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The Answer.

[Albany Telescope.]

The following reply is said to have been sent by the President to our Governor, in answer to his famous Christmas letter:

Sylvester Pennoyer: Dear Sir and Brother.—Your esteemed favor at hand, and it is my impression you are extemporizing through your hat. You're off your Nannie. You have a population, according to the last census, of 280,000. Of this number 75,500 are males, 67,500 females and 138,000 children. Two-thirds of 280,000 is 186,000. There are at least 20,000 merchants, farmers, office-holders and clerks. There are 13,000 Chinamen, children, merchants, farmers, Chinamen, etc., 238,000. Now, then, if two-thirds of your people are out of work, there must be 22,000 men, all the women and children, all the poor Chinamen and 17,000 merchants, farmers, clerks and officers engaged in doing nothing.

My dear Sylvester, you appear to be short on finance and long on statistics. You also had too many Thanksgivings, which was incompatible with my administration. I feel sure, however, that your letter to me will secure you several hundred votes at the June election, which was probably your object in writing it.

You will please excuse haste and a bad pen. We are all well and hope this letter will find you enjoying the same blessing.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Of course few persons are expected to think the President wrote the above letter, but there are a few good points for reflection in it, though.

Dorcas Aid Society.

To all who are interested in the work of charity, we will state that the Dorcas Aid Society meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 3 p. m., in the hall over the postoffice. If there are any worthy poor suffering for the necessities of life, or any children remaining out of school for want of proper clothing, let them apply to Mrs. F. M. Miller, at the postoffice. Cast-off clothing that will do to make over will be thankfully received by the society. Provisions will be left at the postoffice. All donations to be left at the postoffice. MRS. F. G. REED, President.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of Mary Galloway, decd., late of Linn county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned, at the office of Samuel M. Garland, in Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon.

JACOB W. CHESBROUGH, Admin'r.
S. M. GARLAND, Atty for Admin'r.
Dated this 9th day of January, 1894.

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The Branch Asylum.

The Eastern Oregon asylum will be located in the vicinity of Union, the county seat of Union county. The board of commissioners of public buildings has concluded to purchase a site there, provided real estate and water rights can be purchased at prices that are considered reasonable. If, however, the state cannot obtain all the land and water rights necessary for the asylum, at satisfactory prices, the board will negotiate for a site elsewhere. The definite location of the site cannot be made until contracts are entered into in accordance with the views of the board. In making this selection the board was unanimous. The location of the asylum is virtually settled. The soil is of the richest in the state. The elevation is about 1000 feet. There is an immense water power there with roller mills on Catharine creek. Hot lake is forty feet above the level of the site that can be piped to the new asylum, and a hot spring is only a mile and a half away. —Salem Statesman.

HAPPY HOME.

Our new-come and neighbor, Mr. Rollins, is quite sick with la grippe. Charles Scott also has been very sick with la grippe; also James Fitzwater and Rev. Norton and many others, but so far no deaths have occurred.

Fall sown grain looks remarkably well in this part of Canada; still the acreage is not as large as some former years. Grass is also good for this time of the year.

Mr. John Caldwell and family have moved to Lebanon. We are sorry to part with them and we miss their pleasant faces.

Mrs. Louisa Phelps, who has been stopping with Mr. W. H. and S. O. Cummings for near three months, returned home Monday.

Grandpa Cummings had the misfortune to lose a very fine colt the other day. J. W. Gee lost two with a similar disease, apparently lung fever.

Rev. Brampton has gone down near Seio to assist in conducting a series of revival meetings, in place of Rev. Norton, who is laid up with la grippe.

W. G. Brown purchased three hundred sheep a few days since, of a man near Brownsville, paying one dollar per head.

Mr. Jacob Fitzwater purchased a small band of very fine Angora goats of Mr. Arthur Saltmarsh, a few days since.

Our old friend, Jacob Newman, is now able to walk about, after a severe illness of many weeks. He is a true and staunch "Populist," don't forget that.

BEDROCK.

Birthday Party.

SODAVILLE, Or., Jan. 18, '94.

On Thursday evening quite a number of young people met, in compliance with invitations, at the residence of W. W. Parrish and wife, to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of their son Everett. A very pleasant time was had, the evening being spent in games, intermingled with songs accompanied by the piano and guitar, and a delicious supper of the choicest of delicacies. The birthday cake, a large pyramid cake, stood in the center of the table like a mountain of snow. Mr. Parrish was not a little surprised when the guests presented him a large plush album as a birthday gift and a token of their regards. Wishing him many a happy birthday, they departed about half past one o'clock. About thirty guests were present.

A GUEST.

Public Morals.

