

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.

Hon. S. U. Mitchell introduced a bill in the lower house offering \$1,000 reward for the murderer of Thos. T. Bybee, of this county.

The first number of "The Weekly Democrat" published by a stock company at Portland is before us. It is decidedly democratic and is a new and forcible eight page paper.

Senator H. B. Miller is on the following committees: Rail Roads, Ways and Means, Reapportionment of Representation, and on the committee for the investigation of the Siglin-Wager difficulty.

The Sentinel says it is for the resolution known as H. J. R. No. 6, which asks for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will authorize the election of U. S. Senators by a direct vote of the people. Count us in also.

We regret to note the sudden death of Mrs. Sarah A. King, at her residence in Portland, on Jan. 19th, 1887. She was the wife of our esteemed friend S. W. King, of the firm of Olds & King, her son and husband, to whom we tender our sympathies.

The case of Mrs. Druse, under death sentence in New York State for murdering her husband, is attracting a good deal of attention. They do not want her hung because she is a woman, though she is guilty. Mrs. Surratt was hung, yet she was only accused of being an accomplice in the murder of Abraham Lincoln, the nation's martyr. Better bore a two-inch hole in Hazlett's barrel, than the slaver in it and send her over Niagara falls.

Doctor Kendall's celebrated treatise on the horse is offered to us for just six cents a copy. We propose to make our subscribers "who pay up" a present of one, some of these days, and in order that they may not be deceived to believe that they are getting a book worth fifty cents or a dollar, we will tell them what it costs us. We do not like to squander six cents, but then we are forced to do so. Those who do not want the treatise can have the COURIER one year for \$2.25.

No county is more ably represented in the legislature or receives more recognition in proportion to its representation than Josephine. The Statesman of the 19th says:

"The house has several good speakers, as has the senate. In the house, Messrs. Benjamin of Douglas, Daly of Polk, Bilyeu of Lane, McLean of Klamath and Lake, Harrington of Multnomah, and others have already held the attention of the house. In the senate, "Harry" Miller of Josephine is still in the lead, and Joe Simon of Multnomah, Siglin of Coos, Weatherford of Linn and Lee of Polk are considered the best and clearest speakers, although Chamberlain of Marion knows how to state his ideas to the perfect understanding of his hearers. There are really more good speakers than have been in these halls for two or three terms."

It is a great surprise to us that the bill to incorporate our town should be so strenuously opposed as it is before the legislature. We know that the people of Grants Pass voted at a public meeting called for the purpose, upon that question, and decided to incorporate by a vote of 51 to 11. By that vote, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the citizens of Grants Pass, in mass meeting assembled, are in favor of an act of incorporation, and that we instruct members of the legislature from the county of Josephine to secure the enactment of a bill incorporating this town, at the coming session of the legislature.

What can be plainer than that we dare say our honorable representatives are but following these instructions and the wish of their constituency in asking to have our town incorporated. So far as the remonstrance which was sent in is concerned, it was not our fortune to get to see it, hence we know nothing of its contents. Should the charter in its provisions do justice to the people, we say go on, and incorporate the town; that is just what you were instructed to do.

So many bills have been introduced so far in the legislature that we feel greatly bewildered in attempting to keep track of them and find it utterly impossible to reproduce all of them in brief in these columns. The bill to reduce R. R. freight and passenger rates is one of vital import to Southern Oregon. A bill to prevent the killing of deer for their pelts, and making it a felony, is also a good one and should be passed. A road law making road tax payable in money would be a good one, and a bill has been introduced so providing. The bill lowering rates of interest to six per cent, should not pass because it is a false system of economy. The fishing industry is likely to receive beneficial legislation. S. B. No. 5, introduced by Mr. Stanley, provides for a State board of medical examiners. It is not strict enough in its provisions, but would be a good law. A bill to create the county of Willowa by cutting Union county in two, has been introduced by Mr. McCully. H. B. No. 10, introduced by W. F. Benjamin, fixes the Salary of Superior Judges at \$3,000 per annum. H. B. No. 49, introduced by McLean, prohibits the collection of whiskey bills. A bill providing bounties on the scalps of wild animals by Mr. Roberts, fixes the bounty on coyotes at from one to twenty dollars. H. B. No. 45, provides that the salaries of County Judges shall be regulated. In this county it provides for a salary of \$300 per annum. A bill by Mr. Daly licensing dogs, should by all means be passed. H. B. No. 40, by Mr. Crockett, asks to have the county of Tum-a-lum created out of a portion of Umatilla county. S. B. No. 44, prohibiting the killing of deer during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August and September of each year, introduced by Mr. Dawson, should become a law. The bill also provides that to kill a deer for its pelt shall be a misdemeanor. This bill should pass.

