

ON THE FENCE.

The Oregonian admits that, at the present writing, it is occupying a position on the top rail. In a recent issue that paper says, editorially:

"Whether the Oregonian would support McKinley for re-election, or not, would depend on the course of the democratic party. Unfortunately there is small reason to hope that the democratic party will recover from its insane aberrations till after it shall have been beaten again. It is penetrated through and through with the dangerous follies that found expression in the Chicago platform of 1896, and till it abandons them the country could not afford to see it succeed. Another term of McKinley would be better than monetary madness financial dishonor and industrial ruin."

It would be a decidedly novel spectacle to see the big Portland champion of republicanism supporting a democrat, but if matters should chance to so shape themselves that it would do so it would only be one of the encouraging signs of the times which begin to point to the fact that newspapers and people are not so irrevocably bound to party as they once were.

AN ENTERPRISING DOCTOR.

An Idaho exchange says: "Green apple pies are now in order. Dr. Burns showed us a sackfull of windfalls that were larger than Crawford peaches."

It is to be inferred that the doctor passed the "windfalls" around among the small boys of his neighborhood in the hope that they would incite anarchy beneath the juvenile waistband and produce a number of boysfull of pains larger than Missouri pumpkins. Some of those Idaho fellows are pretty cute and, forsooth, great rustlers for business.

The young ladies of a certain Oregon town have formed a society adopting for their motto, "The lips that touch liquor shall never touch ours." Since its organization the demand for straws by the boys in that vicinity is said to be immense.

The Northwest Railroad Company, which was to build a railroad from Huntington to the Seven Devils mining district, has passed into the hands of a receiver. That district is unfortunate. It has had seven times seven devils of a time trying to get a railroad.

Captain Dreyfus has come to the conclusion that when he is acquitted on his coming trial he will ask for only one franc, twenty-five cents, indemnity, as he does not care to profit from a money standpoint from his misfortune. This shows what sort of a character "the prisoner of Devil's Island" is. Adversity has simply sweetened it, placed him above the level of profit and greed. He wants only justice and liberty, both of which he is entitled to. Dreyfus has suffered much and, under French law, is entitled to a great sum for false imprisonment, but he cannot stoop to accepting money as a consideration for what he and his dear ones have undergone. Dreyfus has proven himself a great man, a patriot and a true Frenchman, but nothing has so added to his stature as his last declaration, not to profit at the expense of his beloved country, that was involved through the corruption and unfaithfulness of her servants in high places.—East Oregonian.

Lower Rates on Wool.

The Northern Pacific has issued a new freight card which reduces the tariff on "wool in grease in compressed bales" between Portland and New York or Boston, to 80 cents per 100 pounds. The former rate was 90 cents.

All wool shipped from Portland are "in the grease," as there is no scouring works in this city. The staple reaches here from the sheep ranches in 300 pound sacks, which have been packed where the wool was shorn. The wool-raiser hangs the bags in a frame and tramps the fleeces in by foot power, but pressure brought to bear thus does not compress the fleeces very much, and they still occupy more room than the producer cares to pay for on its 3000 mile trip to the Atlantic seaboard. When the bags reach Portland, therefore, the wool is baled, this time by horsepower which compresses 600

Portland is not a very heavy wool shipping point, as the bulk of the crop is raised east of the mountains, and a large portion of the Willamette Valley wool is consumed by the mills west of the Cascades. In each of the wool growing towns of the interior, wool balers are in operation during the shipping season, and all the wool leaving The Dalles, Arlington or Pendleton, does so in square compressed bales and bound with iron hoops.

A wool dealer said yesterday that the reduction which took effect August 1st would not cut much figure this year, as the shipping season is now about over. The reduction will effect interior shipping points, as these pay the through rate in addition to local rate.—Oregonian.

A Good Scheme for Gilliam County.

The successful result of the boring for artesian water on the George Wilson ranch in Wide hollow, Yakima valley, furnishes a suggestion to the farmers of other districts, where artesian water has not yet been attempted. The entire cost of the well has not devolved on Mr. Wilson, as is generally supposed, but he entered in a combination with H. D. Winchester, Thos. Fear, Frank McClure, and Richard Strobach, by which each put \$200 into a fund for the purpose of sinking for artesian water. Lots were drawn to decide upon whose farm the drilling should be prosecuted, and the agreement provides that after the first well proves a success, a similar fund shall be created in a like way, and another well drilled on the farm of another member of the syndicate. The plan could be profitably applied here in Walla Walla valley where one good flowing well would be of inestimable value to the small land holders. By this system of co-operation the expense would be but slightly felt by individuals.—Milton Eagle.

