

Something Red Hot

A correspondent in the Salem Journal hit hard as follows: I observe that Mr. T. T. Geer of Pendleton still continues to uphold the last useless legislature. His object in doing so is as plain as the nose on one's face. He wants to secure the friendship and support of the members of that legislature in behalf of his candidacy for the senate of the United States senate at the next election and he imagines he can secure that end by flattery.

Mr. Geer knows that Frank Davey did nothing but talk, talk, talk, and most of it in the interest of corporations; and the majority of the members did nothing but vote for appropriations and commissions. I unhesitatingly affirm that the last legislature was the worst enemy that Oregon has had to contend with for years. They were worse than a plague of grasshoppers. If the people can only get a whack at its work through the referendum, Mr. Geer will then know what the voters think of this embeccle body.

I want to ask Mr. Geer a few questions:

First. Does he think the legislature did right in expending \$100,000 for armories?

Second. Does he think it did right in passing a bill paying Jeff Myers \$2500 for services that he was to do for nothing; in fact in the face of a law which declared he should do the work without any compensation whatever?

Third. Does he approve of appropriating \$2000 for every graduate our state university turns out in a year; in short, for appropriating \$125,000 a year to a college that does little more work on that sum than Willamette University does on \$20,000 a year?

Fourth. Does Mr. Geer favor the official pass bill—a bill that has made Oregon the laughing stock of the world—a bill passed in defiance of the will of the people as expressed by referendum vote?

Fifth. Does Mr. Geer think the late lamented nightmare mis-called legislature, did right in appropriating a million dollars more than any legislature that ever met in Oregon?

Sixth. Does Mr. Geer think Mr. James U. Campbell was right when he publicly declared that the only way to get the late legislature to pass any bill, was to tack on to it an appropriation, and then it would go through like a shot?

Does It Pay?

From the Portland Journal, a representative metropolitan paper:

A statistician has figured it out that about seven-tenths of the poverty and destitution in the city of Chicago is caused by drink. He states that if the saloons of Chicago were set side by side they would make a solid row five miles in length. The drink bill of the city amounts to more than \$75,000,000 a year. Not only is most of this money wasted, squandered, by those who spend it, but consider the resultant expense to the public, in policemen, jails, courts and poverty.

Of course the liquor traffic "makes business" in a sense, for many not directly engaged in it. It is more or less allied and interwoven with many kinds of industry, even some forms of agriculture. But conceding all that one may well ask: "Does it pay?" Isn't the public on a final balance a good deal worse off with it than it would be without it?

The liquor traffic is too big, and from a "business" and industrial point of view too important to be easily or quickly eliminated. This must be done, if at all, by easy gradations, but that people should be moving in that direction as opportunity offers is not strange. Here a little and there a little, the prohibitionists, though not gaining votes as a distinct party, are gaining ground, and more people are regarding the saloon as an evil.

On the Down Grade.

Father Vaughn, of London has been stirring that city up in a live manner. Some things he says reach further than London society:

"Many of the women of Mayfair worship their pet dogs more than they do Almighty God. What a disgrace!

"To judge from the scandalous novels that are read, the loose plays that are played, the gross superstition that is practiced, the visits of palmists and quacks, and the charms bought in Bond street and worn, I should say society was on the down grade.

Capital Journal: Postoffice Inspector Riches, of Portland, owns a copy of a "List of Postoffices of the United States" which was issued by the government in 1762. The list has been, until recently in the possession of John Hedden, postmaster at Scottsburg, Douglas county, Oregon, who had it from the government, soon after publication. Scottsburg is one of the oldest postoffices in the state and Mr. Hedden was its first postmaster. In 1869 Oregon had 50 postoffices.

The Salem Journal View Of It.

The farmer and business man and laborer who has no income from any paternalistic source must battle for every dollar he gets in the open competition of the world. He has no institution back of his efforts.

The State Agricultural College appropriation was also managed from this stand point of safe-guarding the preserves of perpetual officialism, but they caught onto the current a little.

They went to the governor and voluntarily knocked off about fifty thousand dollars, and escaped the veto and escaped criticism. But the State University push are powerful and have nothing to fear, but the organized farmer vote.

The official push believes that can be overcome. They have time and means to fight the farmer. They appeal to all the other entrenched officialism to co-operate and then divide the Grange. They quote the grange against the grange, and thus defeat the taxpayers.

In spite of all this, in spite of the fact that the farmers are fighting against the political machine, and the higher educated class that has the salaries and has the time to travel over the state at public expense, there must be a check somewhere.