Henry George says: "If land were free to those who want to use it there would be no glut in the market or cry of over-production." How happens it, then, that with the land only moderately free—going to those who want it at \$1.25 an acre—there has been for two years past a surplus of some 50,000,000 bushels of wheat carried over, and so full a production of other farm products that the agriculturists have made very little profits?—[Ex.]

A plentitude of money in circulation causes increased demand for the necessities of life. Look up the money and a surplus of grain and everything else soon follows because there is no money to be had with which to buy and keep down such over-production. It is an evident fact that during hard times people live on less than they do when money is plenty. It is an old and true saying that "when people have money they spend it." This curtailment of expenses caused by the scarcity of money is just what causes the surplus. The agriculturists have made no profits because competition over a scant money market has brought prices down to nothing.

A bill which is before us will be presented to the legislature, asking to establish the Oregon State Weather Service and to make appropriations therefor. It proposes to make Eugene the central office. It also provides that the President of the State University and the President of the State Board of Agriculture, shall constitute two members of a Board of Control, and the chief signal office of the army shall appoint the third member of the Board.

A Regular "Mullum-in-Parvo."

At Winlock, a station on the N. P. R. R. between this city and the Sound, there resides a man of many and varied occupations. Upon his building, a small one-story affair, the following signs may be read: "Meat Market," "Real Estate," "Notary Public," "Shoe Shop," "Home Mutual Insurance," "Lunch Counter," "City Restaurant," "Dry Goods and Groceries," "Country Produce taken in Exchange," and "Highest Market Price Paid for Hides."—[Oregonian.]

This gentleman's name must be Eldridge, relic of the editor of the editor of the "Del Norte Record," whose sign reads: "Public Administrator," "City Undertaker," "Photographer," "Musician," "Coroner," and last but not least, "Editor and Publisher."

John W. Barzee, a prominent citizen and capitalist of Portland, and owner of the St. Charles hotel building, died in Portland at 4 a. m. on Jan. 13 of rheumatism. Deceased was well known in business circles, and was one of the promoters of the Morrison street bridge.

X. N. Steeves, a lawyer of the Portland Bar, is in trouble before the courts for borrowing books, erasing the owner's name and attaching his own, and other disgraceful conduct. The charges were preferred by Ach. Bellingier, Smith, Woods, Strong and Hughs. Honesty is after villainy.

FEED! FEED! FEED!

The S. P. D. & L. Co., Are prepared to chop all kinds of grain for feed, at Five Cents Per Bushel. Mill at the Factory. [44H]

Business Change.

The late firm of J. W. Howard & Co. has been dissolved. John W. Howard having bought out Mr. Nickell's interest in said co-partnership business. The business of the firm is now carried on at the old business place, by J. W. Howard, who desires to thank the customers of the late firm for their past patronage, and hopes by fair dealing and reasonable prices to receive the share of the trade in the future. The book accounts and notes due the late firm of J. W. Howard & Co. will be collected by J. W. Howard at his store in Grants Pass, Oregon, where all who are indebted to the late firm are kindly requested to call and make payment. J. W. HOWARD, January 25th 1887. [44H]

County Treasurer's Notice.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, Grants Pass, Jan. 28th, 1887. Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the County Treasury for the redemption of the following County warrants, protested to August 31st, 1886: Numbers 115, 116, 117, 118, 149, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 88, 124, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 200, 201, 202, 194, 206, 207, 210, 197, 225, 227, 175. Interest on the same will cease on this date. J. W. HOWARD, Treasurer. [44H]

