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LOCAL RECORD.

THE FINEST.—Robert Nourse one week from to-night. This will be the treat of the season in lectures, and everybody should go. Just read this from the Public Spirit, of La Porte, Ind., of Feb. 2nd, 1888: "The finest lecture of the course thus far was that of Robert Nourse, given on Wednesday evening. If we should say it was the finest lecture ever given in La Porte, hundreds of the audience would agree with us. Mr. Nourse came here a stranger, and captured all who heard him. He is humorous, witty, eloquent, and sensible. His voice is strong and well modulated, his movements are those of a born actor; his voice, gesture, walk, and the play of his features, all serve to drive home fact, logic, and the lessons of the discourse in an overmastering torrent which nobody tried to resist. It was a noble lecture. It contained passages of thrilling eloquence; it was illuminated by passages of keenest wit; the humor was convulsing, and it comes often enough to give variety and spice, and excite the liveliest interest throughout. Two hours in length yet it seemed but a few minutes, for the delight it conveyed to every hearer. The Athenaeum Association has been exceptionally fortunate in securing brilliant talent for the course. The masterpiece is Robert Nourse."

THAT R. R.—The directors of the Astoria & Coast (and Albany) railroad held a meeting yesterday afternoon to commune together and report progress. Every one expressed himself as feeling greatly encouraged, and the people along the line of the road show a general disposition to aid in granting right of way, and in building the road. A meeting of the stockholders was held last evening for the purpose of authorizing the stock-holders to increase the capital stock from \$75,000 to \$150,000. Everyone seems to regard the building of the road as a settled fact, and as soon as the survey is completed, and an outline of work made, the work of grading will be commenced.—Pioneer.

A GATE.—The easiest managed gate in Albany probably swings in front of the residence of the local editor of the DEMOCRAT. It is red now, but will not always be that color. It swings as easily as a bird on a twig and locks itself. It is ingenious from top to bottom; but wont eat oats. It hasn't any hip pockets and neighbors are as welcome as formerly, particularly when they bring cabbages and dressed Chinese pheasants. Gates like the one mentioned can be bought of Stewart & Sox, and contemplated purchasers are welcome to examine the workings of this particular gate if they are subscribers to the DEMOCRAT.

PREMIUMS.—The following Linn county people have obtained premiums at the state fair, so far as we can learn: W T Cochrane, Brownville, mare 2 years and over, 2d premium; Jas Robnett, 4 years old stallion, 2d premium; Barrows Bros., Shedd, 2 year old stallion, Multnomah, second premium; Isaac Elder, Shedd, cow and heifer, 3 years old, first premium; R Messier, Lebanon, cheese, second premium; A Wolverton, 25 pounds, three months of packed butter, first premium; packed butter made on farm, 10 pounds, second premium.

A PECULIAR SIGHT.—Yesterday afternoon two men with heavy overcoats on were seen eating a large watermelon in the rear of an Albany grocery store. As the weather was only mild, and most Oregonians will not begin the overcoat "racket" for several weeks, it struck a DEMOCRAT man that the overcoats must have been put on for the occasion. The sight was at least a peculiar one, considering the warm weather nature of watermelons.

MILITARY ELECTION.—Yesterday a special election for a successor to Lieut. Col. Patterson, who resigned, was held in Salem, resulting in the election of Major Rosa to that position and Capt. S. L. Lovel to the position vacated by Major Rosa. Capt. Irvine, of F Company is now the Senior Captain of the 2nd regiment, and will probably be the next to be promoted in case of a vacancy. Lieut. Cusick, represented "F" Co. in the election.

WILL BE THE BEST.—When completed Parker's restaurant, in the Strahan block, will be by odds the best one in Albany. It will have all the modern improvements and is a very nice arrangement. Private eating rooms is a feature. Mr. Parker is a thorough restaurant man and knows what the public wants. He will be ready for business probably some time next week.