Single farmers of Linn county have spent as high as fifty dollars in working for petitions to secure the referendum—to the mere chance to vote on a matter that the legislature dared not submit to the people.

For be it known that the legislature changed the initiative and referendum law so as to make it more difficult and expensive to refer any matter to the vote of the people.

The legislature hitched the emergency clause onto nearly every bill that was of a character that might be referred to the people. It played the game of the predatory classes to the limit.

It did not mean that the people should have any chance to exercise a check upon the overreaching and organizing combinations that log-rolled their schemes through the legislature.

But there must be a check somewhere. The check, slight as it is, expensive and burdensome upon the private citizen as it is, is now in the hands of the farmers of Linn county. Will they succeed?

The University faculty are out, traveling over the state, battling for their graft—to be plain about it—fighting for their privileges—they don't want any overhead check on what they shall take from the taxpayer. It is the professors against the farmers. Which will win?

In the Same Boat.

If a local paper should run down its home town, never losing an opportunity to knock it, how long would it last. And it wouldn't deserve to last long. The people have a right to demand that the newspaper shall use its best efforts for the upbuilding of the city in which it is published. And yet what is said in reference to the newspaper should be just as true in reference to the private citizen. He has no more right to knock a city than a newspaper, and if does he deserves to be dropped just the same. Newspapers and people are in the same boat, that's all, and they should unite in their efforts for a city, casting aside their little petty jealousies and quibblings over things not run according to their ideas. The majority rules, and people and newspapers together should abide by its rule, and just together for the upbuilding of their home town, optimistic in everything, knowing no such thing as going backward, constantly looking for an opportunity to speak a good word for the city, telling of its splendid business and its prospects, boasting always, never knocking.

An Editor's Stock.

An Oregon editor took stock the first of the year, after the plan of the business people, which resulted in the following invoice: Boen broke, 300 times; had money, 65; praised by the public, 6; damned by the public, 134; asked to drink, 18; refused, 0; missed prayer meeting, 52; been roasted, 431; roasted others, 52; washed the office towel 3; missed my meals, 0; taken for a preacher, 11; taken for a capitalist, 0; found money, 0; taken baths, 6; delinquent subscribers paid, 27; did not pay, 436; pain in conscience, 0; got whipped, 0; whipped other fellows, 8; cash on hand, January 1, \$1.47; cash on hand now, 67 cents.—Ex.

Enough of Thaw.

Thaw should not be tried again. He should be discharged. The country has had enough of the case. Justice doesn't demand that he be tried until either convicted or discharged. The first trial has divulged the fact that he could never be convicted no matter how many times tried. If he had killed an honorable man instead of a libertine the case would be different, but when the character of his victim is considered it is easy to appreciate the fact that enough has been done. And yet after all it is unfortunate for the public that such men as Thaw can run at large. But New York is full of fellows of the same calibre.

Hermann's Ups and Downs.

Just now it looks rather dark for Binger Hermann. The case has had many hues since it started, ups and downs for Hermann. Sometimes it has looked as if he would surely go free, and the very next thing some damaging evidence has been presented that has changed the color of things entirely. Just now a very conspicuous thing in the case is the proof of the manner in which he farmed out offices under him to relatives, six or seven in all, the worst kind of nepotism, and according to the report not very honorable in its character. No matter what the office, whether big or little there is nothing that makes an official more unpopular than the ringing of relatives into every job possible. The public doesn't consider that when it elects a man to office or appoints him to one that the whole family and the cousins and the aunts, uncles and nephews, shall also come in for a slice. This seems to have been the Hermann program. The United States needs to turn over a new leaf and leave the peanut politicians out of jobs.

Was An Honest Man.

In the death of Judge R. P. Boise Oregon loses a man whom everybody is glad to honor. He belonged to that sterling set of men, who are somewhat rare these days, a representative of true American manhood. Men who disagreed with him respected him because they knew he was honest and fair. He was somewhat in politics, and yet he kept himself clean, a splendid example in these days of peanut politics, when office turns some men's heads so much as to twist what little of good there is in them out. Judge Boise was noted for his courtesy on the bench and as well for his splendid judicial discernment. Before him every lawyer had an equal chance, whether young or old, and was approachable on the bench as well as off. His was the manhood of the stripe that lasts down through the ages.

All who had the pleasure of knowing him will long have a pleasant memory for this splendid citizen.

Frenzied Thoughts.

Another Federal judge has upheld the employers' liability act of the last Congress. That makes two for and two against. Bets taken on the next guess.

