

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

STRIKE OF MILL HANDS.—Last Monday morning, a large number of the mill hands quit work in consequence of the reduction to two-thirds time.

The subject of compensation was compromised by Dean & Co., agreeing to pay \$30 per month, and when the mill is shut down other work will be furnished.

The statements circulated for Mr. Siglin's benefit, that he was the cause of the strike and that Merchant telegraphed for men to take the place of the strikers, are entirely false.

GOOD REASONS.—Last week we heard a strong Democrat giving his reasons for supporting Alex Stauff for County Clerk; he said: "I am going to vote for Stauff because he is a good man and a good clerk."

ACCIDENT.—The up train from Uter City on Monday last, collided with an empty egg-box near the depot at Coaledo, inflicting a compound fracture on the head of the box and severely lacerating one of its sides.

ROAD VISITING.—T. M. Herman, W. R. Getty and E. A. Anderson, viewers appointed to locate the road from the Bay to Coquille City, commenced their work on Tuesday, accompanied by Wm. Hall, surveyor, and a number of assistants.

DEVIL FISH.—Chas. Rogers, who is employed on the tug Escort, cast his hook for fish out on the Arago reef last Tuesday, and brought up with some difficulty a "devil fish" the arms of which measure about five feet from tip to tip.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—We are informed that a few nights since some miscreant came to the dwelling of Mr. L. V. Howland of Sumner in the night time and attempted to get in. Mrs. Howland the occupant, became frightened and went to a neighbor's, after which the burglar got in at a window and ransacked the house.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.—Hon. Ben Simpson, U. S. Postal Agent, arrived on the Bay Thursday, on a tour of inspection into the condition of the postal service in this county and Curry.

PASS HIM AROUND.—One Wm. Walter has been for a month or so past keeping a kind of restaurant in Tony Ward's place, absconded a few days since, owing nearly every one in town.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Rouse, while at work on the cribs had his foot badly mangled by a falling timber some two weeks ago, and has been confined to the house the greater portion of the time since.

CAPT. GRIMBY now commands the Mud Lark, of Beaver Slough. The head engineer, Mr. Grow, is responsible for the working of the engines, and acquits himself with great credit to the company and much satisfaction to the public.

The Discussion.

Last Monday evening, in pursuance of previous announcement, a small audience met at Norman's hall to listen to a discussion by D. L. Watson and J. M. Siglin.

A. Nasburg was called to the chair. Mr. Watson spoke about an hour, making some good hits against the Democratic party, though his remarks were distinguished by fairness and freedom from offensive personalities.

Siglin followed. He eulogized the Rebel leaders and compared them and the war they waged for the destruction of the Government, with Washington and the cause of the Revolution.

He advanced some new propositions as a bait to the less intelligent of the laboring class. He told them he would pass a law providing that wages should be paid at the close of every month, and that if they were not so paid the amount not paid shall draw interest at 24 per cent.

Then Owen took the stand. He said the audience need not go away because they were afraid he was going to make a speech, for he had assured Mr. Watson and others that he would do nothing of the kind, and his honor would not permit him to do so.

Whether this was a part of his personal defense or intended to indicate the state of affairs that would be brought about by Siglin's election, he did not say. Our reporter left before his speech was through, and of the closing scenes we know nothing except from rumor.

Business in the fish line is said to be dull at Eilensburg. The Telfair sailed Wednesday for this port and is now due. W. A. Werden has gone to the mines expecting to be absent some weeks.

GEO. BENNETT Esq. of Bandon, gave us a pleasant call on Wednesday. HARKNESS DUNHAM is quite sick; he is at Mr. Lightner's at the Infirmary.

FREDERICK'S Oregon Blood Purifier for sale at Dr. Golden's Drug store. G. WINGATESailed for Scotland last week, leaving his wife at her father's in Clatsop county.

