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District Judge, C. B. Bellinger

Circuit Judge, C. B. Bellinger

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Circuit Judge, H. Bradshaw

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Moro is surrounded by the best farming lands in the Inland Empire, and is the best location in Eastern Oregon for distributing supplies.

Spain owes \$1,200,000,000 and the chief bull fighter in that country gets a salary of \$100,000 a year. Evidently there is still a little money left in Spain.

If the illiterate populist senator from Idaho turns out to be dumb also, his afflictions will be mitigated by the public benefit. It would make him a Nipper among pops.

The Nipper furnished seed for 12 half acre beet culture experiments in the Yakima region, and as a stimulus the company offers a prize of \$25 for the best samples of beets grown.

An Ohio minister who says that Dante was driven to write the "Inferno" by a scolding wife, does not, it is to be hoped, mean to heap discredit upon the lady. She ought to have a monument.

The remnants of the once powerful Modoc Indians in sorry plight this spring. But few will be left from the fate of starvation with no reservation, no home, nothing upon which to base any appeals for aid—victims of the ill advised policy of the Peace Commission.

Sheriff Howser of Umatilla county has begun suit to ascertain what expenses he is allowed to incur under the present bungling law. The case will be taken to the supreme court and the whole question of salary, etc., will come up for an opinion.

Bro. Cradlebaugh has answered the Oregonian conundrum: "Portland needs woolen mills and other mills, but if there is anything Portland needs more than a drydock, what is it?" By saying: "A daily newspaper that will tell the truth."

Explorer Nansen, though he did not discover the pole, scored one of the failures that count for more than some successes. He received \$25,000 for a few articles in a London newspaper, has written a book which is selling rapidly, is lecturing to crowded houses, and has sold one of his greasy old coats to a museum for \$5,000.

The ORN will put supplies into the Seven Devils region this year by extending the Summerville branch to Snake river, sixty miles above the mines, and will improve the river for that distance so that navigation will be entirely practicable. It is known that the present condition of the river is dangerous and of unsatisfactory depth, but this will be overcome.

If Alice Rix would preserve her reputation untarnished she'd better quit the Examiner and enter some field where less sensation may accompany her sentiment. That Herff is driving her to drive in is inferred from the comments respecting Miss Maud Durbin-Bert whom Alice "has been told belongs to the mob of old California favorites and was once a very beautiful and agreeable actress, once upon a time—I suppose before the war." This is cruel stuff with which to "pad a sheet." Maud Durbin has friends in Union county; where she once lived with her parents; indeed, throughout Oregon; who will resent this unkind, uncalled for fling of Alice.

COL. HAYS' "POETRY."

But for the transparent motive it would be amusing to find a newspaper of the age and experience of the Oregonian pretending to treat seriously the poems of John Hay. The covert sneer at McKinley for appointing to the dignified and important post of minister to St. James, one who was guilty of perpetrating such ineffectual nonsense as "Jim Bludso" and "Little Breeches" is too marked to need more than passing notice.

For the edification and enlightenment of the generation which has appeared on the stage since the dark days of the war it may not be amiss to relate briefly the incidents responsible for the promulgation of this poetry.

Hay, while he loved the president adored the grim, determined character of Stanton and with Stanton and many others was inclined to deprecate the apparent levity of his chief. Some, like Depew, could appreciate the incisive aptness of Mr. LINCOLN's anecdotes, but John Hay was not one of these. It was therefore with inexpressible chagrin that he heard LINCOLN express an admiration for certain poems of Bret Harte of California.

An old army officer, who had served on the plains, was present and he agreed with LINCOLN that young Harte was a great poet. This was too much for John Hay.

One does not need to be much of a poet, he quietly remarked, to write that kind of stuff.

No? said LINCOLN.

Certainly not, said Hay.

