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CREDIT TO MAJOR KINNEY

As a mark of growth of the progressive spirit on Coos Bay, to which the MAIL referred yesterday, it is pleasant to note that there are a great many of our clearest-headed people who are frank to acknowledge the debt which this community owes to Major L. D. Kinney.

It is a debt that can not be measured in money. The value of the advertising which Coos Bay received last year through Major Kinney's efforts, and which cost no man here a cent, will never be known. Its effects are seen in more ways than can be enumerated, and are felt in ways where they can not be seen.

Whether or not Major Kinney will succeed in carrying out his project of bringing a transcontinental railroad to a terminus on Coos Bay, the MAIL has no means of knowing. But this much is certain: If there is any help the MAIL can give him, to accomplish that end, the help will be freely given.

The worst that has been said against the Great Central railroad has been, that Major Kinney did not represent capitalists who would build the road, but was only trying to get such capitalists interested. Supposing this to be the case; wouldn't it be to the interests of Coos Bay to help Major Kinney in every legitimate way? Yet, how much help has he received from this community, to which the fruition of his hopes would prove of such immense benefit? Let any one try to answer this question honestly to himself, and he may see what an inglorious part has been played by the knockers.

Had the people of Coos Bay been as thoroughly alive to their own interests as the people of Seattle or Spokane, for instance, have been to theirs, they would have been only too glad to give Major Kinney any encouragement or assistance in their power, and there is little doubt that the road he proposes to build would have been actually under construction by this time. If he succeed, and the MAIL fervently hopes that he may, a great many of the people of this community will be placed in the position of a jackass who is pulled by main strength up to a bale of hay.

It must be clearly understood that not all of our people have placed themselves in this unenviable position. There are many who, while they are not sanguine on the railroad proposition are free to give credit for the advertising which Coos Bay has received, and which has attracted the attention of people from Maine to California and from Washington to Florida. In this larger view and wide awake spirit lies the hope of Coos Bay, and its growth is one of the encouraging signs of the times. For this, too, the gospel of mutual interest,

of "help the other fellow," preached by Major Kinney is in part responsible. And that is another way in which he has helped Coos Bay.

A COMMON EXPERIENCE

There is nothing surprising about the experience of J. B. Smith and family, mentioned in the Dora correspondence today, who went back to Oklahoma after a year's residence in Coos county and are now very anxious to get back here.

All old residents of Coos Bay have seen dozens of similar instances, and many of them have been through the mill themselves. We have all seen men and families pack up and leave Coos with a grand flourish, shaking the mud from their sandals, only to come sneaking back later, tired and hungry but supremely happy to get back to old Coos again.

It would be hard to define the charm which binds the heart to this little scope of land and water, but it exists, and after a person has once lived here a few years he or she will never be thoroughly contented anywhere else. Of course there is once in a while an exception, but they are very scattering.

The moral, or at least one of them should be taken to heart by those who are so excruciatingly conscientious about encouraging any one to come here or stay here, for fear they will be disappointed at the country. The proper course of procedure is to get them here for at least a year, even if they want to get away. After that they are safe. The Coos Bay virus will be in their blood, and they will never be happy anywhere else.

State and General

Horses of Paisley have become afflicted with pinkeys.

The Kitching Warehouse at Irving, Oregon, was burned Saturday night.

Yoncalla has a new I. O. O. F. lodge. The new lodge has a membership of 35.

Adjutant-General Finzer of Woodburn will move his office to the state capitol.

A new Masonic Chapter of R. A. M. was organized at Woodburn Oregon last Friday.

By a vote of 1005 to 676 St. Hellens, Columbia county was finally chosen for county seat.

A radish 50 inches in length and 9 inches in circumference is on exhibition at a Lebanon newspaper office.

The golden Rule hotel at Pendleton changed hands recently, the transfer amounted to \$40,000.

The right-of-way has nearly all been secured for the Oregon Pacific R. R. from Grants Pass to Crescent City.

Walla Walla penitentiary has 500 prisoners and promises to exceed all estimates of the legislature.

A remarkably large salmon run has started at Astoria now and all canneries are now blocked with fish.

Gold excitement in Clakamas county is evident from the stampede to Ogle creek, where rich ore has been discovered.

Consul G. W. Colvig, who has been acting consul at Columbia for two years has returned to his home in Grants Pass.

