An Important Thing.

From the Linn County School Journal.

When the county court decided to remodel the court house they wisely employed a competent architect (one of the very best in the state) to make out the plans and specifications, and then employed him to supervise the work. They paid him five per cent of the contract price for his services, and no one can justly criticize the court for this. They acted upon sound business principles. Why didn't they employ a farmer, or blacksmith, or a doctor? It would have cost them less, no doubt. The reason is apparent. The nature of the service required a person skilled in this particular line of work—a person who makes this his study and gives it his best thought. The farmer, the blacksmith and the doctor may have as much intelligence on general matters, and far more in their special lines of work, but they are not fitted by education and occupation for the kind of service required.

Some people recognize the importance of special qualifications for special services, in every line of work but that of education. They seem to act in a manner to indicate their belief that anybody can teach school, or perform the duties of county superintendent. For instance many people have the idea that the work of the superintendent is very light and unimportant. They fail to realize that the county superintendent has the supervision of the expenditure of more money than all other county officials put together. Last year the amount passing under the superintendent of this county was about $60,850. To properly supervise the expenditure of this large amount of money each year is no small matter. It requires constant care and attention. It is astonishing how many ways of squandering it is money are invented by the inventive brains of interested parties. Many times it is not guarded with that care and economy that it should be. If any one doubts this statement his doubts will soon vanish if he will call and examine the records. But to supervise the expenditure of the school funds is but one of the many duties devolving upon the superintendent. He has other duties requiring special preparation and experience, without which his work must inevitably be a failure.

Would the supervision of the expenditure of $60,850 per year in business affairs, demand work and care? Does the building of court houses or the repairing of bridges, important as they are, deserve better ability or demand more attention than the building of character in our boys and girls, the developing of their intellects and their training for citizenship? Should not the tax-payers money, used for educational purposes, be just as economically expended and as closely guarded as that used for any other purpose?

When we come to fully understand the importance of the work of education, and recognize the necessity of "Special qualifications and experience for special service," our schools will hold a higher place in the affairs of our county.

All Sorts.

B. Sugar is a sugar planter of Monroe La.

The Boston poor department expended last year $178,430.

There are 344 cities and towns in New York state which have a public water supply.

The United States courts in New Mexico cost the government about $75,000 a year.

An Indianapolis man, operated upon recently for appendicitis, was found to have two appendices.

Over 200 application are on file for the vacant pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Atchison, Ks.

Ten thousand cabmen of Naples are on a strike to prevent the introduction of autocars in that city.

The Victorian government will issue a special war stamp for the purpose of augmenting the British patriot war fund.

The Paris, Lyons & Mediteranian railroad reports a loss of $60,000 in traffic from the diminution of English travel in France.

Register, you will want to vote in June when the time comes, and certainly in November.

The republicans of Oregon are in favor of a canal at the Isthmus of Panama, already proven practically impossible. The rest of us are in favor of a canal across Nicaragua.

An exchange very aptly says that whether the constitution follows the flag or not it is a fact that the saloon does and mighty fast too, clear ahead of the missionaries and everybody else.

The President is waking up to the fact that it will be a very timely thing to favor the Nicaragua canal bill and hence announces himself in its favor. Anything that is favored just for political effect is always viewed with suspicion.

The fact that the tariff on Porto Rico has been reduced 85 per cent doesn't have any bearing on the rights of the case so long as a tariff of fifteen per cent remains. If a single 1 per cent remained the injustice would be the same. The principle of the thing offers the outrage.

The government is taxing the people $80,000,000 a year more than is needed. The war tax should be discontinued just as soon as possible. A war tax is an unwelcome thing any way, but a necessity in case of war. It should always be removed just as fast as the legs of the government can travel its way.

Had Congresman Tongue been an inhabitant of England several years before he was born there he would undoubtedly have been standing side with the king in his efforts to tax the Americans without representation. He is doing the same thing in this enlightened age in his position on the Porto Rican tariff bill, which he supported because the bosses ordered it.

