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The reading public knows the cartoonist as a man whose pen uncovers hypocrisy and puts the knife of ridicule into political bombast; but there is another side quite as interesting. It is his personal side; his home side; the side his outdoor sportsman nature finds expression in at Morris Plains, at his little ranch, among his horses, his cattle, his sheep, his pheasants, his waterfowl.

At Morris Plains Farmer Davenport expresses himself. There he has combined the beautiful with the practical, and made the little valley farm of 40 acres on the Orange hills, the home of rare birds and thoroughbred stock.

Davenport is blunt, to the point, and what he wants in life he goes after. When he was a boy out in Oregon on his father's farm, he "ached" to draw, and draw he did. He used to lie on his stomach all day, and make sketches of animals on the farm floor.

The President and the Trusts.

"President now playing to 'rust' galleries in hope of their assistance." —John De Witt Warner.

"The trusts and the Administration understand each other perfectly." —Congressman Pierce.

"There is little protection now; this would leave none." Senator Tillman.

"The trusts will do all they can to re-elect their President." —Congressman Good.

"Most undisguised concession yet made by republicans to co-operate privately." —Congressman Klux.

"A grand stand play to Wall street to eve of April election." —Congressman Sulzer.

The manner in which the supervisors of the county have taken up the work of road improvement is commendable. The work is a big one particularly in a county like Linn, where there is a great diversity of road making, from the river road to the rocky stumpy foot hill road. All kinds of roads must be dealt with and kept navigable. It is impossible to put all the money of a county into one road of a mile or two, but all the roads must be kept improved and gradually developed in order to keep up the traffic of a county. The plan though is, to do what what is done and make just as permanent as possible every stretch of road built. In places it is almost impossible to get gravel. When it has to be hauled several miles the cost is very steep, but it is proposed to overcome all difficulties as far as possible and make a showing for the money invested. It is realized that good roads are the making of a county, and an appreciation of this fact will do much to secure better roads everywhere. Do well what is done should always be the program. At the same time emergencies must be met and all the roads must be kept passable.

According to the Harrisburg Bulletin there is money in farming. Few of our people realize the full value of the rich lands surrounding our city. As an example, a small farm about a mile from town, costing the owner less than thirty-five hundred dollars has, in two years, under intelligent cultivation, produced upwards of sixteen thousand dollars worth of produce. Another of twelve acres has, in the same time, produced upwards of six thousand dollars and we might cite numberless similar instances. Too much of this land is held for investment only. Its chief value lies in two years, under intelligent cultivation, produced upwards of sixteen thousand dollars worth of produce. Another of twelve acres has, in the same time, produced upwards of six thousand dollars and we might cite numberless similar instances.

The illness of Hanna will be generally regretted by the people of the United States. Whatever they may think of him politically and of his boss methods no one has any spirit of ill will towards him physically. His introduction of new systems in the management of party campaigns has given him a wide reputation. Personally he is said to be a pleasant man to meet.

The direct primary law would completely revolutionize Oregon politics, and for that reason, if for no other, the law is very likely to be defeated. Politicians out of jobs would be a catastrophe too awful to contemplate.—Eugene Register.

This week has seen the war proposition as lively as ever with the air full of yellow reports. The papers had the reply of Russia all figured out even before a reply had been in black and white. This was done for the purpose of making a scoop. Scoops are big things, and it seems to make no difference with some reporters whether George Washington has held the hatchet or not. Seriously the situation is very critical, and there is liable to be some cold lead in the air, and yet the DEMOCRAT has not yet lost hope of a peaceful termination of the difficulty.

Should war actually occur, on account of the size of the markets of the world, materially affecting the price of many commodities. In this respect it will benefit many in the United States. From a Shylock standpoint it would be a good thing, but from a broad humanitarian standpoint, unselfishly expressed it will be a bad thing. It doesn't make any difference if it would help to make things seek their level along some lines that in itself is not a sufficient excuse. In this Christian era men should rise above selfish interests.

After imprisonment for a great many years an American woman in an English prison was released. She was sentenced for poisoning her husband. Though convicted there has always been a belief among many that she was not guilty. The case has been a very conspicuous one for many years on account of continual efforts to secure her pardon. With even chances of a full pardon a pulse would beat loudly for the woman.

A good deal of interest is being taken in the subject of better roads, very properly so. There is only one opinion in the matter. Everybody wishes an improvement of the roads of the valley. It is not only a matter of business but as well of pleasure. Good roads add to the value of property and are a boon for bad lampers. It is a serious question how to make the most out of the money at hand for the improvement of our roads. In a big county of vast distances like this there is a different color to it from that of the east where cities are two or three miles apart and farms are small. A mile of Macadamized road here would cost \$3,000 or \$4,000. It would be great if the whole county could be Macadamized, but it would take dozens of years to do it with the present resources. Would it be a matter of justice to other parts of the county to put the money each year into two or three miles of such road and make the others wait years for their turn. Instead of doing that way now a road of gravel and rock costing less than a thousand dollars a mile will undoubtedly have to be the rule, making the best of the situation.

