

Lebanon Express.

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The Jacksonville Times man calls upon the next legislature to make some radical change in the libel law. He severely criticises the present law in his paper in the following language. The laws of the country, especially Oregon, give too much latitude to the swindlers, schemers and blackmailers whom it is the province of the press to expose, and even encourage such classes to proceed against the newspapers who have stamina enough to denounce them and thus give warning to the public. The Times is defendant in a suit brought by an irresponsible, imprudent adventurer, who had victimized a number of people in southern Oregon, and now he seeks to recover \$10,000 damages because we, in pursuance of our duty as a journalist, called public attention to his dishonest and unworthiness. A radical change in the libel law in this state should be made by the legislature at its next session. The chief justice of Rhode Island in charging a jury in a libel suit recently, thus laid down the rights of the press: "I think that a public newspaper has a right to comment upon and criticize in the discharge of public duties. I think that if the publishers discover what they consider to be defects they have a right to point them out. If there are facts which suggest fault, I think the press has a right to criticize and censure. If in the exercise of this freedom of comment they act freely and honestly, and meaning to do what is right, they cannot be held accountable. It is of great importance to the public that the papers should have this liberty. If there should be none to censure or criticize, frauds would grow more and more intolerable, to the manifest peril of the public welfare, and therefore you can see that the public have a great interest in maintaining the right of the public press to freely and fairly criticize."

This is the way the Star of Bethlehem, a paper published in Leeds, England, makes editorial mention of the recent Chicago strike. The Star of Bethlehem says: "A big revolution is now going on in the United States of America and there is little doubt but that the government will be defeated. The dictator, Debs, has been driven from his palace and he and his ministers are now in hiding in the mountains. The greatest trouble is being experienced in the capitol of Chicago, where Grover Cleveland, the ring leader of the rebels, has obtained complete control. The railroad track at that place has been torn up and thrown into the Mississippi river, a stream considerably longer than the Severn, and the stockyards, where the government palaces are situated, have been razed to the ground. The trouble was started by a man named Pullman, who has a strong hold in the mountains of Illinois, one of the most considerable provinces of the country. The man Pullman manufactures a cattle car." And the people of the country where this ignorant sheet is published have the audacity to send a committee to investigate and report on the civilization of the people here! —Corpus Christi Caller.

The steamer Signal, plying between British Columbia and Portland, the smuggling route, is due here in a few days with eight or ten Chinamen aboard. This is the first time in several months that any have come over. It only serves to bring to mind the old methods when the Haytian Republic came in sometimes with hundreds, many of whom were landed. Those days are past. There is no more smuggling. Customs officials that do their duty instead of standing in are now in control. Possibly some of the Chinese on this trip are not entitled to land. If so they will

present condition of the Chinese traffic is in queer contrast to that of May and June of 1893 when from 100 to 700 came on each trip of the steamships. Those persons that yet believe there was no smuggling should note this. Why is it that there are not hundreds of Chinese "merchants" "returning" now as there were in 1893? Are not the necessities of trade as great? How is it that about 1,400 "merchants" were permitted to land during 1892 and '93 while less than 100 have come since?—Tomahawk.

The largest vessel ever built in America will be launched at the famous Cramp ship yards in Philadelphia this month. The giant merchantman, the six-decker St. Louis of the American Line, will receive its initial baptism in the waters of the Delaware and a new era in the history of the American merchant marine will be inaugurated. While as large as the Luccania and her twin sister, the Campania, nor endowed with their horse-power, the St. Louis will be greater and swifter than the Paris or New York and will make at least 20 knots an hour on her trans-Atlantic voyages. The new vessel is more than one-tenth of a mile long, being 554 feet over all, with an extreme beam of 63 feet and a tonnage of 11,000 tons. Her chief glory will be that she has been constructed from keelson to truce of America steel in an American shipyard and represents American skill and muscle in model, design, material and building. Philadelphia is justly proud, remarks the Record of that city, that her citizens have contributed their enterprise, money, brains and muscle to this pioneer of our future merchant marine.

There are a great many little things in life that bring happiness or cause misery. The thoughtlessness that will cause some loved one away from home to neglect to write to the friends for an unusual length of time, is a cause of worry, and clouds the happiness of the family at home. A little matter which has been a grievance, and has passed, is often talked about and dwelt upon in the home, and thereby brings discomfort and irritation. A word of detriment spoken against some one of whom words of commendation have just been told, casts a shadow over the character of the subject, and oftentimes a life-long prejudice is formed in consequence. Words with stings in them, thrown out to one another, about this or that, coming in or going out of the home, destroy the peace and joy of that circle. Words of commendation unspoken when some one has done the best to please us are unjust, and rankle in the heart. Why is it that it is so much more natural with some of us to find fault than to encourage?—Ex.

There is some talk that the legislature will attempt to abrogate the franchises granted the Oregon Pacific several years ago. Whether these agitators are doing this through ignorance, or with a view to hastening a sale of the properties, is a matter of conjecture. Many people seem to confound the legislative function of the government with that of the judicial or executive department. The legislature has power to pass laws, and also power to repeal certain legislative acts, but it has no moral or legal right to abrogate franchises. It is the function of the judicial branch of the government to adjudicate the rights of parties, so, if it is possible to annul these franchises, it can be done only by the courts. If the agitators of this matter will bring about a speedy sale of the road to parties who will place it on a solid basis and extend the line eastward, no one can object to it; but if, on the other hand, through some hook or crook, the matter should get into the courts, the result might be a public calamity. Agitation of this subject will probably result in no good to anyone, and the least said about it the better.—Corvallis Gazette.