Carrie Nation appeared in the Boston State house to harangue the legislators, but as she couldn't talk Bostonese the police escorted her to the elevator and rang the bell.

The Princeton undergraduates are going to present Mr. Cleveland with a silver loving cup and they ought not to neglect the quality of the bait which accompanies it.

CRANOR CORNER

Bid in by J. K. Weatherford at \$3,550.

The sale of the corner of the late H. L. Cranor, known as Chinatown, 102 by 311 feet, this afternoon at the court house attracted a large crowd. Sheriff Smith did the crying for the administrator, Chas. Pfeiffer. The first bidder was W. F. Pfeiffer at \$2,000. J. K. Weatherford bid \$2250. Dr. Hill \$2500. W. F. Pfeiffer \$2600. J. McAlpin \$2700. W. F. Pfeiffer \$2800, and from then on the bids alternated between Mr. Weatherford and Mr. McAlpin at \$3,000, \$3100, \$3150, \$3200, \$3250, \$3300, \$3350, \$3400, \$3450, \$3500 and \$3550 by Mr. Weatherford, to whom it was knocked down.

The future of the corner will be watched with interest.

Engagement Announced.

Miss Myrtle Worley and Miss Lettie Pratt, of the public schools last evening at the home of Miss Worley gave a party in honor of Miss May Norwood, one of the city's most efficient teachers, who will soon retire from school life. The evening was spent in making blocks for quilts with their initials. With each scrap was a card announcing the engagement of Miss Norwood and Mr. Lawrence Faxton, of College Corners, Ohio. A banquet was served, followed by toasts. Miss Swan spoke on the bride, Mrs. Thrall the teacher in married life. Miss Baltimore on partings, and Miss Norwood on the old friend. All the teachers of the school and Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hayes were present.

Albany and Palestine.

Albany is to be connected with Palestine by telephone. A Company has been formed for the purpose with D. W. Rumbaugh as president and G. W. Williamson as secretary. There will be at least fifteen phones on it, with connections with the Home office. Albany is the only city in Oregon that has direct phone connections with Palestine.

Prof. Webb Wight, of the Jefferson schools, was in the city today.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

In keeping track of the big events of the world have you noticed how some of them drag on for weeks, and, no doubt some of the readers of the DEMOCRAT get sort of tired of what becomes chestnutty, but the DEMOCRAT is in for it and is bound to refer to the leading events regardless of repetition, ringing in the changes as they occur from week to week.

It is with pleasure the last chapter of the Thaw case is finished today. There may be a sequel later, another trial, but the jig is up for awhile at least. The jury disagreed, as it was pretty sure to do. A great many looked for a verdict of acquittal, but instead of that more were for hanging than for acquittal. The unwritten law doesn't operate in New York State, and besides that, Thaw was proven as much of a rake as White. Nevertheless he will never be convicted, and Mr. Jerome might as well as not discharge him; but he will not, and the whole country next fall will again be afflicted.

The Hermann trial has also dragged along like a snail going to its execution. But there has been some spice this week, in fact, this has been about the best week of the Hermann show. The public has gotten the worth of its money in the cross-examination of Mr. Hermann. In this the star actor of the day, Mr. Graft, captured the audience. According to the story Mr. Hermann had six or seven relatives under pay, and in one case it is said divided salary with the fellow. If the reports are true Mr. Hermann will be entitled to a pretty good niche in the graft hall of fame.

Politically there is a great deal of interest taken in the third term talk about the President. It looks as if some kind of a big game was being hunted, but it is difficult to tell just what it is. Mr. Roosevelt will probably not be a candidate regardless of the move of numerous spoils hunters to force him into the contest. At least this is the way it looks to the DEMOCRAT this week. Next week it may look some other way, if so the DEMOCRAT will state it. Keeping track of the President makes one's head swim. He is up and then he is down, a man of marvellous action, always doing something, the embodiment of energy. One can't help watching him to see the wheels go round.

Arbor day occurred during the week, a very pleasant day in the events of the life of the student, not like a 4th of July celebration, but just the opposite, one of nature's days. The object is to plant more trees. It is difficult for a city to have too many trees, just so they are set out so that there is plenty of room for sunshine at the proper place and time. Big trees set off a city wonderfully, and the DEMOCRAT is opposed to ever cutting one down if it can be saved. These cement walks are knocking some of them put out in the wrong place years ago, but by a little management and risk most of them can be saved.

Here is to the person who always boosts and never knocks, who helps to build up his home city and never tries to tear it down, who is honorable in public affairs as well as in private life.