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an execution and an order of sale, issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, for Josephine County, Oregon, upon a decree made by said Court, on the 10th day of February, 1886, and to me directed and delivered for the foreclosure of mortgages and sale of certain real property hereinafter described to satisfy a judgment in favor of Lawrence Leonard, plaintiff against Harvey S. Brown, Will Q. Brown, and James P. Brown, Defendants, for the sum of ten thousand and fifty-seven dollars, (\$10,057.00) in U. S. gold coin now due on said judgment, and the further sum of eighty-six dollars and sixty cents, (\$86.60) costs and disbursements and also to satisfy a judgment in favor of C. H. Beach and A. H. Platter, two of the parties made defendants and against Harvey S. Brown, Will Q. Brown, and James P. Brown, Defendants for the sum of twenty-eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,850.00) in U. S. gold coin, now due on said judgment, and also the interest on this sum, and the costs and expense of sale, I have this, the 25th day of January, 1887, duly levied upon and will sell for Cash at the Court house door in said County, at Grants Pass, Oregon, at ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on

Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1887, the following described real property, to-wit: All of each and the following described parcels of land mortgaged to Lawrence Leonard by H. S. Brown, and also to C. H. Beach and A. H. Platter, by Will Q. Brown and James P. Brown, situated in Josephine County, Oregon, viz:

The S. E. 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 4, in township 40 south of range 7 west, following described piece of ground, beginning at a point on the south boundary of Sec. 4 in township 40 S. R. 7 west, from which the southeast corner of said section bears east 16° 40' chains, thence running south 57° 57' 45" east, 9.74 chains to a post; thence south 32° 15' 15" west, 4.50 chains to a post; thence north 57° 57' 45" west, 16.90 chains to a post; thence north 58° 18' 40" chains to a post; thence north along the line of sec. 4, 10.00 chains to the quarter section corner; thence east 10.00 chains to a post; thence south 33° 28' 28" chains to a post of beginning, containing 32 and 21-100 acres; and also another piece of land covered at a house creek, together with its bars, flats and banks, from hill to hill, lying in the north 1/2 of southwest 1/4 and northwest 1/4 of township 40 south of range 7 west, and in the west 1/2 of east 1/2 of northwest 1/4 of said section 4; and also the southeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4 of section 31 in township 39 south of range 7 west, together with saw mill erected thereon, and machinery, appurtenances, water rights and privileges belonging thereto, and also the southwest 1/4 of section 32 in township 39, south of range 7 west, and also the northeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of section 32 in township 39 south of range 7 west; and also all ditches, rights, water rights and privileges belonging to said premises, and all dams, flumes, tunnels and tunnel rights belonging thereto, together with ground for dumping ground, as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the mouth of the tunnel known as the Leonard, Beach and Platter tunnel and running thence in a westerly direction to a pine tree 30 inches diameter, and marked D L, thence northerly to a white oak tree, marked D L, standing on the left bank of the channel of Democrat gulch with right to run water into said gulch excepting from the above right of Lawrence Leonard, to take sufficient water to supply his stock and household purposes, and on Sundays to take such water as may be necessary for irrigating purposes, as above excepting in favor of Beach and Platter the right of said Beach and Platter to water necessary for their use for irrigating purposes as reserved in the conveyance from them to said H. S. Brown, all situated in Josephine county, Oregon. Witness my hand, this 25th day of January 1887.

THOS. G. PATTERSON, Sheriff of Josephine County, Oregon. [44H]

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of S. W. Sawyer, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Josephine County, and that

Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1887, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., has been appointed by said court, as the time for hearing objections to said final account and for the settlement thereof. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear on or before said time, and file objections, if any they have, to said final account. WILLIAM SAWYER, Administrator of the Estate of S. W. Sawyer, deceased. [44H]

A. J. STROHECKER, Saddler and Harness MAKER and REPAIRER. Keeps constantly on hand a First-Class stock of SADDLES, HARNESSES, BRIDLES, COLLARS, Saddle and Harness Furniture. Special and prompt attention given to Repairing, and PRICES REASONABLE. [44H]