Judge presents a picture of President McKinley with a saw, the edges of which read Porto Rico Tariff, and wonders if he can saw ice with it. That is for the people to say. If they vote their convictions he can't. The people should not support a man for president in favor of taxing our own people contrary to the constitution. No such irregular saw as that is fit to saw ice or anything else.

What was Mr. Tongue doing when the Indian war pension bill was working its way through the house. Why didn' he use some of his colossal influence in getting its recognition by the speaker. These veterans who did so much for the development of this country in early days are getting tired of this kind of treatment.

The many men whom Tongue has promised office want to see him retained, in the hopes that the offices will be forthcoming. It was the same way when Binger Hermann was in. At last they learned that he couldn't deliver the goods and they dropped him regardless of the fact that he was really in a position to have some influence, which is not the case with Tongue.

As nearly as the Democrat can learn from fair sources Congresman Tongue of this district has practically no standing at Washington, and never would have it kept there for a century. The very first thing he antagonized a section of the country by his ill timed remarks When the Yaquina bill came before the committee on which there were members from that section, they remarked that they would drop that asked for by Mr. Tongue, and it was dropped. This is told the Democrat for a fact

Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. Enable them to see that it is in their interest to preserve peace and order, and they will preserve them.

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SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS

This beginning Saturday Night Thoughts with a paragraph upon war topics is getting very distasteful to the DEMOCRAT man, who is decidedly of a peaceful nature and almost a Quaker in his antagonism to warfare. For about two years it has been necessary under the plan begun of starting with the leading event of the world for the week that has passed. Every time it has been war, and it looks as if it will be war for a long time to come unless an enormous earthquake destroys a multitude of people. The English-Boer war has been one of preparation. Our war has been the same old bushwhacking affair of such a character that it has even been suggested that more soldiers will be needed.

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In congress there has arisen a new prospect for the building of the Nicaragua canal, a project in which the people of the Pacific coast are more interested than anything else before congress. It looks as if in view of the approaching election something will be done regardless of the secret conniving of the railroads with their enormous wealth to prevent it. It is a consummation devoutly wished by everybody here in view of the immense advantage it will prove to the interests of the coast, as well as its importance as a national institution.

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A matter of considerable concern to many here has been the shelving at least temporarily, of the Indian war pension bill through the arbitrary action of the speaker. The Indian war veterans are now all old men, mostly in straitened circumstances, and are emphatically entitled to consideration for the brave service they did for this Pacific coast country, without which its upbuilding would have been impossible. A just recognition has been delayed long enough

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A timber land case has been of considerable local interest. It has brought out in a very decided manner the great strife taking place after the fine timber belt of this part of the coast. The time is gradually approaching when timber land will be of great value, in view of the manner in which the timber of the country is being exhausted. It looks as if the entire country would have to depend on the Pacific coast for its timber. We have it here in sufficient quantities to meet the demands for years, a fact appreciated by the railroads and big syndicates who are gobbling it up. In permitting this the government is not treating the inhabitants of this country with justice.

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This week has seen the great game of base ball launched upon the country. It leads all sports in the merit of its character, and is bound to continue to be the great national game. No game approaches it for continued and unceasing interest in its progress when played well though foot ball draws bigger crowds on account of its savage character. But base ball is a clean game.

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In an Oregon town during the week a school teacher was deposed on account of the habit of kissing the big girls. A public thrashing would also have been deserved. Likewise a kicking by the girls' big brother. The teacher to do good work must be a model in personal conduct.

From the McMinnville T. R.

