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In memory of State Wm. H. Beane died at his home in New York on Feb. 28 at the age of 87 years.

John Burnett, ex-senator of Oregon and a pioneer of 1850, died at Corvallis on the first of March.

We have received the annual report of the secretary of state of Oregon, F. L. Simmer, a publication of over 400 pages, full of valuable statistics concerning our state.

Monday, March 6, was inauguration day and McKinley and Roosevelt were installed in their respective offices. The ceremony was far beyond any previous one in pomp and grandeur. The new and many occupied much attention at the parks and houses and streets of the city and vicinity. Roosevelt is very prominent in the public interest and it is generally believed that he will be able to assert his identity even though he is dependent.

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The passing of the conference report of the Senate and House on the war revenue reduction bill in the Senate makes it practically certain that the war tax will be very materially reduced. According to the report as accepted, the tax will be repealed on the following instruments and articles: bank notes, certificates of deposit, promissory notes, money orders, bill of lading for express, express receipts, telegraph and telephone messages, telegraphic bonds, certificates of damage etc., charter party, insurance, manifest, lease, mortgage, power of attorney, protest, warehouse receipt, promissory notes, postmaster and committee, showing gun. Reduced on the following: tobacco, cigar, sales of perfume at exchange, conveyances, steamship passage tickets. Other changes are also made. The provisions of the bill as agreed on will take effect on the first of July next.

Spring has come on as unceasing. People say on the streets, "Why, it is spring," in the next breath, "Why, it is spring." The passing of winter has been so mild and gradual and the winter itself so gentle that the precise moment of spring's advent has been omitted. While the past winter has been unusually severe in a great part of southern Oregon, even in Jackson county, Grants Pass and Josephine county have escaped all the severity of the storm which pervaded both north and south of us. As far as we are concerned, the winter has been moderate and mild. All the signs of spring are now in evidence. Wild flowers are blooming, grass is growing at a rapid pace. Almonds are in full bloom and peach blossoms will be. Blue birds are now and frogs abound in every puddle. The weather for the past week has been of that mild, dry character that affords us with spring like weather or less than that is a pleasure after all.

Council.
A special meeting of the city council was called on Thursday evening to take action in the matter of re-arranging and accepting the estimates to conform with the new charter. Only four councilmen were present, not enough for a quorum, so no formal action could be taken, but it was agreed that City Attorney Mayes should be instructed to proceed with the work.

Second Class Restaurants.
The entertainment given by the Grants Pass high school, under the auspices of the tenth grade, on Friday evening was very much of a success in every way. The program was not long but it was bright and pleasant and thoroughly entertaining from beginning to end. Sam Simpson, Oregon's poet, was the theme of the evening. The audience filled the hall to a point of perspiration; one more, and it would have been crowded.

Mrs. Maud Williams and Lett Longley opened the program with a piano duet, well rendered and very pleasing. Miss Maud Berry gave a very pleasing recital of one of Sam Simpson's poems and a very beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Lillian Rose. R. G. Jenkins, a local lecturer, gave a sketch of Sam Simpson, whose poems show genius that might have made quite a great poet had he been more adequately placed in the literary world. Sam Simpson's poems have never been collected, and Mr. Smith asked the sentiment that it was a shame that some effort was not made to collect and publish them. At the close of Mr. Smith's address, Miss Edna Howard treated the audience with a piano solo, in which she exhibited a degree of skill and musical talent that her audience appreciated. Miss May Sutton gave a most enjoyable reading of one of Sam Simpson's musical poems, "Bright Wilhelmette". The final number of the program was a vocal solo by Miss Edna Parker, who sang in her accustomed artistic manner. Miss Parker's voice is one whose unusual beauty and power we admiration whenever she sings in public.

For Sale.
General merchandise stores and stock in Josephine county for sale stock in value, \$600 to \$800, building, \$400. Post office given July 1, 1890. Inquire at his office.

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If you see them you will want them.

RED STAR STORE,

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Front St., oppo. Depot.

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Continued from last week.

Grant Pass pays under nearly one-half the taxes of the whole county of Josephine. Each year sees greater demands being made on the county for roads and bridges, and our indebtedness will increase rather than diminish. Some of these roads and some of these bridges, which will cost thousands of dollars, will tend to add to trade even from smaller towns like Grants Pass, and these demands are legitimate, as the people in those parts of the country have some means of express and ingress. This town is ready to act in the defense and oppose such county interests as other parts of the county, for settled motives will not avail. Grants Pass merchants and property owners must understand the situation and assume an aggressive attitude. These documents of lead from the men most engaged in business, are the instruments of attack in maintaining our standing here, clearing the land of soil and encouraging emigration and the like.

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