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WHO?

(By J. R. Mills in Dallas Observer.)
Who is it that, with sounding name,
Doth organize with loud acclaim,
And start once more these festive games?
The Legislature.

Who is it that, with bearing brave,
Once more proclaims his wish to save,
And calls himself the Public's slave?
The Legislator.

Who is it that in hordes doth come,
To pluck the ripe committee plum,
And loll per diem on goodly sum?
The Clerk.

Who is it that forthwith appears,
And weeps and wails pathetic tears,
O'er wrongs of this and other years?
The Lobbyist.

Who is it that with vision keen,
Is first and last upon the scene,
And midst it all remains serene?
The Reporter.

Who is it that, in vales and hills,
Wears overalls and cuts no frills,
But plunges up and pays the bills?
The Taxpayer.

THE GRAND STAND PLAYER.

Anderson, Iowa, Herald:—
There are too many grandstand players. We have them in every walk of life. If you watch a baseball game you will see a fellow who wears a loud sweater and who poses in the field. He will run like a deer, when it is unnecessary. When he makes a poor slide he gets up and limps away as though he was badly injured, and if he had not been, he would have made the base. The grandstand player is in church and in the lodge. When things are quiet and there is only the mid-week prayer meeting, the grandstand player has nothing to say. But when the church is full and something is up, Mr. Grandstand Player is sure to get up, and with a flourish of trumpets make a great bluff. He's at church socials and tells all about it. He never does any work, and he manages to get his hands on all the honors floating around. He never gives a cent to any good cause without first standing on top of his house and yelling to the town will notice him. The grandstand player works hard to fool the people and thinks he is fooling the Lord. He may occasionally make his bluff work on some unsuspecting brother, but he hasn't fooled the Lord for a second.

CHEAP LEGISLATION

"These eight past several times what the entire legislature cost the commonwealth," declares the News-Reporter of McMinnville, telling of the eight initiative measures. Nothing of the sort. Those eight measures did not cost over \$50,000, even with the wildest reckoning, and that is what the last legislature cost in mileage, salaries and contingent expenses. The workmen of Yamhill county will be ahead that amount with the abolition of local poll taxes, liabilities of injuries, etc., in a very few months. It should not be forgotten that the legislature for two sessions had refused to pass any legislation providing for liability of employers to injured workmen.—Ex.

The Sage Rooster Flutters His Wings a Little.

EUGENE, January 15.—If all reports are true, 1911 will be a prosperous year in and around Eugene. The many improvements already contemplated are far ahead of any previous year. Her great power plant now nearing completion, and her new filtering plant to be completed next month, will give to Eugene the best water in the world, Missouri not excepted. It will be so clear and pure that when you fill a glass with it you can't see anything in the glass. By the time the bills are all paid on the power plant and filter the water will run through so much gold it can't help be pure. Eugene will become a health resort and the water will be so clear and bright the city will install sprays on the streets instead of electric lights. But wouldn't it be cheaper and better to have the Gravity system?
Eugene, like all large cities, has had some typhoid fever. If the small places like Salem, Corvallis, and Medford had had as many cases as Eugene it would have been called an epidemic, but is hardly noticeable here on account of the dense population. It is just all talk and when you undertake to find a foundation to support such reports, they will find themselves in quick sands up to their suspender buttons, and some of them probably up to the collar button.
The Sage Rooster and family had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Thrall and Miss Maud Henderson, all former Albany friends. Mr. Thrall has that grand old smile he used when he and Knox Haight ran together.
Ed. Knox and family, of Portland, also called on the Rooster and were delighted with something new and novel, which the Rooster had in his shop. It is always a pleasure to meet those friends of early days, for as we look at each other we are reminded of the fact that we are all getting of the shady side of life. We speak of the grey hairs hanging on the forehead, the furrows on brow, and of the white owl.

SAGE ROOSTER.

CASTORIA.
The kind you want is the kind you get at
Chas. H. Fletcher

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP AT ASHLAND.

In submitting the following letter from Ex-Mayor and Councilman W. F. Loomis of Ashland I wish to state that I have known Mr. Loomis for many years and know him to be a conservative, successful business man, one who makes a success of his own business and also that of the city of Ashland.