The wife of David Drew is seriously ill at Aaronville. A case of pleuropneumonia. The Del Norte Record comes to hand enlarged to seven columns, and presenting a good appearance.

FRED JARVIS says he is a strong advocate for women suffrage—this is the third one, and all girls. THOS. HIRST has gone to Portland to attend the session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Siglin feels badly because the officers of the Republican party don't think proper to give him their private correspondence. The sixth crib in the breakwater was successfully placed and fastened on Monday of this week.

J. A. YANTIS, the next District Attorney for the second district, arrived Thursday and will spend a few days on the Bay. YESTERDAY morning one of the cribs that had been towed to Empire City, capsized; it was probably righted without difficulty.

W. L. SMITH, who has been connected with the government harbor work here, but who went to the Columbia about six weeks ago, returned to the Bay, Thursday. We are sorry to be compelled to announce that, owing to the dangerous illness of his wife, Raleigh Scott, candidate for Joint Representative, will be unable to visit this county the coming week as he had intended.

A Scandalous Case.

The News of this week, gives additional publicity to a piece of scandal that has been in circulation in this place for a week or two past, to the effect that Rev. Russell Yeomans has been guilty of making immoral and insulting propositions to a married lady, residing in this town.

He is fallen; and his usefulness here, if he ever had any, is at an end. He should not make the mistake of supposing that he is still respected because a congregation still assembles to listen to his sermons.

He has but one duty to perform; and that is to vacate the sacred office which he has deserted, and to leave the community where his presence would henceforth be as a moral pestilence; and if the wife to whom he has been morally unfaithful, if not worse, will receive him back, he should strive henceforth to make her and himself an honest livelihood by some other avocation.

Body Found.

One day last week an Indian found the trunk of a human being, on the beach between Alsea and Siuslaw. The body was entirely destitute of clothing, and the head and limbs were gone, making recognition impossible.

There is very little said on the subject of the Circuit Judgeship in this district, either among the people or by the press. This does not arise from a want of interest in the result, or from any dissatisfaction with the candidates nominated; but it may be attributed to the fact that both parties take it for granted that Hon. J. F. Watson is to be his own successor.

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More and Moore.

MYRTLE POINT, May 18, 1880. ED. MAIL.—I see the last County Court allowed costs in the case State vs. Thomas Whitted, amounting to \$63. It might be well for the voters of Coos county to know some of the facts in the case.

Now, we propound three questions to Mr. Moore. First, if the charges were insufficient to investigate the case, why did you swear out your warrant? Second, if they were, how could you compromise a criminal action? Third, what amount, if any thing, did you get for not appearing against him? Please rise and explain before you go to the Legislature, Mr. Moore.

ITEMS handed us by our Aaronville correspondent were misplaced. Will be pleased to receive items from that locality whenever the writer can conveniently send them.

MR. A. SCHULTZE, owner of the schooner Olivia Schultz, that was picked up some two weeks since, arrived on the Aurora, and negotiations, we understand, are in progress for the adjustment of the claim of the tug owners for salvage.

Circuit Court Docket.

MAY TERM, COMMENCING MAY 24TH. State of Oregon vs Joseph Barro, indictment. State of Oregon vs Phillip Reichert, indictment.

State of Oregon vs Geo. H. Cammann, indictment. H. H. Luse vs H. Brewer, recover money. Adam Pershbaker vs Coquille Black Sand Gold Mining Co., recover money.

Stroufe & McCram vs Henry Miller, recover money. Wilmerding & Co. vs J. T. Jordan, recover money. B. H. Cammann vs James McGlone, recover money.

J. W. Bennett, administrator of estate of F. Frank vs J. M. Davis, recover money. Gilbert Hall vs William McCrindle, recover money. Rosenbaum & Co. vs Ferry & Bailey, recover money.

M. A. Bushnell vs W. A. Luse, confirmation. J. M. Davis vs J. W. Bennett, administrator of F. Frank estate, cross bill. H. H. Luse vs W. H. Noble, et al, recover damages.