A rich lesson was given here in J. B. Eddy's speech nominating Tongue at the republican convention. With sweet and fulsome words he lauded the virtues of his man and his party and belittled the rest of creation. Tongue is English born, so is Eddy. This is delicious fact with those of imperialistic tendencies. That these men are foreigners who have forsaken their country for America is commendable, but we object to their efforts to imperialize the country. Mr. Eddy stated that the opposition was on a low plane, below the line of civilization and that republicanism was above the line. If Mr. Eddy means morally we are ready to take the statistics, and will begin with the morals of the speaker himself or his candidate. If he means politically we challenge him to point out two democrats in the state of Oregon who are greater grafters than himself and the chairman of his convention, who for years held on to the railroad commission until it became so odious that the law was repealed to get rid of them and their ilk. There is morality and political decency in the republican ranks but they are scarce articles among its political bosses and managers.

The consulting surgeons at the seat of war are being paid at the rate o £5,000 a year, with free passage to south Africa and back.

"Dancing school" every Tuesday night and Saturday afternoon at Holland's Hall in Graham Bldg., First & Baker sts

A Changeable World,

But Will & Stark keep up with the times. They have the latest novelties in silverware, cut glass, chains, souvenir spoons, etc. In fact their stock of jewelry is complete and up-to-date.

See the "Dickey" Bird Incubator at the SugarBowl.

The Next Congressman

A dispatch from Lakeview says.

Dr. B. Daly's friends, irrespective of politics, are congratulating him on his nomination for Congress. All day telegrams were coming from the leaders of the different factions requesting Dr. Daly to accept the nomination. He had declined to enter the field this year for any office, but the pressure was to great that he finally telegraphed his friends that he would accept the nomination, from the First Congressional District, if it should be given unanimously. The next telegram congratulated him upon his unanimous nomination and was signed by the leaders of of the three fusion parties. He said to a reporter today.

"Yes, I am going to be elected to Congress from this district I have not the slightest doubt of it in the world."

Dr. Daly came to Lakeview in 1887, and since that time he has built himself up from a stranger to one of the most prominent men in the state. He stands well at his own home. He has represented this district in both branches of the Legislature, and is and has been at the head of educational matters in this county for 10 years. He has filled the office of Mayor of the town, and has been county physician, and Health Officer for 10 years. He has also been president of the Lake County Agricultural Society, and is principal promoter for a dozen years.

Although this country is largely Republican, Dr. Daly has never failed to carry it for any office to which he aspired.

George Alfred Townsend, the well-known Gash" of the newspaper profession writes to the Boston Globe from Philadelphia as follows:

Much of last week I was in Philadelphia, and what most surprised me there was vital decay in McKinleyism. Spoke to an old schoolmate of mine, who is a wealthy Philadelphian, he said to me.

"There is a gross decay in the interest of our substantial men as well as of the masses, in the Republican party since McKinleyism ruled. The sum of $100,000 confidently promised to the national committee at Washington has only been partially raised, and that by a species of extortion. It is now thought that the hat will have to be passed through the city departments, custom house, etc., to raise the rest of the money. None of the big givers of former years mean to give anything.

Prof. Martindale Praised.

From the Eugene Guard:

City Superintendent Martindale, of the Albany public schools, visited the high schools this morning and addressed the students at assembly. He paid a very high compliment to the Cæsar class, and in consequence they are feeling quite elated.

Mr. Martindale spoke on the advantages of physical development, and the desirability of encouraging student organizations for sport as well as for mental discipline. The gentleman also related some experiences of his while in London, England, and "pointed the moral" with telling effect.

The students were delighted with his talk and will be glad to welcome him again. Superintendent Martindale is a very affable man, and is recognized as one of the leading school men of our state

BROWNSVILE'S NATIVE DAUGHTERS.—A new cabin of Native Daughters has been organized at Brownsville with the following officers: President, Ollie Stanard; past president, Ella McHargue; 1st vice president, Sarah Cooley; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Mary Hale; 3rd vice president, Gertie Roby; recording secretary, Minnie Hale; financial secretary and treasurer, Clara Starr; marshal, Callie Templeton; trustees, Kate Cavender, Naomi Templeton, Lissie Hunter; inside Guard, Lissie Hunter; outside guard, Clara Stewart. It was named Naomi Jeanette Walter after one of Brownsville's pioneer woman.

