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THE PIONEER SAVED OREGON.

Interesting light is thrown upon the question of the settlement of the old boundary dispute between Great Britain and the United States regarding the 49th parallel and the Oregon territory, in a paper by Dr. Joseph Schaefer of the University of Oregon entitled, "Oregon, Pioneers and American Diplomacy," soon to be published in a volume of historical essays by the Henry Holt Co., says the Eugene Guard. The paper is the fruit of the first careful study ever made from British sources on the way in which the coming of the American pioneers to Oregon in the late thirties and early forties, changed the aspect of the Oregon boundary question in the eyes of the British government.

From British manuscripts in public and private collections, it is proved that Oregon was saved to the United States by the pioneer movement. American diplomacy paved the way by demanding the forty-ninth parallel to the Pacific as the national boundary. But without the weight of the pioneer government, the demands of our government would have been of no avail. Great Britain, by right of early exploration and first settlement seemed to have the best claim to the Oregon country, then comprising the present territory of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The question was in dispute for some time but in 1845 the British cabinet first became aware of the significance of the pioneer movement. In that year the government sent a warship under Lieut. Wm. Peck, son of the British Premier, to Puget Sound to make a careful inspection of all the American settlements. The information which he carried back to his government convinced it of the necessity of terminating at once the boundary dispute. "Thus," says Dr. Schaefer, "it was the Oregon pioneer, who, fulfilling his arduous trail-making in the forties earlier prophecies of American expansion to the Pacific, vindicated his government's claim to the forty-ninth parallel boundary on the ground of contiguity, and measurably prepared the triumph technically won by American diplomacy."

SOME SNAPPY PARAGRAPHS BY A WASHINGTON MAN.

No sooner has Maine gone Democratic than Canada wants to annex it. If Canada wants Maine, she should have spoken before the election. Uncle Sam cannot spare the Pine Tree state now.

Science now boasts that it can remove the malarial germ from the mosquito. Would that it could remove the mosquito.

Now some of Mr. Cannon's former allies are insisting that Mr. Clark can have nothing but a denatured speaker.

Won't it be nice if a family man can buy this Christmas a string of sausages cheaper than a string of pearls.

The democratic victory hasn't satisfied the democratic appetite for offices by any means. And the republicans can't criticize, either.

There is always some pesky professor trying to explode the theory that whisky is good for snake bites. The real trouble is there are not enough snake bites to go around.

WHAT BIG CITIES OWE.

The indebtedness of the city of Albany is approximately \$25 per capita. The U. S. government has just issued a bulletin showing the per capita indebtedness of the prominent large cities of the country, one full of interest. The significance, though, is hardly settled, indebtedness by a city being considered a necessary evil in the interest of progress.

Johnston, Penn., is credited with the smallest per capita, \$9.71, of any city with over 30,000 population. That of New York is about the highest, \$153.02. Of the big cities Detroit is about the lowest, \$22.95. Galveston, Tex., has an indebtedness of \$110.36 and other cities run all the way between the highest and the lowest.

The Knights of King Arthur.

The Knights of King Arthur met with J. A. Howard at his home last evening and elected new officers for the coming six months, with King Arthur, Henry Fish, in the chair. The election of officers was as follows: King Arthur, Lee Hulbert; Vice King, Henry Fish; Secretary, Eugene Dumond; Treasurer, Roy Weaver; Herald of the Cross, Francis Howard; Herald of the Flag, Bertelle Chance; Sergeant at Arms, Roy Weaver; Merrill Ohling; Chancellor, Clarence Wilds; Willis Smith, Tommy Cummings; Cham-clains, Henry Fish, Clarence Wilds, Francis Howard, Lee Hulbert, Roy Weaver, Gale Fox, Charles Fortmiller.

The Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and is nearly always has a program of some kind at each meeting. The following program has been arranged for the next meeting, which will be the fourth Wednesday of this month: Recitations—Henry Fish, Francis Howard, Bertelle Chance; Song—Willis Smith; Recitations—Eugene Dumond and Gale Fox. Debate—Resolved that you can have more sport in summer than in winter. Affirmative: David Weider, Merrill Ohling. Negative: Lee Hulbert, Clarence Wilds.

At this meeting the boys will also give a report of the convention at Hillsboro. The Club has grown until at the present time it numbers about 30, and they all seem very much attached to the Club and to each other.

Fresh oysters any style Hot Lunches morning, noon, and night. Elite Chees to Shop.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

Congress convened this week, the president delivered a colossal message and the machinery of legislation was set going. This is the old country, the one the people of the country have gotten tired of and said so with a little piece of paper called a ballot. Not much is expected of this body. The new congress will begin business March 4 if the president calls an extra session, if not not until December. Pledged to tariff reform the people have a right to expect legislation of an emphatic character. They asked it and have a right to it.

