

An Interesting Cold Item.

There is no doubt, according to the London Hospital, that the ordinary nasal catarrh is a special infectious disease. What we observe among domestic animals affords ample evidence of this. It is a familiar fact that a horse that has been wintered out, on being brought into a stable with others, is most likely to develop a cold. The conclusion will say it is because the unaccustomed warmth of the stable makes him "nesh." However, disinfection of the stable before bringing animals from grass is a true preventive of the symptoms of catarrh. What occurs among domestic animals we observe, too, among ourselves. Some source of infection must be present before it is possible to catch a cold. There are places where colds are unknown. The universal experience of Arctic and Antarctic explorers is that so long as the members of the expedition are in the polar regions they remain free from colds but on return to the mainland or to settlements inhabited by those who are in frequent communication with the mainland, they nearly always at once suffer severe colds. The same is said to be true of the observatory on the summit of Ben Nevis, though they live in clouds. Colds they never take, because there are no colds to catch, until the moment they descend to inhabited regions, then they catch severe ones directly. For over two centuries the classical St. Kilda cold has not ceased to interest learned men. On this remote and rocky island of the Western Hebrides, where some 100 inhabitants dwell, colds are unknown, except after the arrival of a ship from the mainland, when all the inhabitants are seized with colds, even to the babe at the breast. Afterward they seem to become to some extent immune, for many escape until the following year. The inhabitants affirm that those colds which are brought by boats from the large ports, Glasgow and Liverpool, are more severe than those brought from the Hebrides.—From the November Current Literature.

Oldest Oregon Baptist Preacher.

From the McMinville T. R. Rev. C. H. Mattoon, of Monmouth was in Portland last week, attending the Baptist convention held there. This gentleman is the holder of the oldest license in the Baptist church issued in this state. Rev. Mr. Mattoon came to the state in 1851, and was licensed to preach in 1853 at the Shiloh church, Marion county. This place is now known as Turner. Ever since that time this gray-haired minister has been preaching the Baptist theology to the residents of this state. During his 40 years of active work here he has witnessed many changes and developments, both in the church and out of it, but he has all the time been active in the work of the Baptists of Oregon. Rev. Mr. Mattoon was attending the convention partly in the interests of the publication of a book entitled "Baptist Annals of the North Pacific Coast," the first volume of which is a history of the Baptist church in Oregon. It consists of statistics of work in this state, and many sketches and personal reminiscences of the early workers. It is likely that the book will be published by the State Convention. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and resolutions adopted.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: Governor Cummins of Iowa has heard from the republican bosses and has laid down flat before them, and has laid down hard on "the Iowa idea" of relief from tariff oppression. Cummins is not made of heroic stuff.

Ocoota (Ark.) Press: It is all nonsense to say that the money interests will knife Roosevelt in the next campaign. Much as these gentry dislike the president they hate the democratic party more. It will be the same old fight between plutocracy and democracy.

Rantoul (Ill.) News: Some member of congress think that Mr. Brietow has not yet reached the bottom of the postal fraud. The railway mail should be investigated.

Warsaw (Ind.) Union: The Chicago Chronicle is advocating Richard Olney for the democratic nomination for president. That is unfortunate for Mr. Olney. If he wants to be boomed for this nomination he should have a democratic paper do it. The Chronicle's support would injure the chances of the best man on earth in the estimation of real democrats.

These reports of timber land frauds, in which several prominent politicians of Oregon are implicated, are offering some very savory morsels for the avaricious hungry public. There may not be very much in it, but there is enough to cause a little smoke. It will not be surprising if there is a good deal more than smoke after awhile. It will be in keeping with the public spirit of the day as set a going back in the postal department in Washington.

Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution.

The Oregon Society of Sons of the American Revolution has several times in the past offered prizes to the school children of the state for essays on subjects connected with Revolutionary History. The results in the past have encouraged the Society to renew the offer at this time. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively, will therefore be awarded for the three best essays in the order of merit, written by students in the public schools of Oregon, on any of the following subjects:

1. The Arousing of Public Opinion; the Work of Samuel Adams, Thomas Paine, John Dickinson and Patrick Henry.
2. Lexington and Concord.
3. The Battle of King's Mountain.
4. Virginia's Part in the American Revolution.

