

**STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.**

All of Portland laundry workers were locked out last night. Had demanded a 9 hour day.

Eugene is making efforts for a Eall fair and has appointed committees to arrange and act in conjunction with the district fair.

Baker City has issued a folder of 50,000 copies to the Harriman syndicate. Marion county wool growers have pooled their wool and the pool will realize over \$100,000.

Prof. A. M. Brumback has been elected President of Pacific College, to begin work July 1st.

S. F. Benson a young workman at Astoria, on one of Humes sawmills was fatally injured by falling from a derrick, which gave way, a distance of 65 feet landing on a solid brick foundation. His skull was badly crushed and he will probably die. This was his first day's work.

A band of thieving Gypsies has been traveling down the Willamette valley. They have been requested to move on at every point.

The grass crop in Eastern Oregon is very poor and stock suffered much the past winter.

Independence has a Ladies' Lewis & Clark Club.

"Lumpy-jaw" among cattle has just been discovered in Union and Umatilla Counties.

A large shipment of Eastern oysters have been shipped to Portland for planting purposes.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. need more rain in order to be able to get what logs they need for their mills.

Earl Rowson the student at the agricultural college who was injured in passing over a hurdle on the college campus has died from the effects.

On May 1st regular trains began running on the Klamath River R R between Lairde and Pakagama, Oregon.

The Klamath Republican has changed hands and is now published by Wesley A. Smith of Klamath Falls.

During the month of April the collections of the police department of Astoria from fines and forfeitures amounted to \$668, while the collections from the same source during April last year, was \$627. This amount is made up almost entirely from fines for gambling, which act as a license.

A strike is imminent on the Sumpter valley railroad. It is Mormon against gentile.

A Government orthographical board has reversed its decision of some years ago, and has decided that the capital of China should be spelled with a final "g"—Peking.

The body of "Indian Sam," a well-known character of Lane county, was found in Row river by a party of picnickers. He was supposed to have fallen in while drunk.

The Master Plumbers' Association, of Astoria, Thursday granted the journeymen an eight-hour day, which will circumvent a strike that has been anticipated. The men have been working nine hours and receiving \$3.50.

William O. Filer, assistant cashier of the freight department of the Northern Pacific department in Seattle, is short in his accounts \$1300. He has not been arrested, as his friends are making every effort to make good the shortage.

Rev. George R. Varney, who was recently tendered the presidency of McMinnville college, will not accept the position because he is unable to release himself from a pastorate at Whatcom, Wash., which he had accepted before the presidency was offered him.

The Willamette Valley Choral society will hold their annual festival at Eugene May 12th to 14th. Tickets at reduced rates from all points on the Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific Co. will be sold May 11th to 14th inclusive, return limit May 15th, 1903.

The Medford Success has suspended publication. The editor says: "With this issue the Success will be discontinued. The reason for this action is that an energetic paper, one that is out spoken and alive to the interests of the people and which is not a time server and the tool to some grasping combination, is out of its element here in Medford."

Johnnie Blake, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Blake, of Dallas was killed at Airle Wednesday, in a runaway. He was visiting at Airly and was out riding with his uncle, Roy Byerly, when the team ran away and he fell out of the wagon. The wheels passed over his body and he died almost instantly. Mr. Byerly was severely injured.

A suit has been filed in the Circuit court by A. B. Windill, attorney for Rev. Father Joseph Schell, of Sumpter, against H. H. Ballock, agent of the O. R. & N., of this City. Mr. Schell wants his valise—which is held for demurrage by the railroad company—or \$120, the value of its contents and \$50 damages because he has been deprived of the use of his robes of office contained therein and consequently could not celebrate mass.

An attempt was made to burn the saw mill of W. H. Wagner at Lyons Tuesday night. Two masked men appeared at 11 o'clock and compelled the watchman to leave the place at the point of a revolver. The watchman secured help and returned to the mill, but the men heard their approach and fled. The speculation at Lyons is that it was the intention of the men to destroy the mill.

The Siskiyou Light & Power Company has bought out the Ashland Electric Light & Power Company. The Siskiyou Company along with the Ashland power plant secures the franchise for lighting that city. The Ashland company is capitalized at \$35,000, fully paid up, and it is understood that the California company takes the entire issue of its stock at a considerable premium over its face value bringing the total consideration of this important deal to over \$25,000.

Earl Rowson, a sophomore from the vicinity of Vancouver, is in a critical condition from a fall sustained Wednesday night while running high hurdles on the Oregon Agricultural College athletic field. In passing a hurdle it tipped and he sat violently down on one of the legs. It penetrated the anus to a depth of eight inches. The injury was not regarded as serious by physicians until this morning, when alarming symptoms appeared, and at noon an operation was performed. The chance for recovery is regarded slender.