Mrs. Eddy, the mother of Christian Science, died this week. She built up an immense following, a rich church, with a large membership. The mind seems to be the center of the principle of the church, and sin is made light of, not the commission of it, but the existence of it. People do well to live in a spirit of optimism, and this the Christian religion offers in its fullness, regardless of the fact of many long-faced people in the church, and there is sunshine in the life of the genuine Christian. There should be more, and the followers of Christ should be so wholesome and consistent in their lives as to make the world take notice.

This week the butter makers and dairymen have been in session in this state, representatives of a great industry. Wherever the cow rules there is prosperity. She is a breeder of good times, and farmers do well to develop her resources. At one time dairymen meant butter making also; but not now. A great many farmers merely take their cream to the creamery or their milk to the condensery, and machinery does the rest.

A love letter in court this week was interesting. It was full of sickening sentiment, words of honey and endearment. It is very doubtful if the people who slop over the most with sweet terms are the ones who get along the best in the world together. Extreme in one thing they easily fly off the handle in others, and the divorce court gets busy.

About a Sign.

On the former brewery for several months there has been a big Coca Cola sign; but it isn't there any more. Instead in big letters on a black ground are the words Salem Brewing Ass'n. It is said it is claimed the Coca Cola sign was put up without permission; but why the old name again.

(FRIDAY.)

Eilers Music Palace.

Takes pleasure in announcing that the card of judges, consisting of E. M. Bosworth, secretary of Salem Y. M. C. A., E. L. Moore manager of Eugene Business College, and Merton Dunlavy of Oregon Statesman, have awarded the following prizes: First grand special merit prize, a beautiful mahogany piano to H. N. Stoudenmeyer, 219, S. 17th St., Salem, Or.; second grand special merit prize, a chest of fine silverware to Susan Farnham, R. R. No. 2, Eugene, Or.; third grand special prize, an elegant Kimball organ, to Mrs. Belle Farrier, Crosswell, Or. The announcement of other winners will be made later, successful contestants will be notified by mail. We take this opportunity to publicly thank the judges for kind assistance in determining the winners, and we also extend heartfelt thanks to all participants in this contest for the genuine interest manifested and the hundreds of names of those wishing to buy pianos that were furnished us.

EILERS MUSIC HOUSE.
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An Unhappy Jap.

Eugene, Dec. 7.—Manuel Francisco, ex-vaudivillist, and cook at the Sigma Chi fraternity house, yesterday attempted to commit suicide by drinking carbolic acid and permanganate of potash, because of unhappy matrimonial ventures. He left a note to the boys of the fraternity saying that he could be found at the baseball grandstand and adding the postscript, "I kill myself." After leaving the house he went to the grandstand, where he swallowed enough of the poison to kill a dozen men but by mixing the two chemicals together a precipitate resulted which only made him so sick that he was rendered unconscious. His zeal to make a sure go saved his life for he was just regaining consciousness when found by the boys who called a doctor and sent him to the hospital.

May Roberts

The coming of May Roberts in Albany next week is looked forward to as one of the most liked companies that has ever visited Albany. Miss Roberts has a host of friends here who are looking forward to next week's plays. They are all new the company is twice as large as when here last. Every one has heard of Paul in Full, the opening bill, as the greater of all American plays, a play that gets under the skin, down next to the heart.

Stole a Suit Case.

Guard—A man by the name of Hayes was arrested at Albany today, charged with stealing a suit case in Eugene from D. B. Rice. A warrant for the arrest of John Doe Hayes had been issued from Justice of the Peace Bryson's court, and deputy Sheriff Geo. Cruser will go to Albany on this evening's train to serve it. He will be brought back here tonight for trial.

THE WEST IS GROWING

The total population of the U. S. will be announced tomorrow. That of most of the states has been given. So far as reported only five states have increased faster than Oregon, Oklahoma with 109.7 per cent, Idaho 101.3, Nevada 93.4, New Mexico 67.5, Arizona 66.2 all western states. Oregon's is 62.7. California's is 60.1. Oregon's increase the decade before was just half, 30.2 per cent.

One state shows a decrease, Iowa, 0.3 per cent, and several a very small increase, Vermont 3.6, N. H. 4.6, Missouri 6, Delaware 9.5, Indiana 7.3, Maine 6.9, Maryland 9. New York made an increase of 25 per cent, Ohio 14.7, Penn. 21.6, Ill. 16.9.

The figures show that the west has grown much the most rapid, and the south faster than the eastern and New England states.

