

Lebanon Express.

H. Y. KIRKPATRICK,
Editor and Proprietor

The populists of Linn county already have their ticket before the people.

A serial story by Bret Harte, America's great novelist, will soon be published in this paper.

The Salem Statesman says that one democrat has been found in the first district with sufficient temerity to have his name used in connection with the congressional nomination. He is "Jeff" Myers, ex senator from Linn.

Owing to the low price for hops the past three years, it is reported that many raisers will either plow their yards up or not cultivate them this season. With the present European war talk, and the prospects for one before the close of the year, there may be money in hops next year, besides there is a duty of seven cents a pound on them, which insures the home market.

Medford seems to be having considerable trouble with her school buildings of late. The schoolhouse in that city was burned last summer, and a new one has been built; but now the Oregonian says "Medford's schoolhouse is to float under a new \$50 American flag when opened." However, the Oregonian does not state how far the building will float before it casts anchor, and it is to be hoped the schoolhouse will not float out of town.

Wildier than the wildest dream of Jay Gould is an organization known in common parlance—the coal trust. It started into existence last week and is builded on the ruins of the gold trust. J. Peirpont Morgan is the leading spirit and the Vanderbilts are his principal backers. With a capitalization of two billions of dollars, and the control of the entire anthracite coal output of the country, the price of coal will be increased and the production decreased. The profits that will be made will be enormous.—Ex.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lea e has made her debut into the ministerial profession, and henceforth her literary prefix will be reverend instead of colonel. Her recent illness was the immediate cause of her mind taking a divine turn. She promised the Master that if she recovered she would consecrate her life to him, and she is keeping her promise. It is thought she will be offered the pastorate of the Central church of Christ, at Wichita, Kansas, which is vacant. She promises to skin the wolves in the church when she gets in, and she says there are many of them there.

For Sale.

All of my household goods and farming implements and tools are for sale. Also a first-class milk cow and a new top-buggy and harness. For price and particulars call on me at my residence in Lebanon. JACOB ARS.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR.,
January 16, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Linn County, at Albany, Or., on March 10, 1896, viz:
MILTON W. YUEMAN.
H. E. No. 8291, for the N. E. 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 11 S., R. 1 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George A. Downing, W. W. Sanders, David Myers, Bennie White, all of Lacombe, Or.
ROBERT A. MILLER,
Register.

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Jan. 16, 1896.

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J. M. LINDLEY,
H. E. No. 9429, for the E. 1/2 N. W. 1/4, S. W. 1/4 N. E. 1/4, and N. E. 1/4 S. W. 1/4, Sec. 12, T. 12 S., R. 1 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L. M. Taylor, of Lebanon, Or., Jacob Fitzwater, of Lebanon, Or., David Sylvester, of Lebanon, Or., J. C. Prior, of Lebanon, Or.
ROBERT A. MILLER,
Register.

TOLD OF A PARK SNAKE.

A Policeman's Explanation of a Worm Spot in the Asphalt Walk.

A Central park policeman was standing near the entrance at 100th street and Central park west the other day looking very thoughtful. He stroked the left-hand side of his fine red mustache with his right forefinger and gazed in an abstracted way at the lower rims of the wheels of carriages and bicycles as they passed.

"What is weighing on your mind so heavily?" asked an acquaintance.

The policeman turned savagely with: "None of your— Then he broke off and said: "Oh, it's you, is it?" The savage look gave way to a half smile, and then the serious look came back again.

"I don't think," said he. "I don't know, and, what's more, I don't give a cuss." Then he stopped talking to look at his questioner through the corners of his eyes. After a little urging and much hesitation he told this story:

"You asked me once if I'd ever seen any snakes here in the park, and I told you yes. That was early last spring, wasn't it? Yes, I thought so. Well, I've seen some snakes since then. Maybe you would like to hear about one that I've got to know pretty well? Yes? Just as I thought. Let us go down this walk a ways. I want to show you something first. Here we are. Do you see this little knob or hummock in the asphalt? Well, last spring, the first time I noticed it, it was an inch high. You can see for yourself that it's not more than half an inch high now. What do you suppose wore it down so much?"

"The scuffling of shoes on it," the man guessed.

"Well, I rather think nit. The feet of men don't touch the edge of this walk twice a year. Do you see that robin's nest there in that oak? Well, the first time I saw that snake it was just swallowing the last of five eggs that had been in that nest. I know that there were five eggs in the snake because they showed in five bunches in the snake's middle—the cuss had swallowed them whole. He was a black one, by the way, and could climb like a gray squirrel.

"But, as I was saying, that snake had five unbroken eggs in him, and I was wondering about what he was going to do with them. I found out pretty soon. The snake climbed down the tree head first and crept toward the walk here, getting along pretty slow, for he was only 14 inches long, and the five eggs made a pretty big load for him.

"The snake came straight toward this hummock here, and I was standing right here by these bushes. He crawled around the hummock several times, then stuck his head in this little hole here in the asphalt, and then drew himself up into a hump, with his tail sticking in this little crack here—only the crack wasn't so large then—and then he stood up just like a letter U upside down. Then he straightened out, and down came one of the eggs on to that hummock there. I heard the shell break. The snake raised up again and another egg was broken, and so on until there wasn't a whole egg in the snake. That's what wore that hummock down for all summer the snake broke his eggs on it."

"Is that what made you think and look so seriously?" the man asked, as the policeman stopped talking.

"Oh, no. I was just wondering if it wouldn't be a good plan for us policemen to be made auxiliary observers of natural history here in the park.—N. Y. Sun.

A POLITE SHERIFF.

A Hanging That Was Conducted Under Rules of Society.

"The most polite man I ever knew," said J. D. Ewans, of Mississippi, to a Star writer, "was a colored man down in my county. He belonged before the war to Col. White, one of the most cultured and polished gentlemen in the south. During reconstruction days Tom was elected sheriff, and the first year he held the office a white man was sentenced to be hanged. I knew the doomed prisoner, and at his request was with him for several hours a day for the last week of his life.

"The sheriff came in the first time I was there, and addressing the prisoner, said: 'Scuse me, Marster Jlob. I jess cum fur jess a little advice. Yo' see, we ain' neither ob us as used ter ceremonious occasion ob dis kin, an' I jess wants ter know how yo' would like ter hab de gallows, facin' de sun, or de oder way?'

"The prisoner told him to have his face away from the sun.

"'Thank yo', Mars' Bob. I done hab it dat way. We don' wan' to make no exposition ob ourself by not doin' what is propab on sich events.'

"Upon the next occasion the sheriff came in:

"'Mars' Bob, 'scuse me one moment, gem'man. I jess wants ter hab yo' show me once mo' how you done tie dat knot. Mos' curiousest knot I ever seed.'

"Upon the morning of the fatal day, as I went in, the sheriff had the doomed man's foot thrown over a chair and was blacking his boot, the other one having already been polished. 'Mawnin', sah,' he said to me: 'Mars' Bob jess gittin' ready. I done borrowed a suit an' neektie from de cunnel an' jess slickin' 'im up. Den I gits inter my own dress suit dat I had made a puppus, an' Mars' Bob an' me, we gwine ter be de bes' dressed ob anybody.'

"Arrayed in full evening dress, the convicted man and the sheriff mounted the scaffold when the time came. 'All right now, