, putting none in their places? What sense is there in a man going to the legislature and helping pass a barrelful of new laws and then coming home to make a campaign on the issue of "fewer laws"—when it is all understood that his business, if elected, would be to go to Salem and make another barrelful? "Strict economy" is also something he hankers for. Will anybody advocate anything else? Is not every candidate without exception for "strict economy"—to hear him tell it? There is no issue there.

Here is another gem: He would have published in each county the amount of appropriations voted for by each member of the legislature. Let some one figure out what that would cost the taxpayers of Oregon, and then inform us how much "economy" there would be in it. It looks to this newspaper man a whole lot more like a nice graft for the "official papers." How does it look to you? And what would it mean? Would it be of the slightest value in sizing up the efficiency of the legislator? One legislator might vote for \$1,000,000 of good appropriations, that the people want, and against \$500,000 bad ones that they don't want. Another might vote against the million dollars of good ones and for the half million of bad ones. Yet the latter would have a far better "record" than the former. It isn't the amount of appropriations in dollars and cents that counts; it is what they are for and how the money is expended. In conclusion, this candidate believes in "a just share of state road funds to rural counties."

Who doesn't? Will any one take issue with him on that? Why doesn't he also declare for "law enforcement?" But hold—that might be taken as a slam at the bootlegging proposition, and our politician is evidently not out to offend anybody. But we have skipped one. He wants a law (a "new law") to protect wrecked vessels from piracy. This will lose him some votes on South slough, but will anyone else take a stand in favor of free piracy? How long will the people stand for this kind of meaningless twaddle? How long will votes be caught with such chaff?

HELP IT ALONG

The project that has been taken up by the Commercial Club, to establish a permanent exhibit at the waiting rooms and headquarters of the associated automobile lines is a good one and should have the support of every resident of this section. It is safe to say that there is not a better spot in Coos county for such an exhibit, nor one where it would be seen by more people. The purpose of such a showing is to be seen by and attract the stranger in our midst. Strangers are coming and going. This summer they will come and go by auto. The auto lines centering here expect to handle 50,000 passengers here this season. Even those who come and go by train or steamer will pass the door of the waiting room. It is an ideal location. As for the value of such an exhibit to impress and convey absolutely reliable information to the visitor, there is no chance for two opinions. It is unequalled by anything else. Show a man a box of the sort

of Gravensteins we can raise here, and you do not need to tell him that this is a good apple country. He can see it for himself. Show him a good lump of our coal, and he knows that wealth underlies our acres. Let him take a look at some of the beautiful myrtle wood articles made by the Oerdings and he is struck with admiration. Let him look out of the window as a Smith-Powers train goes by, and he is ready to accept the figures on our lumber resources. With some properly written literature for him to take home with him, he will spread the fame of the Coquille valley to the extent of his travels. The Commercial Club has struck a good lead.

Random Rambles

(By a Rambler.)

Last week the Rambler met with a varied experience. The water being too high for land locomotion the first of the week he took to "Noah's Ark," the Myrtle, and steered for Arago. It reminded us powerfully of early times on the Columbia some forty years ago. With hay piled up on her bow till the smoke stack was lost sight of and every nook and corner loaded to the limit, she pushed out and began to "buck" the swift current of the river. As a means of rapid transit she is half a century behind the times, but as a matter of accommodation to the people along the river she could not be improved upon. Like the early boats on the Columbia she would stop any place and run her nose into the bushes to put off a passenger or discharge some freight.

To live up to the trip we had Dr. Richmond of this city, who got into a lively debate with the brewer of the upper Middle creek on the comparative virtue and efficiency of Socialism vs Single Tax, the doctor taking the negative, on which he seems to be thoroughly informed. Arrived at Arago we found the Schroeder brothers farm first, situated on the river bank. It is a splendid dairy farm and they milk about ninety cows during the summer. Both of them are progressive and enterprising, believing in up-to-date methods. They have a magnificent country home and are keenly alive to the social and intellectual side of life.

Among other farmers we met here might be mentioned L. S. Minard, A. W. Britton, J. D. Carl, T. R. Schroeder, J. S. Root, E. E. Hampton and Moomaw and Halter. All of these are among the progressive farmers of the place. Arago is certainly a fine place and is justly entitled to fame as a dairy section.

