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Candidates for office are swarming in Kansas.

During the past five years 30,000 couples have been divorced in France.

Five cents is all it costs to attend Puyallup, Wash., entertainments these hard times.

A committee for the promotion of international bimetalism has been formed in Boston.

An Irishman well described the gripe as "a disease that will keep you sick three weeks after you get well."

A class paper states that all but one of the leading cities of this country are using the electric railway system.

Numbers of dead fish are coming ashore on the beach at Santa Barbara to San Diego. It is thought some seismic disturbance has occurred near the shore.

The Boston Aldermen want their salaries raised from \$1,500 to \$4,000. More modest than the San Francisco Aldermen of 1850, who voted themselves \$6,000 salaries.

Fred Marshall, a 11 year-old Roseburg boy, was fined \$40, and given ten days in jail besides, for beating a girl about the same age, while going home from school.

Three female members of the Tufts College, at Haverhill, Mass., were summarily dismissed and fourteen were suspended for giving an exhibition of high kicking and skirt dancing to the members of the College Glee Club, who were on the campus.

It is rumored that the Oregonian is preparing to make another big cut in expenses. G. A. Morden, foreman of the composing rooms, is now in the East. It is rumored that shortly after his return the office will be supplied with typesetting machines.

In Ohio some counterfeiters have taken to making dollars with more silver in them than those coined by the United States. They can do this and still reap a profit. But the question arises, could they be convicted for being more honest than the government?

Sandow, the strong man, was hypnotized by Dr. Mercereau, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at New York. Two-pound dumb-bells were made to appear so heavy that the strong man could not lift them, and his limbs assumed and maintained rigidity at the will of the hypnotizer.

The friends of May Brooklyn had difficulty in finding a clergyman to conduct the funeral services, but in the entire city of New York finally found one who would say a few words over the remains. It is not known what was the consideration. Those who refused gave as a reason that the actress committed suicide.

The following is a correct definition of gripe: It is a combination of bad colds, several degrees at once, continual headache, sickness at stomach, blind staggers, chicken pox, hives, springhalt, disordered liver, kidney trouble, each bone in one's body trying to ache more than the others, and about forty other indescribable diseases. All of these, never less, sometimes more, at one and the same time.

A Portland correspondent says that Capt. O'Brien is said to be lying in wait for the democratic nomination for state printer. He is Pennoyer's expert who passes on all the state printing bills and measures up all the thousands of dollars worth of work that is performed by the republican state printer. Being a democrat and a labor man he has had the scrutiny of all the work done in the office the past eight years and knows just what there is in it.

An Oregon young man has just returned to his home in Silverton, after a tour of the world, lasting seven years. A recital of his experience would be very entertaining. He wandered throughout the old world until the state of his finances called him to a halt, in other words, until he was "dead broke." At this time he was in Judea, where he enlisted in the English regiment and was sent in Central Asia, from whence after many wanderings, he has at last found his way back to Oregon, the land of his birth, which he now thinks is the most lovely spot on earth.

Bank notes were issued in China as early as the ninth century, when the art of printing was unknown in Europe. These notes have generally been redeemed, because in China when a bank fails all the clerks and managers have their heads chopped off and thrown in a heap along with the books of the firm. And so it happened in these good old barbarous times that for the past 500 years not a single Chinese bank has suspended payment. Now that China is coming under the sway of western civilization, we have no doubt it will have the same financial troubles as its more civilized banking brethren.

The Populists themselves do not seem to be free from the "ways that are dark and the tricks that are vain," for which they claim that only the old parties "are peculiar," says the Jacksonville Times. W. H. Breeze, of Talent, who came near being elected representative on the People's party ticket at the last election, in a vigorous article in the Ashland Record claims that the primaries lately held at Talent were "fixed." Verily, it is sad that these reformers of political methods cannot dwell with one another in unity, but must begin to revile each other, after the manner of the wicked republicans and democrats.