P. D. GILBERT, Mr. P. D. Gilbert, Dec. 18, 1910. Mr. P. D. Gilbert: I will try to do my best to give the information that you want. In the first place our electric light plant is not finished; it has been an uphill fight from the start, there has been numerous delays, the local light company knocked on our bonds, and it was a long time before we could get a bid that our charter would allow us to accept, and then the engineers estimate was too low, and then the local light company got injunctions and stopped our work, and we had to fight them in the courts, even to the supreme court, but we beat them every time, but it all cost money and time. The local company must have known that we would skin them in the end, but they knew it would take time and that was what they wanted, as the longer they could keep the city's plant from being completed, the longer we would have to use their juice. After the case was decided in the city's favor by the supreme court the electric light committee went ahead with the work until the money was all used, and then they had to stop. I think they made a mistake in not completing the plant as far as they went instead of trying to put the whole plant in altogether. The people voted \$30,000 more bonds to complete the plant, and we advertised them for sale and the local company got busy with their hammer again, and we had to advertise three times before we got a bid we could accept. The bonding company's lawyers are examining the proceedings now and if their opinion is favorable the plant will be finished this spring.

Our city is very poorly lighted at present; the street lights are what is called the series system, they are 30-candle incandescent, and are suspended in the center of the street, and we pay \$1.45 each per month, and we have about 170 of them, which makes it cost us about \$250 per month for street lights. We have no arc lights at all. We think that when the city's plant gets in running order we can have three times the light on the streets that we now have, without cost, and that the plant will more than pay running expenses, by selling lights and power to citizens. The A. E. P. & L. Co. have a flat rate here. One lamp is \$1.00, two at 90c, seven at 23c, etc., depending on the number of lights. This charge is for residence lights. Commercial rate is double the residence rate. The water rates are \$1.00 per month for each 3-4 inch tap, and they can have all the stand pipes they want for that one tap. There is an additional charge of 10c per month for each toilet, and 10c for each bath, and during the months of June, July, August and September we pay an additional 25c per month for the hose privilege of sprinkling 10,000 sq. ft. of lawn or garden. For irrigating acre tracts a charge of \$8.00 per acre per season is collected in advance. There is a fire hydrant located every two blocks, which is used for fire purposes, flushing streets and sewers, for which no charge is made. Water rent is due the first of each month, and delinquent on the 10th, and if the rent is not paid on or before the 10th the superintendent turns the water off and it costs the consumer 50c extra to have it turned on again. This rule is rigidly enforced, and there is always from 50 to 75 consumers that forget to pay their rent and have to pay the penalty. The water rents bring about \$20,000 into the water fund annually. You ask if our water and light plants are satisfactory. Will say that the system of municipal ownership is all right, and there is not enough money in Oregon to buy it from us, but you must understand it is not perfect, as we have to extend it, and enlarge it every year, and each succeeding administration has their own ideas how to do it.

I am indeed sorry for any one that is at the mercy of the Standard Oil Co., and I would be very much in favor of bonding the city for a municipal plant. We do not consider a light or water bond debt really a debt against the city at all, as the rents take care of the interest and principal, and is really an asset instead of a liability.

With the best regards, I am, respectfully yours,
W. F. LOOMIS.

Prineville Proposes to Stay on the Map.

The reports of the Prineville papers show that Prineville proposes to stay on the map and be a center in the affairs of Eastern Oregon.
The eighteen mile road to a junction with the roads building south from Shaniko will undoubtedly be built. The Prineville and Eastern R. R. Co. has elected T. M. Baldwin president, C. M. Elkins secretary, G. N. Clinton treasurer and C. M. Elkins, T. M. Baldwin, G. M. Cornett, A. J. Noble and D. F. Stewart directors. E. J. Wilson, a practical railroad man, has been employed to build the road. H. A. Kelley is in charge of the gang of surveyors, already at work. Grading will begin just as soon as the survey is completed and the rights of way secured.

The road will connect with the north and south roads at a point where the joint track is to be used by the Deschutes R. R. Co. and the Oregon Trunk line, south of the Trail crossing bridge and north of Hillman. It will be a water grade.

Many people are particularly interested in Prineville, having furnished a number of its best citizens, and are glad the city has awakened to the situation.

Sorn.

On Sunday at St. Mary's hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lonsdale, a girl was born Monday night, near Albany. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKeever twin boys.