MAYVILLE.

Heading has commenced here and crops are fairly good.

Mrs. Sadie Robinson of Arlington visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Hester Dunn who has been quite sick and under their doctor's care is recovering.

Mrs. Dyer and daughter Sadie, of Gervias, Oregon, are visiting J. W. Dyer and family.

Miss Pearl Shelton, of Arlington, who has been visiting friends here the past two weeks returned to Arlington Tuesday.

The Christian Endeavorers are to give another ice cream social on Saturday evening Aug. 12th. A short program will be rendered before the social.

Arthur McKeown of Berkeley Calif. who has been spending the summer with his relatives here, the Keys family started for Calif. Tuesday. Miss Mary Keys accompanied him as far as Arlington.

ROCK CREEK.

(Received too late for last issue.)

J. W. Cox left last week for Walla Walla to work through harvest.

W. S. Phillips and family started last Thursday for the Malheur to look for a stock ranch.

Miss Maud Carlyle and Miss Amy Redford, both of Arlington are visiting friends and relatives on the creek.

Henry Heidman passed through the country last week with a fine bunch of horses which he will ship to Spokane.

J. H. Thompson the popular piano man of Portland was on the creek on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moore, Mrs. Henry Horst, Miss Mattie Jennings, Miss Pearl Hart and Miss Grace Hart, all left last week for the Springs where they will spend the summer months.

Charley Nelson and Elmer Remington, of Ferry Canyon, were over to the creek Sunday on their wheels.

George Moore has gone to the Springs.

Mrs. R. E. Smith, of Arlington, is visiting with the family of W. S. Farr.

W. G. Flett has just got through hauling hay which has lasted six weeks and the second crop of alfalfa is now ready to cut.

The fruit crop is very short this season on the creek. No peaches and very few apples.

Heading is in full blast on the east side of the creek.

Everybody Can Go to the Seaside.

The Astoria and Columbia River Railroad have made the following round trip rates. From Portland to Seaside, Gearhart and Long Beach, \$3.30. Portland to Flavel and return \$2.85. Portland to Astoria and return \$2.40. All tickets good until October 10th, 1899.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., July 25, 1899. 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 H. S. Fraser, county clerk of Gilliam county, at Condon, Or., on Saturday, September 23, 1899 viz: GRANT WADE, of Chem, Oregon, Hd. E. No. 627, for the N. 1/2, S. 1/2, Sec. 10, T. 21 N., R. 21 E., W. 3 M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. A. Danneman, James Larch, G. W. Weishaus and Henry Kende, all of Chem, Oregon. JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The county board of equalization, for Gilliam county, Oregon, will meet at the clerk's office of said county at Condon Oregon, on Monday, September 4th, 1899, and continue during the week, for the purpose of adjusting the assessment roll of said county for the year 1899. All persons not satisfied with their assessment should appear before said board at that time and place, Aug. 2, 1899. M. O. CLARKE, Assessor of Gilliam County Ore.

has been duly appointed executor of the will of Knook Wilkes, late of Gilliam county, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are therefore hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned, at Mayville, Gilliam county, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Hendricks & Bowerman, at Condon, Oregon, within six months from the date and first publication of this notice. Dated this 20th day of May, 1899. MALKEDA WYKES, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Knook Wilkes, deceased.

CONTEST NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, THE DALLES, OR., July 19, 1899. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Grant Kollogg, contestant, against homestead entry No. 3022, made December 1, 1898, for lots 10, 11 and 12 section 31 T. 1 N., range 19 E., by Henry Schlegel, contestant, in which it is alleged that defendant has abandoned said tract for more than six months, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. August 28, 1899, before Wm. H. Frasier, county clerk, at his office at Condon, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on August 31, 1899, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land in The Dalles Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed June 10, 1899, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice can not be made by the undersigned and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., July 17, 1899. 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 H. S. Fraser, county clerk of Gilliam county, at Condon, Or., on Friday, September 1st, 1899, viz: CHARLES L. BAKER, of Condon, Ore. Hd. E. No. 344 for the N. 1/2, Sec. 28, T. 1 N., R. 21 E., W. 3 M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: S. B. Barker, F. M. Shannon, Edward Dunn, and J. M. Brown, all of Condon, Oregon. JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