Tozier Tells of St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 2, 1904. Editor Democrat: Thousands of hammers are rattling away at the World's Fair grounds, and President Francis says that everything will be ready by April 30, opening day. After visiting the grounds here one is apt to conclude that Oregon has made a great mistake by attempting to hold an exposition the year following. Oregonians should not deceive thousands by thinking that people will travel across the continent to see an exhibit in Oregon that was seen here.

The real advantage to Oregon from the holding of an exposition is in the advanced advertising the state might receive. Thus, those in charge have neglected owing to the fact that the heads of most of the departments in Oregon are not exposition people and will not put those in charge who are familiar with exposition work. When partisan politics entered into the Lewis and Clark management a severe blow was dealt to a successful fair. Anyone in Oregon can plainly see that republicans only need apply for positions, and that merit cuts but very little figure. This has injured our fair in Oregon. Whether the partisan politics will, for the good of the state loose their grip remains to be seen. Irreparable damage has already been done. I know whereof I speak.

Clean First Street. Rattling fine weather. Basket ball has the floor. Round up the good roads and keep them going.

The Southern Pacific itself should be a liberal contributor. It is an obstinate man who does not get insured these days.

The Freewater Times says there is a fine opening at that place for an undertaker.

Japan is now just about to lose her patience. Some of the Russian bear's fur is liable to fly.

The photograph business is going too far. A man back east has discovered a process for photographing a corpse by which it will look lifelike.

Forty-three Oregon papers have had reference to ground hog day.—Telegram. The Telegram makes the 44th, several days behind time.

The city council of Colfax has introduced a license for a stricter regulation of the saloon business and another one for the securing of better water for the city. Perhaps the latter should pass first.

Bishop Hamilton, of the M. E. church who recently passed through Albany, threw a bomb in San Francisco by remarking that a lay person cannot be a Christian. A good many seem to be hit hard.

The Eugene Register accuses the Baker Co. of Portland of making the recent trip down the valley with James as a mere rehearsal for the Portland presentation of the play. If so Albany was the first time they ever gave the production, a pretty good job for No. 1.

The convention of road supervisors was a great success. Before adjournment there were twenty-six supervisors present out of twenty-eight in the county, a good looking body of men determined to make the best roads possible with the means and funds at their hands.

The coming June election will be some pumpkins, though an off year. A supreme judge is to be elected to succeed Judge Moore, two circuit judges to succeed Judges Boise and Barnett, a district attorney to take Mr. Hart's place and a representative in place of Binger Hermann, beside the county and joint county officers. Tune up the bands.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Sam Dugger left yesterday afternoon on a trip to Seattle.

Miss Louise Shields went to Eugene this afternoon to continue her Y. W. O. A. work.

Miss Bertha Bohannon, of Independence, is visiting in Albany the guest of Miss Millie Gottlieb.

Prof. W. C. Hawley and family, of Salem, are visiting at the home of John Gelseander in the country.

Miss Lena Eades went to Albany to care for Mrs. Metzger, who is reported seriously ill.—Jefferson Review.

H. Lemke and Jas. Fitzpatrick are looking after their homesteads this week in the Big Bottom country.

Mrs. Fankbourn returned yesterday afternoon from Eugene, where she was the guest of Mrs. J. F. Robinson.

Mr. Ira Turner has rented his farm and will spend some time at Hot Lake for the benefit of his inflammatory rheumatism. He has already been there a few weeks.

Mr. Grant Brown, an old Ohio neighbor of Riley Little, a former Albany minister, has been in the city, while on his way east from California.

Lebanon E. A.: Miss E. Dorothy Elliott, the instructor in music at Albany College the past two years, is seriously ill with diphtheria at her present home in New Wilmington, Penn.

Mrs. S. G. Irvine and Miss Lib Irvine are spending a few weeks in Los Angeles previous to going to Pennsylvania. A former Albany young woman spending the winter in Los Angeles is Miss Ina Law Robertson, of Chicago.

Registrations To Date.

Albany 38, E. Albany 35, W. Albany 76, N. Brownsville 108, S. Brownsville 83, Center 14, Crawfordville 32, Foster 6, Fox Valley 2, N. Harrisburg 61, S. Harrisburg 56, Halsey 17, Jordan 12, Lacombe 71, N. Lebanon 82, S. Lebanon 138, Orleans 25, Price 36, Rock Creek 13, Santiam 10, N. Scio 11, S. Scio 11, bhd 9, Shelburn 4, Sodaville 6, Sweet Home 4, Syracuse 10, Tangent 23, Tallman 17, Waterloo 15. Total 1029.

