

**WELL-KNOWN WRITER
ENDORSES FURNISH.**

ED. COAST MAIL.
In a recent issue of your valuable DAILY you call attention to what you deem a deficiency in the election of W. J. Furnish for Governor.

Little's statement is an indirect inference that the followers of Mr. Geer will not rally around Mr. Furnish with that degree of enthusiasm they should. This inference is the strongest possible evidence of the wisdom of the action of the Republican convention.

It is a well established and generally conceded rule of action of the Republican party that the majority shall rule, so long as that rule does not imply the endorsement of a wrongful conduct.

Mr. Geer entered the campaign for re-nomination with the advantage of being the present Governor and had the active assistance of his many appointees. He was also well known throughout the state and was popular with the masses.

Still he was hopelessly in the minority when it came to votes. In plain words the people, through their votes as cast at the primary conventions and on up to the vote at the State convention, expressed a desire to place some one else in the Governor's chair.

This is not the time, nor is it necessary or wise to discuss the reasons why this was done, nor to express regrets at or condemnation of the course pursued.

Mr. Furnish is the nominee. Is he worthy? Is he capable? Is he honest? Will he be a safe Governor? Can we depend upon him to perform his official duties with fidelity? These are the preliminary questions.

To each of these questions one who has known Mr. Furnish can give but an affirmative answer.

We have only to know "Billy" Furnish to feel that he is a safe, reliable and competent man, no more so possibly than Mr. Geer, but fully as much so. An extended personal acquaintance with both Mr. Geer and Mr. Furnish enables the writer to assure all who may desire to know that Oregon never yet nominated a man better fitted for the office of Governor than is Mr. Furnish. His election for which we, as Republicans, should earnestly and faithfully labor, will reflect credit on the party and be of benefit to the state. Mr. Furnish is not an orator, but he is what is far better, a successful business man. He is not a rich man but a man well to do.

He is not a "ring politician" but plain "Billy Furnish."
He is honest, fair-minded, energetic, and it will be his pride and purpose to seek to give to the state as good an administration as has Geer, and that, as you know, Mr. Editor, is saying a great deal. Let us throw aside regrets, over defeated hopes, and rally to our successful candidates and carry them to victory sure and safe.
MORE ANON.
Coquille, April 9, 1902.

**EXTRAORDINARY
ESCAPE FROM DEATH**

**Little Girl Falls Into the Slough
But Suddenly Learns to
Swim**

The 7-year-old daughter of C. Marsh had an unpleasant adventure Thursday afternoon, which would have had a sad ending but for the sudden development of the power to swim. The little girl was

returning to her home in West Marshfield. The tide was high and on the long beach she stopped and leaned over to look at the water. She leaned too far and lost her balance, falling into the slough where the water was about seven feet deep.

No one was with her, but she was seen by G. W. Tribbey's children and others from a distance and a number of people rushed to the scene. None of them could swim, however, but they found that the little girl was doing some swimming of her own, and she reached the bank of the slough without assistance.

She never had swum before, and when asked about it she said that when she went way down under the water she saw that she had to do something, and she thought that when she came up she would try to swim, so she tried it and it worked all right.

This was a happy termination to what might easily have been a very sad tragedy.

**CURRY CO. WILD MAN
SAID TO BE DEAD**

Carl Albright who returned Wednesday from Salmon mountain brings us word that the noted wild man of Curry county has at last bit the dust on top of Rusty Butte.

Bob Harrison, who lives in that vicinity, met the monster a week or so ago and is now engaged in wiring the skeleton together, with the intention of bringing it to Marshfield soon to be placed on exhibition. Mr. Albright had the pleasure of footing it to the top of Rusty Butte and viewing the remains. He says the skeleton looks like it might have been a human shape but it also somewhat resembles that bird that is commonly called a bear. One of the claws was at least eleven inches long.

The above story when told to our reporter seemed rather fishy, but on consulting the fighting editor it is learned that such a thing might be possible. He says that he attended a banquet one evening with the sporting editor and after the spread they saw stranger animals and reptiles than can be found on Rusty Butte, so we will give the wild man story to our readers for what it is worth.

**CHAS. JOHNSON
HELD TO APPEAR**

At Circuit Court in the Sum of \$200 on a Charge of Assault With Dangerous Weapon

The preliminary examination of Chas. Johnson, who is charged with shooting Andrew Jackson at Libby, last Monday, was heard before Justice Hyde Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The evidence of the prosecution and defense seemed to be conflicting in most points. The prosecution claiming that Johnson flourished a 44 calibre Colt's revolver in the face of Jackson, who was unarmed, and snapped it once in his face, it falling to fire. They then clinched and fell to the ground but Johnson managed to shoot Jackson in the shoulder. The prosecution also claims that Johnson is a bad man and is in the habit of bullying not only the colored population but also the white citizens of Libby.

Hall & Hall, who had charge of the defense then brought evidence to show that Jackson came to the store and called Johnson outside. That he had at the

time an open knife in his hand holding it in his pocket with the blades up his sleeve.

Soon after Johnson went out a scuffle ensued in which Johnson was thrown on his back and Jackson held the knife over his face. Johnson grabbed the hand holding the knife with his left hand and reached for his gun with his right with which he shot Jackson in self defense.

The evidence also brought out the fact which was not denied by the prosecution that Jackson had made threats two or three months ago to kill both Johnson and another man named George Brown. It appears that the plaintiff in this case is the same man for whom another party tried to get out a warrant some two weeks ago and was refused, charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon. At that time it was claimed this man Jackson, commonly called "Race Horse" attempted to carve another colored man at Libby but missed his aim and cut the sleeve of the man's coat instead.

The finding of the court at Wednesday's examination was that a crime had been committed and that Charles Johnson should be held over on \$200 bonds to appear before the Circuit Court and answer to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

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Tennile Items

Miss McDonald of Black Creek left for Marshfield Tuesday to have a lesson treated.

Frank Miller has secured a position with J. M. Quick of Lake.

The Coleman family are on the sick list.

J. M. Quick had business on the Bay Tuesday & Wednesday.

Postmaster Taylor of Templeton was visiting on the lake Wednesday.

The Peterson Bros' purchased a band of young cattle for their farm on Adams Creek.

J. S. Roberts has obtained a situation as superintendent on the Coleman place.

Peter Robertson has leased his place to his son-in-law August Laksonen.

The gold which the ducks discovered a few days ago has been assayed by local chemists and contained 10 per cent dirt, 5 per cent mud and 82 per cent brass, the hopes of a new Eldorado vanished as suddenly as they came, life and business is again normal and the questions of the hour are when is the creamery going to start up and how is the trout biting?

Three members of the Bear family suffered the death penalty at the hands of trappers for disturbing the grave of Old Bill and for failing to take the hint given in the Coast Mail a week ago. This illustrates clearly the danger of not reading local papers and keeping abreast

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