Are public morals improving? The question has nothing to do with the moral status of our own thriving little town, except in a general way. It is not my purpose to specialize, but to generalize. I have been led to ask this question of myself, and of the public, as a consequence resultant of the daily perusal, of embezzlement, defalcation, bankruptcies, and partisan vituperation.

A recent English writer has advanced the argument, that we have reached the zenith, political and social, of our development, consequently there must soon follow a period of retrogression; civilization will be thrown back upon itself, individual effort will cease, personal character will deteriorate, and moral stagnation ensue. If the assertions of this writer be true, it is important that we examine their bearings and influence on the present. Society is governed by the prevailing type of character in the community; and character is the result of heredity, circumstances, and habit. Hence the inquiry prompts itself, whether the influences of the present times are such as to improve our morals or to deteriorate them. When it comes to public peculation, it must be confessed, we are abnormally lax. The use of public office and public funds for private gains, the eagerness to get hold of subsidies, fat contracts, and undeserved offices, does not speak of a high moral tone in our public affairs.

Railroads are forced into the hands of receivers by fraudulent manipulation of their affairs, and the honor of our courts is travestied by the appointment of receivers, whose sole purpose is to complete the ruin of the road. No more glaring instance could be cited than is shown in the case of the Reading railroad, of Penn., yet the Northern Pacific, the Santa Fe, and our own O. P., differ from it only in degree.

Turning from public to private institutions, let us inquire how many of our recent bank failures were due to culpable dishonesty, on the part of bank officials. The silver bill, the tariff, and the change of administrations, had nothing to do with it. Take our own bank for instance,—will any one deny for an instant that it was the result of culpable negligence and criminal carelessness, on the part of the managing officials. I do not impugn the private honesty of the gentlemen; on the contrary I believe them to be honest enough in private affairs; but private honesty was overthrown by political greed on the part of Cowan and his henchmen, and the depositors foot the bill. You may call this misplaced confidence, but I call it robbery. The man, who, on the public highway, presents a pistol to your head, with a demand for your money, is entitled to be considered an honest man and a gentleman, when compared with one of these.

But let us examine another phase of this question. It is extremely doubtful if crimes against property are on the increase. Too many dangers beset the pursuit of the robber to render it attractive. Crimes against social order are infrequent, especially so in our small towns, where the standard of morals is higher than in our large cities. But on one point I am not so certain we are improving—I speak of the crime of drunkenness. It is urged by many this evil is disappearing, but the fact remains that we consumed three millions more barrels of beer in 1893 than in the preceding year, the sum total being half a barrel for each person in the U. S. This is discouraging in face of the war was intemperance by prohibition societies everywhere seems to me that here is the place which we are retrograding danger calls for earnest action on the part of every voter in our broad

Shall civilization be overthrown by barbarism take its place? Shall civility be replaced by anarchy of to-day, how will you answer questions?

FOX

LACOMB.

As there has been no correspondence from this place, I thought I would you a few of the happenings of past.

Parker Turnidge has been sick list, with the fever, but now.

Frank Myers is down with the Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge have been down with grip, but are up and around.

Mr. Scanland, from Lebanon, is running the Stringer Bros' distillery.

Mr. Bogart, who went to Oregon City some time past, has returned.

A series of meetings is going on Salt Lake now, held by Rev. Brown and wife. Report is that they are having a lively time there.

There is talk of a new church at this place in the near future.

There is quite an exciting time on the Ridge now. The Tucker Bros. have investigated the matter concerning the old home place, and found it to be government land, and filed homestead rights on the same. Some of the adjoining neighbors seem to be very much interested in the matter, as some of their land is in the same fix.

Miss Su-lie Layton is home, visiting her parents.

Rev. Brown held services at the Ridge, Sunday.

Things have changed wonderfully here since Fern Ridge has changed its name to Paradise Ridge. Religion, of course.

CRANKY.

SODAVILLE.

Sodaville is as jolly a place as you will ever find these hard times.

The schools at this place are progressing nicely.

The Literary Society meets every Friday evening, with Everett Parrish Pres., and Estella Parrish Sec. Edward Peery was editor of the paper last Friday, which proved quite a success.

The Y. P. S. C. E. met last Sunday evening with Dr. A. G. Prill as leader.

Mrs. Flory has been quite sick with la grippe, but is better at present.

Born, Jan. 20, to the wife of Mr. H. Jones, a girl.

Mr. T. Muloch and Mr. Wm. Smith were on the sick list last week, but are convalescent at present.

The drama which was played here July 4th ("The Confederate Spy") was again played last Saturday evening, to a free house. Although the night was stormy the hall was well filled. After the play was over a few hours were spent in social entertainment, and games.

C. W.

Receiver Clark has taken an important step in the direct down the expenses of the city railroad by the reduction of fares. After Feb. 1st will run a mixed day and passenger car quiba through westward from Albany. T. leave Y. at Albany. H. bo

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