Down with the Sanford Whites and Thaws, wherever they are.

C. H. NEWS.

Judge Stewart and Dr. M. H. Ellis today made a commitment for insanity, recorded as follows:

Frederick Tallman, age 40 years, member of the Christian Church, duration of attack 2 1/2 months suicidal and homicidal, cause not known. Has always been weak-minded, bordering on imbecility, a case of progressive general paresis. Complainant, Mrs. A. Grey. Residence Thurston and Eight streets, Albany.

Deeds recorded: John A. Weaver to Hammond Lumber Co., 160 acres.....\$1 Chas. C. Parker to Hammond Lumber Co., 160 acres.....1

Government Ownership Won.

The debate at Newberg last evening between Albany and Pacific College was won by Newberg, which had the affirmative of the question of government ownership of railroads. E. L. Jones, Will Steele and Grover Birtchet sustained the negative in an able manner but the judges decided the preponderance of argument was in favor of the affirmative.

Albany had previously won from McMinnville on the negative.

Death of Mrs. Wadsworth.

Mrs. F. M. Wadsworth died at Toledo recently at the age of 69 years. She came from New York state to Oregon just after the war, locating in Albany, where she and her family resided several years, going from here to the Bay. Her husband survives her.

MISFITS.

A retrial of the Thaw case would be an awful calamity to the country.

Foraker also has a pitchfork, which he is probing into the President.

Whatever the verdict in the Hermann case the evidence is enough to everlastingly kill him politically.

Jerome called Thaw a cowardly, brutal murderer, a rich illiterate who had always had his own way.

The exodus of peanut politicians into Eastern Oregon will be a gain to the Willamette Valley and a loss to Eastern Oregon.

Enough water power has been appropriated up the Santiam to run the machinery of a Pittsburg, but it is simply on paper.

People who have common troubles in life have only to think of the men who are jurors in the Thaw case to be reconciled with their lot in life.

In the death of Judge Boise Oregon loses a splendid citizen, one who played his part well, a clean and able judge, a man trustworthy and reliable.

A candidate for Mayor of Portland promises to try and secure Honey and Burns to probe into Portland rottenness. But they are needed all over the U. S.

A good many papers and people are hitting the grange because it has taken steps to refer the U. O. bill and not the O. A. C. bill, claiming that this is discrimination.

Frances J. Heney who was once expelled from the University of California for fighting, has just been granted a degree by the same University. Mr. Heney is it now.

Before kicking at the little rain we get in the Willamette Valley read the record of all the coast cities, Astoria, Tillamook, Toledo, Newport, Marshfield, over twice as much as we have at Albany.

This whole Thaw business is rotten. Thaw made a trip over Europe with Evelyn Nesbit, whom he afterwards married, and from that time on the whole business was a sample of New York life in the upper crust.

The following going the rounds ought to make people optimistic: There is no use to grumble and complain.

It is just as easy to rejoice; When God sorts out the weather and sends rain, Rain's my choice.

The Whyfore.

Mr. Swackhanner, with the long name, lectured last night in the church at Richland, Benton county, and has a testimonial of H. Hector, road supervisor, of the good work done. Mr. Swackhanner has made a statement, of which the following is as much as the DEMOCRAT has room to give:

To the peoples of this city of Albany is why I did not lecture to the Public school of this city is that they did not dig up as I had said important thing that the Editor of the Herald said that I did not get the chance to talk for this reason is that they did not want me. Have nothing for my talk yet I give and talk in the public school at Corvallis Oregon got \$17.75 cent from 310 pupils and teachers and 2 Principals. Homes is the city dependent then you want me to talk here free. So then if they dig up that ten cents for the talk I will give, if they do not I will not give it. There is thousands in the churches of Albany that are really born again if the lord would come to night they could not add that they were ready to meeting for in the bible we found that he said this is my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, so then will you tell me editor for what church in this city are doing what that church methodist north or south camiltes Baptist United Presbyterian or the Old one to so then if they had only one church in the city of Albany they could do more than they are doing now.

I am this one who style my self as minister of the gospel not Man Made Rule of Doctrine of men but the bible ways nothing, else, D. J. H. A. Z. Swackhanner West indain Lecturer Traveler Explorer Evangelist of the world, church of christ matthew. 16.15.

Brownville is to have another automobile, Chas. Sterling having purchased one.

Dr. F. F. Seavers, the Benton county poultry man, today received two crates of fine looking White Plymouth Rocks for his big yard.

