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CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.

Congress adjourned at 12:04, on March 4th.

A correspondent who is one of the substantial citizens of Illinois valley writes: "I like your paper. The course you have taken will make it a success." Thanks.

The United States troops had a fight with a squad of Mexican soldiers at Nogales, A. T., March 4th. The Mexicans invaded the United States, and were driven back into Mexico. The object of the invasion was to recover a runaway Mexican woman. The Governor of Mexico severely reprimanded his troops.

Diversity of opinion is a good thing, and exists to a greater or less degree in the human family throughout the world. Diversity of industry is the great friend of the producer, if he does not hit the mark on one thing, he will on another. Should the people of a community all think alike, there would be no advancement for the reason that there would be no competition, no strife, and therefore no improvement. If the farmers all raised potatoes they would starve for bread; if they raised nothing but wheat, they would suffer and die for fruit and vegetables. If every man in the land was a carpenter—a finisher of boards—there would be no nails made with which to put the planks together. So it is with regard to public sentiment. It is all important that there should be a diversity of opinion. We cannot all think alike and it is all important that we should not. If it were not for the existence of two political parties in the United States, our country would take unto itself a dry-rot that would sink it into oblivion. As a matter of course, diverse opinion properly gauged is conducive of much more good than when improperly or extremely used. It is a safe rule, and one that we have realized much benefit from following, to-wit: Extremes never bring the best results. Whenever we learn that we are acting extremely the quicker we recede from that position the better. It is eminently proper that we should differ with our neighbors occasionally, but it does not necessarily follow that we have trouble about it. If it ends in bitterness, much of the good effect of diversity of opinion is lost.

Last Monday was a big day for Grants Pass. Solomon of Jerusalem was here and engaged himself for three days and nights in a wearisome effort to count noses in which he succeeded just like the deluded people who, as the story goes, waded the swamp. The occasion for all this turmoil was the attempt by a majority of the people to adopt the charter by which our town was to be made a city. The strife was red hot and heating all day, both sides being doubtful; but before six p. m., word came down from the court house that the charter had carried. This silenced all the frogs on Front street; not a solitary croak was to be heard. Their "cake was dough" and they realized it. Finally, after prolonged silence, a large frog of commanding deportment crawled up on a protruding barrel hoop and spoke as follows: "I am black but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon." Yea, I feel Solomon. This thing can't be Bournel O, that the Riddle should have been solved in this way! Is this our reward of merit? With this they crawled off under Hutch's hotel. An old black sow pulled her nose out of a five gallon can and, looking disgustfully at the jubilant crowd in front of Miller's store, poked off into the thicket near the butcher shops, as much as to say: "I wonder if that white trash will dare to pass ordinances restricting the liberties of my element of the free horn." Well, now, to be serious, the editor of this paper regrets very much to have to part with his beautiful herd of black-eyed toads—they are lots of company; but if the city dads so ordain, "Infum go."

INCORPORATED.

On last Monday the long, and in some respects bitter, incorporation fight culminated in the election of the charter by a majority of 23 votes, there having been 79 against it, to 102 for it. From first to last this has been a remarkable contest. There was a sharp skirmish over the framing of the charter; a bitter fight in the legislature, attracting more attention before that body than any other measure. Yet on final ballot, there were but two votes against it in the Senate and four in the House. Here at home during election and for several days before, Messrs. Brower, Abraham (of Roseburg) and Riddle made a thoroughly disciplined fight against it, their forces being much better organized than the charter forces; yet that instrument slipped between their fingers and the town was duly incorporated, much to their chagrin. Public speaking was had at the court house on Thursday evening, at which Messrs. Brower and Riddle spoke. On Friday evening, at the same place, Messrs. Van Dyke, Buttles, Goodell, White and Mitchell made speeches. At the close of this meeting Mr. Riddle announced that the anti would meet again on the next evening, to further discuss and explain away some of the assertions made by those favoring charter, at which meeting the same old ground was gone over. One thing certain, the question has been fully and thoroughly ventilated, exhausted and decided; and it will be but wise to drop further discussion and strife. The government should be made one of strict economy, justice to all and injustice to none. Not one dollar should be foolishly expended, as an extravagant government would injure the town, while an economical one will be a great blessing to it and insure its prosperity, if the money is properly placed.