The Salem ball club closed the season with \$900 worth of property and the western Oregon championship and some money in the bank.

Judge Townsend an insane man at Dallas escapes from his guards and traveled 28 miles clad only in his night-shirt before he was captured.

Sunday Junis a man who violated the quarantine law during the small pox epidemic at Eugene returned after an absence of 8 months. He was arrested

and freed. The Independence motor car caught fire when near Dallas Monday and was badly damaged. The passengers were compelled to jump off for safety. They landed in a heap in a haystack so none were injured.

E. L. Ingles, a timber claimant in Siletz Basin, was brought to Dallas Tuesday for treatment, he having been stricken with paralysis while at his claim. Being entirely helpless he was brought over the mountains, a distance of 30 miles, on a stretcher.

On the ground that electric wires in the building are not properly insulated the insurance raised on Salem business property has been raised in many instances from 25 to 50 cents on the \$100. Much of the work had been done by inexperienced men.

Governor Chamberlain has announced the appointment of Captain W. E. Finzer, of Woodburn, as Adjutant-General of the Oregon National Guard, to succeed Adjutant-General C. U. Gantenbein, who resigned the office to accept the colonelship of the third Regiment, Oregon National Guard.

At the Morrison street accident a rescuer had hold of the hand of a woman in the water when a brute of a man knocked her hand away and grabbed the hand of the man himself. Both were rescued, but it is almost regretted that the man did not drown. Albany Dem.

The Adjutant-General's office of the Oregon National Guard has been notified that a shipment of 959 United States rifles and 50 carbines, together with bayonets, belts, scabbards, slings, etc., is on the way to Portland, and will arrive there in ample time for the annual encampment in September.

Mrs. Jane Wickham, the wife of E. B. Wickham, who deserted her last May and left Eugene with her sister who had come to visit them from Florida, died in dire poverty at the county poor farm Friday afternoon, afflicted with heart disease. Since her husband's disgraceful action, the poor woman, who was 54 years of age at the time of her death, has worried and pined her health away. She left no property but a cow and a few chickens. The real estate is still in the name of the faithless husband, but it is doubtful if he can claim it now.

Squelched. Feline amenities show themselves most forcibly at committee meetings. There was one of these latter gathered together to discuss a charity bazaar. The chairman smiled sweetly upon the artist's wife and said: "You'll get your husband to let us have some little thing of his for the art table, will you not, Mrs. Mahlsieck?" "Well, you know husbands are not always easily managed, my dear."

"Ah, but take him after one of your nice dinners and then put in a word for our worthy cause. But remember we are not allowed to have anything which sells for over \$25."

"Indeed!" And then Mrs. M.'s eyebrows went up alarmingly. "Then perhaps he'll induce one of his pupils to dash off something for you."—New York Times.

Painting Animals' Eyes. One of the most difficult things which the artists and taxidermists of the government studio have to do is the painting and preparation of glass eyes for the mammals, birds and reptiles mounted at that institution for exhibition in the National museum.

These "eyes" are made of glass, hollow within and from the rear, so that the inner surface may be painted any color desired. As no two animals' eyes are alike and as the colors are often complicated and unusual, it requires a great deal of skill, study and practice before one is competent to undertake the work.

Life Saving Superstition. The superstitious collier is often laughed to scorn, but a miner in north Wales is just now thanking his lucky stars that he believes in omens. He was boring under some coal and was startled by seeing a rat scuttling away. He walked away from the spot, and directly afterward a large fall of coal occurred just over the place where the man had been working.—London Standard.

An Aid to Memory. Slopay—And, doctor, if you will, I wish you would give me something to help my memory. I forget so easily. Doctor—Very well. I'll send you a bill every month.—Baltimore American.

THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

S. B. Miles Succeeds Miles

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—Although Americans who started in life as day laborers have become President of the great republic, no man who shouldered a musket as a common soldier has ever attained to the position of Commander of the Army of the United States until today. Major General Samuel Baldwin Marks Young, who today succeeds to the command of the army on the statutory retirement of Lieutenant-General Miles, began his career as an enlisted man in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Infantry. All of his twenty-one predecessors as commander of the army began their military careers as commissioned officers. It has been stated frequently that the chief objection to General Miles' on the part of his brother officers was the fact that he was not a West Point man. The same cause for complaint is to be found in the case of the new commanding general. General Young is the third man who has come from civil life, as distinguished from those who have gone through the academy, to attain command of the army. The first, after it became possible to appoint a West Point graduate, to achieve that position was General Winfield Scott, who became commander in 1811, thirty-nine years after the establishment of the academy. He entered the army from civil life as a captain of Artillery. Since Scott all the commanders of the army except Miles have been West Pointers.

