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With all due respect for the great and good man, Judge C. B. Bellinger, whose death last evening removed one of the most useful citizens of the State of Oregon, this paper is yet glad to announce that such an able and upright man as Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of this city, will be candidate to succeed Judge Bellinger, at the proper time, although Judge Lowell's sense of propriety would not permit of such announcement at this time.

Judge Bellinger has been one of the most impartial and fearless men ever to occupy a federal position in Oregon and his death at this crisis in the state's history is most unfortunate. It will delay the land fraud cases, and in such the accused and indicted parties will have many opportunities to strengthen their straw defenses.

However great the loss which Oregon has sustained in the death of Judge Bellinger, it is yet a consolation to know that there are such men as Judge Lowell available for the place. No man in Oregon can show a cleaner record, a higher understanding of the law, a higher regard for absolute fairness and justice, or who can rise above partisan politics with a more elevated and noble purpose, than Judge Lowell, and the East Oregonian is delighted to know that Pendleton can present such a man to succeed the lovable and honest-minded judge who has just completed a long and useful life among us.—East Oregonian.

Every farmer in Oregon should send to the Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis and secure a copy of a pamphlet recently published on the subject, "Poultry Under Confinement." As said in the bulletin, which has been published for free distribution, there seems to be little danger from an over-supply of poultry or eggs in the principal markets of this state. On the contrary, the quantity of poultry and eggs imported each year shows that there is room for the expansion of the poultry-raising industry in Oregon. The purpose of the new bulletin is to show the financial returns from a small flock of poultry kept under confinement, the percentage of eggs hatched, chickens grown to marketable age, and the proportion of the sexes. No attempt is made to give full instructions concerning the care of poultry, but a brief statement is made of the manner in which a flock was cared for so that they made a net return of nearly \$1 per fowl per year.—Oregonian.

Irrigon Irrigator: Emil Kenkic, aged 5 years, got away with about a pint of asphaltum yesterday. He ate some of it and the rest adhered to his face and hands. He was a sight outwardly, and internally he had to be lubricated with lard before he could cough the dose up. A great and persistent experimenter is Emil, but he will likely hereafter cut out asphaltum.

If a business man sees fit to daub his noteheads and envelopes with a rubber stamp and thus lead outsiders to think there are no printers in town he ought to be assaulted, thinks an exchange. Such a man as that, when he comes to die, should have his obituary and the usual resolutions of his lodge printed on a board fence with a rubber stamp. When he has a baby at his home, or a party or a daughter married, a full account of the important event might be printed on a piece of wrapping paper and tacked on his front door. Come to think of it, there is no end of use a rubber

stamp might be put to in the hands of an enterprising and economical man.

ROTATION OF CROPS.

Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experiment station, who was in Pendleton attending the Good Roads convention, and before which he delivered an address, is probably the foremost authority in the state on the subject of agriculture, and he has made a close study of farming conditions in Eastern as well as Western Oregon.

In speaking to the East Oregonian of the present needs he said: "The greatest problem that the farmers of Eastern Oregon have to face is how to rotate their crops so as to prevent the impoverishment of the soil. The continuous raising of wheat or other single cereal will eventually deprive the soil of the necessary organic constituents, and thus cause a decline in the yield. While this is being prevented to an extent by the practice of summer fallowing, it could be done much more thoroughly by the raising of a different crop and at the same time some return would be derived from the land."

For a substitute for the summer fallow Dr. Withycombe suggests the raising of field peas, and states that it has been demonstrated in Sherman county that they may be grown on the dry wheat land. By raising a crop of field peas a farmer may secure forage for stock feeding, and at the same time the raising of the crop will enrich the soil by the addition of the nitrogen from the roots and leaves of the plant. Also, the peas may be harvested and placed upon the market.

While alfalfa, according to Dr. Withycombe, will grow upon any land where wheat may be raised, it is not good as a rotation crop for the reason that it takes several years to obtain a good stand, whereas the field pea is an annual and may be raised one year and wheat the next.