Alexander Walker, who lives about two miles west of Medford, accidentally shot himself in the left breast Thursday morning with a 38-caliber revolver. Walker had been to Medford for groceries. When about half way home he sat down to rest. In rising the revolver fell out of his breast pocket and exploded on striking the ground. The man was in a stooping position and the ball struck him in the left breast passing through the lung and out at the back. After the accident, which occurred at about 7:30, Walker lay where he fell until nearly 10 o'clock, when a passer-by found him. Word was sent from town and Dr. Pickett was summoned who dressed the wound.

John Westlake, who has a group of mining claims at Sagehen Mountain, in Lake county, said to carry gold and telluride ore, came in from his camp a few days ago. He reports two attempts to blow up his cabin with dynamite by placing it in the stove. Twice he returned to his cabin after a day's absence, and once found fuel placed ready to light a fire. Not remembering of so placing it before leaving, he removed the fuel and found three sticks of giant powder. A few days later, under similar circumstances, he found five sticks in his stove. He also reports an attempt to poison him, and says a minor employed by him, known as "dutch Charlie," was killed by potcum.

**KINNEY'S BUSINESS TALK**

The mass meeting held Saturday evening under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and which was addressed by Major L. D. Kinney, should do much toward clearing away the fog which obscures the vision of so many of our citizens.

While it is impossible to give a comprehensive synopsis of Major Kinney's remarks, it may be said that they were on the line of an endeavor to bring before his hearers some of the possibilities of Coos Bay, and a plea that every one get in and do his best to help along the development of the country.

Major Kinney talked somewhat over an hour. His remarks were well received and there was frequent and hearty applause. The speaker disclaimed any intention of making a speech, calling it a business talk, but it may be said that he is an orator of no mean ability and impresses his hearers with his earnestness in the cause he advocates.

The speaker reviewed briefly the inception of the Coos Bay-Salt Lake railroad project. He told of the meeting at the Palace hotel in San Francisco in February, 1902, at which were present representatives of Eastern railroad interests. They were looking for a harbor on the Pacific coast suitable for a transcontinental railroad. Of the 28 present, 26 were pre-posed toward Humboldt and only 2 for the field. No thought had been given to Coos Bay, but at the second meeting a letter was received from a citizen of Roseburg, setting forth the advantages of this harbor to such good effect that a halt of 4 months was called until the proposition could be investigated. Major Kinney made this investigation and on Aug. 13th, on his report, the feasibility of the route from Salt Lake to Coos Bay was accepted. As soon as this was done there was reason to believe that the road would be built.

The time since has been spent in reconnaissance by the engineers, and in looking for the best passes through the ranges of mountains that must be crossed.

The speaker stated that 179 miles of the road, out of Salt Lake, has been located.

As to his own position, the Major said:—I am an employe of a set of men who represent a transcontinental railroad. They are the best set of railroad men in America for Coos Bay."

He said emphatically: "You will have, within three years of the day I stand on this platform, a transcontinental railroad, if not two."

Touching the coast line, he said: The coast line may go through first." He said there was no connection between the two projects. The men behind the coast road, "are not our brothers, but are our friends."

He said we need not worry about the Southern Pacific; "It will come in any way when it has to."

The speaker said that Salt Lake City, enthusiastic on the subject of this road, and that the enterprising men of Salt Lake City would be heard from here before long; that Salt Lake would look on Coos Bay as "our seaport," and would help it to the utmost.

Major Kinney paid his respects to Portland several times in the course of his remarks, and warned his hearers that they could expect no assistance from that quarter, but quite the contrary. He said: Portland has never for a moment had her mind open to the whole state." In Portland speaking to strangers, they make them feel as though their was no room for them." Let a man go to Portland with a project for some other part of the state, and, said the Major: "They'll lead him into a trap and then throw him." And that seemed to be a loaf from the Major's expression. He said no state could ever reach a high state of development with only one large city, and he prophesied that the springing up of a rival

for Portland, on Coos Bay, would be a great thing not only for the state but for Portland herself.

In the territory tributary to Coos Bay the speaker included 100 miles south, 100 miles north and 1000 miles east. He urged the elimination of all local jealousies. We should all help each other. "Never give a thought to which end of this peninsula a man is putting his money in." "If we think of Coquille City as foreign, we can never have a seaport."

"There is only one really safe proposition," said the speaker, "and that is to help the other fellow."

He prophesied that within 10 years we would have on this peninsula a population, of active American citizens, of 50,000 people, and he said he could stick a pin down on the 25 foot lot that would be worth \$25,000 dollars.

He strongly advised his hearers not to part with all their real estate holdings. He said: "Sell half but don't sell all, for if you sell and then see others making money on what you have sold, you will become a knacker and will knock, knock, knock. If you do sell all, please accommodate your next door neighbor by moving to Portland." At the very close of his remarks, Major Kinney gave an effective boost to Hon. Binger Hermann, as "the man who has done the most for your county in the past, and who will do the most good in the future."

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