Essays are limited in length to 3,000 words; must be written on one side of the paper in the student's own handwriting and must be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of the school attended by the author, to the effect that the author is a bona fide student in the school and has been in attendance therein not less than four weeks during the school year of 1903-4. Essays must be forwarded to the chairman of the committee in charge, Wallace McCamant, 34 Concord Building, Portland, Or., so as to reach him not later than February 1st, 1904. In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these three considerations:

1. Historical accuracy.
2. Manner of treatment.
3. Orthography, grammar, syntax and punctuation.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished by any member of the committee. The essay which is awarded the first prize will be published in full, with the name of the author, in the public press.

JOHN K. KOLLOCK,
THOS. G. GREENE,
WALLACE McCAMANT,
Committee.

There is probably a golden mean in this school book proposition that occasionally disturbs the public. It might be well to find it if some one has the capacity for bringing to the surface the gold underneath it all. The spirit of the day has been to keep adding studies for the pupils until some of them have more than they can stand, perhaps the average pupil has. There are scholars who cannot be stalled, and it makes little difference how much work they have to do, but a majority of children in the public schools can stand only about so much. Our schools are for all classes and this should be kept in view. At the same time this is an age of progress, and we must not keep in the old 3 R rut of fifty years ago. We must go ahead, but it is possible to do so by lopping off in some places and adding in others, and keeping the whole course within the reach of the average pupil so as not to "stuff" him beyond his capacity.

Some of Mr. Bryan's republican friends are trying to make capital out of the \$50,000 bequest to W. J. Bryan. The only trouble with them is that the bequest was not made to them instead of to Bryan. Coming after their many recent fraudulent grafts in all departments of the government any kicks at Mr. Bryan at this time are exceedingly nauseating. It is safe to say that nine people out of ten, if left \$50,000 by an admirer would seek to retain the property. Mr. Bryan has not done this much, only testing the case in the interest of benevolence, not intending to keep the money if left by the courts to him. It makes a good deal of difference whose feet the shoes are on.

There is talk of Canada breaking loose from the apron strings of her mother country, on account of the recent decision in connection with the Alaskan boundary. But Canada will not do anything more than grumble during the present half of the century. The Democrat though, would like to see the separation and Canada stand forth as an independent republic, with some individuality of her own.

Albany's cement walk crusade is a splendid one. It is very gratifying to see the manner in which the good people of the city appreciate the move and join in with the spirit of progress that is being manifested on all sides. Good cement walks all over the city will mean a good deal besides that.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, it is stated, is a candidate for President of the United States on the democratic ticket. He is a man of remarkable ability, one who has acted and not merely talked. Whether or not he is really a candidate, though, will be known better when the smoke of the yellow journals raises.

Mayor Williams very meekly tells about the schools of seventy years ago when he was a boy. That is very ingenious in the ex-attorney general.

Saturday Night Thoughts

In national matters a great deal of interest has been taken in some charges of fraud, in which several Oregon men have been mentioned. This puts stores on the bushes and a spur to the young rooster, something that pricks at home. This matter of fraud has been before the people so much lately that one needs to keep a looking glass around to see whether Santanic horns have grown since the last observation. It does look sometimes as if half the people wanted to make a living without working for it. Of course that is too high a figure, though. Ten percent ought to make us ashamed of the recalls. Whether some of the charges are true or not, the smoke leaves a bad smell.

The big Dowie meetings in New York with the attendant doings of the man have continued to attract attention, though of a waning order, gradually going down like a candle. He will eventually sink out of sight for he is walking on quicksand. His disappearance will be a relief. The foundation of his reputation is infamous. He accumulated an immense property in his own name by imposing on a credulous people, even getting the money of hard working girls and using it in his own name for his own pleasure and profit. When the bubble bursts Dowie will be a synonym of infamy.

These are days of sensational men, men who jump up conspicuously and shine like a comet, emblazoning the financial heavens. One of the latest is F. Augustus Heinz, of Montana. Eleven years ago he graduated from Columbia University and went to Montana as a civil engineer. He worked two years underground. Now he is working above ground and stepping all over such men as Rockefeller and Senator Clark, a man at 34 of colossal executive ability and financial nerve. He has just beaten a great syndicate in a legal fight, and although it has thrown out of work twenty thousand men, the water will seek its level and in a little while under Heinz the mining interests of Montana will be in a better situation than before. And there are others coming up.

