

A Seattle Boost

SEATTLE, July 8.—I want to say that your description of Albany's Fourth of July celebration was fine reading, and gave one who was not there a vivid, clear idea of the good time the citizens of Albany had on the birthday of our national liberty.

It must be a delight to live in a town that has put its foot down on the neck of licentiousness and drunkenness, and this article referred to in your paper, will do as much as a good deal of advertising of real estate chances, and alluring investments, to fill up the town with a kind of people that every town wants, and that alone insure permanent growth and prosperity.

I want to extend my felicitations to the winners of the several prizes, and especially to congratulate those whom I happen personally to know. I consider that such days and sports tend to make our American life profitable, and helpful to the development of the best kind of citizenship in the young, and to add glory and strength to the HOME life, so essential to the perpetuity of the life and civic virtue of our beloved land.

I congratulate the town upon having such a paper as the DEMOCRAT, and the paper upon being in such a town as ALBANY. Long life to both!

Yours cordially, WALLACE H. LEE.

Eulogizing Grover Cleveland.

It will be entirely proper for the late Ex-President Grover Cleveland to be eulogized at the democratic convention at Denver this week. He was a democrat and statesman, a man of backbone and character. He may have been disgruntled and sulked some like Hector in his tent, but in his whole career he has stood for a high standard of citizenship, and will go down in history as a statesman of far more than ordinary ability. The convention could hardly do less than remember him in a dignified and proper manner. Mr. Parker will be a suitable man for the occasion, though there are many abler men in the convention.

Publish It Any Way

The Oregonian reports that Hon. M. A. Miller has had a speech ready, which it was his intention to deliver in the seconding of the nomination of Bryan, but another Oregonian was selected for the purpose. It is in order for the Oregonian to secure it and publish it anyway. After the Chicago convention it published a speech which Hon. Geo. H. Williams had prepared ready to be delivered, but was not. Mr. Williams was simply introduced and bowed to the audience, keeping his speech in his pocket, which was afterwards attached to an Oregonian linotype and appeared in the morning in cold type. Why not Miller's also.

What Is What

It is amusing to read inquiries in republican papers like this: "What is a democrat?" One would judge from what follows that it is a difficult thing to figure out, but it is a much easier thing than to figure out "what is a republican." Once that was easy, but not now. If there was ever a party at sea it is that one. It is trying to gobble up the things of democracy and pass them off for republicanism, making a mess of it.

The Modern Caricature.

About the worst mud slingers in the world are the partisan caricatures. A paper may be pretty decent, but be full of muddy caricatures, things that would not be duplicated editorially. And yet, as a matter of fact, the leading caricature of a newspaper is an editorial expression, generally suggested by the managing editor of a big newspaper. The artist himself simply makes the goods ordered, valuable according to his genius.

Why the Enthusiasm.

The newspapers are trying to explain why there is so much enthusiasm over Bryan's name. Some call it hero worship, others something else. It means something and a good deal. Bryan's name stands for a high standard of manhood from any standpoint, for high statesmanship and for high citizenship. He is a clean man, a man to be trusted, and the people know it. His campaign will be a notable one.

"Richmond P. Hobson's war with Japan is on again", says the Mexican Herald. Merely playing a few one night stands in the provinces. That's all.

A Western railroad has just ordered fifty new locomotives. Evidently returning prosperity has decided to get something of a move on.



JOSEPH A. FOLK.

Prominent in the convention.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

This week another national convention was held, and the issue is now made up between the republicans and democrats, with Bryan and Kern as the democratic, and Taft and Sherman as the republican standard bearers. The democrats did well. Mr. Bryan has the confidence of the members of the party from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They believe in his ability and his integrity. They know that he represents the people and stands for a high standard of citizenship, a clean man politically and personally. Mr. Kern for vice president is prominent in the state, a man with a good reputation, and will add wonderful strength to the ticket in Indiana, which will be made the center of the fight during the campaign.

It would be a good thing for the country to have a change. The books need expiring by new men. A party long in power becomes corrupt, using the machinery of the government for political purposes only instead of for the good of their fellow men. Mr. Bryan is a safe man for business men and for all classes.

A good many people are turning their eyes towards the seashore and mountains, a warm wave making them think about a change; but the masses will peg away at their daily duties, getting a bite of recreation on the run, sometimes in the evening, sometimes in the morning. Hash would certainly be dull eating for a steady diet, hence the need of a summer outing pickle occasionally. The person with a light sunshine heart is going to get along pretty well almost anywhere in almost any old place, on this old world, with its hills and valleys and oceans.

