Our Washington Letter

WASHINGTON, May 24, 1901.

In sentencing Rev. L. D. Bass to pay a fine of $1000 and to serve three years in prison, for fraudulent use of the mails, in connection with the "Bureau of Civil Service Instruction" and a "Union Teacher's Agency," Justice Barnard, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, addressed a few words to the prisoner, which are equally applicable to all educated crooks. He said: "You have had all the advantages of family, education, religious training, and the position of a minister of the gospel; you have had experience among many different classes of society in different states; and there was no excuse for you to undertake the fraudulent methods and schemes shown by the evidence in this case, to rob the credulous, unwary and inexperienced. You could have made an honest living, and given value for every dollar received, had you not conceived the idea of getting something for nothing, under the pretense of performing a service for others. You went to work shrewdly and systematically to deceive people and to make them confine in your honesty, wisdom and power, by so mixing up truth with falsehood as to pass it all off for genuine. You well knew, as I must believe from the evidence, that you were not able to make good such representations, and that they were all made only to induce your victims to send you their money. You were not sincere in these widely circulated statements, and you have succeeded in depriving many struggling and honest persons of the money that was needed by them for the necessaries of life."

The Isthmian Canal question was again brought to the front by the return to Washington of Senor Corea, the Nicaragua minister, who called at the Department of State and announced that he was authorized by his government to sign a treaty for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal with United States. After his call at the Department of State, Senor Corea said: "I come back with full powers, even to the extent of signing a treaty with the United States. My government is willing to give this country the most liberal terms possible to assist in the construction of a canal through our territory. Of course, it is impossible for us to concede to the United States sovereignty over the lands upon which to build a water way, but we are willing to give the United States the fullest control short of that. President Zelaya and the other officers of my government are perfectly satisfied with the terms of the protocol, signed by myself and the representatives of Costa Rica, with Secretary Hay, last year. We hold that that protocol is still binding. The fact that it is based on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which has lapsed, does not, in our opinion, invalidate the binding nature of the document. This being the case, we hold that there is no chance for the Colombian government to come in and that the Panama Canal is barred from consideration. The signing of the protocol by the United States, in our opinion, commits the United States government to the Nicaragua route. Even if this were not so, we have every confidence that the United States, of the two routes, would prefer to build the Nicaragua Canal, because the glory of the discovery of this route belongs to an American, it would be constructed with American machinery, and the money spent would come back to the United States." Evidently Senor Corea and his government know of the activity of those interested in creating sentiment in this country in favor of the Panama Canal, and are trying to counteract it.

When the enormous transactions of the United States government are considered the amount lost by defalcation does not seem large. According to official figures, recently compiled in the Treasury Department, the total defalcations of Federal officials, from the founding of the government to the present time amounted to $16,000,000. The Post Office Department has been the worst sufferer of any branch of the government, probably because it necessarily offers more opportunity for theft.

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Correspondence

HARRISBURG.

—Miss Cecil Rampy reached her home from San Francisco on the 23d inst.

—E. E. Upmeyer was at the county seat on Thursday looking after business.

—Mrs. P. H. Couch, of this city visited last week with relations at Springfield.

—Lyman Lassell is here on one of his occasional visits with the old folks at home.

Harrisburg boasts thirty people weighing each 200 lbs. and upward. How is that for heavy weights?

—Thurston Porter has a severely sprained knee. The rope fouled in a tussle with a beef animal.

—Mrs. Frank McMecken visited last week at Knox Butte with her brother-in-law, Swank and family.

—The social hop on Thursday evening was well attended, and was a success in the fullest sense of the word.

—The late warm rains have been the making of late sown grains. A full crop seems to be assured at this time.

—Mrs. Mary McGrath, of Eastern Oregon, is here for a visit with old friends and to look after business.

—Messrs. Z. T. Scott and J. W. Norton were in Portland last week to consult with a specialist on ear diseases.

—B. F. Childs, of Brownsville, with his patent feather cleanser, is doing business at the foot of Smith street in his tent.

The JUNCTION CITY BULLETIN is gaining favor very rapidly in this section of the country. Good work, as a rule, is appreciated.

—C. B. Frissell and his estimable wife will occupy the neat cottage residence owned by Damon Smith and situated on North Second street.

—Mrs. Chas. Davis, wife of foreman Davis, of the S. P. carpenters here, after a two months' stay with her husband at the hotel, has gone to her home in Roseburg.

—Mrs. F. Mitchell, nee Cunningham, is here from Eastern Oregon for an indefinite time. Her husband, Professor Mitchell, is off for a peep at the big fair at Buffalo.

—Mrs. M. A. E. Smith, widow of Hon. Hiram Smith, deceased, and nearing her four score years, was in town from her farms this week. She is very sprightly for one of her age.

—J. M. Philpot, in the absence of a creamery or skimming station here, is shipping the milk from his fifty cows to Portland. Who will look after this business? It will pay some one.

