

THE COURIER.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

We invite correspondence from all sections on subjects of local and other interests.

With each letter the name and address of the sender is required, especially if sent for publication.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.

Joseph Russell who was sent to the penitentiary from Douglas county two years ago, has been pardoned. He had five years more to serve.

Since Nickeel has told more on us than he knew to be so, we suppose we are licensed to tell what we know he did do while in Grants Pass. Now look out—not another word of black-mail out of you, or out she comes.

Nearly all of the foreign powers are in a state of uneasiness which may result sooner or later in a general war. It may come soon, and yet many years may elapse ere the dense population of those countries pour their blood out upon the land.

Although the last term of court in this county was a comparative failure, its failure was in no wise the fault of Judge L. R. Webster. The Judge is one of those broad-gauge men who does what he believes to be law and justice, and goes right ahead, fearless of all and obligated to none.

The present mail service is regular and satisfactory to the people generally. Six drivers and quite a number of animals and vehicles are employed by Salisbury & Co., who are sparing no pains to please everybody.—Times.

Yes, its a good thing for the county, and we have the extensive honor of having prepared the petition, circulated it, and with the assistance of Hon. Binger Hermann, et al. secured its adoption by the department at Washington by which we are now blessed with a daily mail. Now kick, "Skimmer."

The Times is fast losing ground in Josephine county. We know of a large number of persons who have discontinued it, and now that its editor has got down to thinking that he can dictate who shall and who shall not be indicted in Josephine, it is about time that our people teach him a more extended lesson. Away with such representation of a county's interests. We are not arguing the guilt or innocence of the accused, but we do say that the Times editor has no business tampering with our juries, and if the people tolerate him in that field, sooner or later they will regret it.

Timber Depredations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16th.—The Secretary of the interior has addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury saying that he disagrees with the Solicitor of the latter department and with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, both of whom express the opinion that no executive officer of the Government has a right to compromise a case or accept a proffer of settlement made by people against whom the General Government has a case of any description. Gentlemen in the west and northwest who have been illegally denuding the public domain of timber have become alarmed at the activity displayed by officials of the General Land office in seizing timber and in bringing suits to recover the value of timber, and offer settlement in during the past few months.

Enlarging the Postal System.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The Postmaster-General will likely recommend in his report the adoption of the system now in vogue in Europe, of sending parcel packages by mail up to the weight of eleven pounds, and to include a system of collecting drafts and other evidences of debt by the postal authorities. Very elaborate statistics have been collected from foreign countries having these systems, and a recommendation will be made on a theory that they would tend to improve commercial relations with Mexico and South American countries.

The O. R. & N. Settlement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., reports during the year the consolidated 5 per cent. mortgage has been perfected, and up to the end of the year \$3,525,000 bonds had been issued. A settlement with Henry Villard was made by the company releasing claim upon his house in Madison Avenue, and accepting \$200,000 in full settlement of the account.

VINDICATED AGAIN.

Another grand jury of Josephine county has vindicated Wm. Bybee of the charge of murdering Thos. T. Bybee of Waldo, which had been preferred by a few prejudiced individuals. Last spring the grand jury empaneled for the April term of circuit court thoroughly investigated the matter and declared that there were no grounds for indicting Mr. Bybee. It was thought that this would be satisfactory to all; but some had not finished their persecution of this gentleman, and labored with all their might and main to have the matter resubmitted to the last grand jury for Josephine county, even going so far as to have one witness brought from Leadville, Colorado. An order for re-submission having been made, at the request of the grand jury, that body proceeded to investigate the case even more fully than its predecessor had done, also sifting the new evidence alleged to have been discovered. After several days' consideration "not a true bill" was again returned and Mr. Bybee re-vindicated. The vast majority are fully satisfied that he is not the kind of a man who would commit so heinous a crime, and that he could have been convicted in case an indictment had been found on the ex parte testimony submitted, even his persecutors would not maintain. The expense was entirely unnecessary and should be taxed against those causing it, chief and most active among whom is the publisher of the Grants Pass "Courier."

In reply to the above which we clip from the "Times," we have to say that this subject is too serious to admit of trifling such as marks about half of the above article. In answer to the first clause we will say that John R. Spencer came to this county for the express purpose of prosecuting Mr. Bybee, and he said so publicly on the streets of Grants Pass, and the editor of the "Times" knows it. Mr. Spencer ordered Mr. Johnson to come out here from Leadville, and Mrs. Bybee furnished the money for him to come and return. Those who caused the re-submission of the case were the grand jurors, who, after hearing the most important evidence in the case, asked the court so to do. With regard to the last charge, we have to say that we are perfectly willing to leave it with the people who were present as to whether or not we tried to influence a single witness or juror in the case in anywise whatever. We say emphatically and positively that we did not. Somebody committed the murder, and it was done in the neighborhood wherein we resided at the time, and what we did in the matter that seems to so much incense this manipulator is that when we were before the courts we told just what we knew to be facts and no more.

No, that "aint" it. A good many of our citizens told the "skimmer" while he was down here, that he could stop sending them the "Times," that they did not want it. One man said in reply to his remark that the people of Josephine wanted a good newspaper, that "we are pretty well suited with the one we have got." That's where the shoe pinches. The "skimmer" does not care a cent for Mr. Bybee, but he wants to distort this question so as to injure the COURIER.

If the editor of the Times knows so much about this case, will he please explain why the jury felt warranted to ask a re-submission of the case when there was nothing in it. Mr. Nickeel shows his cloven foot in the above article, when he says that "an order for re-submission having been made at the request of the grand jury," and then winds up by saying that the expense of the re-opening of this case ought to be taxed to those causing it, chief among whom is the publisher of the Rogue River Courier, &c.