But the new commanding general is a soldier from the ground up, without any fuss or feathers. He is not a medal of honor man, but one who quietly and faithfully performed his duty at all times, and is recognized as a tireless fighting general who is ready for duty day or night. He emerged from the civil war with the respect of all his comrades, and performed excellent service during the Spanish war, later distinguishing himself in the Philippines.

Five months after he entered the Pennsylvania regiment as a private, he was made a captain of volunteers. One year later he was promoted to the grade of major. In October, 1864, he had reached the grade of lieutenant-colonel, and two months later was placed in command of his regiment. April 9, 1865 he was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers for conspicuous gallantry, and was honorably mustered out of the service, July 1, 1865.

A year later he was appointed in the regular establishment, with the rank of second lieutenant of the 12th regular infantry, July 18 the same year he was transferred to the cavalry arm of the service with the rank of captain and was assigned to the Eighth regiment. He was not promoted again until April 2, 1863, when he was commissioned as major. He held this rank until August 16, 1862, when he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and was transferred to the Fourth cavalry. In 1867 he was given another promotion, and this time to the colonelcy of this regiment.

Upon the outbreak of the Spanish war Col. Young was given the rank of brigadier general of volunteers and was assigned to duty at Las Guasimas, Cuba,

where there was a lively battle in which Sergt. Hamilton Fish and Capt. Allyn Capron, command of a light battery, were killed. This is the battle in which Col. Capron, the father of Capt. Capron, fought so desperately after his son had been killed. During this campaign father and son lost their lives.

Before the close of the Spanish war General Young had been honored with the rank of major general of volunteers, which rank died with the volunteer army in 1898. He was made a brigadier general in the regular army in 1900 and sent to the Philippines. Then followed the daring and successful campaign in Luzon, conducted under the special direction of General Young, whose cavalry scattered and broke up the insurgent organizations effectually.

General Young was a member of the court martial which tried and found guilty General Eagan, who attacked General Miles before the commission which investigated the scandals of the Spanish war. Later General Young was promoted to major general and selected by Secretary Root, to be president of the army war college.

The personal relations of the new commander and President Roosevelt are strong because of their association in the Santiago campaign. Secretary Root also has a high personal regard for General Young, and also places a high estimate upon his ability as an army officer.

General Young will serve only five months as commanding general of the army, as he will reach the age limit January 9, 1904. Upon his retirement it is the plan to appoint Major General Henry C. Corbin lieutenant general in command of the army. General Corbin will not retire for age until September 15, 1903.

ARABIC PROVERBS.

To the dog who has money men say, "My lord dog."

Consult thy wife and do the reverse of what she advises.

When the moon is with thee of what account are the stars.

Joy lasts for seven days, but sadness endures for a lifetime.

He who has gold is beloved, though he be a dog and the son of a dog.

It is better to commit ten sins in the sight of God than one in the sight of men.

Those who are learning to shave heads practice upon those of the orphans.

The beauty of a man lies in his intelligence; the intelligence of a woman is to be found in her beauty.

When thou seest two people in constant converse thou mayest know that the one is the dupe of the other.

Shun him who can be of no use to thee. In this world he cannot serve thee and in that which is to come he cannot intercede in thy behalf.—Tunisia.

"Say, doctor, what's that last \$3 item in your bill for?"

"Let me see. Oh, yes; I gave you a thorough examination on that day. Don't you remember?"

"Sure I remember. But do you suppose I am going to pay you for that when you took up an hour of my time and then couldn't find anything the matter with me after all?"—Buffalo Express.

When Boys Wear Wigs.

A century and a half ago wig wearing was at its height, and little boys four or five years of age submitted to having their heads shaved preparatory to donning their false head-dresses. A Leyden professor—Rivers by name—shocked all churches by declaring that a Christian must necessarily wear a wig or be eternally lost. On the other hand, Dr. Thiers, a celebrated Catholic, assailed the wig wearing priests in a good sized volume.

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