TUESDAY. THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The governor has again stirred things up by opposing the site at Pendleton for a state insane asylum, and there will be something doing.
Representative Eaton endeavored to get on the political map by attacking Bourne in a vicious way.
The committees were announced in both houses. M. A. Miller is chairman of the committee on education and on the banking, insurance, resolutions and roads and highways committees, all important ones.
In the house the Linn county members get on the following committees: Shaw, agriculture, food and dairy products, salaries and mileage; Miller, banking, elections, labor industries (chairman); Simpson, horticulture.
65 bills have been introduced in the senate and 48 in the house.
Some of the house bills: McKinney, \$200,000 for an Oregon exhibit at the Panama canal exposition. Brooks, dispensing with a jury panel in justice courts.
Huntington, regulating union high schools.
Smith, for additional building at Salem for state library, supreme court, attorney general and library commission.
Bigelow, making available \$10,000 in each county for railroad building.
Buchanan, paying the N. G. for fighting forest fire.
Abrams, \$30,000 for the erection of armories.
Ambrose, special tax for county libraries.
Some of the new senate bills: Barrett, making county treasurer the tax collector.
Burgess, requiring agents to give time of passenger train.
Miller, providing for the election of road supervisors by voters of the district.
Miller, for employment of convicts on the roads.
Locke, placing osteopaths under state medical board.
Joseph, creating Oregon naval reserve.
Patton, abolishing capital punishment.

WEDNESDAY.

DOINGS OF THE WORLD

The May Robert's Co. are in Ashland this week.
There is a talk of a regular dollar meal on the Shaasta Limited.
Billy Toner is now express agent at Corvallis, a stationary job.
By a vote of 155 to 124 Cannon has again been knocked out in the house.
Only two new cases of typhoid fever have been reported in Eugene since the first of January.
Woodrow Wilson yesterday was inaugurated governor of New Jersey in a simple ceremony.
Hon. Binger Hermann and wife have gone to Washington to spend the remainder of the winter.
Mr. Stevens of the Oregon Electric says Hill has no connection with the Eugene Asset Co. at all.
A wireless telephone message was that Gardiner, Or., had been destroyed by fire, picked up by steamer along the coast.
Eugene is a warm town. While Albany was enjoying ice skating at Eugene it was too warm, the ice not being thick enough.
Eugene is also after an armory and publishes the two pictures of the Albany armory, which are being used as models for new armories.
The statement is made that the Champion mine at Bohemia is shipping ore that assays \$1200. That sounds big, but mighty little of these \$1200 ore shipments really pan out.
The U. O. wants an appropriation of \$409,418, exclusive of the \$125,000. Will it get that much. The O.A.C. also wants nearly as much. How much will Oregon give for college education.
According to the truthful Corvallis Gazette-Times, Chaucey Barclay killed 28 ducks by firing both barrels of his gun into a pot of them, just after the freeze. It had been rushed into the slough for a feed.
Superintendent Ackerman has been elected president of the state normal school at Monmouth. A splendid selection. He is an able and clean man, and will be an honor to the important position. Monmouth should be made a normal school that will speak for the teachers of Oregon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thrift, who have been residing up in Hoquiam, Wash., for two or three years, have moved to Mosier, near Hood river, where they will be interested in fruit culture, joining Mr. Thrift's two brothers, who have been there several months and appreciate the fruit prospects of that section.

Fire at Gardiner.

The town of Gardiner met with a serious fire Monday night. The building destroyed were the palace Hotel, and the residences of C. Marks, Mrs. Graham, P. Rice, and Mrs. Perkins, the Bayleymen soft drink place, that of Bob Hughes, and the ice works. The total loss is about \$30,000. The saw mill was threatened and Reed's general store had a close call.

Eight Killed

Washington, Jan. 17.—Eight men went to instantaneous death and one is so horribly burned he will probably die as a result of a boiler explosion on the battleship Delaware, the cause of which is unexplained, according to wireless message received tonight by the navy department from Captain Gove.

OREGON ELECTRIC IN 1911

From this morning's Eugene Register:
PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—Electric cars will be in operation over the extension of the Oregon Electric railway from Salem to Eugene before the end of the present year as a result of the conference held in the past few weeks by John F. Stevens, who returned to Portland last night and officials of the Hill system in the east. Mr. Stevens said that work on the Eugene extension will begin just as soon as the route is selected.
Four or five different rights of way are available and all of them have been surveyed. Three of these lie in the valley and the others lead over the hills. Mr. Stevens will spend the next few days in considering the advantage of each, after which he will select the line that in his judgment is the most available.
Contracts for the construction work will be let at once and the road rushed to completion.