MORE SIFTING.—Mr. H. P. McGuire and Chas. F. Potter were in the DEMOCRAT office last evening about 5:30, interviewing this office when Constable Burkhart appeared and notified Mr. Potter that he was under arrest for libel. He was taken to the court house given an examination before Justice Humphrey, and held to await the action of the grand jury under \$250 bonds. Mr. Potter is and was foreman of the Siftings office, and having informed Mr. Burkhart in Portland that he knew who the Albany correspondent was he was considered a good man to arrest under the statute. If there are any more who had a hand in the matter they will be duly captured. It is proposed to break this slanderous business of wholesale libel of our citizens up at most any cost. Mr. McGuire still insists that he was only a stockholder and had nothing to do with the management of the paper; but it looks very much as if he will find out before that matter terminates that he was something more than a witness from a distant hill top. He will find that it would have been a cheap way out of the matter to have divulged the name of the correspondent. A disreputable correspondent to any sheet ought to be given away.

G. H. & S. A.—Yesterday noon several railroad men at the depot were observed by a DEMOCRAT man to be in a very heated dispute over something, evidently a serious matter from the manner in which they handled themselves. A close inspection revealed the fact that they had discovered a box car with the mysterious initials of G. H. & S. A. on it and were having a "set-to" as to what they meant. Engineer Ford offered to wager his throttle valve when at full speed that they meant Galveston, Houston & Southern Arizona. Conductor Kennedy said they referred to Galveston, Houston & San Antonio. Brakeman Morris was certain it was Galveston for the peanuts, and some one said the H. stood for Harrisburg. The matter remained in statu quo. An inspection of the car showed that it came from "Galveston to Albany," and had certainly a very long trip. It looked rather homesome and forlorn so far away from home. Does any of the DEMOCRAT's readers know for certain the name of the R. R.

A BIBLICAL PUZZLE.—It takes a good Bible student to solve the following: If you multiply the number of Jacob's sons by the number of times the Israelites camped Jericho, and add to the product the number of measures of barley which Boaz gave Ruth, divide this by the number of Haman's sons, subtract the number of each kind of clean beasts that went into the ark, multiply by the number of men that went to seek Elijah after he was taken to heaven, subtract from this Joseph's age at the time he stood before Pharaoh, add the number of stones in David's bag when he killed Goliath, subtract the number of furlongs that Bethany was distant from Jerusalem, divide by the number of anchors cast out when Paul was shipwrecked, and subtract the number of persons saved in the ark, the remainder will be about the number of bad sidewalks in Albany it is actually dangerous to walk over.

RAISING BONUSES.—Recently Weston raised a bonus for a flouring mill. The following from a Pendleton paper shows that the result is like what too often occurs where bonuses are raised for strangers: "Weston people are having some little difficulty on the flouring mill question. It has now been discovered that the man Shinnabarger, who was supposed to be somewhat of a capitalist and was to build and operate the mill, is not possessed of a single red cent. Nothing daunted by this discovery, however, Weston's enterprising citizens have ordered the necessary machinery, and the flouring mill will materialize, nevertheless."

SPORTING MATTERS.—A young man in this city selling maps is said to be an expert pugilist. We would like to see him knock out Butler, the Portland barber who took us in; or how would a mill with the Siftings' correspondent do. Anything for a little stir. A contest between some able bodied man and the tall nails in our sidewalks would draw a large crowd. The foot race to come off between Cameron and Eoff is attracting some attention. Most Albany sports are backing Cameron. If they imagine they have a sure thing they may find themselves mistaken, as Eoff has beaten everybody he has run against.

FROM UMATILLA COUNTY.—Mr. Jesse Moore, a prominent stockman of Umatilla county, came all the way to Albany to have a tumor on his neck taken out, and to-day Dr. J. L. Hill successfully performed the operation. That is going a good way for a surgeon; but Albany has some as good ones as there are in the state.

DIED.—On Friday morning, Sept. 21, 1888, of consumption, at the home of her step-father, Mr. Al. Thomas, Miss Alice Bentley, aged 14 years, 10 months and 13 days. Funeral to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, at M. E. church.

AUCTION.—M. J. Monteith's auction sale of dry goods will begin to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock and will also be held in the evening. Everybody, ladies especially, are invited to be present.

AN INTELLIGENT COUPLE.—A man and a monkey have been in the city to-day reaping a harvest of nickles. They attracted considerable attention.

PAY CAR.—The Oregon Pacific pay car was in the city to-day liquidating in full for wages, up to Sept. 1. It has become quite regular in its visits.