W. M. Hilliard vs Job Angell and Eunice Chance Angell, foreclosure of mortgage. Augusta Scales vs E. R. Duffy and G. Webster, injunction. S. S. Mann, administrator of Partnership Estate of Flanagan & Mann, vs P. Flanagan, administrator of Estate of James Flanagan, settlement and partition.

Coquille Black Sand Gold Mining Co. vs W. M. Hilliard, injunction. W. A. Luse vs M. L. Bushnell, T. G. Owen and J. W. Hamilton, injunction. Thomas Walker vs John Norman and Dora Norman, set aside conveyance.

Thos. F. Sallee vs L. Simpkins, writ of review. H. H. Luse and A. E. Wagstaff vs A. G. Aiken, Sheriff; C. F. Luse and J. W. Hamilton, recover personal property. I. S. Rosenbaum vs Siglin & Bennett, recover money.

H. H. Luse vs A. G. Aiken, Sheriff; Jonathan Osborn vs J. F. Dunham, recover money. A. Nasburg and G. Webster vs H. H. Luse, abate nuisance and damages. H. H. Luse vs James Cashman, recover money, (appealed from Justice's Court).

John Ahearn vs John Flanagan, recover money. (Settled). George Williams & Co. vs Werden Bros. and G. Webster, recover money. C. F. Luse vs W. A. Luse, divorce. C. F. Cammann vs Geo. Cammann, divorce. Estate of T. D. Winchester vs G. Webster, administrator, appealed from Probate Court.

Isaac Brigman vs Geo. Elgin, writ of review. Rebecca M. Crawford vs S. R. Crawford, divorce. E. S. Spurgeon vs Chas. Morris, et al, foreclosure of mortgage. Beatrice Green vs Thomas Green, divorce.

Amanda M. Bunch vs James R. Runch, divorce. Geo. M. Dyer vs George Bennett and Ellen M. Joyce, foreclosure of mortgage. Joshua Wright vs Joseph Dame, recover damages.

John Ahearn vs Charles Wheeler and William Reichert, confirmation of sale. B. H. Cammann vs Hiram Elliott, confirmation of sale. John T. Moulton vs David Drew and wife, confirmation of sale.

E. B. Dean & Co. vs T. G. Owen and John Norman, confirmation of sale. W. M. Hilliard vs John Norman, confirmation of sale. Also about 100 ejectment cases by H. H. Luse against residents of Marsfield.

SCHOOL REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 15.—SOUTHPORT. ED. COAST MAIL.—I send below for publication a report of the public school at Southport, commencing February 24, and closing April 30th, 1880.

Number of pupils enrolled, 27; average attendance for term, 23; average attendance first month, 25; the following named scholars were present every day: Annie Uder, Cora Carper, Lizzie Bowron, Lizzie Jones, Bertha Fisher, Willie Uder, John Sparks, John Bowron, Jerry Haynes, Frank Haynes, Katie Haynes, Lova Haynes, Richard Sparks, Ivor Thomas, Varina Cook, Enoch Holland, Annie Louis, Helen Green.

Second month, average attendance 22. Present every day: Annie Uder, Cora Carper, Lizzie Bowron, Bertha Fisher, Maggie Cook, John Sparks, John Bowron, Jerry Haynes, Katie Haynes, Lova Haynes, Annie Fisher, Annie Louis, Musetta Peoples, Maudie Peoples, Varina Cook. Third month, average attendance 28. Present every day: Annie Uder, Cora Carper, Bertha Fisher, Maggie Cook, John Sparks, Varina Cook, Musetta Peoples, Jerry Haynes, Frank Haynes, Katie Haynes, Lova Haynes, Simon Sparks, Annie Louis, Maudie Peoples. FANNIE MCKNIGHT, Teacher.

From J. H. Nosler.