—There will be a picnic under the auspices of the Degree of Honor, to be held in the beautiful grove across the river from Harrisburg, that will be the event of the season. Program and other events given later.

—A. J. Johnson and wife of Kansas City are here for health and to see the country. They express themselves as being well satisfied with their trip so far. Mr. Johnson is an uncle of M. E. Hearn of Junction City.

—Woodmen of the World will unveil the monument erected to their late neighbor, Chas. Clark, at the Keeney cemetery, at 11 o'clock Sunday, June 9. Also in the afternoon of the same day, they will hold memorial services at the graves of Johnny Cartwright and J. R. Buckaum, in the A. O. U. W. cemetery, E. E. Davis in the I. O. O. F. cemetery and Edward Knight in the A. F. & A. M. cemetery.

—On last Sunday evening, while Wm. Davison was milking his cows, across the river from Harrisburg, during the thunder shower of that evening, a flash of lightning rent the air terrifically near by. He says that he was knocked down by the concussion, and two of his cows as well; that when he arose he was in a very dazed condition and that the cows, then, were still prostrate on the ground, but finally got up in a very confused and shakey condition. This is an unusual phenomenon for Oregon.

—A. Wilhelm has purchased of Mrs. E. J. Upmeyer a lot adjoining his property here on the river, which gives him an ample sight for his 100-barrel flour mill. He will move the Laws plant to this city and equip it with up-to-date appliances in every respect and be ready to convey the coming crop into flour and feed. The farmers of this vicinity are volunteering transportation for everything movable of the Laws mill outfit, and will do everything in their power to facilitate this much-needed enterprise. Harrisburg is to be congratulated upon the accession of the Wilhelms to their number of business people. They have the capital, the business push and are reliable. Whatever they undertake they make it go.

MONROE.

—Bert Lake, of Harrisburg, was in our city.

—Harrisburg was well represented in Monroe Sunday. Come again.

—Dr. Bennett, of Dusty, was in Monroe on business last Wednesday.

—W. H. Kay and wife made a trip to Harrisburg on business last Monday.

—Miss Augusta Brabham was visiting John Carpenter's family last Sunday.

—Mr. Hawkins, organizer for the M. W. A., failed to organize a lodge here.

—James Douglas and Green Gooding, of Harrisburg, were in Monroe Sunday.

—The Woodmen were out in full force last Saturday night and held a late session.

—The sports have had lots of fun for the past few days shooting clay pigeons. It is hard to tell who came out ahead.

—Johnnie Carpenter returned from Cottage Grove Sunday, where he and his wife have been on a visit for a week.

—Camp No. 493, W. O. W., of Monroe, will unvail the monument at the grave of J. W. Larkin on Sunday, June 16. All camps are invited to attend. Everybody invited.

Mr. Gardner, of Eugene, went through here Saturday on his way to Dusty with the monument to be erected by the W. O. W. in memory of J. W. Larkin, who was drowned in the Lemon slough last June.

—D. W. Minton died at Damascus, Or., Saturday, May 25, aged 85 years. He was a pioneer, having come to Oregon in 1854. He had 24 grand-children and 24 great grand-children. Deceased was the father of Rev. A. B. Minton, of this place.

SWEET HOME.

—Wild pigeons are plentiful.

—Gracie Gilmore visited school Monday.

—There will be no school Decoration Day.

—Fred Gosser lost a valuable horse last week.

—O. Bennett attended church at Smithfield Sunday.

—S. W. Harpole and family visited in Junction Saturday.

—Frank Williams of Sulphur Springs was here a few days ago.

—Strawberries are plentiful and the pigs are getting upon them.

—Carter & Son sheared O. Bennett's sheep the first of the week.

—Mrs. McKay and a party of friends from Junction passed through last week.

—Trout are reported to be quite plentiful in the Long Tom, hear Goldson's mill.

—J. D. Hamlin, the Junction butcher, was here a few days ago buying fat cattle.

—O. Bennet is improving the looks of his place by a new and substantial board fence.

—Will Goldson, who is working at Orton's saw mill, made the home folks a visit Sunday.

—The rock crusher will remain here until the road is graded to the top of the hill at Beeman's.

—Saturday would have been an ideal day for the picnic, and the only one, it seems, for some time.

—Mrs. Price Gilmore and daughters of Junction are visiting her sister, Mrs. S. W. Harpole, this week.

—Miss Gussie Burns, who is teaching above the mill, made a visit to her home in Junction on Friday, returning on Sunday. She visited the Sweet Home Sunday-school Sunday afternoon.

—The people of this vicinity are pleased to learn that Miss Schollmeyer, who was compelled to resign the school here on account of the death of her brother, has secured a school near her home in Tillamook.

RIVER VIEW.

—Wm. B. Wetzler and wife spent Saturday in Eugene.

—Lenny Sovern says Lancaster roads are fine to ride on.

—Found—Two blue stick pins. Inquire of Dell Wetzler.

—James Hayes visited in Harrisburg Saturday and Sunday.