For goodness sake let us have our streets and back yards cleaned up, our water drains opened out, and brick flues to take the place of those dangerous stove pipes. If the incorporate government accomplishes nothing more than this, it will have been a great benefit.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

The following from the Herald Disseminator speaks volumes for Grants Pass. We can assure the curious that an abundance of the water described exists here: From an exchange we glean the following: "A few days ago one of the residents of Grants Pass concluded to try the experiment of boring an artesian well. At no great depth the much desired element was found in abundance. This water is said to be of a very superior quality, cold, pure, and sparkling like newly opened champagne. The water is quite strongly impregnated with carbonic acid, and is therefore to be highly valued for its medical and curative properties. Those who have tried the water speak in the highest terms of its delicious flavor. It is believed that artesian wells sunk anywhere in the basin which includes the nascent hamlet of Grants Pass, will yield a bubbling supply of the indispensable article. A gentleman who resides here writes that if plenty of the same kind can be obtained, Grants Pass is destined in the near future to become a noted watering place in Oregon, and will be crowded with health seekers and those in pursuit of pleasure. More artesian wells will be bored at once and the experience subjected to a practical test."

From the Record we clip the following: "We are told that if the Adams boys, who are carrying the mail over the mountains were furnished a sufficient number of animals they could bring the mails regular, but the stock is broken down and the contractors, or those in charge are on the other side of the mountains, and seem not to care whether the mails are brought over or stay on the other side of the mountains." The editor of that paper seems to have forgotten that he was one of the enthusiasts in behalf of demolishing the short schedule service over the wagon road and fixing schedule and route so that the people are at the mercy of Uncle Sam's postal leeches. Stick to the short schedule next time and you will force horses and money and plenty of them into the service. Perhaps the service is as good as a pack trail should have.

The Sentinel gives Mr. Huffer's figures on the Jacksonville branch railroad as follows: "Distance from Jacksonville to Medford, 25,691 1/4 feet; distance to Central Point, 24,388 feet. The total cost of the construction of the road to Medford, including rolling stock, will be \$29,103.04; to Central Point, \$27,973.55. Estimating earth-work at 20 cents per yard, ballasting at \$8.00 per mile, (18 ballast)

and using rails of 35 pounds per yard weight, the total cost to Medford will be \$37,449.91; to Central Point, \$36,047.96. Considering the fact that only light loads will be hauled over the line, 27 pound rails were thought sufficient for our purpose.

Walter Ruble, Justice of the Peace for Bala precinct, was arrested Tuesday last on complaint of his father, Wm. Ruble, charging him with the larceny of 88 sacks of wheat. Bonds were furnished, and the case will come up before Justice Frink, of Dallas, next Monday. (Itemizer.)

William and Walter Ruble are the parties that Kelley claimed robbed him out of his mining property on Coyote creek. Certainly the above from the Itemizer would go to show very bad blood in the family.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, having formed a partnership under the firm name of J. A. FREASURE, do hereby give notice to do plain and fancy painting. Estimate on work made any time. Shop on 5th street. J. A. FREASURE, ED. WADE.

March 10th, 1887. 50-2w

Notice of Sale by Common Carrier.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Oregon and California Railroad Company, of Portland, Oregon, a common carrier having transported the personal property hereinafter described, from various points in the State of Oregon, to the town of Grants Pass in the State of Oregon, at the request of the owner or lawful possessor thereof, and having safely stored and kept said property, and by virtue thereof having a lien upon the same for its just and reasonable charges, and more than three months having elapsed since said transportation and care has been performed and no part of said reasonable and just charges having been paid, all persons whom it may concern are hereby notified that said Oregon and California Railroad Company, by its Receiver, will, on the first day of April, 1887, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at the warehouse of said Company, in the town of Grants Pass, in the State of Oregon, all and singular said personal property or sufficient thereof to satisfy said lien and charges and the costs and expenses of making said sale. Said property having been shipped, consigned and transported between the points hereinafter named, and being more particularly described as follows:

- Lot 1. From Glendale, 1 box maps, marked W. H. Clayton.
2. From East Portland, 1 package belting marked Kuhl & Bait.
3. From East Portland, 2 barrels and 3 tierces glass ware, marked J. W. Howard & Co.

R. HOEHLER, Receiver of the O. & C. R. Co. Portland, Oregon March 3d, 1887. 50-3w

Notice of Final Settlement.

IN the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Josephine County. In the matter of the Estate of Rosina A. Beach, deceased. By order of Hon. Volney Colvig, County Judge, I hereby give notice to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Rosina A. Beach, deceased, that I intend to make final settlement of said estate, at the next term of the County Court, to be held on the 4th day of April, 1887, at Grants Pass, Oregon, and that objections to such final account and the settlement thereof, will be heard at that time. GEORGE HANSEN, Administrator. Grants Pass, Ore., March 3d, 1887. 50-4w

NEW ARRIVALS!

Our Mr. Olds is now Forwarding our

Spring Stock

From NEW YORK, which will be, when complete, second to none in this city.