ALBANY

HOT NOON LUNCHES At the Mission Parlors. Bolt again at the Holt corner. A neat place, Holt's Meat Market. Choice lunches at the Vienna Bakery. The best POSTS in Albany at the SAW MILL. Cedar fence posts 10c at Curtis Lumber Co's.
Have your feet attended to by Mrs. Driver 230 Lyon, both phones.
The Guarantee Optical Company have a large and new stock of all styles of spectacles and eye glasses, also a variety of Hair pins and Ear loop chains and chain holders. We guarantee accurate fitting of lenses and frames. Stock at Dawson's Drug Store.
Mrs. F. W. Eddy will speak at the M. E. Parsonage tonight in place of in the church. The public is invited.
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Don't fail to have Dr. Lowe show you the new glasses with which you can see all distances, no lines or seams in the glass to strain the eyes. Free demonstrations Thursday and Friday in Revere House parlors.

A 133 Page Book.

The Democrat has received from the publisher, Edward A. Merritt, of Guler, Wash., a little book, entitled the City of Saint Anna. Instead of being a booster for some city the introduction says it is a story of fifteen years of the life of a man, who went under the name of Marlin Merle into the Anson Miles seven years, that it is simply a story of a spiritual life, its victories and defeats. The author says the work will invite a storm of criticism. It is printed in Salt Lake City, which has a suggestion of Mormonism, but the Democrat hasn't read enough of it to know.

The manner in which it begins is attractive to Oregonians: "It was in the month of September, 1892 that Marlin E. Merle rode down the slope of the Cascade Mountains in Southern Oregon into the Rogue River valley. Reining his horse on the point of an eminence he viewed the land which for the next eight years was to be his home." The book closes with a whack at Congress, calling it feeble, emasculated by private interests. What is in between the Democrat hasn't the time to learn, and might not be pleased if it had.

Mr. Rusk is speaker himself.
Gov. West has a head of his own.
Old Neptune now has hold of the reins.
When it comes to voting often Ohio takes the poll.
What has become of Teddy Roosevelt and Tom Lawson and Jim Jeffries.
We have to take the wet and dry and smile—speaking of the weather only.
Dr. Cook has been called the greatest liar in the world. Albany used to claim the honor.
A moving picture film of one of the Mexican fights would be a drawing card, the real thing.
A Georgia editor is named Fuller Wind. That doesn't beat Miss Whirl Wind of Albany.
Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm von Hohenzollern has had Dr. attached to his name. Hello Doc.

That bandit who also held up the Pullman porter perhaps had traveled on a Pullman some day himself.
Peru and Bolivia are bristling up to each other. What fools these nations be to quarrel over unimportant matters.
Twenty four hours of rain and then some, without a let-up, is pretty nearly equal to Niagara falls or an angry woman.
Recently the New York board of health served nine tons of bad eggs. There are speakers entitled to the whole dose.

MISFITS.

Don't guess at the weather. Wait.
The Willamette Valley is itself again.
A city that is boss ridden is in a political quagmire.
The upheaval in Mexico reminds one of a sea voyage.
Albany is flying high. Aviation caps have reached the city.
Boss Murphy will have to be kicked out of New York politics to make them clean.
A good old fashioned rain plays a tune of rare sweetness after a snow storm.
When Eaton gets out of the present legislature it is feared he will have to eat crow.
Some men are so busy watching other people's resolutions they forget all about their own.

Even the Democrats have gotten above dollar dinners, which have gotten to look like a thirty cent lunch counter handout.
Snow and a cold snap are probably a good thing for the valley. But five days of them and everybody rejoices when they are gone.
One bill that will be introduced will exempt from taxation mortgages. It is claimed the taxation of mortgages drives capital from the state.

Mr. Eaton is so mad that he has actually attacked his friend Charles Fulton, the friend of assemblies and everything else that Eaton revails in.
Some whiskey was discovered in a new boiled water fount at the state capitol. Some idiot thought he was doing something smart when he put it there.

A speaker at the commonwealth convention at Eugene said that suppressing of facts about health conditions was legalized murder. Eugene had to take its medicine.
It has now been discovered that J. J. Hill is the man who is really going to build the Asset line from Eugene to the ocean. If you want to make a thing go lay it to Hill.

Doug Hamilton, of Scio, who has been in the city the past week, attending all the shows, announced this morning that he had about made up his mind to get a common farm horse and go into vaudeville, making a trip to New York. Doug ought to draw.

The increased cost of living in the college towns of Eugene and Corvallis is attracting attention, and the Telegram editorially calls a halt. Most students are young people of very limited means and it takes grubbing for them to get an education. It is the business of the college town to help.