Mr. S. H. Althouse is home from his logging camp.

HOME AND ABROAD.

Straw hats are disappearing. Six shaves for a dollar at L. Viereck's. Call on M J Monteith for big bargains. New ribbon all shades and styles at Read's. Rev. J. C. Baker, of Salem, has been in the city. Auction every night at M. J. Monteith's old Young store. Goods at cost at M. J. Monteith's, at the old Young store. Go to A. B. Mellwain's and ask to see those \$5 suits for men. Oregon City is to have electric lights, the plant already being in. A clean towel for every customer at L. Viereck's barber shop. 25 cents pays for a 1 lb can of baking powder at F. L. Kenton's. A new barrel of choice mixed pickles just opened at F. L. Kenton's. Six shaves for a dollar and a clean towel to every customer, at Thos. Jones. Bargains in general merchandise at M J Monteith's at the old Young store. The cheapest place to buy men's underwear in the state is at A. B. Mellwain's. Several squaws have pitched a very diminutive tent on the commons near the depot, a sight not seen in Albany for several years. Quite a demand for girls to do general housework prevails in Albany. Hardly a Chinaman is now hired by a private family in the city. A Marion county woman has just picked eight boxes of hops in a day. \$4 is not bad wages for anybody. There are more though who do not pick over two nine bushel boxes. Gen. Gibbon is on his way to Yaquina Bay with several companies of soldiers, and expects to reach there before an invasion from China. The soldiers walk, and will travel about 400 miles in that manner. Life would hardly be worth living if it were not for occasional items like the following: Small boy—I want to borrow a bundle of hay. Farmer—Is it for your father? Small boy—No its for the horse. Father don't eat hay. Van Cleave, of the Yaquina Telegraph Pole remained in the city over night on his way home from the State fair, which had been taking him in. He was as flush as every other newspaper man and as he had been living on the top fence regretted getting back to the Bay, where there is nothing but clams and salmon to eat. The St. Charles Hotel will be opened to the public next Monday. A DEMOCRAT man has given it a thorough inspection and to-morrow will give his impressions of this practically new hotel in our midst. Russ Bros. are first-class hotel men and are bound to make the St. Charles a popular place. With all the modern conveniences it is a place Albany people will have reason to take a pride in.

The fourth day of the State fair was not the success anticipated on account of the rain, which put the track in a miserable condition, as the exhibit in the pavilion is getting rather stale the crowd present was rather a tired one. The handicap run for \$400, Rosa Lewis handicapped was won by Rosa Lewis, and the 2:27 trot was won by Kitty Lynch in three straight heats, Col Bradshaw second. The special free for all run was postponed on account of the poor track. OTHER WAYS.—They not only get away with a man's money by big prices at Salem during State fair week; but they have divers other little ways down there for losing money, as witnesses the following from the Statesman: "Night before last Dr. Clough, of Walla Walla, and J. K. Misner, the well-known horseman, occupied Mayor Van B. DeLashmuth's room at the Chemeteta hotel, and when they woke yesterday morning, they found that some one had entered the room from the window during the night and abstracted from the pockets of the former about \$200, and from the latter \$150. The night before Capt Matlock, the horseman, and his wife, lost each a watch in the same way. They also missed money. Jake Webber also reported a watch stolen, and several other parties were likewise robbed."

CORVALLIS.—Mrs. J. T. Wolfe went to Portland Tuesday to reside. Her son, George, who is still at the Bay, will follow her Monday. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Porter died in this city on last Friday and was buried in the Crystal Lake cemetery Sunday morning. A. W. Rose and Samuel Myers are back again from their mine in the Blue river mining district between Linn and Lane counties. They brought along some specimens which are on exhibition in Rose Bros' cigar store. They are rich with metals, and the above named gentlemen have a bonanza.—Leader and Gazette.

Attention! I desire to call attention to the fact that I am now receiving new goods of the best quality for the fall trade. I am careful to keep a good assortment of everything in my line and to sell at the lowest cash prices. While thanking the public for the very liberal patronage I have received since commencing business I most respectfully solicit a continuance of the same. Very respectfully, F. L. KENTON, grocer.