The Democrat man sees things right along indicating the very health growth of Albany, a matter of great satisfaction not only to the Democrat, which has always made the progress of the city an issue, but to the people of the city generally. During the past year some of the city's best residences have been erected, structures very creditable. Our fine electric light and water works plants have been wonderfully improved by the construction of probably the best electric light station in the valley. Cement walks have been built all over the city not only in front of business property but adjoining our residences, indicating an appreciation of the permanency of things. Years ago we overdid it in the matter of erection of business blocks and the result is we have not had to do much in this line beyond filling up the old structures and this has been done rapidly, several fine establishments being added to the business interests of the city. A big prune packing house, run on up-to-date principles, is a factory that will assist the city in becoming a fruit center, particularly in the prune business. Business men report a healthy trade. Everything speaks for the reliability of the progress without any boom often a hindrance in the long run, for too often a reaction follows. These things suggest continued rustic for this inland city. With its railroad facilities and splendid surroundings, added to its long established manufacturing and other interests it is bound to make a city of importance.

Some men have been arrested at Oregon city for riding on the cars contrary to the laws of the state of Oregon. It is to be hoped the good example be followed by many other arrests, until the tramp nuisance is disposed of.

The Portland newspaper men have shown what they can do along the line of minstrelsy, and hereafter it is to be hoped they are more charitable in their criticism of visiting professional minstrels. It should certainly make them so.

Aberdeen, Wash., has been having more than its share of afflictions, but that seems to be the way things go in this world.

The brushing up of the telephone poles of the city, though a small matter adds very materially to the good looks of the streets of the city.

A woman back in Ohio is accused of attempting to blackmail Mark Hanna. She should be sent to the insane asylum or a girl's reformatory school.

A Strange Bird.

A Benton county man caught a strange bird near Thornton Lake this week and left it at Baltimore's. Dr. J. L. Hill gave it the name "Howling Grebe from Africa," but an Indiana man who saw it says it is simply a Hell Diver, of which there are a good many in Indiana. It has webbed feet and wings so short as to forbid flying. As a diver it is a crackerjack, but it is not an eater.

Bad Coughs

"I had a bad cough for six weeks and could find no relief until I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. One-fourth of a bottle cured me." L. Hawn, Newington, Ont.

Neglected colds always lead to something serious. They run into chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, or consumption. Don't wait, but take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral just as soon as your cough begins. A few doses will cure you then.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Ayer's Pills cure any tendency to biliousness or constipation, and thus hasten recovery. Purely vegetable. Gently laxative. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

ARM TORN OFF.

Leslie L. Potts Meets With a Bad Accident.

Leslie L. Potts, an old employe at the woolen mill, lost an arm, this forenoon as follows: He was putting cloth into the extractor, generally done when stationary, but then in full motion 700 revolutions a minute, when his left hand got caught in a piece of cloth and he was hauled into the extractor and whirled around with it until the arm was jerked off near the elbow and mashed into shreds nearly to the shoulder, when the machine was stopped. He was taken to the Neelard hospital and attended by Drs. Davis, Wallace and Hill. He will have a short stub at the shoulder. He is doing well. A splendid young man, his many friends sincerely regret the accident.

THE BIG WATER WHEEL.

For Albany's Fine Electric Light Plant

Arrived last evening direct from the factory at Dayton, O., and is being moved today under the direction of Manager Goff to the new station. The wheel weighs ten tons and has a power of 270 horses, though when placed in position at the works here, with the fall of forty feet it will amount to at least 300 horse power. It is a Victor turbine, a scientifically constructed arrangement. The suction power equals the fall of the water, doubling its power. The wheel will be lowered to its cement resting place by block and tackle, a six 7 job, so that it will probably be at least three weeks before it is running. The Albany Canal and Water Co. will have one of the best plants on the coast, in keeping with the growth of the city.

IN AND AROUND ALBANY.

Democratic primaries next Monday afternoon.

Sweet cider 15 cts. a gallon at Settlement's Feed Store.

\$10 pays for 10 weeks tuition in the Night School. Very low.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 4, at 7:30 the Night School commences.

You ought to have a Business Education. Attend the Night School.

The Ladies of the Catholic church will hold their fair Nov. 5th, 6th, 7th.

Government weather prediction: tonight and Sunday occasional rain, warmer tonight.

Bookkeeping by the Voucher Method is taught in the Eclectic Business College, Albany, Oregon.

Prices reduced to 15, 25 and 35 cents for Margarita Fischer Co., one week from next Monday.

The classes in Bookkeeping, Short-hand or Typewriting in the Night School will be personally conducted by Prof. I. E. Richardson.

Study bookkeeping in the Night School of the Eclectic Business College, which commences Tuesday evening, Nov. 3.

G. E. Sanders made a neat hit in Indian basket work, by having a boy, Edwin Hart, at work during the day in a show window.

Stenographers are wanted for the Civil Service at salaries from \$100 to \$150 a month. For particulars address the Eclectic Business College, Albany, Oregon.