We have constantly on hand

JOB LOTS

of Goods that we throw on the market at

Far Less Than Regular Rates.

Samples sent on application and ORDERS SOLICITED.

OLDS & KING,

186 First Street, - - Portland, Oregon. 49-1y

Brick! Brick!! Brick!!!

Cheaper than the Cheapest.

D. W. HARDIN'S

BRICK YARD.

— All kinds of —

MASONRY WORK

Promptly and neatly executed 49f

County Treasurer's Notice.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, Grants Pass, March 4th, 1887. Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the County Treasury for the redemption of the following County warrants, protested to date 31st, 1884: Numbers 242, 243, 244, 247, 184, 250, 253, 252, 257, 278, 279, 280, 284, 282, 287, 286, 297, 299, 318, 323, 327, 336, 337, 346. Interest on the same will cease on this date. J. W. HOWARD, Treasurer. 49-1y

SUMMONS.

IN the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Josephine. MARY J. KNAPP, Plaintiff, vs. FINLY KNAPP, Defendant.

To Finly Knapp, defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are ordered and required to appear in said court and answer the complaint of said plaintiff, filed against you herein, on or before the first day of April, 1887, at Grants Pass, Oregon, and there defend the same.

If You wish to Buy a Good White Or Colored Shirt, Ask for the STANDARD SHIRT.

For a Good Pair of Overalls, Ask for the Boss of the Road and take no others. To be had of all first-class dealers. [49-3m]

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. [44f]

NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!! NEW PRICES!! LIVINGSTONE VANCE

Begs 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. L. VANCE. 24f

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, 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 STAVEL & 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.

Home Seekers, Attention! FOR SALE. 406 ACRES of fine farm and timber land for \$20 per acre, 8 miles west from Grants Pass on North side of Rogue river. This farm contains 125 acres of rich river bottom land in cultivation, also 50 acres of the same quality easily cleared, the balance is of the finest sugar pine and other timber and pasture land. This is a good mill site; county road runs by the place near buildings; also good water, good living water running under the place near buildings; also good water, 1 large house, 2 large barns, granary, smoke house and other out buildings, young orchard; garden and bottom land all under fence; very healthy location. On this farm can be raised the finest corn, sweet potatoes, melons, tomatoes, peaches, grain, timothy, clover, etc. This would make several good homes, and the climate and other advantages cannot be equaled in Oregon. It would be well for colonists or others to investigate before buying elsewhere. GEORGE E. GOWAN, Grant's Pass, Or. 25-6m

Notice for Publication. U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 26, 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 Wednesday, April 13th, 1887, viz: Lawrence Leonard, Homestead entry No. 3228, for the S E 1/4 of N W 1/4, Sec 4 T 40 S R 7 W, M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and the cultivation of, said land, viz: T. G. Peterson, of Grants Pass, James P. Lewis, J. W. Bain, and Wm. Chapman of Albion, all of Josephine County, Oregon. CHAS. W. JONATHAN, Register. 49-6f

SUMMONS. IN the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon, for the County of Josephine. G. A. WILPRET, Plaintiff, vs. LUCY WILPRET, Defendant. Suit in Equity for Divorce. To Lucy Wilpret, the above named defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear in the above entitled Court and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, within ten days from the date of the service of this summons, or if served upon you in any other county of the State of Oregon, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, or, if served by publication of summons or otherwise, then by the first day of the next regular term of the above entitled Court next following the expiration of six weeks publication hereof, to-wit: On or before the 11th day of April, A. D. 1887, and if you fail to answer said complaint as above required, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded, to-wit: For the dissolution of the marriage contract existing between plaintiff and defendant; for a judgment and decree that plaintiff be awarded the future care and custody of Clara Wilpret, and for a further decree that plaintiff have the exclusive ownership and sole title to the West 1/2 of the North-west 1/4 of Section 1, Township 38, South of Range 5 West. The service of this Summons upon you by publication is made in pursuance of an order made by L. R. Webster, Judge of the above entitled Court, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1887, in Chambers at Jacksonville, Oregon, directing that this Summons be published once a week, for six consecutive weeks in the Rogue River Courier. S. U. MITCHELL, Attorney for Plaintiff. 48-6w

Esmond Hotel, Cor. Front and Morrison Sts. PORTLAND, Or. The Leading Hotel of Portland. Free Coach to and from this POPULAR HOUSE. CHARGES REASONABLE. THOMAS GUINEAN, Proprietor. 50f

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. 32f

City Market. J. H. AHLF - - - Proprietor. MAIN STREET, - - GRANT'S 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.