COQUILLE CITY, May 17th, 1880. EDITOR MAIL.—As many false rumors are in circulation in regard to R. C. Dement, Republican candidate for Sheriff, I deem it my duty to correct rumor No. 1, that Mr. Dement will not attend to the business of the office if elected.

Mr. Dement told me if elected he would attend to the business himself. No. 2; he is not qualified. Now, I have been a member of the court with him for the last two years, and am prepared to say that, although not a graduate of Yale College or West Point, his qualifications will compare favorably with those of our former Sheriffs. No. 3: Mr. Dement at last term of the County Court, as Commissioner, opposed changing the place of voting in Coquille precinct from Brown's school house to Myrtle Point, in the face of a petition of 55 voters of that precinct.

This is another misrepresentation; there was a petition signed by not more than 20 or 25 voters of said precinct in the vicinity of Myrtle Point, less than one-third of the voters, asking for the change. Yes, Dement, Kenyon, and Nosler all voted against it, and, for the following reasons: 1st. The petition was not signed by a majority of the voters in the precinct. 2d. Coquille precinct is a large precinct, the present place of voting is only about two miles from the north line of said precinct, and it was thought it would be a great injustice for the voters in the south part of the precinct to move the voting place still further north and across the river, so they could not reach the place of voting and return the same day, to gratify a few ambitious men at Myrtle Point.

The 4, last, but not the least, objection to Mr. Dement by these Myrtle Pointers is, they wanted a \$4000 bridge at Myrtle Point, and as Dement was a resident of said precinct and one of the County Commissioners, of course they supposed he would use every means in his power for an appropriation from the county, but now, for electioneering purposes, they say Dement opposed the construction of the bridge, when the truth is, the petition called for a bridge where there was no road; and the only thing Dement said was that if they needed the bridge he would give fifty dollars towards building it, but he thought the county was not able to build it, and that the road be located first and the bridge provided for afterwards.

Be consistent, gentlemen. Suppose Dement had opposed it; he was elected by the voters of the county to transact business to the best interests of—Myrtle Point? No, but the whole county. Now, suppose Coos river or the lower Coquille had wanted the county to build them a bridge and Dement had opposed it, would the people of Myrtle Point find fault with him for it? No, well they probably need a bridge as bad as you do, and I am inclined to think, the Coquille has had its share of appropriations. They have two bridges built by the county, one six miles and the other not to exceed two miles from Myrtle Point.

If you propose to make this the issue to defeat Dement for Sheriff, tell the people on the Bay, Coos river, Lake precinct and other parts of the county, and after the election, count up your majority. Now this is only being talked up by a few designing Democrats, of Myrtle Point, trying to hoodwink Republicans, and they should so understand it. Now, while the two candidates for sheriff are particular friends of mine, I wish to see neither of them elected through intrigue or sectional prejudices.

While some say Mr. Lane is a Catholic, I say most of the Lane family probably are, but I don't think he is, and it is he, it don't disqualify him for sheriff. So what is done for or against either candidate let it be done honorably. J. H. NOSLER.

The Founder of Harvard.

It is a singular fact that very little is known regarding John Harvard, the founder of Harvard College. He was an Englishman, and came to this country, and died at Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 24, 1638. He left £700 to found a College. A monument to his memory was erected in the burial grounds of Charlestown by the alumni of the college, and inaugurated Sept. 26, 1828, with an address by Edward Everett. The Harvard Register says that at the suggestion of Rev. Dr. George E. Ellis, the late Hon. Jonas Savage once offered \$100 a line for five lines about John Harvard, and got no information.

MR. LEWIS has lately made a considerable addition to the Victoria Hotel, at Bandon, and is now going to make an appropriation for the erection of another building, that is to be occupied on the ground floor by a billiard parlor and bath rooms, and overhead by a full furnished dormitory for the accommodation of his numerous guests.