John Archibald, a resident of Crook county for a good many years, has returned to Linn county to reside and will make his home at Langert.

Coming with uniformed band and orchestra, "The Margarita Fischer Company." Albany opera house one week commencing Monday Nov. 2nd.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Francisca Fresh, of Halsey, now in Redding Calif., charged with the theft of a diamond pin from Amos Setters of Halsey.

At the Congregational Church Sunday evening, the pastor will preach a sermon illustrated with candles. All, but especially the young people, are invited to attend.

Be sure and see Miss Margarita Fischer at Merce Baxter in the beautiful rural comedy drama A Country Girl at the Albany opera house one week commencing Monday, Nov. 2nd. Admission 35c, 25c and 15c. Seats now on sale at Woodworth Drug Co.

Born to Mr. and Melvin Teeters, in Albany, on October 29, a boy. All doing well.

Special: Uncle Jake is hilarious and Grandpa Wheeler couldn't get into his trousers this morning.

MISFITS.

If you don't read the DEMOCRAT you miss a good deal of news.

Albany has no Bull Rollers, but it has several High Rollers who are off at them.

Experts declare the winter months to be the best time to build cement walks better construct.

The other towns of the valley will have to get a hustle on to equal Albany on the cement walk proposition.

The public man who escapes without some spots on his character in these corrupt days of spoils grafting, is very fortunate.

That it never rains but it pours is being verified in the case of Aberdeen, visited by two disastrous fires within a few weeks.

The rate on lumber on the S. P. is to be advanced Nov. 1 from \$5 to \$7.50 a ton. A poor way to build up this lumber country.

Somebody says there is some funny business going on in connection with the coming republican primaries. Wonder what that is.

When the smoke rises from the case of Ex-Congressman Moody the verdict will probably be not guilty. There is evidently considerable nonsense in the case.

A green Salem youth is said to be following the Margarita Fischer Co. smitten by one of the lady members of the troupe. His mamma should take him in charge.

A Connecticut girl gave her life's savings, \$700 to Dowie. Dowie ought to be hanged for taking it, at least sent to the penitentiary for several years. He was no better than a robber.

There is liable to be trouble down in the Eugene Guard office. That paper accuses Editor Battersworth, of the Harriburg Bulletin, of looking like S. A. D. Pruter under indictment charged with a timber land fraud.

The yellow newspaper reporters stated that about \$20,000,000 is involved in the present timber frauds. The chaff has been taken out of this enough to indicate that the figures are about 10,000 times too much, the real amount being about \$2,000 or less.

Some valley papers give more space to explaining how the home team failed to win than to the latest bank robbery.—Telegram. The Democrat endeavors to give only the amount of space it gives to other as important matters, realizing that only a few people care for the details of such things as much as they may be interested in a game itself, and it has no excuses to offer.

Here is a sample of the prayers of Dowie, one of the craziest men in the U. S.:

"God look down upon the irresponsible band of criminals who write papers and publish their lies, and have mercy on them. Have mercy, O God and grant grace to the country, and may it muddle, and, if needs be, destroy the newspapers."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Ikey Butler, of Mill City, is here to attend the foot ball game.

Fred Englehart arrived from Washington to-day to see the foot ball game.

B. J. Hecker the stock buyer returned this noon from a trip down the road.

Independent Order of Lions request all members to be present at meeting called for tonight.

Walter Biddle returned yesterday afternoon from a visit with Eugene relatives.

Mrs. Ruth Flinn, of the U. of O. came home yesterday for a two days visit and to see the foot ball game.

Vince Circle and wife, for twenty seven years residents of Crook county, now The Dalles, are in the city. They may return to Linn county.

Chief Night Operator Will A. Humphrey, of Portland, formerly of Albany, has been promoted to the position of chief night operator of the Western Union at Portland a fact that speaks for itself.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hays entertained the teachers of the public schools at their home on 5th street last night. The evening was spent in playing "Flinch" and "Stoics." Those present were: Misses Fortmiller, Fesse, Bedford, Saltmarsh, Wilson, Wetherbee, Ward, Yantis, French, Baltimore, Francis and Louise Leatherman, Mesdames Hamner, Leatherman, Thrall, Carleton, Messrs. Carleton, and Leatherman.

Harrisburg.

From the Bulletin:

Mr. Clyde Ashby with the Telephone company was here Friday looking after his company's interest.

Miss Lillian Crawford of Albany was an arrival Sunday. She is the guest of Miss Cecil Rampey.

Some persons or persons broke into George McCulloch's saloon last night and secured about seven dollars from the till.