The Grants Pass Courier says: "A female hobo stopped here a few days in 'hitting the road' southward last week. She camped with five of the male fraternity in the Company's woodpile and seemed perfectly at home in her queer calling. She is about thirty-five years of age and had the appearance of a hard-worked farmer's wife. There was nothing vicious looking about her. When seen by the Courier reporter she was seated inside a square breakwind composed of ties near the S. P. D. & L. warehouse, eating a biscuit she had probably begged somewhere in town. She had an old newspaper spread on her lap to catch the crumbs and when she got through eating she fished out some fine-cut tobacco and proceeded to prepare a cigarette. She hadn't much to say. When asked where she was going she simply pointed and said 'south.'"

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A Letter From Grants Pass.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Mar. 2, '94.

EDITOR EXPRESS:
The few notes we send may moulder in the waste-basket, and yet we are bound to inflict our scribbling upon you.

We left the land of Mossbacks and Populists Monday last, arriving at Wolf Creek Tuesday morning. W. C. is a mining town of some 150 inhabitants, a kind of headquarters for mining men (and quartz boomers). An assay office is doing a thriving business.

Leaving the town and our many friends behind, we took the road for Mt. Reuben. Seven miles down Wolf Creek the road comes to an end at the placer mines of J. C. Lewis. These were a rich find but very spotted and soon exhausted. Striking the Rogue river trail a tramp of 4 miles brought us to the placer claim of Dwight, Rice & Co. This is a new mine and from all reports a paying one. Gold can be seen lying on the bed-rock where the piping has been done. We saw two ounces recently taken out of a small spot.

Here we tarried until Wednesday morning, then took the trail once more for the Mt. Four miles brings us to Reuben creek, a coarse gold stream on which are many paying claims. Then came the tug of war,—for 4 1/2 miles the trail stands at an angle of 45 degrees. At present the last 2 miles are covered with 2 feet of snow. Near the summit the camp of H. M. Murray is to be seen. This is on claims located last spring by J. D. Rice and a party of Albany gentlemen. Murray has it bonded and is to run a tunnel and develop the mine and if satisfied to pay for the same \$30,000. He is only working seven men at present, sinking a shaft.

Over the Mt. on the Whiskey creek side is located the celebrated Molly Hill ledge. One shaft is 60 feet, another 10 and from ten inches at the top the ledge widens to 3 feet. On the dump gold can be seen in any piece and is said to be the best free milling ever discovered in the state. The mine is being developed by R. A. Jones, of "Green Mountain" fame, who bought or bonded it of the locator, J. D. Rice. Here he has his wife, a charming lady whose nearest lady neighbor is 8 miles away; but she is perfectly content and is as enthusiastic over mining matters as her worthy husband.

Partaking of a bountiful repast we once more took the route for a return. The ascent took 3 1/2 hours but the descent was made in 1 1/2 hours and the only event of note was when our partner slogged through air and snow at such a rate as to leave his pipe some 200 feet behind him in a snow drift. This necessitated some talk and a good climb to get it.

Again we spend the night with friend Rice, who has his wife and two charming daughters with him.

The next day we arrive at Leland only to learn the S. P. is too poor to afford a daily freight, and as the place is too small to hold three full-grown men over night, we jog along to Merlin, within 9 miles of Grants Pass. Wishing to send a line to a friend we inquire for the P. O. to find it 1/2 mile out in the country at a ranche, and his stock in hay consisted of four sheets of writing paper. This is a saw-mill town, and like all places of the kind has poor buildings.