The Albany Planing Mill is having more business than ever before. Extra men have been secured to meet the orders.

Hello Bill was well presented last night to a pleased audience. Mr. Ashby, a splendid comedian appeared for the first time as Hello Bill, making good. The Company will play Hello Bill to night at Corvallis.

Work was stopped at the corner of Broadbaine street and the alley adjoining Dr. Littler's by property owner's objecting to a second pole going up in the street. One was declared to be enough.

The Great Northern Mining Company filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk this afternoon. The incorporators are S. E. Wrightman, H. C. Mahon and Geo. G. Gross, and the capital stock \$100,000. The principal place of business is in Eugene.—Guard.

TELEGRAPHIC.

New York, April 11.—At 5:30 this afternoon the jury in the Thaw case is yet out, with prospects of not agreeing.

New York, April 12.—The jury in the Thaw case reported this afternoon that they could not agree, and after being out almost two days were discharged.

It is reported seven were for murder in the first degree and five for acquittal on the last ballot. Thaw was remanded to the toms for a second trial, probably next fall, without bail.

HAINES, Ore., April 12.—The Haines sanitarium was burned last night. The lost is \$50,000, insurance \$25,000. A patient from Salt Lake was burned. It is believed to be incendiary.

People Who Come and Go

Chas H. Glos, Portland. R H Parsons, Creswell. Je-se Darby, Mabel Harpoild, Astland. J W Whitney, Portland. Mrs. T L Hendis, Ellensburg. Frank Robinson, Portland. Isaac Baum, Spokane. Rev H N Mount, Eugene. F F Hall, Portland. Dan J Fry, Salem. W H Derr, Manhattan, Kas.

Rev. G. W. Nelson.

Portland Journal:—Rev. George W. Nelson of the Albany Congregational church has accepted a call to become permanent pastor of the St. Johns Congregational church to succeed Rev. Fred J. Warren, who has resigned. The Albany church has released Rev. Mr. Nelson and he will take up his work in St. Johns about June 1. Rev. Mr. Nelson is a graduate of Pacific university of Forest Grove of the class of '90, and he is also a graduate of the Pacific Theological seminary of Berkeley of the class of 1893. He has filled four pulpits since graduation, at Kalama and Port Angeles, Washington, and Ashland and Albany, Oregon. Mrs. Nelson is a daughter of Rev. J. M. Morrison, a retired Presbyterian minister of Portland. Rev. and Mrs. Nelson have a daughter 11 years old.

Intercollegiate Debate.

The Albany College Debating team, consisting of E. L. Jones, Will Steele and Grover Birtchet, tonight at Newberg will debate with the team of Pacific College for the intercollegiate championship. Albany will support the negative side of the question of government ownership of railroads, which it successfully sustained against McMinnville. The team is one of the strongest the college ever had and will make a splendid showing.

Funeral of Mrs. Snyder.

The funeral of Mrs. Snyder, who committed suicide yesterday morning was held this afternoon at the family residence on the Salem Road, Rev. S. A. Douglas preaching the sermon. The case excited considerable interest on account of reports in reference to the cause, particularly the one that it was because, believing in faith cure, she had taken medicine. The real cause was probably buried with her.

The Democrat's Special.

The first four pages of the DEMOCRAT's special edition are being printed today, and may be seen by those interested at the office of F. K. Churchill. It will consist of eight pages of the size of the daily DEMOCRAT, well illustrated and representative of the business interests of the city. The edition will consist of 5,000 copies, full measure, offering a fine opportunity for publicity. It is expected to have it out about Wednesday the 17th.

County Institute

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold an institute on Wednesday, April 17, in their hall. Methods of work and conferences upon interesting topics will occupy the day sessions and in the evening Mrs. L. H. Addison, state president, will lecture. All the meetings are open to the public and a cordial invitation is extended to every person interested in moral reforms to be present. The full program will appear later. Com.

Rev. Jameson Ordained.

Rev. F. H. Adams, of McMinnville, preached the ordination sermon last evening upon the advent of Rev. R. F. Jameson into the Baptist ministry, an able effort. Rev. S. A. Douglas delivered the charge to the candidate, Rev. W. P. Elmore gave the right hand of fellowship and Rev. Hicks, of Roseburg, and Dr. O. E. Groat, of Myrtle Creek assisted. It was a pleasant service.

A base ball league has been organized in Salem, with the Woolen Mills, Merchants, Fairmounts and Y. M. C. A. in it. I. B. Kay, is president. A series of games will be played the coming season.

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