Miss Mammie Montgomery, a faithful type for twenty years on the Albany Herald, is visiting here the guest of Mr. Endicott's.

The Bulletin is now under the management of Biggs & Norwood and will be conducted on about the same lines as when Editor A. B. Battersworth was in charge. It will be non-partisan to the full extent of the term, but the right of fair criticism on all subjects that it is thought best to treat reserved.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Famous Woman Dead.

MARCELLINE, Mo., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Booth-Tucker died at 2:50 o'clock this morning just as the train bearing her and the other wounded pulled into the station here. Colonel Holland also died on the train.

Rather Sensational.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The New York Sun, in a special from Washington today announcing the suspension of Receiver Thomson of the Land Grande Land Office, says:

Although official confirmation cannot be obtained here, it is practically certain that the department's investigation will involve to some extent, at least, United States Senators Mitchell and Fulton, and Representative Williamson of Oregon, who composed the delegation that recommended Thomson's appointment.

Harrison a Candidate.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Mayor Harrison has decided to become a candidate for the nomination for the Presidency on the democratic ticket next year. In making this decision, it is said, he is influenced more by the possibility of being the nominee in 1908 than he is in 1904. Democratic leaders are not hopeful of electing their candidate next year, but the Mayor believes the democratic nominee will be able to make such a good showing against President Roosevelt that he will be the logical candidate for renomination in 1908.

Intended Blow Up.

SEATTLE, Oct. 22.—Twelve sticks of dynamite dode up in two packages, with split fuses attached all ready to light, were found concealed in the toilet-room of the Interurban Depot, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There was enough of the explosive to have blown up all buildings within a radius of two blocks and to damage property for a distance of ten blocks from the depot.

Hermann Accused.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—An interesting discovery in connection with the land frauds investigations is the fact that the records which might, or might not have thrown light on the present situation were destroyed by Binger Hermann, shortly before he left the General Land Office.

A Prince Attacked.

TIFLIS, Russian Transcaucasia, Oct. 28.—Prince Gallitzen, Governor-General of the Caucasus, had a narrow escape from assassination today in the outskirts of the town. Three natives stabbed the Governor-General thrice. They fled, but were subsequently shot down by the Cossacks.

Editor Robbed.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 29.—A snark thief entered the office of the Oregon City Enterprise at noon today and stole a jar containing money to the amount of about \$150 that had been offered as a subscription prize contest. The theft was perpetrated in the absence from the office of the employees. A tourist printer is suspected of the stealing.

Of Course Hanna.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 24.—Senator Hanna today said he would again accept the duties of chairman of the republican national committee, as he had been assured it is the wish of President Roosevelt that he manage his campaign for reelection. Mr. Hanna desires the public to know he never said he would not serve again. He is of the opinion that such reports were circulated to injure him politically.

Was Prostrated.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Commander Booth-Tucker, who arrived in Chicago today, expecting to join his wife here, was prostrated by the stroke of Mrs. Booth-Tucker's death. He was taken to the railway station by Salvation Army officials and was taken in a carriage direct to headquarters. No mention of his wife's death was made on the way, however, and the newspapers were withheld from him.

The Haytian War.

CAPE HAITIEN, Oct. 29.—General Navarro, the revolutionary Governor of Monte Cristo, (Santo Domingo, at the head of a strong force of troops, has joined General Morales, Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the Dominican revolution with the reported intention of moving the combined forces on the capital, Santo Domingo.

Death of Mrs. Crews.

Mrs. J. R. Crews died last night of meningitis, at the age of 37 years. She was taken ill on last Sunday. She leaves a husband and two children. Wren aged 17 and Edna 15. They came from eastern Oregon about a year ago, purchasing the Hanna farm, which Mr. Crews sold recently and purchased the dry business of B. M. Huston, moving to Albany. They had just moved into their new home in the first ward. She was a member of the Christian church and Degree of Honor, a woman of splendid character, beloved by all knowing her. Her parents live at Waitsburg. The funeral service will take place at the Christian church tomorrow at 2:30 p. m.

All members of the Degree of Honor are requested to meet at their Hall tomorrow at two o'clock sharp to attend the funeral of our late sister Vina Crews.

By order of chief of Honor,
MARY J. O'BRIEN.

Milton Shannon Died

In San Antonio, Texas, recently at the age of 80 years. He was an Oregon pioneer of 1851 and was one of the DEMOCRAT's original subscribers. He was Marion County's first judge, afterwards settling in Monroe, Benton county, going to Texas fifteen years ago, where he has resided with a brother.

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