Dr. Withycombe has been the head of the agricultural course in the O. A. C., and also the head of the experiment station for the past seven years. During that time he has held hundreds of institutes all over the state, from which many good results have come. The last one to attend the convention here the doctor was obliged to jump from one corner of the state to one almost diagonally opposite.

Terrific Race with Death.

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez, of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death, "as a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and of all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit, until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect, that in three days I felt like a new man, and today I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at The City Drug Store; price 50c.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

It is interesting to note that fortunes are frequently made by the invention of articles of minor importance. Many of the more popular devices are those designed to benefit people and meet popular conditions, and one of the most interesting of these that has ever been invented is the Dr. White Electric Comb, patented Jan. 1, '99. These wonderful Combs positively cure dandruff, hair falling out, sick and nervous headaches, and when used with Dr. White's Electric Hair Brush are positively guaranteed to make straight hair curly in 25 days time. Thousands of these electric combs have been sold in the various cities of the Union, and the demand is constantly increasing. Our agents are rapidly becoming rich selling these combs. They positively sell on sight. Send for sample. Men's size 35c, ladies' 50c—(half price while we are introducing them.) The Dr. White Electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

The Carter House Barber Shop at Ontario, Lee Caldwell proprietor, is one of the most elegant tonsorial parlors in all Eastern Oregon. Hot and cold baths with a spray bath connected. Lee's old time friends are invited to call on him while at Ontario.

Alfalfa at Geer & Cummins.

CHANGE DATE OF OPENING

LAST SPIKE OF PORTAGE ROAD BE DRIVEN JUNE 3.

Prominent Congressional Party, Headed by Vice-President Fairbanks, Will Attend Exercises.

Change in the date of opening the Celilo Portage Road has been decided upon, and the formal opening will occur June 3, instead of May 30, as formerly planned. At a meeting of the committees of the Open River Association, this change was determined upon, says the Telegram.

There are two reasons for the new date, one being that it was thought best to hold the exercises on some other date than Decoration Day. The other was that if the opening is delayed until June 3, the committees of Senators and Representatives from Washington to be present at the opening of the Exposition will attend the opening of the road. These two committees will form a large party and will be headed by Vice President Fairbanks.

It will be an excellent opportunity to show the river to the lawmakers, and it is likely the appropriations desired for further improvements to the river will receive more consideration at their hands after they see the river and surrounding country for themselves. Senator Fulton has promised that in case the date of opening is postponed, he will bring the Congressional party.

Contractors Figure on Work.

Mystery surrounds the doings of the Sumpter Valley railroad. Last year with the opening of spring came all kinds of announcements and plans for the extension of the road. This spring a deep silence hovers around the knowing ones and little railroad news is given to the public.

Besides filing their plats with the county clerk they have had a number of contractors out over the right of way figuring on construction work all of which has come to naught so far, as it seems that the contractors have not the temerity to tackle the job.

From the best information that can be gathered it is believed that some construction work will be in progress this summer, but just how much has not been indicated.—Prairie City Miner.

Up-to-date job printing at reasonable prices.

The C B Ausmus Jack will stand this season at the Stone house on the Stauffer ranch.

Advertisement for STEVENS' tools, listing various items like axes, saws, and shovels with prices.

Advertisement for RIEGER the California Perfumer, offering Sweet Peas FREE to you for the asking.

Advertisement for FURNITURE, listing various items like carpets, shades, and pianos, and mentioning 'Jim' J. H. PARLEY, Ontario, Oregon.

Advertisement for Malheur Mercantile Co. in Ontario, Oregon, listing general merchandise and farm implements.

Advertisement for RED FRONT LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE, owned by LEWIS & MCGEE, Propts., in Burns, Oregon.

Advertisement for CITY MEAT MARKET, owned by H. E. YOUNG, Propt., offering fresh and salt meat.

Advertisement for JOHN GEMBERLING, Jeweler, Optician and Engraver, in Ontario, Oregon.

Advertisement for THE MARLIN FIRE ARMS CO., featuring the Marlin .32 repeater rifle.

Large advertisement for THE GREAT AMERICAN FARMER journal, offering it free to subscribers for three months.