

OUR MISSION.

No man can long remain in a strained or unnatural position. Sooner or later he will let the mask slip aside and disclose his true character and standing. The most pitiable and unenviable sight imaginable is that of the man who aspires to a position for which nature never intended him. This is what burst the frog, as the fable goes, and I, for one, never aspired to martyrdom. In conversation with a certain man, not long since, he told me that his objection to *The Express* was that it had no politics. We are neither an instructor in governmental affairs nor a dictator in politics. We are content in the humble sphere of news-gatherer for Lebanon and surrounding country. All our readers are not politicians; many of them take more interest in political news than in an undertaker's advertisement. The great mass of the people are engrossed with business and social relations to the entire exclusion of politics. Another reason for not publishing a political newspaper is that we have already many newspapers of this class, organs representing the different political complexions of our voters, each one of which is backed by party patronage. Still another reason for not embarking on the troubled sea of politics is that politics has nothing higher to offer the publisher of a sheet of our dimensions than a garland. We are not running this paper for glory but for the money there is in it. Lastly, we prefer a neutral course because it is far safer for a lightweight who knows nothing of Queensbury rules. We have our political convictions, as do other men, and are not ashamed to avow them as a private citizen, or vote them at every election. We never arrogated a monopoly of talent, but on the other hand believe that there are about ten millions of voters in these United States with brain power equal to our own, and are as competent to weigh and decide matters of public moment as the editor of any local newspaper. No, fellow citizens, we presume not to enlighten American voters, and would as soon think of bombarding Gibraltar with boiled pease, or lighting up Puget Sound by floating beacons on its surface. If we can induce a fair proportion of our immigrants to settle among us, supply our patrons with local and general news and give an impetus to business by placing before our readers the advertisements of a generous public, our highest ambition will have been realized.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons are forbidden to buy or purchase a note of \$250 held against Cardwell Clark by Geo. M. Clark, said note given about the year 1873, which said Geo. M. Clark claimed had been lost, and I, the undersigned, Cardwell Clark, gave a new note which has been paid in full.

Also a Due Bill of \$228 for lumber, which has been paid off in full, said Due Bill given about March first, 1878.

Done this the 19th day of February, 1890, at Lebanon, Oregon.

CARDWELL CLARK.

One price and cash at the new cash store, but everything sold cheap and delivered to any part of the city.

Do not buy any eastern trash when you can get these splendid Buckingham & Wright goods at Montague's Mammoth store and also at his One Price Cash Store.

OPEN EYES.

Seeing is believing, we have been told; but what is seeing? No two men see exactly alike. Not only do no two men see alike, but every man is compelled to correct his own vision as he grows in judgment, or changes his point of observation. Vision is affected by atmospheric conditions, by education, by taste and skill; and must necessarily come to erroneous conclusions respecting the objects of its observation. The eye is probably the least reliable of the senses. The hand is too quick for the eye. The skilled juggler will make a fool of any man who insists that seeing is believing. The not unfrequent illusion known as the mirage (which is due to certain atmospheric conditions), teaches us the unreliability of the eye as an infallible guide under all circumstances. Any dog can look at a painted canvass, but he cannot be said to see anything, strictly speaking; but the artist whose eye has been educated by a long and rigid discipline will be ravished by the sight. Ask two individuals to describe a portion of territory through which they have passed and you will find that while one can describe with accuracy and in detail the configuration of the country, the farms, the crops, the character of the soil, etc., the other, whose vision is equally good, has seen little or absolutely nothing of all these things. Every object seen by his companion may have been pictured on his visual organs, but the optic nerve failing to transmit the image to the brain, he saw nothing. Our eyes were given us for a purpose, and if they fail of their purpose it is because we do not use them—do not keep them open. There is more involved in seeing than most people are accustomed to think. In the early days of California, when every man was in search of gold, scores of men stumbled over a mass of rock that lay in the line of travel, but they stopped only long enough to vent their profanity. One day a man came along who did not stumble over this "rock of offence," he saw it before he came to it, on reaching it broke off a piece, "staked" a claim and found himself the owner of one of the richest mines in the state. The difference between this man and others was—he had his eyes open.

Seldom a day passes but that some one who sees farther into the future than others, seizes an opportunity that leads to success, and retires with a competency. The opportunity was to all, but only this man had his eyes open. His competitors curse their fate and attribute his good fortune to luck—he knows better. There will be blind men to the end of time, and there will never be a period in our history when the declaration of the world's great Teacher will not be applicable to a majority of our race—"Eyes ye have but ye see not."

