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THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1898.

Henry W. Corbett's claim to a seat in the United States Senate was defeated by a vote of 59 to 19.

The largest locomotive ever constructed was made for the Great Northern railway. It has a hauling capacity of 7700 tons on the level.

In our last issue there was a very interesting communication from Wm. Fidler, which was full of good common sense, and to which we had intended to call special attention.

Butelle, the Maine congressman, is decidedly opposed to war talk. He says this is a time for sober thought and not a word should be uttered that would inflame the minds of our people.

One cannot help believing that all wars are a curse to the people, unless it be a railroad rate war. The Pacific Northwest is enjoying the second one since the completion of that trans-continental line, and the people enjoy it.

Possibly more sailors could have been saved when the Maine was blown up, if Moro Castle and the Spanish battleship, Algonzo XIII, had thrown on their search lights, that the rescuers could see what they were doing.

Yaquina Bay people have been very much excited lately over the prospect of having considerable government work done on the harbor at that place, but the latest dispatches would indicate that the work will not be done after all the talk. In fact, it is about settled that it will not be done.

An attempt was made on the 20th of February to assassinate King George of Greece, by two would-be assassins, who were concealed in a ditch alongside the road which the king was traveling. The miscreants fired a number of shots, but none of them took effect. King George is reported very unpopular since the war with Turkey.

At Juanan on the 22d, the steamship Oregon had a close call. The storm which was raging swept the vessel on the flats and almost swept it, remaining in this position for 26 hours until the storm abated. There were about 400 passengers on board who were badly frightened, and who got off the ship as quickly as possible.

Both women and children are dying in the streets of Havana from starvation. There are about 15,000 men, women and children in the city who have neither shelter nor food, and who are completely emaciated. There are 14,000 in the streets of Matanzas, who must very shortly succumb to the inevitable.

When Admiral Gherardi who is on the navy's retired list, though subject to recall on the next five years, was asked if our navy was in such shape as to meet Spain on the sea in case of war, he said: "We have the cleanest navy in the world. Not only the cleanest, but we have the best fighting blood of any navy in the world. The boys would not ask more than 24 hours with the Spanish navy."

All Paris, France has been ablaze the past two weeks or more because of the trial of M. Zola, for slandering the first court-martial of Paris, by publishing an article in the Aurore. This trial became famous the world over and one could hardly pick up one of the great dailies without finding much devoted to the trial. Zola was given one year in confinement as a prisoner, besides a heavy fine. The jury was out but a short time when they returned with a verdict of guilty, and Zola said on hearing the decision "They are cannibals."

President McKinley realizes that the country is on the verge of a war with Spain on account of the Maine disaster, and for that reason he is losing no time in consideration of the matter. The blowing up of the Maine is not a cause for war unless Spain refuses to disavow

any connection therewith. If she officially expresses regret, which she has done, and is willing to pay the full indemnity that may be asked by the United States, there is no reason why we need go to war, but otherwise there will be trouble regardless of the expense of maintaining the nation's honor, which every true American citizen would sacrifice his life to uphold.

The Examiner will have it that Secretary Gage is anticipating war with Spain and for that reason has authorized the engravers to prepare plates for a bond issue of \$250,000,000. If war comes, then the issuance of bonds may be a necessity, but until hostilities are actually in existence there need be no bonds issued, neither do we believe the anticipation of war should be used as a pretext for such a thing. This country would be in the wrong, it seems to us, to declare war against Spain if that country will apologize and also indemnify us for the loss of the Maine. Otherwise, we say fight, fight until the matter is settled.

John J. Ingalls is inclined to the opinion that we are on the verge of the greatest explosion that the world's history has ever recorded, and for this reason he counsels a withholding of opinions relative to the Maine disaster, until a complete examination has been made as to the probable cause. He wishes this government to not be too hasty in forming conclusions, but quietly wait and let the Spanish provoke us to wrath before we, as a nation, should do anything. It is not necessary that Mr. Ingalls caution the present administration for there is not the slightest danger that the president or any member of his cabinet will do anything rash in the matter.