Across the river and a little further up is Norway for which we headed next. Why they call it Norway we could not guess, certainly not because it lays next to Sweden. A more appropriate name to our mind would be Chinooville, as people of this name seem to predominate. Like Arago it is a great dairy section and has a combined creamery and cheese factory. C. M. Barklow is in charge of the butter making and a Mr. McDonald of the cheese plant. Both men are well qualified to do their work and the plant is proving a success. Among the farmers near here are E. L. Dettelsen, M. M. Schmidt, J. H. Barklow, Theodore Clinton, J. Ray Clinton, J. W. Clinton, and a few more Clintons whose names we did not learn. These are only some of the closest in of the farmers and there are many more at a little distance from the plant who bring their products there. Norway has a store and postoffice under the management of Mr. McCloskey, as is also the creamery.

From the Norway schoolhouse toward Lee the country is well settled except a short distance over the hill toward the North Fork. W. V. Schroeder, Mr. Houghton, G. W. Bird, Mrs. Mace and sons, W. R. Foot, S. D. Clark and G. C. Moorehouse live along this road. These are prosperous dairy farmers and depend mainly on the cows for a living. Just across the stream is the home of the Gaunts, two families of them.

Turning up the North Fork we found the Myers who have a place here and one just above Lee. The Kirkrugs, W. G. and W. B., Frank Beyers, I. Chandler, J. S. Clinton, L. L. Harmon, two families of the Barkers and the Herveys. All of these are dairy farmers and sell their product to the local cheese factories of which there are two, one owned by Mr. McCloskey and the other by Mr. Christensen. The Hervey farm is situated just below the Masts on the river and is one of the largest along this road. They

are very sociable people and we enjoyed their hospitality very much. Part of this road was graded last season and has been in very bad condition for winter travel but is improving. They intend to put some rock on it this summer we are told and this will much improve it. The river has been over the banks this winter and has caused some damage to both road and farms. Every trip gives us a clearer insight into the reason for the growth and popularity of Coos county, and fills us with a zest and joy of living that can only be had from close contact with a matchless Oregon climate.

Woman's Study Club

The literary department of the Woman's Study Club met yesterday afternoon. The session was devoted to Hawthorne and travels in the south. The program for the next meeting, March 27, is given below.

The domestic science department will meet next Monday, March 20. The lesson is the first half of the chapter on "Animal Foods," ending at the bottom of page 165.

Program for March 27. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Roll Call—Memorial stanza from Longfellow. Talk on Longfellow's American Poems, Hiawatha, Evangeline, Courtship of Miles Standish, Paul Revere's Ride, Mrs. Lawrence.

Talk—Longfellow as a Student of Foreign Literature and as a Translator, Mrs. Young.

Review of Higginson's Life of Longfellow, Mrs. Kistner.

Talk on Outre Mer, Mrs. Pursley. Talk—Reasons for Longfellow's Popularity, Mrs. Barrow.

Readings—Psalm of Life, Hymn to the Night, Mrs. Rogers.

Travel in the United States, The South, The Atlantic States, a Geographic Influences on their Development. b. The people: the mountaineer; the cracker; the negro. c. Economic and Social Life Problems, Mrs. Longston.

Virginia and the Carolinas. a. Virginia: Jamestown and Early Days; Plantation Life; Monticello; the Civil War; Richmond; Natural Bridge. b. The Carolinas: Asheville; Mt. Mitchell; Charleston, Mrs. Knowlton.

Kentucky and Tennessee. a. Kentucky: The Blue Grass Country; Mammoth Cave; Lincoln's Birthplace. b. Tennessee: Memphis; Chattanooga; Lookout Mountain, Mrs. Anderson.

Celebrates 90th Birthday

"Grandma" Leneve celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, the 12th. She is recovering from a severe illness and was unable to be up, but lay propped up in bed with pillows, ate her birthday dinner and surveyed the many presents she received. Her memory is still excellent and she claims that this is the first birthday she has ever spent in bed that she can remember.

She and her husband crossed the plains with an ox team in the early days and were among the early settlers here. She is fast improving and the chances are good that she will see many more birthdays. She has lived to see one of her great grandchildren graduate from High school and enter college.