What a fool a boy must be to commit any kind of crime. Just one good solid thought should make him see that it won't pay. Murder will out every time. Besides any kind of a criminal act blackens one's character until it is distasteful even to one's self. Weeds in the street look bad enough, but they are worse in the character. One does well to get them out of both.

C. H. NEWS.

Deeds recorded: William Curtis to Idaho F. Campbell 112 acres and 104 a. \$ 6000 Eugene Loan and Savings Bank to Fred Fischer 160 a. 3000 Fred Fischer et al to D. W. Merrill, W. M. Gokrend and A. F. Gokrend 160 a 16-2 W. J. F. Kelly et al to Fred Fischer et al 320 a 15-2 W. 10

Hunters licenses: Harry Potter, Joe Potter, Waterloo.

Long for Oregon.

G. G. Schmitt, of Portland, brother of Cashier A. C. Schmitt, writing from Chicago, tells of his longing for Oregon weather after some of the hot weather back there. He is on a visit of a month. L. L. Walker, a former resident of near Albany, writes that he will return to Oregon. "Ge whiz, how hot it is down here," he writes from Almira, Ark.

Another U. S. Jury.

Another federal jury has been drawn at Portland to continue the prosecutions for land frauds. Those from Linn county are: J. S. Morris, Seio; Alex Power, Halsey; Martin Buseard, Albany; W. D. Washburn, Brownsville; W. R. Ray, Jordan; T. J. Munkers, Seio; W. W. Poling, Shedd. Among the others is Walter B. Peacock, of Portland, a former Albany man.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed N. Beach, of Palouse City, Wash., arrived last night on a few weeks' visit, and are the guests of Mr. Beach's sister, Mrs. George. Mr. Beach is an old-time Albany merchant and has several brothers-in-law and other friends here who are always glad to see him and his estimable wife.

C. H. NEWS.

Probate: In estate of M. H. Wilds, inventory filed. Real property \$13,200; personal property \$3297.74. Total \$16,497.74. Personal property, including 1610 bushels of wheat, ordered sold.

Marriage licenses: Clifford Lyarger, aged 26, born in Ohio, of Springfield, a clerk, and Mrs. Stella Rutledge, aged 26, born in Mo., of Albany. Gerald D. Crawford, aged 21, electrician, and Esther Trites, aged 20, both of Albany, both born in Oregon. J. D. Bryant, aged 27, born in Oregon, of Albany, and Aelie H. Jones, aged 25, born in West Va., of Thomas.

Deeds recorded: Wm G. Norwood to John Young 28 1/2 acres.

Mortgages for \$450, \$1100, \$300 and \$76.60. Releases for \$600 and \$300.

Recorder Froman and deputies are just completing making copies of all the records of the O. & C. R. R. Co. made necessary by the originals being burned in the big San Francisco fire, an expensive job, covering the entire coast holdings.

Deeds recorded: Trustees General Assembly of the U. P. church of North America to R. A. McCully, 4 lots bl 30, Halsey. \$700

Mortgage for \$100. Release of mortgage for \$1800.

Probate: Final account approved in estate of Anna Titus. In estate of Oscar Ireland, a minor, real property was ordered sold. In estate of J. H. Wallace, final hearing was set for August 15. Final account approved in estate of Laura Dannels, and receipts filed.

Hunters licenses: Jas. A. Bilyeu, Dr. Prill Seio; Earnest Hornback, A. D. Stevenson, Albany; Frank Reiner, Portland; 222 in all entitled to kill deer after the 15th.

COUNTY COURT

Court adjourned this morning after transacting the following additional business:

In the road case of E. E. Taylor and others was continued.

In the road case of H. W. Cook and others Surveyor A. L. Geddes, Frank Smith and Smith Knox were appointed viewers to meet July 22nd.

In the road case of P. M. Scroggin and others, before the commissioners for some time, the road was ordered, the property owners to pay \$200 damages, the county \$80.

The road cases of J. A. Stitt and others, J. J. Leabo and others and L. A. Simons and others, were continued for further evidence.

LEBANON.

From the Criterion. In this city, Friday, July 3rd, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Buhl, a son, their first child of fourteen years of married life, Harold Meredith.

