

Lebanon Express.

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City Official Paper.

The Oregonian says that national banks have outlived their usefulness. Is Brother Scott going over to the populists?—Welcome.

The horrors of becoming an old maid or bachelor is dawning upon the coming generation with remarkable force. There is a young lad of Stayton, 15 years old, engaged to a girl of 14, to be married five years hence.—Stayton Times.

The Cherokee strip is being invaded by boomers, hundreds of whom were seen there Wednesday, encamped along the lines of the Atchison & Topeka. Troops are out after them.

Cleveland hits the populists the quickest and hardest blow yet delivered. He says that the citizen is sworn to support the government, but Mrs. Lease wants the government to support the people. That's hot.—Welcome.

The New Orleans men are naturally sportive, but they love good women more. The ladies said the lottery must go and it went. Now they have declared against pugilism and the gallant Southerners have turned their backs on this physical style of enjoyment.

Gov. Penoyer has not given great voice to one of his peculiarly characteristic bray about "plutocrats" for two whole days. That is a good way to begin a reformation, but Sylvester will have to lie very low in the future if he wishes to hide his ears.—Roseburg Review.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease has been elected president of the Kansas State Board of Charities. This is a good way to begin a reformation, but Sylvester will have to lie very low in the future if he wishes to hide his ears.—Roseburg Review.

The California legislature submitted a resolution to the vote of the people providing for the removal of the capital from Sacramento to San Jose. It is very likely to carry, and San Jose, which was once the seat of government for that state, is likely to have it again.

The only real difference of opinion which has yet arisen between Mr. Cleveland and his cabinet is said to have been caused when the president asked Hoke Smith and Bassett to wear mustaches and thus not look so boyish as now. They replied, however, that they would not if Grover would wear a beard. The decision reached is not yet announced.

President Cleveland evidently received information of the awful struggle for office in Oregon and to avoid trouble for himself quietly announced that Senator Vilas would attend to distributing the leaves and fishes in the webfoot state. The senator will soon realize the delicacy of his position, as the herd of office-seekers are preparing to swoop down upon him. If he survives the siege he will have good cause for congratulation.—Mercury.

The Indianapolis News says that a certain farm editor received the following story and sent it to the curio column collector, who returned it because he knew it stated facts and no fiction: A horticulturist had missed many apples every night. Finally he set a watch, expecting to trap his neighbor's boys. In the dim night light he saw limbs of apple trees shaking, and then he heard the fruit falling. He had seen no one enter the orchard. Non-plused he crept up to the shaking tree. He saw a hedgehog descend from the tree, roll over on the apples until its back was laden with the fruit attached by the quills, and wobble off. The farm editor didn't doubt the story, but wondered what an insect-eating animal wanted with apples. "For the worms," triumphantly explained the curio man.

CITY AFFAIRS.

The Express calls special attention to the proceedings of the city council, published in another column, and notes with pleasure that they propose to hold the officers of the city to a strict accountability for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

The action of the council in instructing the license committee to notify saloonists and their bondsmen, that hereafter the licensed dram shops must be run within the provisions of the ordinances under which their licenses are issued, is one that will receive the hearty commendation of all good citizens, who, with the Express, say that if these places must be run at all within our city limits it is not demanding from their proprietors anything but what the city authorities should sternly enforce, when they assert that the laws governing them will be rigidly carried out.

We believe a majority of our citizens doubt the wisdom of the council preceding the present one, in repealing Ordinance No. 1, under the new charter, requiring a MAJORITY of the voters within the corporate limits petitioning the council in favor of issuing a license before the same should be granted by the proper authorities. The Express at that time, with many of our citizens, took the view that to prevent strife and bickering among our people when petitions and remonstrances were causing such a furore that a repeal of that ordinance would be conducive to the peace and quietude of Lebanon, and honestly and faithfully we labored for its repeal.

Recent tragical and shameful occurrences within our once peaceful town are causing people of broad opinions and liberal views to ask each other THE CAUSE that has so lately brought our town into such fearful notoriety. The question is easily answered.

The people of the city of Lebanon have confidence in their city officers and believe they will fearlessly discharge their whole duty in the matter and the Express heartily joins with the people in wishing our city officers God speed in their determination to carry out to the fullest extent of the law the ordinances of the city, governing the liquor traffic.

President Cleveland has caused consternation among the army of ex-office holders who have besieged Washington demanding that they again be allowed to feed at the public trough, by announcing that the rule of this administration shall be that those who held office during his former term will not again be appointed to office so long as there are parties of equal qualifications aspiring to the positions which they ask. He thinks one term of office sufficient to satisfy the greed of the average man, and believes in passing honors and lucrative positions around among those who are both faithful and competent.

The roads in the country as a rule are worse than they have been for years. Where they were thrown up and graveled they are fine and solid. Let's gravel some more this summer; next summer some more; and the next summer some more and so on till we get them all graveled. In Oregon gravel beats woodenheaded legislators for mud.

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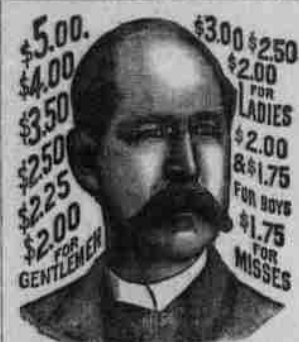
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