NEW FURNITURE STORE! A. J. SEDGE, Main St., (bet. 8th and 5th) Grants Pass. Has just opened a New FURNITURE STORE Where will be kept on hand and for sale all kinds of Furniture, Bedding, Picture Frames, Brackets, Etc., Etc. Door-Frames, Window-Frames, Brackets Etc., made to order. Special attention given to UNDERTAKING, Repairing and all kinds of work in my line neatly and promptly executed. — ALSO — Manufacturer's AGENT for the RACINE WIND MILL! The Best Mill made. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited, and satisfaction guaranteed. [36-ly]

NEW PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY! I. G. DAVIDSON, Leading Portrait and Landscape PHOTOGRAPHER, 125 First St., Portland, Oregon. (Opposite First National Bank.) FIRST-CLASS WORK In all Branches of PHOTOGRAPHY. Pictures Enlarged in India Ink, Water Colors or CRAYON. OUT-DOOR GROUPS, RESIDENCES, ETC., INSTANTANEOUS PROCESS. [36-3m]

NEW Flour, Grain, and Feed Store, Front St., adjoining Courier Office, GRANTS PASS, OREGON. We have opened a First-Class Flour and Feed Store in the building formerly occupied as a saddle and harness shop, where we will keep constantly on hand and for sale the best brands of Flour, Corn and Oat Meal. Wheat, Barley, Oats, Mill and Chop Feed, Bran, and everything pertaining to a FIRST-CLASS FEED STORE. W. RAZEE & SON, Proprietors. [34H]

New Millinery Store. MRS. FLANAGAN & M. TUFFS Have opened a new Millinery and Dressmaking ESTABLISHMENT Opposite Campbell & Tuff's store, on 6th street. HAIRWORK and STAMPING neatly done [27-6m]

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSBURGH, Or., Jan. 14, 1887. 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, Or., at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, February 20th, 1887, viz: Jasper Chapman, Homestead entry No. 2393, for the W 1/2 of S. E. 1/4 and S. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4, Sec. 19, Tp. 39, S. R. 7 west, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: David Miltonberger, Isaac Miltonberger, of Williams, James Jordan, William Jordan, of Grants Pass, Josephine county, Oregon. CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. [43-6H]

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Selling Out to Close Business!! Having concluded to close business at this place, I am offering my large stock of DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Queens Ware, Glass Ware, &c., &c., AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. — A Full Line of — STAPLE GROCERIES Will be kept in Stock. PRODUCE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS. Thanking the public and my many customers for their patronage in the past, I can now make it to their Advantage to Call on me Before Purchasing Elsewhere. GEO. W. RIDDLE, Grants Pass Variety Store, A. D. HELMS, Prop'r. Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries Cigars, Tobacco, Nuts and Candies, Fruits, and a superior brand of CANNED GOODS. Main St., opposite R. R. Depot. [44H]

NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!! NEW PRICES!! Begg leave to inform the public that he is now nicely located on the corner of 6TH and H STREETS, GRANT'S PASS, OREGON, With a Large Assortment of BOOTS and SHOES, DRY GOODS, AND EVERYTHING to be found in a First-Class store, which I will sell VERY LOW FOR CASH, OR MARKETABLE PRODUCE. Call and see me before purchasing elsewhere. [24H] L. VANCE.

SHERER & JUDSON, DEALERS IN Hard-ware, Stoves and Tin-ware. 6th St., between Main and H, Grants Pass, Or. Have the Largest and most Complete Stock in their line in Southern Oregon, which they will sell AS LOW AS THE LOWEST. AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED Studebaker Farm Wagons, Hacks and Buggies. J. I. Case, and Canton Clipper Riding and Walking Plows. ALSO The World Renowned BISSELL Chilled Plows, ACME HARROWS, VICTOR WIND MILLS, Autocrat Wood Force Pumps, And all goods handled by STAVER & WALKER, Including the EMPIRE MOWERS, REAPERS and BINDERS. HYDRAULIC PIPE and GIANTS Furnished on short notice. We cordially invite all to examine our goods and prices before purchasing. New Store AND New Goods. CORNER MAIN & FRONT STS., GRANTS PASS, OREGON. Having opened a Family Grocery, I hereby announce to the public that I have a new and well selected stock of GROCERIES, CONFECTIONERIES AND TABLE WARE, Bought since the Sweeping Reduction in freights from the East, and marked down at Bottom Prices. I also sell the CELEBRATED DAVIS VERTICAL SEWING MACHINE, which has no equal in ease of management and great range of work. My object is to make it to the interest of those having cash or produce, to trade with me. J. M. CHILLES.