This recurrent business is rather childish after all. What's the odds anyway? It gives a bigger chance next time if the figures are low. Take Salem for instance. Ten years ago the figures given were 4,282, at a time when 10,000 was claimed. Now it is getting an enormous percentage of increase on the figures it hoisted before.

Thomas A. Edison, in a magazine article, makes some startling predictions. He says gold will soon be manufactured and made a cheap article, that all furniture will be steel, and houses reinforced concrete. That telephones will be perfected so you can hear distinctly unfamiliar names, and farming will be a business proposition, sort of pressing the button.

FOR SALE, REAL ESTATE.
80 acres, situated 3 miles from Albany, good house and barn, nice young orchard, 2 acres of oak timber, balance of land in cultivation, 40 acres of which is the best apple land in Oregon. This is a bargain and is a desirable home.
Good 7-room house, and 4 acres of land, situated in the suburbs of Albany, just the place to have your own garden and keep your cows and chickens. 20 minutes walk from First St. If you would like a home like this look this up and be quick about it.
Good new 8-room house, one lot, telephone and electric lights. West Albany. A snap.
I would say to investors, I am not promoting any land schemes, but do a straight real estate business, and if you wish to buy it will pay you to investigate what I have to offer. Call personally at my office and consult the old Reliable Real Estate dealer, J. V. PIPE, 203 West Second Street. No information by phone.

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C H NEWS

Deeds recorded:
Daniel K. Nicle to E. H. Hulbert, 20 acres..... \$ 400
Dook F. South to Perry A. South, 80 acres..... 700
John G. Reed to P. M. Scroggin & Seymour Washburn, part of acre Lebanon..... 1
A. F. Behrke to S. H. Preston, 3 lots Lebanon..... 650
C. Bogart to John H. Coyle, lot Lebanon..... 10
Jos. H. Ralston to J. R. Morris, lot Lebanon..... 1

Probate:
Final account approved in estate of David Froman.
Citation ordered issued in estate of J. D. Tower for sale of real property.
Demurrer filed in Oregon Electric agt. W. C. Burkhardt et al.
131 hunters licenses and 7 anglers licenses.

Deeds Recorded:—
John B. Paris to Wm. J. Blankenship 50 acres..... \$ 1500
A. O. Sturm to W. J. Blankenship 2 1/2 lots Lebanon..... 2600
Harry Park to Alfred Dowze 160 acres..... 7680
Jos. J. Boner to Lodge Or. 65 Western Bohemian Fraternal Assn. 1/2 acres to J. W. Pugh 1/2 acres Shedd..... 200
John W. Pugh to C. A. Pugh 4 acres Shedd..... 10

Notarial Commission Wm. Whealdon.
Application S. R. Willis et al to register title.
Marriage license R. L. Burton, aged 33, and Ida Davenport, aged 33, both of Albany.
Extra Special Notice.
On account of the cold stormy weather the last week, which has prevented so many people from visiting the Great Bagaim Sale of the year at Albany, Chambers & McCune have decided to continue their GREAT ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE until Saturday evening Jan. 23.
So to those that are at all interested buying Dry Goods, Suits, Coats, Capes, Dresses, Skirts, Waists, Furs, Hats, Shoes, Silk Petticoats, Underwear, Blankets, etc., here is an opportunity to buy cheaper and save more money than at any other time of the year. Also remember the liberal offer we are making, of a \$400.00 Baldwin Piano Absolute FREE, to be given away Saturday, Feb. 4, get all the coupons you can before that day.
CHAMBERS & McCUNE.

Peter Gorchan has sued the Booth Kelley Co for \$5,000 damages for the loss of two toes. He was helping to place a donkey engine on a sled when the accident happened.

LODGE MEETINGS.
The K. O. M. every Saturday evening.
The Woodmen of the World every Friday evening. L. L. Swan, clerk. Manzanita Circle 1st and 3rd Mondays.
Modern Woodmen meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in Bussard's Hall. Grant Froman, Clerk.
Royal Neighbors meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Bussard's Hall. Alice Kirk, Recorder.
Ladies of the G. A. R. meet first Tuesday each month at G. A. R. hall. Hattie Stilson, Secretary.

The Market.
Wheat \$.80, Oats 35c.
Beef 6c; veal dressed 9c
Pork dressed 12c; on foot 9 1/2c
Lard 15c
Eggs 32c.
Chickens on foot 10c.
Hams 22c to 27c, sides 20 to 25c
Shoulders 15 to 18c.
Butter 30c to 35c.
Flour \$1.50 to \$1.75 a sack.
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