Next Monday will be the regular annual school meeting to elect a clerk for one year and a director for three years. The work of a school director is a thankless task to which few men desire to aspire who have the best interests of the school purely at heart. It is a duty that requires the best judgment, especially in the employment of teachers, and even then there are likely to be many mistakes. But few men are able to withstand the pressure brought to bear upon them to employ a certain teacher by that teacher's many friends. Qualification and not friendship is the one requisite for a teacher of the youth of the land, and by qualification we mean something more, say infinitely more, than mere book learning. To have knowledge of books is necessary, but all the training that may be had in a normal school, or in a college, does not imply that one is capable of filling so important a position. A teacher needs to be possessed of good common sense and to be an excellent judge of human nature. To teach, one must have a diploma from the state board or be required to pass, sometimes, a silly examination, but after all this, the fitness of the teacher to teach must be passed upon by the board of directors, whose duty it is to employ them. There is a great responsibility upon the director who elects him. If voters would have the best interests of the school at heart instead of the promotion of some friend to a place in the school, as many often do, it would result in always electing the most suitable man. Individual friendship is good, but it should be secondary to the good of the school.

AMENDED. The city councilmen at their meeting last Thursday night passed the final reading of a number of bills, among which was the liquor license ordinance, but this measure was not passed until the clause pertaining to a majority petition was stricken out and a two-thirds council vote substituted. The ordinance on this subject required the man who wanted a license to retail liquor, to go before the city recorder for his license. Now he must obtain a two-thirds vote of the council. Voting in favor of striking out, were, Harmon, Calloun and Cornell, opposed were Smith and Kinner, Dr. Finagan being absent when the vote was taken.

The ordinance in our judgment, is better than it was before because it will be more difficult for a man who runs a den to obtain a license from four men than from one, but our argument was and is, that it would be simply impossible for one of that character to obtain a license from the people. We have no quarrel with the council for what they have done in the matter, since they voted as they thought best for the good of the city, but otherwise, it seems to us, would have been better. It is argued by one man, who is opposed to the right of petition in this matter, that the people had their representatives in the council who would attend to it. The people's representatives do not always carry out the will of the people even if they know it, and it is not every day

they are able to know their will. One man, who is a friend of the saloon and who believes the license should be granted, says, "It should not be left to the people for the reason that there are so many men who are assumed to have their names on a petition of this kind that they would refuse to sign it and hence the man could not get his license." Heres lies the trouble, too many men lack backbone, or the courage of their convictions, to come out and show where they stand on any proposition. We respect a man who entertains a contrary opinion and is not afraid or ashamed to express it. But this man who is ashamed of the principles he represents and will on every occasion endeavor to conceal them, is the man that holds with the hare but runs with the hound.

Another who opposes the right of petition said that all saloon men are alike, to which we dissented and cited as proof of our argument one of the saloon men in this city, who conducts his business, so far as we know, in accordance with the law which permits him to sell it. The aforesaid gentleman admitted the argument but still he would not admit the right of petition.

A certain element who are trying to strengthen their cause in hopes that the people may continue them in business at the next city election, are also being their utmost to create sympathy for themselves by telling that the COURIER is fighting the saloon and hurting the town. This they cannot do for those who are our subscribers will see from these columns that all we ask is that the laws be enforced and the people brought to govern. This is what we advocate and what the people want and will have, if they will be careful to not allow themselves to be deceived by the deceiver.

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Correspondence.

Williams Items. Miss Ethel Palmer is quite sick. Grant Topping expects to move to his farm or claim next week.

Mr. Fryer went to Medford Wednesday with a load of produce.

Mrs. E. Fryer, of Medford, is visiting her parents in this valley.

We have heard that the oyster supper was postponed until Saturday evening, March 5th.

Miss Ella Jordan, who has been visiting friends at Williams for several weeks was postponed until Saturday evening, March 5th.

M. Chapman went to Medford Friday accompanied by Miss Katie, who will resume her duties in the Jacksonville high school.

Mr. Chapman killed a panther last week near the creek on his farm. The offender had been making a feast of Mr. C's hogs.

Miss Eva Sill closed her private school last Friday, and returned to her home on Applegate. We understand that Miss Sill will return in a short time to take charge of the school in the Hoxie district.

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Communications.

The Cow Pasture. A few years ago the people in the immediate vicinity of the S. P. Railroad Depot met and incorporated, after a hard fight, the Grants Pass Cow Pasture. They have met every year since, stock holders and everybody else being allowed to vote, and elected officers to see that the sidesake was built for the use of the cow-electors.