Home Seekers, Attention! FOR SALE 406 ACRES of fine farm and timber land for \$20 per acre, 8 miles from Grants Pass on Northside of Josephine river. This farm contains 125 acres of rich river bottom land in cultivation, also 50 acres of the same quality mostly cleared, other timber and pasture land. This is a good mill site; county road runs through the place near buildings; also good water, good living water running across the place; 2 large barns, granary, smoke house and other out buildings, young orchard; garden and bottom land all under fence; very healthy locality. On this farm can be raised the finest of corn, sweet potatoes, melons, tomatoes, peaches, grain, timothy, clover, etc. This would make several good homes, and in the climate and other advantages cannot be equalled in Oregon it would be well for colonists or others to investigate before buying elsewhere. GEORGE R. GOWAN, Grants Pass, Or. [25-6m] SUMMONS.

IN the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Josephine, John W. Howard and Charles Nickell, partners under the firm name and style of J. W. HOWARD & Co., Plaintiffs, vs. John S. Chatham, Defendant. Summons for the recovery of money. To John S. Chatham, the above named defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiffs in the above entitled action, in the above entitled Court, now on file with the Clerk of said Court, on or before the first day of the next term of said Circuit Court, to-wit: The 11th day of April, A. D. 1887. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as hereby required, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of two hundred and 72-100 dollars, with interest of thirty-two and 72-100 dollars thereof from January 20th, 1887, at the rate of eight per cent, and interest on twenty dollars thereof from May first 1887, at the rate of eight per cent, together with costs and disbursements to be taxed. And you are further notified that upon motion, duly made, Hon. J. R. Webster, Judge of said Circuit Court, did, on the 16th day of December 1886, make an order directing that service of the summons in the above entitled action be made upon said defendant John S. Chatham by publication thereof in the Rogue River Courier, a weekly newspaper published at Grants Pass, in said county of Josephine, for a period of six weeks successively. DAVIS BRADSWELL, Attorney for Plaintiffs. Order of L. R. WEBSTER, Circuit Judge. [26H]

For Sale or Rent. A FARM of 100 acres situated on Williams Creek, for Sale or Rent. About 60 acres under cultivation. Well adapted to grain and vegetables. For particulars and terms, call on or address SMITH BROS., Grants Pass, Or. [36H] Blacksmith and Wagon Shop AND TOWN LOTS FOR SALE IN PHOENIX. Desiring to go to Germany on business, I offer for sale at low rates, my Slips, Stock on hand, together with two lots upon which the shops are located. Also one acre of ground favorably located for residence. Call on or address MIKE FOLMAN, Phoenix, Jackson Co., Or. [40-6m] Esmond Hotel. Cor. Front and Morrison Sts. PORTLAND, Or. The Leading Hotel of Portland. Free Couch to and from this POPULAR HOUSE. CHARGES REASONABLE. THOMAS GUINEAN, Proprietor. [36H] PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET. Cor. of Front and 4th Sts., Grant's Pass, - - Oregon. The PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET is now open and prepared to supply customers with the choicest cuts of BEEF, MUTTON, PORK, FISH and FOWL. At prices ranging from Eight to Ten Cents per Pound. All kinds of SAUSAGES put up by Experienced First-Class Butchers. A share of the public patronage respectfully solicited. BUNCH BROS., Proprietors. [32H] City Market. AHLF & MESSERVE, Prop'r. MAIN STREET, GRANTS PASS. Fresh and Salted Beef, Pork, MUTTON, PORK SAUSAGE, AND BOLOGNA. Bacon and Lard ALWAYS ON HAND. Meat Delivered any place in Town FREE OF CHARGE. A Share of the Public Patronage Solicited.