At night we learned a revival was being held in the school building, and thither we went bent on adventure and we succeeded beyond our expectations. We took with us a miner who had not been to church for 20 years, and regretted our choice many times, as we importuned him 35 times to go with us back to the hotel but he flend seemed to delight in our misery and only shook his head. The meetings are conducted by a former section-hand and a gentleman from Wilderville who came out to winter, bringing his family and team with him for company. One fellow told us he generally brought them to church with him to help. We asked which he brought, the family or team; but he did not seem to relish our attempt at a joke. The audience consisted of 3 women, 7 girls, 8 men, 12 boys, and was larger than could be expected when we remark the meetings had been going on three weeks. At last we were kindly permitted to leave, a sadder but wiser man.

On Thursday we shook the granite of Merlin, alias Jump-off-Joe, from our propellers and boarding the train in a light snow-storm reached Grants Pass. This place has about two times the population of Lebanon—is a live town in many ways. The docket for the

term of court next week is rather long. Among the class who meet to see the law vindicated your scribbler will find many items to follow these to the basket under the desk.

This has been an exceedingly rough winter for this section, but it maketh the heart of the miner rejoice with great rejoicing and the gold crop will be away above the average. This will make the P. P. sick, but we care not how they are downed so that it is done honorably.

Speaking of Populists reminds us that we have met only one of the "class" since we came to this section. Whether this has anything to do with the good times here witness saith not.

There will be at the Baptist church to-night a 15 cent social, but we will not indulge as our bin was filled to overflowing with gospel news last night.

TRAVELER.

Echo Answers "Who?"

EDITOR EXPRESS: In accordance with your kind offer to open the columns of the EXPRESS to all political parties to discuss the political issues of the day, I see that one "Old Party Crank" has availed himself of this generous offer.

The old crank makes a spluttering attempt to be facetious, and how well he has succeeded I will leave the public to judge.

There is one thing, however, that I will say in behalf of O. P. C., and I hope he will not take it as flattery. He exhibits a quality of intellect far superior to the average of those who still cling to old party delusions.

I don't want to accuse "Old Party Crank" of lying, so I will be modest and call it prevaricating. He offers no argument in defence of his corrupt old party, simply because he has nothing to offer.

It is a noticeable fact that the more enlightened of the old parties are adhering strictly to the principles as taught by our forefathers, while the ignorant are being blindly led on by their old unscrupulous leaders. Intelligence is fast falling in line with the Populists while ignorance is lurking behind, hence the inability of the g. o. p. to cope with the Populists in public debate.

The leaders of the old parties who have command of word or pen, have no arguments to offer except protection and an honest(?) dollar on one side and an honest(?) dollar and protection on the other. In view of these facts, is it any wonder that they have to resort to lying, blasphemy and sarcasm in order to hold the skeptical of their followers in line?

It is not my mission to provoke controversy on a subject in which my opponents are so utterly ignorant. Indeed the most illiterate of the Populist party can hold their own with the most learned of the few who remain with the old parties, with one exception only, and that exception is the man who, having more gall than brains and sailing under the nom de plume of "Old Party Crank," penned off that master-piece of literature which will surely find a place in the columns of every republican newspaper in the land. Oh! but didn't he jump for joy when "Zeke" told him that the "booses" in Penn. had touched the button and their slaves in answer had rolled up a big republican majority! It was then and there, while under the exhilarating influence of election news and a punch full of spuds, that the "Old Party Crank" gave birth to the crowning effort of his life, which will be hauded down with pride to his posterity for many generations to come.

Allow me to congratulate you, "O. P. C." upon the sudden greatness you have attained. Kindly present my regards to "Zeke"—poor fellow—who, for lack of protection on "Fall River" industries and "Oregon Wool," has to attend his Sunday school clothed in blue overalls and a cottonade coat.

Yes, sir, protection protects, but who does it protect? Echo answers, "Who?"

LIBERTY.

School superintendent Stevenson has finished reviewing the papers of the applicants for teachers' certificates and finds that out of the 86 examined, two obtained state diplomas, 4 first grade certificates, 7 second grade and 18 third grade, 54 failing. The questions were pretty hard and failures correspondingly numerous. The results here are about the same as in other portions of the state.—Eugene Register.

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