This is less than a 4th, voters should hurry up.

Painting Brownsville.

Mr. F. E. Adams, a scenic artist, and George Rolfe, of Albany, are in the city painting a drop curtain for the opera house. The curtain will be what is known as an "Adv-curtain." In the center will appear a nice scene, surrounded on the sides and above by the advertising of the business and professional men of the city. The old drop curtain, which has seen service for about twenty years, will be used for an exterior scene at the rear of the stage.—Times.

From noon of Feb 11th to noon of the 15th Dr. Lowe the optician will be in Albany.

Not a Money Lender.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—It was evident from the debate in the Senate today on the amendment to make the St. Louis Exposition a loan of \$4,500,000 that the Lewis and Clark proposition is stronger than that from Missouri. Much of the opposition that was manifest was not extending Government aid to an exhibition of a National character, but rather the proposition of the government becoming a money lender.

One Dollar Wheat.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—One dollar wheat was an actuality today, and the fondest hope of the Western farmer was realized. The magic mark of dollar wheat was reached this morning when two carloads of Wight wheat were sold in the sample room of the Board of Trade for 100 cents per bushel, the highest price that has been paid for the grain since the Leiter deal of 1898.

Chicago in Danger.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Chicago is threatened with a water famine, unless immediate steps are taken to divert the water from the Port Huron to Saginaw Bay, there are more than 100 people starved in the villages and hamlets. Yesterday's northwestern blizzard appears to have completely undone the previous work of the railroads in their attempt to open the "Thumb" to traffic again.

Hanna Ill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Senator Hanna had a setback late this afternoon which for a time considerably alarmed the members of his family, who had been encouraged to hope that he was to be himself again, but the congestive attack which they feared was averted to some extent by prompt action.

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All Gone from Cuba.

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—The last vestige of the American occupation of Cuba disappeared today, when the American flag was lowered from the Cabana Barracks and the last battalion of American soldiers marched to the Triscoria pier and boarded the U. S. Army transport Sumner which will sail tomorrow for Florida.

Mrs. Maybrick's Freedom.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Associated Press can announce with authority that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is now in a home in a distant part of England and under the care of the members of a religious sisterhood. She has not been released, and is kept under surveillance, but to all intent and purposes her life now, compared to her existence in Aylesbury prison, is that of a free woman.

A Korean Panic.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—Advises received from Korea say that the feeling of panic is general there and that depression prevails in all the seaports, where massacres of foreigners are feared. Europeans are preparing to send their families to Shanghai.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Postoffice at Albany, Linn county, Oregon, Feb. 13, 1904. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which advertised:

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION and order and sale to me directed, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, in the case of W. H. Davis, plaintiff, vs. Charles B. Looney and Alpha P. Looney, his wife, defendants, I will on the 27th day of February 1904, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. at the front door of the court house in the city of Albany, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real property, to-wit:

1. An undivided one-sixth interest in and to the following described real property, beginning at an iron pipe 1 1/2 by 3/8 inches at a point 50 links North of the section corner between Sections 25 and 36 in Township 11, S. R. 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, Linn County, Oregon, and running thence West parallel with the South line of the D. L. C. Denner, Francis and wife 35.35 chains to an iron pipe 1 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches on West line of said claim, thence North on the West line of said claim 11.50 chains to an iron pipe 1 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches, thence East parallel with the South line of said D. L. C. Denner 11.50 chains to a place of beginning, containing 64.31 acres more or less.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 1904, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, at my office in the court house in the city of Albany, Linn county, Oregon, sell at public auction for the delinquent taxes for the year 1902, the following described real estate and will sell each tract and parcel of real estate described below to the person who will pay the taxes, costs and accrued penalties thereon and take a certificate at the lowest rate of interest, said sale to be continued from day to day until the list is exhausted and all said land sold. Said property is subject to redemption according to law:

Abbott, Mrs. S. J.—Two-thirds of the following: Beginning at a stake 17.39 chains north of the east corner of section 18, township 10 north, range 3 west, Linn county, Oregon; thence north 5 chains; thence parallel with south line of said section 14.03 chains to the center of county road; thence south 45 minutes, east 5 chains; thence 13.99 chains to beginning, containing 7 acres; tax \$4.68, penalty 53 cents; interest 36 cents; total \$5.54. 4.84

28; thence east to beginning, containing 15.25 acres, in section 28, township 10 north, range 2 west, interest 23 cents; total \$5.54. 1.82