Mrs. A. M. Hammer, of Albany, came over yesterday and went up to Berlin for a few days visit with her brothers Lewis and Ned Gilbert.

Lebanon won their first game at Chautauque Tuesday when they defeated the crack team from Graham by a score of 3 to 11. They play Oregon City today for their second game.

Mrs. Z. I. Brown, two daughters and son arrived in Lebanon Monday from Iowa to join Mr. Brown and an older son who have been here for some time. Mr. Brown recently purchased the C. P. Wyckoff farm two miles above town.

Chas. Harte has sold his farm of 205 acres near Rock Hill to Wm. Ehlert for \$5125. Possession will not be given until fall. Mr. Ehlert has been stopping at Seio for awhile. He is interested in Mexican mines, and recently sold an interest in a mine for a large amount.

W. H. Hobson, recently completed his drive of 1,200,000 feet of saw logs from Hamilton Creek to Jefferson, which shows the river can be used for logging purposes. He had some trouble and delay getting out of Hamilton creek, owing to the stream being so crooked.

Was the Teacher Profane

Prof. R. W. Smith, a teacher near Junction, was recently discharged for using profane language. The directors did right if he actually used profane language. He has appealed the case to Supt. Ackerman, and is entitled to his side of the case. Profane language is bad enough used by anyone, useless and inexpressive, the coarse side of life, but of all places has no business in the school room.

The Cement Block Man.

T. H. Ellis, the cement man, of Eugene, who is building the blocks for the new Albany depot, was in the city today. The foundation is about ready for the blocks, which will be placed at an early date. The inside of the structure will be graded and soaked for some time before the cement floor is put in. Besides all this the company has a big job ahead leveling up the yard around the building.

Was in a Train Wreck

One of those in the recent wreck at Oakland, Calif., in which several were killed, was Guy Thompson, son of E. A. Thompson, of this city. Mr. Thompson is a brakeman on the train, and had just left a car which was smashed to pieces when the accident occurred, a close call for him.



SENATOR GORE.

The Oklahoma senator who set the crowd shouting for Bryan, making a new record.

MR. GEARIN

Spoke Eloquently on Behalf of Oregon.

Senator Gearin last night in seconding Bryan's nomination said:

Oregon seconds the nomination of William J. Bryan, and, joining with her sister states of the Pacific, pledges him the vote of her united delegation. In seconding his nomination, I am voicing the unanimous sentiment of the Democracy of the Pacific Coast. From the Sierras to the sea there is but one man mentioned—Bryan, Bryan, Bryan—everywhere.

People out on the sunset shore of the Republic say to you, Give us Bryan today, and we'll give you the solid electoral vote of the Pacific in November.

Our people on the Coast look to Bryan as the one striking figure in American public life, whose voice, silver-toned and defiant, and ringing ever true to the key, has been heard everywhere in advocacy of the rights of labor against the wrongs perpetrated or threatened against labor. Labor engaged in legitimate enterprise calls for his nomination, for principles and policies that will protect legitimate investment against those destructive forces, under the guise of a protective tariff, which have brought discontent to labor in every industry they claim to protect and destroyed legitimate competition under the false pretense of fostering it.

This country has lost faith in the organization that today calls itself the Republican party. It has become the party of shams and fads and humbugs. At present it is engaged in exploiting a sort of experimental, speculative, political philosophy which promises everything, accomplishes nothing, and demands credit for the things it does not do.

The country faces today a contest as old as the Nation itself. On the one hand we have Republicanism with its trend of thought toward centralization of power and ultimate imperialism; on the other hand we have democracy upholding now, as always, the rights of the individual and the power of the people reserved under the Constitution to the states and to the people themselves; and while it is true that this conflict has always been with us, it is none the less true that at no time in our career as a Nation have the apostles of centralized government, backed by the power of centralized wealth, made such brazen demands as have been insisted upon in the last decade of our political history.

It is against this danger that the Democratic party warns the country. It is against the political heresies that we protest, and we carry the protest to the sober-minded judgment and patriotic hearts of the American people.

AN 11 YEAR HORSE THIEF.