A. A. Foster's death leaves a vacancy in the board of school directors.

—Mrs. Solsman and Nellie Martin, of Irving, visited our Sunday-school Sunday.

—Albert Morgan has got a new wheel. He says that he can now ride on the river road.

—Mr. Harper and family have gone to the mountains to work on their homestead.

—Byron Milliorn has gone to Eastern Oregon with Sam Fergueson after a band of horses.

—Miss Lettie Edwards and Mr. Herron from Benton county were visiting her parents here Sunday.

—Minnie Templeton is down from Crown Point visiting with her brothers and sisters for a few days.

—Services at Junction City was well represented by a wagon load of people from River View Sunday eve.

—L. C. Moffett, Sam Templeton, Mrs. Hayes, James, Maud and Ida attended the funeral services of A. A. Foster.

—We all thought Samuel Templeton had left River View, but we were all glad to hear of his safe return Sunday evening.

—Our Sunday-school will suspend services next Sunday in order to allow all to attend the basket meeting at Junction that day.

—George Burgess had a letter from Rev. J. D. Sibert, in which he said that forty people shook hands with him and asked him to pray for them, the first time that he preached.

FRANKLIN.

—G. Fisher went to Benton county Monday on business.

—J. N. Dennis shipped a carload of sheep to Portland Friday.

—Dan Hinton and John Goldson visited the county seat Tuesday.

—The county rock crusher is still doing good work in this vicinity.

—A. J. Zumwalt, of Irving, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday.

—Children's day for mission work will be observed here the second Sunday in June.

—W. J. Wiltse, organizer for the M. W. A., lectured Monday night at this place in behalf of the order.

—Presiding Elder Fitch of the M. E. Church South will hold services at this place Tuesday night and Quarterly meeting Wednesday.

—Emery Herron passed through Franklin Friday en route to the Cook settlement, in the interest of the Weatherly Creamery company.

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FERN RIDGE.

—J. R. Hill was attending to business in Eugene last week.

—Misses Elsie Bailey and Maple Hill were in Junction Friday.

—David Fisher intends going to Eastern Oregon in the near future.

—Harden Callison, of Palouse, was visiting friends here last week.

—Mrs. I. N. Hembree and daughter Linna went to Eugene Tuesday.

—Billy Jeans, of Elmira, attended Sunday-school here last Sunday.

Claud Adkins and Geo. Bond attended church at Junction Sunday evening.

—Tom Poole has gone to Palouse, Wash., to spend a few weeks visiting.

—C. C. Bates visited the Clear Lake Sunday-school. He reports a good attendance.

—Ethel Lemon returned home Tuesday from Toledo, where she has been teaching school.

—Daisy Summers went to Eugene on her bicycle Saturday to visit her parents, returning Sunday.

—A few friends of Mrs. J. C. Jennings gave her a pleasant surprise on her fifty-ninth birthday.

—D. Purkerson is improving his premises by building a new fence around his residence.

—Frank Goodman has secured the position as chief cook in Jason Adkin's batchelor establishment.

—Sunday John Briggs, wife and daughter Maud, of Irving, were guests of A. S. Cheshire's family.

—C. C. Walker, of Berkley, Calif., was in this neighborhood Tuesday canvassing for the Chatauqua charts.

—I. N. Hembree is now making regular trips to Junction. He goes down every Friday and returns Saturday.

—Mr. Crayton, wife and two children of Roseburg were visiting with the family of their uncle, L. Lemon last week.

—The farmers are mostly through working their summer fallow for this season. Fern Ridge crops are doing fine so far.

—Mrs. Thos. Lindley has been visiting the family of her brother, Thos. Bailey. She returned to her home in Irving Saturday.

—We were misinformed regarding our new neighbor's name. Instead of McGolden, it is Mongold. They will soon have their new house completed.

—Mrs. C. C. Matlock returned to Albany first of the week accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Robt. Bond, who will visit her sister, Mrs. W. T. Matlock, of Dallas, before returning home.

LANCASTER.

—Sunday school at 2 p. m.

—All fruits are looking well.

—Mrs. Dollie Lee was here Saturday.

—Ed. Ayers has three men cutting wood this week.

—Mac Morrison is ploughing gravel for the gravel loader.

—Sam Templeton, Jr., of River View, was a visitor in our midst Sunday.

Road Overseer Nichols moved his crew Saturday from this neighborhood.

—Hops are growing very rapidly, and the crop will be a month earlier this season.

—Rev. John Handsaker will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday. Every one come.

—Mrs. Mary Templeton, of Crown Point, is visiting home folks this week in our midst.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, of Coon Range, were here Saturday and Sunday visiting their son, Ed. Ayers.

—Hop pruning is the all absorbing topic. Gardens are looking splendid, and grain was never better at this date.

—Miss Norris closed a very successful term of school Friday. A short program was arranged for the occasion. A few visitors were present, among them being the school directors and clerk.

GOOD ADVICE.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than 75 per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Water-brash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, etc. Go to Mueller & Hill's and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

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