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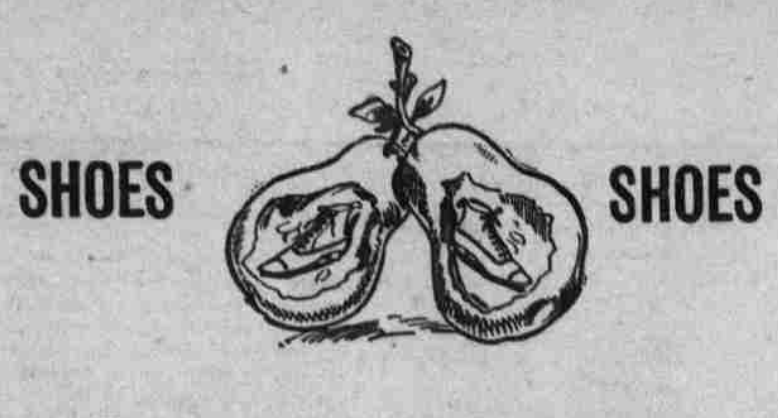
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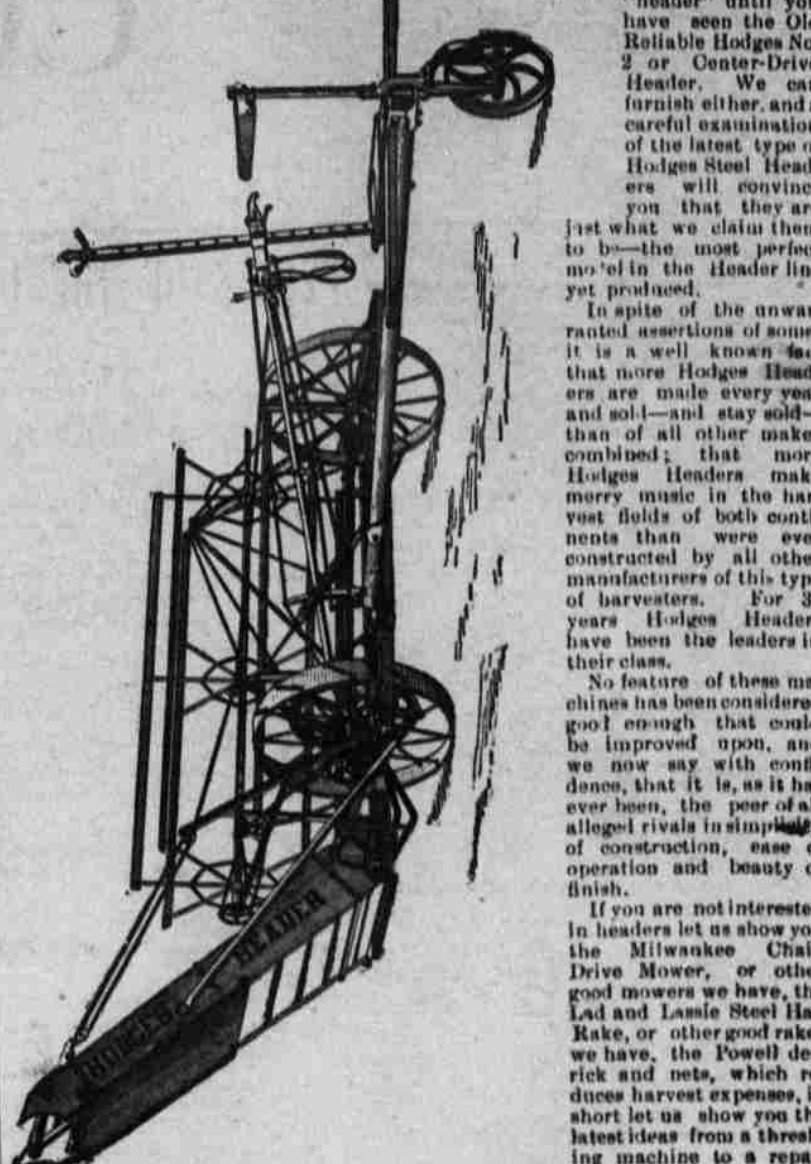
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ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, in the matter of the Estate of Jason L. Cary deceased, that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the Estate of the said decedent, and to all persons having claims against the said estate to present the same to her at the office of Hendricks & Bowerman her attorneys at Condon, Oregon, within six months from the day of the date and first publication of this notice. Condon Oregon, July 6, 1899. Jennie A. Cary, Administratrix.

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