

JULIAN BYRD - - - - - MARRIAGE.

If the storm that has been raging since Monday night continues much longer there will be great loss of stock.

Two democrats in congress made Mr. McKinley renounce imperialism, if they didn't do anything else.

Dr. John Watson ("Jan Mac-laren") is again in this country, gathering tafty and dollars from his American admirers.

We are inclined to think there was a mental reservation attachment to Mr. McKinley's disclaimer of imperialism.

Bliss is no longer in the cabinet, but trouble is, with a big T, and it will get worse and worse as we continue our present policy in the Philippines.

It seems that the Parisian press has just ascertained that M. Loubet, who succeeded the late President Faure, is on the wrong side of the Drefus case.

If Secretary Alger has the slightest doubt of the feeling of the people towards him, he should go home and announce his candidacy for some elective office.

The water from the rain and melting snow is rushing down the hillsides at a terrible rate, which threatens to bring the river up "booming" and the prospects for a good hay crop are better.

The administration argument that all credit belongs to the republican party and all blame to the democratic party, regardless of the new nor convincing; simply ridiculous.

Those who believe that a woman with natural yellow hair is either an angel or a devil have had their belief strengthened by the defalcation and desertion of Lt. Neall, Fourth U. S. Cavalry. In his case she was a devil.

It is not surprising that the half and half method of government attempted in Porto Rico, has caused friction. It would have been surprising if it had not. The government should be either military or civil.

Wonder what Mr. McKinley will put his figures in next? Although there is already an organization of the volunteers in the war with Spain, he says in effect that it should be ignored and that all the volunteers should join the G. A. R.

Next Tuesday is city election, and we understand there are some who would like to get up a fight between the north and south parts of Burns. This is very foolish and should be stopped. The only fight ever brought up between these two sections was the county road asked for two years ago, which was granted, and cannot be brought up again.

What could one section of this place want in particular that would not be of equal benefit to all? We fail to see any cause for sectional fights and when a man approaches you with such argument, put him down as a "joshier" who is working for some particular man.

There is but one thing that a fight could be made on at this time, and that is bond or no bond. In fact there is no fight on that score, as we have failed to find anyone in favor of bonding the town at this time, unless for the present indebtedness, in order that the municipal affairs may be run on a cash basis—which, we think, a very good plan.

The fight should be for good, possible business men, no matter

in what part of town they are in business, to fill the offices and do away with "booster tickets" and foolishness.

If Ben Harrison isn't careful, he will also be accused of sneering at the McKinley Philippine policy.

In trying to place the responsibility for an extra session of congress on democrats Mr. McKinley is pleading the baby act.

Senator Jones, chairman of the national democratic committee, is very positive that the issues for 1906 will be practically the same as in '96, and that silver has gained strength, instead of losing it.

It is again announced that Czar Reed intends to retire from politics and practice law. This announcement regularly follows by from four to six months the reelection of Reed; it never comes when it might count for something.

Our School.

The matter of a good school should be first and foremost with every citizen of a district. They should take an interest in all school matters, see that the rooms are comfortable, the building in good repair, etc. Our school building has been sadly neglected of late and allowed to go to rack, simply because the board was working to reduce the indebtedness of the district. This has been accomplished in a most satisfactory manner, and now with a little help will pay off the entire indebtedness, except the bonds, and put the building in good repair. The voters will be asked for another special tax this year for that purpose.

It will be necessary to build a sidewalk around the block at an outlay of about \$500, the ground estimated will cost \$200 more, and painting the building outside and in, with other necessary repairs will take at least \$300, making in all \$1000 for improvements.

The following statement furnished us by School Clerk W. Y. King, will show at what a rapid rate the indebtedness was paid off during the past year; after reading this statement there is no one in the district who will object to the seeming neglect of the building and grounds:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes On hand beginning of this school year, Special School Tax, State and County Tax, Total, and Amount of warrants cancelled to date.

This does not include teachers warrants for the present term of school, but does include incidentals to date.

We find from examining the assessment roll that about \$250 of the special tax of this district has not been collected, making the special tax of '07 \$1626.94. Deputy Sheriff Mothershead estimates the special school tax of '08 at \$2000 or more, as the valuation of property is much higher than the year before.

The residents of this district have been paying a special tax of 10 mills for a number of years in order to place the district on its feet again and now that it is so near out of debt we should not falter in the good work, and if it is necessary to vote another 10 mill tax this year they should do it without murmuring. We hardly think it necessary for that amount, however.

We don't believe the votes of any democratic senators will be obtained for the army bill, but we know that the effort to do so is being made.

Hon. W. J. Bryan's welcome in Washington on Washington's birthday did not indicate that his popularity was waning, any more than his vigorous speech indicated a falling off in his brain power. Those who think that Bryan isn't strictly in it, are themselves out of it.

Czar Reed says that Gen Otis is making less work for the missionaries in the Philippines by lessening the Filipinos.