George Ballard, aged 11 years, son of Josh Ballard, of some fame, was arrested this forenoon by Sheriff Smith, upon complaint issued out of Justice Swan's court, charged with the theft of the horse and buggy of R. C. Towne, left standing by the skating rink Sunday night. Upon order of the court the case was transferred to the juvenile court, J. N. Duncan, judge. Young Ballard after helping himself to the rig rode to Corvallis on this side the river, crossing on the ferry and then going to Blodgett, where an uncle resides, before leaving the horse cutting the harness in several places. When asked by Sheriff Smith why he did that he said "Oh, just for fun." The horse and rig were taken charge of by Sheriff Burnett of Corvallis and brought to Albany this afternoon. The boy is a good deal of a degenerate. Two years ago he was taken to the boys and girls home at Portland, but escaped. Recently he has been running around, selling fruit and other things. Young Ballard will be examined before Judge Duncan sometime this evening and will undoubtedly be sent to the reform school.

Over the C. & E.

Os West, the energetic R. R. Com., was in the city this noon on a trip of inspection over the Corvallis and Eastern, taking observations no doubt, of the summer service, the condition of the road bed etc. He will find a greatly improved service this year according to reports. The company is running two trains, with plenty of cars, under an accommodating and careful corps of trainmen, and the Democrat hasn't heard any kicks at all.

\$40 A BATH.

Salem Journal: Jerry Wyant, the linotype expert, is home from a three and one-half months spent at Rawhide, Nev., which was a city of 12,000 when he landed and only 6,000 when he left. He set up and installed a \$15,000 printing plant for the Press Times, and came away much pleased with his life in the desert mining camp. He says all the banks there went broke and if the panic conditions let up there will be a railroad in there and some valuable mineral wealth developed. At present there is nothing doing. Even the price of water, which has to be hauled eight miles, has come down to 20 cents a five-gallon can. Any kind of drink is cheaper than good water, and to get a bath one has to travel 52 miles by auto, at a fare of \$12.50 and stay over night, so that a bath costs about \$40, and are really only taken by the very rich. He says he took one while he was out there. Water is too valuable to use for such purposes.

Old Oregon Engineer.

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MISFITS.

Practicing religion is what the world needs.

A sunshine life can be lived in any kind of weather.

Bad habits mean misery sometime and plenty of it here.

Mr. Guffey was knocked out in the first great round at Denver.

Neither in politics or business will mud throwing methods count.

Now listen for the jingle of the binder. It is being tuned up.

The Willamette valley farmer will have bumper crops this year altogether.

Another cheer record and Bryan carried it off. Taft will have to try again.

The mills around Albany are all busy. There is a big local demand for lumber.

Quite a number of outsiders have been here looking after property chances.

Take it as a rule and we are not exercising ourselves looking people up who are down.

Mr. Taft has begun writing his speech of acceptance. It will of course be submitted to Mr. Roosevelt.

The democratic committee at Denver has been smothered with planks. Always some cranks around.

The Democrat could mention a few democrats who wouldn't refuse the nomination for vice president.

72 minutes of cheering was the record last night. That makes the Taft cheer look like a thirty cent piece.

Mrs. Gunness has been found again, this time in Me., another case of mistaken identity. Mrs. Gunness is dead.

Stanley Hammel is getting a wide reputation as the youngest O. N. G. captain in Oregon, 24 being the figure.

"Please kick again at those rails along the street," says a friend in the office today. "Wonder if they ever are going to do anything."

Chas. W. Fairbanks has already announced that he will be a candidate for president in four years. But the people don't want him. See!

The cannibals now are all in the funny pages. Instead of eating the missionaries the missionaries have captured them for a better civilization.

A good way to avoid lockjaw is not to read aloud the news of the Central American war. A couple of the names are Teucicgalpa and Choloteuca.

Young Oklahoma has been very conspicuous in the democratic convention. Better wait until it gets out of knee breeches before wanting to run everything.

Sixteen divorce suits to be considered next week: Vanderpool, Kriese, Walden, Baldwin, Collins, Purcell, Knauf, O'Brien, Briggs, Barry, Haight, Jackson, Sharpe, McNabb, Ferguson.

Albany papers are crowding over the rapid increase of postal receipts there. The past quarter they amount to about half as much as Eugene's.—Eugene Register. Well, what's that got to do with it anyway.

Albany has as clean and progressive lot of business men as can be found in the state. Our stores are up-to-date and the most modern methods are used in business. The city is fortunate in possessing level-headed merchants, men of character and discernment.

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THE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The annual report of Superintendent Jackson for the year closing July 1st. shows the following facts:

Number between 4 and 20 years, 3312 males; 3256 females. Total 6568, Number registered 4722. Number teachers 44 males, 132 females. Total 176. Holding state certificates 38; first grade 43; 2nd grade 44; 3rd grade 29; primary 4; permits 18. Attended institutes 43; attended examinations 79; failures 9; endorsed 17; taking educational journal 123.