ALBANY

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George Miller, former pianist at Dreamland, will teach music in this city with headquarters at Davenport's. Graduate of Berlin Conservatory of Music.

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F. M. French & Son have Calendars. Cedar fence posts 10c at Curtis Lumber Co's.

Eggs are 45c, which is going some for the little hen.

Do you want a nice Diamond for a Christmas gift to your wife? See F. M. French & Son.

Six Albany boys in white suits have been around town today advertising a cleanser.

We have a very select line of Knives, Forks and Spoons, nicely boxed, suitable for Christmas gifts. F. M. French and Son, Jewelers.

Has Some Desert Land Locations.

Merrill Hammill arrived last night from Crook county, and is the guest of his parents at the Hotel Revere. He has 1200 acres of land a few miles from Prineville and is making locations on what is known as desert land. Next Monday he will leave Portland with several who expect to take up some of it, and Mr. Hammill will be glad to show Albany people if interested.

Commercial Club News.

Miss Harkness has prepared a neat illustrated article of Albany's building operations this year, for the New Year's Journal.

Get to gather meeting Monday night. D. W. Rumbaugh will speak on fruit culture.

Mrs. Lambur, of Indianapolis wants some Linn county fruit land.

A Cotton, Calif. man, is tired of paying \$30 a year per acre for irrigation and is coming up this way.

Four Warren, Ohio families, are favorably impressed with Albany, through literature received and are coming out here.

Fireman's Election Monday.

The annual firemen's election will take place Monday, with a live contest on for chief engineer. The candidates are Fred Hoekspier, of No. 1's and T. O. Hanson, of No. 2's, both good firemen, who have stayed with the department.

The membership is not large, but the boys are doing their best to keep things going.

The Royal Neighbors.

Following are the new officers of the Royal Neighbors of America: Oracle, Lizzie Weaver. Vice Oracle, Julia Landis. Past Oracle, Elvance Bruce. Chancellor, Amanda Bussard. Recorder, Alice Kirk. Receiver, Carrie Bussard. Marshal, Linnie Humphrey. Inner Sentinel, Cora Arnold. Outer Sentinel, Lela Rankin. Manager, Caroline Fish. Delegate to State Camp, Amanda Baltimore.

U'Ren and the Single Tax.

W. S. S. U'Ren, the father of numerous measures, has returned from New York, and will now begin a campaign in the interest of the single tax idea, with an idea of presenting a single tax measure at the next election. He will also under the county tax law endeavor to get the system into all the counties possible. There are two sides to this single tax business and people will do well to make a thorough investigation before taking up such a radical measure.

FOR RENT—Furnished room; 312 Ferry St. corner 4th 15

C H NEWS

Circuit court:
 In Roscoe E. Overman agt Marie Overman, a divorce was granted. A love letter read from a man at Medford to Mrs. Overman was the limit for endearing words.

County court:
 Application Chas. S. Hand for county road, granted.

Final account approved in estate of Susanna Crabtree, also in estates of Ellen Cline, Henry Rainier, W. B. Henderson and Moses Miller.

Supplementary articles St. John's Lodge filed.

Marriage license, Clinton O. Strainey, 22, and Anna V. Cornett, 20, Albany.

Deeds recorded:
 E. E. Bassett to Lebanon Lumber Co., 37 100 acres \$ 10
 N. J. Kirk to Jas B. Nanney, 2 lots City View 10
 W. F. Howard to Mrs. R. A. Howard, lot Western ad. 10
 E. Inv. Co. to Frances T. Beckett, 80 acres 10
 Linn Co. Orchard Colony to H. H. Hewitt trustee, 12 tracts 10
 J. F. Christian to Linn Co. Orchard Co., 100 acres 10
 J. O. Brown to W. T. Christy & wf, 2 blocks Woodlee's ad 10
 W. T. Christy to J. O. Brown, 37.44 acres 10
 W. J. Feren to Linn Co. Orchard Co. 20 acres 10

Deeds recorded:
 Samuel C. Roby to Lucy Conhaim 15 acres 10
 Walter H. Davis to J. C. Williams 20 acres 1300
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Circuit Court:
 Demurrers filed by Hewitt & Sox in the cases of M. Veagh Co. and Reid Murdock & Co. agt. the Northwest Fruit Association.

Sale of real estate in estate of Martha C Oden confirmed.

Inventory filed in estate of J. L. Howard. Real property \$24,500, personal \$1,264.80. Total \$25,764.80.

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

Miss Adna Smith, the popular and accomplished instructor of voice culture, and Miss Mary Colter, a student, left for their homes at South Bend, Wash. on Dec. 22 Miss Smith and Prof. Flo, of the college, will be united in marriage, at the home of Miss Smith's father, Rev. Smith, after which they will return to Albany to reside.