In reply to this we have to say that Mr. Nickeel published articles in his paper for the purpose of influencing the jury, and he was continually running up and down our streets howling in the ears of the grand jury that it would break Josephine county up to re-open that case. While this is a fact, we defy Mr. Nickeel or any other man to show that we worked upon any of the jurors, or that we "fixed up" any evidence. Such libel as the above will do the Times more harm than it will us. What right has the Times editor to come down here and dictate who shall and who shall not be indicted. Had we been the chief promoter of the attempt to indict, we would have seen to it that the Times editor stop his communication with the grand jury. What right has a grand jury talking to parties interested on either side of a case anyway. Will you deny, Mr. Nickeel, that you sought to influence the grand jury in this case? Will you deny that you worked with all

your might upon them? Did you work in the same manner for Geo. Lewis? No, you had not a word to say for him. In reality you ought to be prosecuted for tampering with our grand jury.

The list of names hereto appended embraces a complete list of all the private subscriptions to the county court house location fund. We have been requested to publish the same, which we have done just as we find the list. If any errors exist therein we hope to be corrected.

Table with columns: NAMES, AM'T SUB'D, AM'T PAID. Lists names and amounts for the county court house location fund.

Government After Timber Thieves.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The Secretary of the Interior addressed the Attorney General about two years ago showing that George W. Evans, of Cleveland, W. T., and Charles Miller, of Pendleton, Oregon, had cut 1,000,000 feet pine lumber on the public lands in Umatilla county, Oregon, 522,770 feet of which they sold to Watson & Luhrs, of Pendleton. The latter claimed afterward that he did not know the timber was fraudulently procured. Secretary Lamar requests the Attorney General to institute criminal suit against Evans and Miller for the violation of the law by cutting and removing timber, and joint civil suit against Watson & Luhrs and Evans and Miller for the value of the timber sold, at the rate of \$10 per 1,000 feet.

George's Dictum.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—An address to the Executive Committee of the Central Labor Union, printed yesterday, is said to be from the pen of Henry George. It contains the following sentence: "It is necessary that we should make war upon that great wrong which causes poverty, primary, the injustice of which makes land, on which and from which all must live, the exclusive property of individuals; that denies the rest of us the right to live and work unless we pay blackmail privileges."

A Shanghai rooster on the farm of Wm. H. Arnold, of Woodstock, Conn., has adopted four Maltese kittens, whose mother was mangled in a trip and had to be killed. The rooster gathers the orphans under his sheltering wings every night, and the kittens appear well satisfied with their new home.

One man was killed and three others were injured by the falling of a cage in a shaft of the new aqueduct at New York.

From Portland.

PORTLAND, Nov. 13, '86.

The weather here is rainy and foggy.

Miss Mary Oberender who has been visiting on Applegate has returned to her home in Portland and has had a very pleasant time.

The first iron span for the Morrison street bridge will reach here from San Francisco per steamer Columbia, to-morrow. The bridge will be completed early in the Spring at the farthest.

There has been a terrible murder committed in our midst. The name of the deceased was Mr. Kenealy. There is \$1,000 reward offered for the murderer or murderers.

At the last meeting Directors of the Metropolitan Savings bank, Mr. A. F. Wheeler was elected cashier to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Samuel J. Gorman.

The electric light company are busy distributing the poles in the Western portion of the city, and soon the city will be lighted with a light that will give better satisfaction than the oil lamps.

M. A. O. State Tax Levy. The State Board met at Salem Monday and levied taxes to raise funds for the support of the State Government during the ensuing year. The tax for current expenses is 1 19-20 mills, and for the State University 1.1 mills. The half mill tax for the payment of the Indian war debt was dropped, that claim having been settled. The State tax levied is lower than ever before, and is 1 13-20 mills less than last year.

DR. FREELAND, of the M. E. church, says that two bottles of Gilmore's Aromatic Wine cured his wife of Nervous Debility and Sleeplessness. Krumpholtz's.

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NOTICE.

ALL those who know themselves indebted to J. W. Howard & Co., either by Note or account, will please settle the same before the First day of January next or we will be compelled to force a settlement. J. W. HOWARD & CO. Nov. 15, 1896.

Turkey and Beef Shooting Match ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

There will be a Turkey and Beef shooting-match at Grants Pass on Dec. 25th, 1896, (Christmas day) under the management of BUNCH BROS.

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GEORGE R. GOWAN, Grant's Pass, Or.

Administrator's Sale of Real Property.

IN THE COUNTY COURT of Josephine, sitting in Probate. IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Rosanna A. Beach, deceased.

In pursuance of an order of the County Court, made the 16th day of October, 1896, the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Rosanna A. Beach, deceased, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States, on the

17th Day of December, 1896, at 2 o'clock p.m. of said day, at the dwelling house on said property, all the right, title and interest of the said Rosanna A. Beach at the date of her decease, to the following real property, to-wit:

The undivided one-half in the South-west 1/4 of the South-west 1/4 of Section 4, and the south-east 1/4 of Section 5, in Township 40, South Range, 7 West, Josephine County, Oregon.

CHAS. W. HANSEN, Administrator of said Estate. Josephine County, Nov. 12, 1896.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

F. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSBURG, OR., Oct. 29, 1896. 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 Judge or Clerk of the county court of Josephine county, Oregon, at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, November 27, 1896, viz: Horace Reynolds, Homestead entry No. 3298, for the S E 1/4 Sec 20, Tp 33, S R 6 West, W.M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John W. Lee, of Grants Pass, Daniel Matthews, A. H. Thurston, Horace Reynolds, of Wolf Creek, Josephine county, Oregon. CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register.

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