MR. B. BAEKER has erected a nice cottage on his place at Rocky Point, Wm. Temple, the painter, has been giving it a coat of paint during the past week. The roof is to be painted white and will be a valuable landmark for navigators in crossing the bar.

FOR GOOD CIGARS and Tobacco go to Dr. Golden's Drug store.

Public Letter from J. C. Haynes.

TO THE PEOPLE OF COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES: A short time since I was appointed by the Republican State Central Committee of Coos county to fill the vacancy of a candidate for Joint Senator for Coos and Curry counties, caused by Mr. B. B. Jones declining to accept the nomination tendered him. This appointment was unsolicited, and as unexpected by me as it would have been by any of you, but having been placed in this position, I deem it my duty to express my views on various matters of local importance, in reply to questions which have been asked me by numerous citizens.

I have been repeatedly asked by voters of both parties for my views on the labor question; on the subject of the appointment of a public scaler of logs; on the subject of protection to the rights of men who work in logging camps, saw-mills or coal mines; whether there should not be some law to enforce the payment of wages; whether the State should not make some provision for the construction and improvement of roads in this and Curry county; whether the tug boats should be compelled to tow for any person needing their services, or for any persons except their owners, and many other questions of a similar character.

I take this opportunity to reply to some of these, and in doing so will have to be brief, not having the entire control of the columns of a newspaper, as my opponent has, to make known to you from week to week his ideas as often as he may change them. I would say that I have been engaged in the logging business for about 18 years, and during that time have cut and delivered about 18 million feet of lumber, always working myself, yet I have not grown rich nor have I ever been admitted into any monopolists union. I have always saved enough to pay the men who worked for me—paying them according to agreement for their labor. I did not log last year, and do not expect to this season, for the reason that I cannot make it profitable at prices now offered for logs at the mills.

I believe that the rights of all persons should be protected by law, and especially the laboring class. A logger should receive a fair and just scale for timber sold. Experience has taught me that a scaler of logs is necessary, and I will work for the passage of a law that will do justice to the seller as well as the purchaser of logs, by providing a disinterested and sworn party to do the measuring. The law should be framed as to fully protect the rights of the miner, the logger, the mechanic, the laborer or tradesman, and all men following a legitimate calling; and suitable lien laws should be enacted to assure the payment of all wages earned.

As to aid for public improvement in Coos and Curry counties, I am in favor of getting all aid possible. We have always paid our proportion of State expenses, and something should be done for these two counties by the State, which has never been done to my knowledge. I am also in favor of all roads being free and under the control of the counties through which they pass. Corporations that have obtained grants of lands from the general government should be held to a strict performance of the conditions of the grant. They should be made to construct and keep up good roads so long as they hold control of them.

As to tug boats refusing to tow vessels to and from sea, it would seem that if the present law makes them liable to parties injured by their neglect or refusal to perform their duty, the remedy for that evil already exists in the courts. If they are not, why has the matter been so long neglected? And if they are under no legal obligation to tow, and the legislature can by law make them common carriers and compel them, under penalty, to tow and perform service in the line of their business, I am in favor of the passage of such a law. This appears to be a subject on which lawyers differ, and I am informed that my opponent, Mr. Siglin, differs with himself on the question; holding sometimes that such tugs are common carriers and are liable in damages for refusing to tow, and at other times they are not liable, but can be made so by an act of the Legislature. If elected, I will submit this question to able attorneys, for their opinion, and should they hold that such a law does not exist and can be enacted and enforced, I will try to have the same enacted.

As to any and all business that may come up for action by me or before the Legislature, if elected, I will give the same my careful attention, and will do that which will be for your best interests, passing no laws or allowing none to be passed, if I can help it, except such as shall be for the general good, assuring you that in that capacity I will be as industrious and attentive as I have been or would be in my own private affairs.

Respectfully Yours, J. C. HAYNES.

CIRCUIT Court will convene next Monday, with a large docket.