Oh no! Mr. McKinley has no imperial intentions; he just wants a big standing army to celebrate Fourth of July and other national holidays.

Congressman Cannon's attempt to frighten the republicans of Congress into a little economy in public expenditures was commendable even if not successful.

Anything done by the democratic senators to prevent the passing of the bill that will saddle a large standing army on the country will be approved by the party.

Our experience in the Philippines recently has certainly not been encouraging to those who say our object is to civilize and christianize the natives. Our soldiers have killed a whole lot of them, but we haven't heard of any being converted.

Because Dewey has said that he doesn't wish to be President, because his training has been for a different line of duties, is no reason why he shouldn't be president. The training that fitted him to perform the duties he has since his arrival in Manila Bay was good enough for a president, and a heap sight better than most of our president's have had.

The official records of Sampson and Schley, sent to the Senate by Secretary Long, give Schley an excuse for demanding a court-marshal, which we trust he will take advantage of. If his conduct was really "reprehensible," why in the name of common sense was he promoted from Commodore to Rear Admiral?

Law For Trout.

The trout law (house bill 346) is already effective:

Section 1. From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, or have in possession any trout during the months of November, December, January, February and March.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, kill, or capture, or have in possession, at any time, trout, char or salmon less than five inches in length.

Sec. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch or kill at any time in the waters of this state, any trout by any means whatever, except with hook and line, and any person fishing with hook and line, who, upon lifting the same shall find trout, char or salmon of less than five inches in length caught or entangled thereon shall immediately with care and the least possible injury to the fish, disentangle and let loose the same, and transmit the fish to the water without violence.

Sec. 4. For the period of three years from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch or kill by any means whatever, or have in possession any Eastern brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis), or Loch Leven trout (salmo trutta leucomaia), being species of trout recently introduced into the waters of this state by the state fish commissioner and the United States fish commissioner.

Sec. 5. It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or have in possession for sale, any species of trout at any time.

Sec. 6. Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, and shall pay the costs of the action, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than 10 days nor more than 30.

Sec. 7. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to explode or cause to be exploded in any of the waters of this state, any powder, Hercules powder, dynamite, nitroglycerine or any explosive substance whatever, or place in any of the waters of this state, lime or poison for the purpose of catching, killing

or destroying fish. Any person convicted of violating this section shall be punished by fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one month nor more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 8. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the taking of trout at any time by the fish commissioner for the purpose of propagation.

Sec. 9. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Wool Growers Convention.

The Pacific Northwest Wool Growers' association will meet in annual convention in Pendleton Oregon, on March 7, 8 and 9. At this meeting, there will be gathered representative sheep breeders from all parts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana; experts from experimental stations, prominent railroad representatives; as well as several exhibits of blooded sheep brought from the East. An attractive program has been arranged, in which His Excellency, Governor T. T. Geer, of Oregon, will appear, and deliver an address.

Breeders of fine sheep are invited to communicate with Mr. C. R. Wade, chairman of the arrangement committee, with reference to any exhibits they may desire to take to Pendleton at that time.

Railroads will give low fare, probably one fare for one trip. Pendleton business men will extend to the visiting sheepmen such courtesies as well bear out their reputation for hospitality, and features of entertainment will be provided in addition to the program.

What Is a Dollar.

My son, the question is an easy one to answer. A dollar is what some men promise to pay for a newspaper. It is something a newspaper man enjoys more anticipation than in reality. It is the price of a day's work for some men and a single night's drink for others. It is what the wife frequently needs but seldom has. It is the power that makes or unmakes men. It is the hardest thing to get and the easiest thing to get rid of known to mankind. It is a blessing in a small measure and a curse in many instances. No man ever had more he wanted and no man ever will. A dollar is a snare and a delusion and every one of us are chasing the delusion.—Ex

THE EDITOR.

"Who weeps with when you are sad, and laughs with you when you are glad, and swears with you when you are mad? The editor. Who has to be both kind and wise, and never (hardly ever) lies, and when he does, creates surprise? The editor. Who owns a heart as well as a check, is possessed of a spirit proud but meek, and lives on 40 cents a week? The editor."—Hilarious Exchange.

Who rarely what he says recants, but wears a liver pad in his pants, when mad subscribers kick and prance? The editor. Who bears in a patient, gentle way the man who "just drops in" to say, "your paper's dogged poor today?" The editor. Who loves the fussy who will not talk but comes at 10 o'clock to talk and stays till four and will not walk? The editor. Who, when he gets to heaven, will look on men delinquent in his book, and smile when they're by Peter shook? The editor.—A. J. W. in Fresno Republican.

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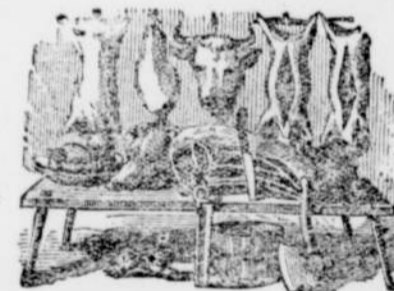
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