Many Deer Perish

Chas. Shepherd was in from Brewster Valley yesterday. He informs us that during the snow storms this winter quite a number of deer were found dead out in the valley. He thinks that a great number of them must have died back farther in the hills. Those that were found were near the road and one was found in Mr. Shepherd's pasture near his house. The deer were very thin and the supposition is that they starved to death, as there was several inches of snow and feed was very scarce at that time. This is not very encouraging news to W. C. Rose as Mr. Shepherd is living on Rose's game preserve and the fears that many big bucks on the place died.

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East Fork Items

Monday, Feb. 28th, the funeral service of Ethel Swan Nair was held at the Dora Cemetery. Mrs. Nair was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Swan and was married to John Nair three years ago. She had been sick for more than a year, was at a hospital in San Francisco for some time. The help she received there was only temporary. She was taken to the North Bend hospital a short time ago and was there when she died.

Mr. Anderson and two sons came in from Central Point last week. They had to leave their wagon about one mile this side of the summit, on account of the road being blocked. A crew of men have been working to open the road, but the last storm drove them out, and there is now on the summit about 4 1/2 feet of snow.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. McVay who rented their place last fall and went to California are back in Coos County. Mr. McVay got back to his old home in Del Norte county a short time before his father's death, which occurred January 7th.

Alfred Anderson and his sons Albert and Walter, who came in over the Coos Bay road to take up a homestead on Elk Creek, by way of the "Gold Brick" road, were not looking for gold bricks. They went out over the Coos Bay road. After they dig their wagon out of the snow on the mountain they will pull back to Central Point. Mr. Anderson said his place near Lakeside, Calif., last year he had 60 odd acres and more than 30 acres in alfalfa. Last year the flood washed away their house and other buildings. This year the flood in the San Diego river washed out the ranch and the alfalfa field is all gone. All that is left is a gravel bar and no market for gravel. California has its advantages and its disadvantages.

Miss Risha C. McDonald closed her six months school March 10. She has taught a good school. Any district that has parents or children who would bull-doze a teacher, she will fill the bill for she will be ready every time when they try to "put one over" on her. The clerk of the school district would not have used the insulting language to her on the last day if one of her brothers had been present. Is it not a funny thing for a school clerk to keep a teacher's warrants so long that he "loses" them?

R. A. EASTON.

Administrator's Notice

The undersigned has filed his final account as administrator with will annexed, of the estate of Walter Drane, deceased, and the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County, has made an order fixing the first day of May, 1916, as the time for hearing objections to the same. Objections to said account must be filed on or before said date.

P. E. DRANE, Administrator.

Attention Girls!

We read with much interest in one of our local exchanges, a paragraph that is headed "Marriage Licenses" under which is stated that H. F. Russell, of Seattle, Wash., spent Sunday in our city. We fail to find any young lady's name, linked with that of Mr. Russell so we have come to the conclusion that he has either been unjustly accused or else has purchased a license and is now waiting for a leap year proposal.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County has appointed the undersigned Administrator of the estate of Henry G. Halverson. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same duly verified to Walter Sinclair at his office in Coquille, Oregon, or to the undersigned.

K. HALVERSON, Administrator.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos

In the matter of the Estate of Luis Kalinowski, deceased. Notice of Hearing and Settlement of Final Account of Administrator.

Pursuant to order of court, I hereby give notice that the time fixed by order of the above entitled court for the hearing of objection to, and settlement of my final account as administrator of the above named estate is fixed for the 1st day of May, 1916, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at the court room of said court at Coquille, Oregon, and such hearing and settlement will then be had.

DWIGHT E. HODGE, Administrator.

Report of the Condition of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK

At Coquille, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, Mar. 7, 1916.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$27,647.23
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	34.03
Bonds and warrants	11,410.98
Banking house	12,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	178.91
Due from approved reserve banks	7,517.17
Checks and other cash items	638.40
Cash on hand	7,815.28
Other resources Transit	55.75
Total	72,796.85
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	860.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	659.75
Due banks and bankers	1,871.95
Demand certificate of deposit	1,871.95
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State of Oregon,) ss.
 County of Coos,)

I, R. H. Mast, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. H. MAST, Cashier.
 Correct—Attest: O. C. SANFORD, GEO. A. ROBINSON, Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Mar., 1916.
 O. C. SANFORD, Notary Public.
 My commission expires Oct. 4, 1919.

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