TO THE LADIES.—I have received my full stock of Fall and Winter millinery. Have secured the services of Miss Smith, a Portland trimmer. Will be pleased to show goods at any time. IDA M. BRUSH, Successor to Mrs. E. J. O'Connor.

150 cords of wood for sale at a bargain. Inquire of F H Roscoe.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Call at A. B. Mellwain's and see the ladies' kid and pebble goat shoe, for \$1.50, former price \$2.50. A DEMOCRAT man has seen the shoe and can pronounce it a remarkably cheap shoe for the former price.

The Cause.

People who have often wondered why life is so miserable when spent in the neighborhood of a young man learning to play the violin will understand the whole matter after reading the following which one of our Es's stole from some other paper: Granger of Staryatia. Owned a yellow female cat. "Tab," while other cats would rove, Lay around the kitchen stove. A young singer, Thomas Kirk, Hired to do young Granger's work, Slow at work and sure at play, Diligent three times a day. When he'd earned enough of "tin," Thomas bought a violin. Said he'd learn to play a tune, Scare the man out of the moon. To the soul what comfort brings Music, but he still lacked strings. To secure them, without price, "Tab" must be a sacrifice.

In a sack, when he had caught her, Soaked her in a tank of water, Then, as we have learned the facts, Tapped her gently with the axe. Now as Tom sits in his chair, Doleful sounds float on the air Intermingled, here and there, Groans and shrieks that raise your hair.

Hotel Arrivals.

RUSS HOUSE.—J McKinley, J Brisco, Corvallis; C O Davis, Roseburg; W H Gates and wife, Canyon City; G E Hardy, Lebanon; T Oliver, Idaho; W Boyd, G Bogue, F M Mitchell, city; P H Carroll, Lebanon; B Conner, Tacoma; O Cole; W McKinney, Salem; I N Warmoth and wife, Halsey; H Lane, Seattle; W Foley, Iowa; D B Deakins, Scio; Jesse Wood, T J Miller, Kings Valley; Bud Thompson, Scio; J H Jones, Minn; C R Marsh, S G Marsh, Coquille City; E D Barret; A H Black, Portland; J Clem. REVERE HOUSE.—W Wolf, Portland; G C Swift, Eugene City; C Vernon, Portland; D F Freeman, S F; J C Porter, E W Engle, Woodburn; M S Bellinger, Lebanon; W H Raymond, city; Henry Alkan, A Kelting, S F; J W Laing, N Y; A Z Morris, O P R R; J L Miller, Scio; P Riggs.

Around and About Tangent.

Charley left for Colorado to be gone five years and Emma weeps. Mace has bought a new buggy and has been spinning around with his best girl. The Band boys commence practicing again October first. Public school opens the first of October. Martin Werts is confined to the house on account of sickness. Tangent is soon to have another store as the material is on the ground for the building. J. B. Jenks is building a large addition to his house. A. L. Bridgefarmer and family are at the Bay to be gone two or three weeks. 40,000 bushels of wheat in the warehouse at Tangent. To THE FAIR.—Forty tickets were sold to day to the state fair, making a total of 271 from this place. This will probably be increased to 15 to-morrow, the last day.

SOME SUMMER ITEMS.—Fresh fruit, such as peaches, plums—and watermelons, at Brownell & Stanard's. It pays to get your groceries at Brownell & Stanard's. You get a five cent ticket with ever \$1's worth of goods bought at Brownell & Stanard's. Patronize home industry. Try one of Joseph's 5-cent cigars. First of his own manufacture.

Carpets.

Cheaper than you can buy them in Portland. Will sell a good grade of Brussels carpet for 60 cents; a heavy three ply carpet for 75 cents, and two ply carpets from 40 cents to 50 cents. Carries a large line of oil cloths, linoleum and window shades. A. B. MCLLWAIN

Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!! Remember we are closing out our stock of boots and shoes and have yet some very desirable styles. Come and see for yourselves and you will not regret it. BROWNELL & STANARD.

I am now receiving my spring and summer dress goods. Call early and secure bargains. W. F. READ.

GOOD NEWS.

New Goods

L. E. BLAIN'S.

MENS, YOUTHS' AND BOYS

CLOTHING.

LARGE STOCK,

LATEST STYLES