William Ehlert, of Lebanon, arrived on his way to Mexico. He and two or three other men will leave tonight for the mines there in which several Linn county men are interested.

Mrs. E. W. Langdon and daughter, Miss Grace, left on a few days Portland trip. They will either reside there permanently or go to California for a home.

W. L. Wallace left for Oregon City, where some of his family are. Mr. Percy, a confectionary and bakery goods traveler, left for points north. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hoflich returned from Brownsville.

Prof. Hargrove came down from Lebanon, and Prof. Wilson, another music teacher went to Brownsville.

Prof. Cordley, O. A. C. left on a Portland trip.

Mrs. C. Pattison, of Oakville, left for a Sweet Home visit. Miss Kate Moore left for the new Moore farm in the country. Harry Schlosser went to Portland. T. C. Isom returned to the Isom farm near Plainview after attending county court.

Burgomaster Began Late.

A large audience saw The Burgomaster last night, an interesting performance, with good music and lively scenes. The company did not arrive until about 8:30, the train being late and it was 10 o'clock before the performance began. In order to keep the attention of the crowd the curtain was put up and the placing of the drops and scenes under the direction of an expert stage man shown, a show behind the curtain in itself, that was appreciated.

May Roberts Company Monday.

May Roberts, who has become Albany's favorite actress, comes heading the strongest company on the road, twice the size of last seasons company with an entirely new line of plays. Monday night's offering the celebrated American play, Paul in Full. This play has made more comment than any of the late ones. Apart from being intensely dramatic there is a fund of comedy running through the entire play. Miss Roberts and her company made a reputation this season. She is producing a change of bill every night, and none has ever been seen in Albany before.

WHEN DOWN IN THE MOUTH think of Jonah: "he came out all right." When in need of a good, clean Tooth Brush think of Burkhart & Lee. They have them all right, the finest line in the city. Prices right. BURKHART & LEE.

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MISFITS.

Genuine fun always at a college show. The city council has the park proposition yet to consider.

Albany has less than a mile of street car system. It should have several.

More people on the Farms is to be the slogan of Oregon development boosting.

Glad to have had the U. O. boys with us a day or two, a fine lot of fellows all the time.

Here is to the U. O. singers, good fellows they say, and we know two of them are anyway.

Do your Christmas shopping early. It is all the same in the long run and you get the goods.

It takes nerve to make money, says a Portland real estate advertiser. Also sometimes to keep it.

The middlemen make most of the money; but the farmer is doing pretty well and deserves to.

Several republican congressmen are now making their farewell visits to Uncle Sam at Washington.

The people built the armory and will always take an interest in it. That is a good point in the state system.

The Albany city council will have to figure on paying something to keep up a city park, a part of the business of a city.

The president's message is always a combination of reports of different departments, formed into a whole, only a small part of which is actually written by himself.

President Taft says we have enough corporation laws already, if they were only enforced. That is generally the trouble; not a lack of laws, but a lack of enforcement.

Some of the new wet counties are putting the saloon licenses high, and making stringent provisions for their government, but in the end they will be the same old drunkard makers you bet.

Several Linn county people have prize piano checks on Portland houses. They are easily gotten, but hard to get rid of unless you want a piano. It is simply an advertising arrangement. Almost anyone can win one.

The proposition of the Burkhart brothers to give the city ten acres for a park is a good one, and the provision in reference to keeping it up is a reasonable one. The Oregon legislature goes clear to the place and the grove is unsurpassed around Albany.

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DEATH OF MRS. MERRILL.

Mrs. Mary F. Merrill died during last night, at her home in Portland, of old age, at the age of 80 years. She was born in New York, where she resided many years, upon the death of her husband coming to Portland to make her home. She was a Christian woman of sterling worth. She was the mother of H. F. Merrill of this city, and leaves only one other child, a daughter in Portland. She was a sister of the late Henry Failing and Edward Failing, prominent for many years in the business life of Portland, and of James Failing now residing there. The funeral will take place on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Merrill are now there and Miss Bessie and Johnny will go tomorrow to attend the funeral.

PERSONAL

Denius W. Merrill has been in Ashland this week.

Editor and Mrs. Tip Humphrey, of Jefferson, came up this noon on an Albany trip.

Phil Baltimore went to Harrisburg this afternoon for a goose hunt, several having been sighted there.

Miss Willow Fields, of Portland is visiting Albany friends, coming yesterday from Eugene, where she has been several days.

S. H. Bryan and wife, former residents of Tangent for many years, are here on a visit. Mr. Bryan sees some striking changes in Albany. He also resides in a city that has grown rapidly. Walla Walla now having about 25,000 people.

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