No sensible man, says an exchange, should get angry because

a newspaper man duns him for money. A dun is not an impeachment of the subscriber's integrity, but is simply an out-cropping of the publisher's necessities. For instance, a thousand men owe one man from one to four dollars each. He has to dun them all in order to pay expenses. Instead of getting angry and stopping the paper because the publisher asks him for what is honestly due, the subscriber should thank the publisher for waiting on him so patiently and pay up like a man.

The course of politics and the confusion of parties come from an effort to dodge issues, instead of frankly meeting them. Planks are too frequently put into platforms that mean all things to all men. They are so worded as to mean protection to the protectionist and tariff reform to the tariff reformer; to mean the gold standard to the apostle of gold, and silver coinage to the bimetalist. This is no time for straddling.—Ex.

When a man is through with his day's work, and is sitting down resting in the home, he cannot read the advertisements on the fences, and the hand-bills and circulars which were left on his doorstep during the day and have been blown away or destroyed. Business men, say what you have to say in the home paper and your "ad" is sure to be read.

The house of Chief Postoffice Inspector James E. Stewart at Chicago, was entered by burglars on Saturday last and thoroughly ransacked. The Inspector is now in San Francisco, and it will not be known how much the robbers secured until the Inspector returns and looks over his valuables.

Reports from the hop fields of Washington indicate that the yield will not be more than one-third or one-half the usual crop. With the poor outlook for price, it don't make much difference to the grower whether he has any crop or not.

The Roseburg district fair was a financial failure again this year, the Review says: The receipts were \$1,770 besides the \$600 state appropriation, while the total expenses will run \$300 or \$400 over that.

Collector Blackman figures out that there are 300,000 packs of playing cards in the northwest that will have to be stamped. Deputies will go over the field to see that the law is enforced.

The upper Willamette will be alive with boats this winter. The O. P. will have its full fleet on the river, and there will be the Altona and Ramona and Modoc, Eugene and Elwood.—Statesman.

Hill against Morton for governor of New York will insure a lively campaign. It creates at once an unlooked for interest in the result.

There is no medicine so often needed in every home and so admirably adapted to the purposes for which it is intended, as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Hardly a week passes but some member of the family has need of it. A toothache or headache may be cured by it. A touch of rheumatism or neuralgia quieted. The severe pain of a burn or scald promptly relieved and the sore healed in much less time than when medicine has to be used; for. A sprain may be promptly treated before inflammation sets in, which insures a cure in about one-third of the time otherwise required. Cuts and bruises should receive immediate treatment before the parts become swollen, which can only be done when Pain Balm is kept at hand. A sore throat may be cured before it becomes serious. A troublesome corn may be removed by applying it twice a day for a week or two. A lame back may be cured and several days of valuable time saved or pain in the side or chest relieved without paying a doctor bill. Procure a 50 cent bottle at once and you will never regret it. For sale by N. W. Smith, druggist.

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Our Dry Goods Department

Is full and complete. WE LEAD IN LOW PRICES. We are selling 36-inch dress goods at 15c per yard; 38-inch all wool dress goods at 40c per yard; fine dress goods 50c, 75c, \$1 per yard; fine dress cambrere, worth 35c, sell at 25c.

Calicoes, 16 yards to the dollar.

We always have good, new styles arriving almost daily. We are closing out a fine line of clothing cheap. We are expecting a line of boots and shoes daily, the best and the cheapest. You should buy where you can get the best goods for the least money. In order to do this, you must buy of

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Young man, improve your time by going to school at Santiam Academy. Take the business course and fit yourself for usefulness in the business world.

Administratrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by county court, of Linn county, Oregon, the administratrix of the estate of Alonzo Ames, deceased; and has duly qualified as such administratrix. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned, at the office of Sam'l M. Garland, in Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon.

Dated, this 17th day of August, 1894.
HERTES ANN AMES, Administratrix.
SAM'L M. GARLAND, Atty for Administratrix.

Executrix's Notice

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of September, 1894, I filed in the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, my final account in the matter of the estate of T. E. Streithoff, deceased, and that said county court has fixed Monday the 5th day of November, 1894, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time for hearing all objections to said account and the settlement of the same. All persons having any objections to said final account are hereby notified to file the same on or before said 5th day of November, 1894.

Dated this 28th day of September, 1894.
SARAH JANE ABBOTT, Executrix.
W. R. BILBY, Attorney for Executrix.

LEBANON PRODUCE MARKET.

[Changed Every Week.]
Wheat—32c.
Oats—20c.
Hay—\$4 to \$6 per ton.
Flour—\$0 65 @ .70 per sack.
Chop—\$1 00 per cwt.
Bran—75c per cwt.
Middlings—\$1 00 per cwt.
Potatoes—30c.
Apples—Dried, 7c per lb.
Plums—Dried, 8c.
Onions—2c.
Beef—Dressed, 5c.
Veal—4 @ 6c.
Pork—Dressed, 5c.
Lard—14c.
Hams—12 1/2 per lb.
Shoulders—10c.
Sides—11c per lb.
Geese—\$5 per doz.
Ducks—\$3 00 per doz.
Chickens—\$2 25 @ 3 00.
Turkeys—8c per lb.
Eggs—18c per doz.
Butter—15 @ 20c per lb.
Hides—Green, 1c; dry, 2c.

W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 SHOE



IS THE BEST, NO SQUEAKING.
\$5. CORDOVAN, FRENCH ENWELDED.
\$4.50 FINE CALF & KANGAROO.
\$3.99 POLICE, 3 SOLES.
\$2.99 \$2 WORKINGMEN'S EXTRA FINE.
\$2.75 BOYS' SCHOOL SHOES.
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