DEMOREST MEDAL CONTEST.—While the Baptist church was not crowded it was comfortably filled Friday evening by those who came out to enjoy the contest for the Demorest Silver Medal, participated in by Miss Mabel Williamson and Miss Abbie Hyde, of Albany; Miss Zella Davis and Miss Martha Holverson, of Shedd, and Miss Lettie Jennings and Miss Mae Cooley, of this city. The contest was a spirited one, each contestant doing very nicely. The medal was awarded to Miss Martha Holverson, of Shedd.—Brownsville Times.

GOV. BOB TAYLOR.—Seats are now on sale at Burkhart & Lee's, for the lecture by that prince of entertainers, Ex-Gov. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee. Admission 50 and 75 cents. Gov. Taylor is not only a fiddler but a humorist, and offers one of the greatest treats of the day, something that will be remembered. One good lecture is worth a dozen poor ones. Hear Taylor.

There are Diamonds

In other places besides South Africa. Will & Stark keep a choice line of goods in this line of rings, ear rings, studs, etc.

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MISFITS.

A new drink is egg phosphate. It has reached Portland, and is said to be very healthful. Albany must not be behind. Who will break the first egg.

Stores close in Portland every evening at 6 o'clock. Although there was considerable opposition at first everybody was brought into line and the program is generally satisfactory. The laboring men find plenty of time to trade too.

Oregon is considerable of a state. S H. Goin writes to a friend at Munker from Missouri, where he is visiting, that among the funny things he has seen on his trip was a man carrying his grist to mill on a horse. Strange things people will see while traveling.

The Nugget, of Cottage Grove, continues to be the worst fool sheet in Oregon. It says Mr. Kincaid has made a big jump down from secretary of state to county judge. This is not true. Washington jumped down from president of the United States to justice of the peace, but it was to his credit. The county judge's office of Lane county needs just such a man as Mr. Kincaid and needs him badly, and it will be to his credit if he is elected.

There is never a wedding without a joke, and some times two or three.

Every day the need of an opera house in this city is emphasized. The movement that has been started should not stop. Push it along. These things get rusty if permitted to lag.

The minstrels last night touched up Albany on its absence of electric lights on the streets, on its dinkey that runs seven blocks, on its stores closing at 7 o'clock and its opera house that looks like a wood box.

In the town of Ensley, Ala., eighteen months ago there were 500 people. Now there are 5,000. They were brought there by the steel mill, the rod mill and other industries. Look out for Albany when it gets its saw mill and several other institutions that will also come.

Some democrats and republicans have fused in Portland. What next.

The dash at the Albany Creamery flopped mighty fast during March. The receipts for butter were $2,240.45

One of the senseless things in minstrel entertainments is the practice of roasting the last town visited. These troops generally get audiences justified by their reputation and had better spend their time kicking at the man in the moon.

On account of the small amount of snow in the mountains the indications are that the river will be the lowest this year for many years, and earlier than usual. The lack of snow also indicates a dry summer.

Roseburg Review: Linn county's semi-annual statement for March 31, 1900, shows that county has no indebtedness whatever and no liabilities except $42,374.43 for state tax for the current year, and to offset this has resources amounting to $83,997.09. Linn has the lowest tax levy in the state.

LONDON, April 16.—The Boers are reported to be blowing up Johanesburg mines.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Secretary Hay today issued a premptory note to Turkey demanding prompt action on American claims against that country.

COPENHAGEN, April 19.—The Prince of Wales left for England roday.

LONDON, April 20.—The British advance on Pretoria was begun today. Fighting is reported at Karee Siding. Roberts asks that Mafeking holdout until May 20th.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Nicaragua canal bill will be considered in the House May 1st and passed.