Eighth grade diplomas issued 123 males; 86 females. Total 209. Number not attending any school 1523. Attending outside districts 161.

Average number days of school 126. Average daily attendance 4377. Per cent 92, a big increase over the previous year due to the truant law.

Organized districts 122. School houses 124. Built during year 1. School rooms operated 165.

Legal voters for school purposes 4117. Schools visited by the superintendent 108, miles travelled 2300. 1 county institute and 8 school institutes.

Library books \$176, purchased during year 2452. Finances: Cash on hand June.....\$ 16,990 85 From treasurer, dist. tax..... 22,226 97 " " school fund. 36,886 76 " " state fund..... 10,401 25

Rate bills..... 531 08 Sale of bonds and warrants..... 8,140 65 From library fund..... 388 82 Other sources..... 4,719 07

Total \$100,285 45

Paid teachers wages.....\$ 57,197 69 Fuel and supplies..... 5,405 59 Improvements..... 5,693 46 New School houses & sites..... 967 75 Principal and int on bonds..... 10,982 45 Other purposes..... 7,802 42

Total \$88,049 36

Estimated value of houses and grounds \$176,075.

Furniture and apparatus \$24,475. Insurances carried \$91,455. Average salary male teachers \$51.50, female \$41.63. Average in one room buildings \$43.67, more than one room \$44.50, of principals \$71.66, of city superintendents \$1,350.

A boating party was given last night by a crowd of young people in honor of Miss Isaacs, of Medford. Under Commodore Froman the Sereech Owl took the party up to Dead River, where they waded and had a big time.

W. D. Washburn, an old and prosperous resident of Brownsville, expects to locate in Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Washburn coming down from Brownsville this morning. Mr. Washburn is reported to have bought the fine residence of H. F. McIlwain, consideration \$5000.

Fred Goetz, a former Albany butcher, now of Portland, is in the city.

TELEGRAPH.

DENVER, July 9.—After a session lasting until after 1 o'clock the convention adjourned until 7 o'clock. The platform will then be presented and probably a nomination of a presidential candidate made later tonight.

Mitchell and Francis both refuse to permit their names to be presented as vice presidential candidates.

DENVER, July 10.—Shortly after 3 o'clock this morning William J. Bryan of Nebraska was nominated by the national Democratic convention for president of the United States. Mr. Bryan received 892 1/2 votes. Johnson of Minnesota 46, Judge Gray of Delaware 59 1/2, not voting eight. When the result was announced, on motion Mr. Bryan's nomination was made unanimous. The convention then adjourned until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Denver, July 10th.—At 2 p. m. Thos. R. Marshall placed the name of John W. Kern, of Indianapolis, in nomination for vice president; at 2:02 Governor Thomas of Colorado named Chas. A. Towne; at 2:22 John J. Walsh named Archibald McNeill of Connecticut; at 2:28 Jr. Hill Clark Howell; at 2:40 Governor Folk seconded the nomination of John W. Kern.

The name of Chas. A. Towne was withdrawn, and he spoke for Kern. Howell's name was withdrawn with a speech for Kern, and Kern's was seconded from all over the house. He was nominated by acclamation, all other nominations being withdrawn.

LINCOLN July 10.—Bryan was greeted by two thousand friends and neighbors at Fairview. He issued a statement that he is deeply grateful for the honor, and if elected will not seek a second term.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned were by order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record on the 20th day of June, 1908, duly appointed administrators of the estate of M. H. Wilds, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present their said claims with the proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice to the undersigned at the office of Hewitt & Sox in Albany in Linn County, Oregon.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 1908. WINIFRED J. WASHBURN, ANNA I. COPELAND, Administratrices.

The Riverside Farm

—ED. SCHOELL, Proprietor—Breeder and Importer of O. I. C. Hogs, S. C. White and Buff Leghorns, W. P. Rocks, Light Brahmas, R. C. Rhode Island Reds, White Cochins, Bantams, M. B. Turkeys, White and Golden Game, White and Blue Ducks, etc. Winner of 17 prizes and 22 on Foultry at the Lewis & Clark Fair. Eggs in Season - Stock for Sale Phone, Farmers 95 - - R. F. D No 3