It has been rumored that one of Merlin's most charming young ladies has been caught Robin—son (one) of a vest. As this is the first charge that has ever been brought against this young lady of a singular offense we will not presume to substantiate the rumor as yet.

While Ernest Zolo passes his year's sentence in prison he might put in his time writing a book entitled "He Fell in Love With Another Man's Wife," and we are sure it would "take" much better than the one which was written some time ago entitled "He Fell in Love With His Wife." At least it would be better suited to the present condition of affairs.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Child-blains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25c per box. For Sale by W. F. Kremer.

Wolf Creek Items. L. E. Miller is in Grants Pass on particular business.

J. D. Peterson was doing insurance business here last week.

Prof. W. H. Hampton is doing business in Astoria this week.

James T. Tuff transferred business in Josephine's metropolis Saturday.

N. E. Britt, of the O & C. Land Department, was here on business Friday.

Miss Nettie Cain, of Nichols, acted as station agent here Friday and Saturday.

Sim Cardwell's graph phone has arrived, consequently Wolf Creek is up to date.

Lawrence Wieland and daughter Hensie, attended church at Grants Pass Sunday.

R. A. Jones was in from Mt. Reuben Saturday, and reports times lively and politics warming up.

It is a nice little girl, and Valentine Lehman is Pa, and Pa's mustache is getting gray on the tips.

The war scare does not affect this community, as Wolf Creek is not navigable for the Spanish warships.

Good bye, February, Winter and ground hog's month, and hello! we welcome March and Spring.

Ed Browning and Newell Dybert are very sick at this writing, their friends being very anxious as to their recovery.

The Klondike fever has subsided and the stamp did not send any representatives to that congealed mixture of land, fusion and other conglomerates.

Jeff Wallace is moving more rapidly than usual and we think it a boy, but can't tell till Jeff recovers sufficiently to speak audibly.

Frogs and robins are as thick here in February, as poplars are in Jump-off-Joe precinct in the month of May and October of election years.

Scott Marshall thinks the storm has blown over, and exhausted its multiplicity of powers. Consequently he is again thinking of settling on Coyote creek.

The great religious weekly, the COURIER, seems to be stirring the "va loonatics" and evil doers, to a realization of the effective power of the press for good.

Paul Scharington has struck another rich quartz ledge on Grave creek, which, from reports, is as rich as the "green back" ledge owned by Browning and Hannum.

General H. B. Compton was here Saturday looking after mining interests on upper Wolf creek. He was also looking after other "fence's" that may need repairs. The General has many friends here among the Democrats and other classes, especially the old soldiers.

Mrs. W. H. Hampton is on the sick list, but we are glad to note is on the improvement orbit. Fluor seems to have an unusual amount of sickness this winter.

The M-accabees have taken in eleven new members this month and still they come. The order will give an entertainment in a short time, which will be a grand affair; watch the bill boards.

Dr. Miller and Wagner, of Glendale, are doing professional work in our vicinity, regardless of the Klondike fever and war scare. Little Josephine is very fertile, even if she does stand on end and expose three sides.

SPECIALS.

NEW THIS WEEK. WINDMILL—SECOND HAND MILL for sale cheap. Inquire of P. H. Hart, Crook.

MISCELLANEOUS. STRAY—THERE HAS BEEN AT MY place since August 29, '97 a red steer with crop and split in the left ear and hind in the front. The owner may have him by paying all expenses. A. Cole, Lone Creek.

HELLO! CRESCENT CITY: YOU can talk between Grants Pass and Crescent City and all intermediate points over the G. P. & C. C. Telephone Line. Charges reasonable. Grants Pass office in the COURIER office.

HAY—30 TONS OF MIXED TIMOTHY Clover and Alfalfa for sale; horses fed for 15 cents per day. Apply, G. W. Heise, Williams, Oregon.

AGENTS—\$5 TO \$50 PER WEEK easy! You work right around home. A brand new thing. Write to us quick! You will be surprised at how easy it can be done. Send us your address anywhere. We will be to your interest to invest. Write today. Address: "People's," 381 Market street, Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE—A SMITH-PREMERE typewriter for sale cheap in good condition. Enquire at this office.