HON. R. S. STRAHAN is expected to arrive to-day, to be in attendance upon the session of our Circuit Court.

A Card from R. C. Dement.

TO THE VOTERS OF COOS COUNTY: Since receiving the nomination for Sheriff of Coos county, I have been informed that the friends of Colonel John Lane are circulating the report that if I should be elected to that office I would have the business done by deputies, and would not give my personal attention; also, that I have a particular friend who has met with bad luck in worldly matters and failed in business, and that I only let my name go before the people as a candidate in order to secure a place for this office friend; furthermore, that the office would not justify me in leaving my ranch to attend to it.

Now, I wish to say to my friends and the public, that I have never given any person reason to believe that if elected I would have the business done by deputies; and as for the needy friend, for whose benefit I am reported to be running, I do not know him; and if had need for a deputy, would prefer a man who is competent to do business for himself, to do business for me. I have made arrangements so that my ranch shall be in good hands during my absence, at least I am willing to "chance it" with the man who is now there.

And I take this opportunity to assure the public that if elected to the office of Sheriff, I will give the same my personal attention, and will discharge the duties to the best of my ability. Very Respectfully, R. C. DEMENT.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EILENSBERG May 8, 1880.

ED. COAST MAIL.—The Democratic candidate for Joint Representative is making a great deal of noise about his competitor. All, even those of opposite politics, agree that Raleigh Scott is an honest man; a man who attends strictly to his own business. He did not seek the nomination, but the Republican party thought they would like to have an honest man for Representative.

When the Democratic candidate for Joint Representative first came here, he came in the capacity of a Catholic priest. He brought a "lady" along with him that he introduced as his sister-in-law. When Abraham traveled among strangers, he said of his wife, "She is my sister."—Genesis xx. After he, the Democrat, had performed the sacred office of priest at a farmhouse here, the family were about to retire for the night; the "priest" had to pass the door of the bedroom, in which his "sister" was sleeping. The door was standing ajar, and he ordered the house-wife to close the door; "because," said he, "it is not right for a priest to pass an open door when a woman is sleeping."

On condition that he would settle down here, the faithful members of the Catholic church gave him large sums of money and lots of personal property. As soon as he had wrung from the unsuspecting Catholics every thing that he could, he came out and said of this lady, "She is my wife." And he "spoiled the Egyptians," Exodus xii, 35, 36. There is no doubt—he admits that he was at one time a Catholic priest; he abandoned the God of Israel and espoused a woman! You can not call it love, "for at his age the hey-day in the blood is tame, it's humble, and waits upon the judgment: And what judgment would step from this to this?" If he was false to L's God, about how much confidence can the voters of Coos and Curry counties place in him? JACK O'LANTERN.

A Terrible and Destructive Fire.

The prosperous town of Milton, Pennsylvania, was destroyed by fire on the 15th instant. The fire originated in the railroad car shops, and a heavy north west wind prevailing, it rapidly spread till the entire business portion of the town was destroyed. Nearly seven hundred houses were destroyed, large quantities of household goods were loaded on cars and taken up and down the road, and fields around town were filled with goods. During the confusion many articles were stolen. One lady lost \$60,000 in government bonds. The fire raged fiercely in the upper part of town. Most of the people barely escaped with their lives. The wife of Dr. Cyrus Brown is badly burned, and several others are known to be seriously injured. The loss is variously estimated at, from \$1,000,000 to 2,000,000, but no accurate estimate can be given tonight. The mansion of ex-Governor Pollock was destroyed.

The people of the town are almost entirely destitute, and provisions have been pouring in from the surrounding country. A man burned, has been identified as Mr. Angey, 85 years old. He was attempting to save the stable of the poor horses. Mrs. Sucker died during the night from fright. The fire originated from sparks from a saw mill attached to the car works.

BORN.

In Marshfield, May 5th, 1880, to the wife of J. G. Richards, a son.