NEW ORLEANS, April 20.—It continues raining. The inundation is tremendou

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The War.

LONDON, April 2, 4:20 a. m.—A deluge of rain, lasting 10 days, has brought the operations in the southeastern part of the Free State almost to a standstill. The creeks have become roaring rivers, and the roads are streams of mud.

A singular message, dated Bloemfontein, April 19, 10:55 a. m., reports an exchange of shots in the direction of De Wet's Dorp, where the Boers are said to be concentrating after their withdrawal from Wepener.

The Coming Struggle.

LONDON, April 20.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Thursday, says:

The Boers in the immediate neighborhood are quiet, but both sides are steadily preparing for the coming struggle. Lord Roberts is now ready.

The Indian War.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Henry Hoalstey o Oakland, who has returned from the seat of the Yaqui war in Mexico, brings advices as follows:

The Mexicans sent out word that the war was over, but at the same time 5000 troops were hastening to the front. The Yaquis have about 6000 men under arms They have Remington and Mauser rifles and bows and arrows.

Japs Skipping.

TACOMA, April 19.—According to an officer of the Northern Pacific steamship Goodwin, over 10,000 Japanese were booked for passage to this coast in Kobe and Yokohama, in the two weeks proceding the sailing of the Goodwin from Japan. Of this large army of coolies, over 3500 arrived on the sound inside of three days.

Mr. Taylor Indicted.

FRANKFORT, April 19—It is persistently reported here tonight that Governor Taylor has been indicted by the grand jury, and that the indictment was returned this morning along with those of Captain Davis and Green Golden, but that the indictment will not be given out until Governor Taylor returns from Washington.

Getting Moral.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The Board of Supervisors would grant no permit for the Jackson-Purtell fight, scheduled for tonight and bout was called off.

Getting Ready.

LONDON, April 19.—Heavy rains impede the movemoves of the British columns. The blockade of Wepener continues, although relief is near. Large vuantities of stores are being moved southward from Bloemfontein. The special correspondents send trivialties or statements which obscure, rather than explain, the situation in their effors to prepare matter that will pass the censor.

A Live Debate.

WASHINGTON, April 13—The debate on the naval appropriation bill under the five-minute rule today drifted into politics, and for a good portion of the afternoon members fought hammer and tongs across the political aisle. The partisan rancor almost culminated in a sensational scene between Grosvenor of Ohio, champion of the administration, and Williams of Mississippi.

After Turkish Money.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The news of the firm attitude assumed by the State department toward the Turkish government in the prosecution of its claim for damages to American missionary property caused something of a sensation in diplomatic circles today. Three successive American Ministers have prosecuted these claims; each received a promise of prompt settlement, and yet not a dollar has been paid.

A Meteor Seen.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., April 17.—Monday evening at 6:30 an exceptionally bright meteor flashed across the sky from north to south, coming very close to town and bursting just south of town. It was still broad dayligh, but the meteor appeared like a hugh sky rocket. It left a long train of fire, and where it broke a cloud of white smoke was visible for a half hour. The sky was perfectly clear at the time.

Thirteen Drowned.

BINGEN, April 18.—A boat on board of which were 20 members of the Catholic Students' Association while crossing the Rhine yesterday from this place to Rudesheim was capsized and 13 of its occupants were drowned.

To Dawson.

SEATTLE, April 18.—General Manager Hawkins, of the White Pass & Ynkon route, made the announcement that upon the opening of the navigation about June 1, the operating system of the White Pass & Yukon route would be extended to Dawson City and Yukon River points.

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To the creditors of J. V. Pipe, of Albany, Oregon, in the county of Linn and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on the 12th day of April, A D 1900, the said J. V. Pipe was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Albany, Oregon, in my office, on the 30th day of April, A. D., 1900, at One o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated April 16, 1900.

H. BRYANT,
Referee in Bankruptcy