FOR SALE—8 HORSES, FOUR LUMBER wagons, 4 sets of harness, heavy and light, one light wagon, also ranch by miles from Grants Pass; 100 acres, 30 acres under fence, 6 in orchard, small houses and barn; easy terms.—J. W. Holmes, three miles south of town.

FOR SALE—FARMING IMPLEMENTS household goods and stock consisting of horses, cattle and many conveniences close to house and ready for sale. Cheap for cash with privilege of renting a ranch at Jewett Prairie, 6 miles southwest of Grants Pass. Inquire of G. W. Holt, Grants Pass, Ore.

REAL ESTATE. VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE. A number of splendid bargains are listed below. For information inquire at Price & Vouchers at the COURIER office.

Farm and city property for sale. Call or write us for information. We can show you some good bargains.

A 5-acre tract of land, very rich soil; a good house and many conveniences close to Grants Pass. This property at a bargain.

A 10-acre tract, about 2 miles from town; good soil; fair house; small fruit trees; a sidewalk and the half acre near the city. A sidewalk and the half acre near the city. A sidewalk and the half acre near the city. A sidewalk and the half acre near the city.

A beautiful home in Grants Pass containing 3 acres out to a good variety of fruit; good dwelling and other buildings. Cheap and on good terms.

We have in this city a horse and lot, 5x170 feet, on which are bearing fruit trees, apple, peach and nectarine. A barn and good water. Will trade for a good span of horses and take the difference in cash or something else.

FOR SALE—OFFER FOR SALE. This week a place of five acres of very rich soil near Grants Pass, with a fine dwelling. This place has on it a good well, some good fruit trees of different kinds. This place at a bargain for part cash and balance on time. Call on, or write to Price & Vouchers.

FOR SALE—A SMALL BUT CHOICE farm three miles from town, containing 22 acres, mostly rich, river bottom land. A part of it is better dam land, especially adapted to raising vegetables. There is on the place a fine peach and prune orchard. This place is offered for sale simply because the owner cannot attend to it. For terms enquire at this office.

Crescent Cycles. The High Grade Wheel. No. 9 \$35. Nos. 11 & 12 \$50.

T. A. HOOD - BICYCLE STORE. A large and complete assortment of Bicycle Sundries in stock. Repairing a Specialty. Have a regularly equipped Bicycle Repair Shop. Parts supplied.

How ABOUT WAR? The biggest war ever heard of will be at Fetsch's store when the Spring Stock arrives, because there will be no room for the New Stock. We therefore offer Fine Suits For \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00. The best ever offered in Southern Oregon. Come and see them at F. FETSCH & CO.'S Tailors and Clothiers. Grants Pass, Ore.

R. L. COE, T. THOMAS & Co. THE CASH STORE.

New goods now arriving every day and the big bargains still exist. While we only have a few bargains compared with what is to come. It will pay you to see what we have to offer this week. However, we expect to have the most complete stock that has ever been put before the public in Southern Oregon. Mr. Coe and Mr. Thomas are now in the East at the Chicago and New York markets purchasing their Mammoth Spring Stock, which is to arrive on or about March 15th. Watch for our Spring Opening, as it will be a Klondike found at home. While waiting we quote you

A FEW BIG BARGAINS

Ladies' Shirt Waists table with columns for item and price. Includes Roman Stripe, Late Plaids, Tucked Front, Silk Taffilla Gingham, Tucked Yoke French Gingham, White Duck.

Capes and Jackets table with columns for item and price. Includes We place on sale this week Some Beauties in Tailor made Jackets and Capes in all the latest Styles and Colors, which we are unable to list the price here.

Gents Furnishing Goods table with columns for item and price. Includes Hats, Caps, Fancy Shirts, Underwear, Fleece Lined Suit.

Ladies' Skirts. A big assortment now being shown in all the latest styles of Plaids, Checks, Stripes and Plain. Some Great Bargains this week in Black at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Also fine line of Silk Skirts at a price never offered before.

Spring Novelties. In Dimities and Linens, figured and Plain and all Colors, that we place on sale this week at the untold price of 7 1/2c, 8 1/2c, 22 1/2c, 20c, 25c. Come and see these goods. Something new.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! Don't overlook our Shoe Stock, as we are now opening up lines of Men's Heavy Buckle at \$1.25; Ladies' fine Coia Toe, \$1.50; Children's fine, 50c to \$1.00.