Here, said he to a clerk on the other side of the table, give me that paper he began to write, reading it as he went along: "He wasn't no saint, them pilots; no, pilots won't do; them engineers; of course an engineer has nothing to do with the steering of a steamboat, but that don't matter; them engineers is all pretty much alike."

Right along in this strain he wrote until he had finished "Jim Bludso." Tossing it over to the major, Hay leaned back in his chair while the major read it. He was a good reader and when he ended LINCOLN looked up and remarked: That is very good.

Let me put in another verse, said Hay, and give him a couple more wives.

No, said LINCOLN, two is enough and the poem is decidedly not bad. Ain't it, said Hay, well I can soon write something that is!

Taking another sheet of paper he wrote "Little Breeches" reading a line or two occasionally as he wrote.

Read that, said he, tossing it over to the major.

When it was finished LINCOLN said: I don't like that, don't write any more John. John Hay resumed his work, and the major, while talking to LINCOLN or rather listening to one of LINCOLN's stories, quietly folded up the papers and put them into his pocket and soon after left.

A few days after, on glancing at the New York Tribune one morning, John Hay was horrified and disgusted to find "Jim Bludso" occupying a conspicuous place and hailed as the work of a magnificent new poet.

In due time "Little Breeches" followed, to intensify his horror and disgust. What will Stanton think, was his first reflection. But Stanton did not read poetry, and probably never heard of "Jim Bludso" or "Little Breeches."

After endorsing the wishes of THE OBSERVER last week incident to the happy nuptials of Jesse P. Barnett, The Dalles Chronicle expresses its sentiments also, saying: "It is a good many years since us old fellows went through that mill, but yet we can look back and see that the sentiment was all right, and the feeling that prompted that meeting and greeting is the kind that does not bother the divorce courts. If the young couple never have anything more fitting to be ashamed of than their meeting here, their old age will be one of peace and pleasure. It was only the sudden lifting of the curtain from this little love scene, that awoke a feeling of mirth, but at the same time we glory in their grit, and hope they may have a hundred thousand happy returns of the day."

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COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

April term, 1907.

Present—Hon. John Fulton, Judge; R. P. Orr and R. H. King, Commissioners; Wm. Holder, sheriff; Wm. Hendricks, clerk.

Petition on the No. 1 road continued.

Report and bill of No. 1 laid over for the term.

Sales of A. A. Urquhart property for taxes was confirmed.

Bill of Surveyor Johnson in connection with same \$12 allowed.

G. F. Gultner was appointed supervisor of Rattlesnake road district.

Appraisers were appointed for a change in road on petition of W. R. Fowler, et al.

Petition of T. Bourhill G. W. Dugger et al. for county road laid over; notice incomplete.

A 50-volume set of steel rollers for the vault was ordered to be procured by the clerk.

Tax deeds to R. J. Ginn for property purchased at delinquent tax sales were confirmed.

The report laid over last term for change in district No. 29 was granted and read ordered open.

A warrant was issued to the sheriff to collect taxes of 1896 delinquent, and make returns July 7th.

Bills of C. J. Bradley \$3, and Geo. B. Pulliam \$1, incident to the death and burial of E. N. Emens allowed.

Remonstrance to road petitioned for by B. F. Halley et al. was overruled and the supervisor was instructed to open the road.

Bids for hauling lumber to Grass Valley canyon from Biggs and building Lone Rock bridge. See adv.

Petitions of W. E. White, L. R. French, C. H. Stanton, and Geo. B. Pulliam, county roads, were all granted, voters appointed and dates fixed in May for surveys.

An application was filed by the Columbia Southern Ry. to appropriate the highway on line of its survey which was not allowed as no appearance was made by the company.

Warrants were ordered in payment of claims as follows:

Salaries, salaries, etc.—\$75.00

John Fulton, County Commissioner—\$2.00

R. P. Orr, County Commissioner—\$2.00

R. H. King, County Commissioner—\$2.00

Wm. Holder, County Commissioner—\$2.00

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