One of the foremost literary women in America is Ella Higginson, whose poetry and fiction has been published widely in the leading periodicals. She is an original thinker and an incisive writer in prose as well as a poet, and her pen always commands the attention of thoughtful people. Mrs. Higginson has assumed editorial charge of a *Woman's Department* in the *West Shore* and will make that excellent illustrated weekly doubly interesting to the women of the west.

Children Enjoy

The pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effect of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative and if the father or mother be constive or bilious the most gratifying results follow its use, so that it is the best family remedy known and every family should have a bottle.

MONTAGUE'S COLUMN.

Montague's fall stock is now complete in every department. The Mammoth store is filled with as choice goods, adapted to this market, as money will buy.

DRESS GOODS.

Our all wool Aldine suitings, a full yard wide, which we are selling at 50 cents per yard, is without doubt the best value for the money ever offered to the ladies of Lebanon.

Our stock of Henrietta cloths, cashmeres, tricots, camel hair goods, waterproofs, and advance styles of everything wearable is simply immense. The ladies are invited to call and take a look through the goods. They were bought at very low prices and will be sold correspondingly low.

Montague's stock of fancy work materials, as zephyrs, wools and yarns, embroidery silks, in fact everything that goes to make up a complete line of material for fancy work can be found at Montague's.

Our stock of boots and shoes was made expressly for us and every pair we sell is fully warranted. When you want anything in the foot wear line look over Montague's stock and get his prices. If you want to get good goods at living prices you will necessarily buy your boots and shoes of Montague.

CLOTHING.

Montague is opening up the largest and best selected stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing ever opened at this place. We can fit any one both in size and price. Montague carries Oregon City Clothing, California Cassimere Clothing, Eastern Worsteds, as well as a great variety of serviceable, low priced goods.

The One Price Cash Store will continue to deliver Groceries and General Merchandise to the citizens of this place and vicinity at a mere nominal advance over the original cost.

NOTICE AS TO MONEY!

Persons who owe me MUST PAY UP NOW.

I do not propose to waste much time in dunning. In fact there are some whom I imagine they should not be dunned at all, but it takes money to do business. Do not be surprised if you find the note or account you may happen to owe me in the hands of an officer for very prompt Payment.

The long, weary credit business is a thing of the past in Lebanon.

CHAS. B. MONTAGUE.

Sept. 20, 1889.

NOW WE HAVE 'EM.

The Greatest Shoe Ever Known

—IS THE—

SUNSET \$3.00 SHOE

FOR MEN'S WEAR.

This shoe is made of the finest annery calf, has solid heels and soles, and is the first shoe for \$3.00 ever produced. Manufactured by

Cahn, Nickelsburg & Co., San Francisco

AND FOR SALE IN LEBANON BY

C. B. Montague.

BEARD & HOLT,

Druggist and Apothecary,

—DEALERS IN—

PURE DRUGS, MEDICINES,

Paints, Oils and Glass,

STATIONERY,

Fine Perfumery, Brushes & Combs

CIGARS AND FANCY TOILET ARTICLES.

Prescriptions Accurately Compounded.

Main Street, Lebanon, Oregon.

Julius Gradwohl's

Golden Rule Bazaar,

The Leading Crockery, Fancy Goods and Toy Store of Albany, Oregon.

Rogers Bros. 1847 Silverware, French China and Glassware Boy's Wagons, Baby and Doll Carriages.

General Assortment of Fancy Goods.

Specialty in the Finest Teas and Coffees.

He buys direct for net cash and carries the largest stock in the valley.

LUMBER.

All parties contemplating building, or desiring lumber for any other purpose whatever would do well to call on

HUMPHREY & TAYLOR,

At his lumber yard at this place or at the sawmill.

We have on hand a first-class stock of

Rough and Clear Lumber.

Bills of all kinds filled on short notice

Give me a call

Before Purchasing Elsewhere.

Humphrey & Taylor.

Why Pay A MILLNER

—AND—

Ten per cent Interest on Money

Dressmaking Parlor

When You Can Get It

Has been opened at

For Less?

LEBANON, OREGON,

In the new storeroom of W. J. G.

next door to The Express, where

ALL WORK IN THESE LINES

Besides a full stock of

Oregon Land Company

Embroidery Material

May be obtained. All kinds of

STAMPING

Albany, Oregon.

—Done on—

SHORT NOTICE

—And in—

Ashby & Dickinson,

THE VERY BEST STYLE

Managers.

Give us a Call.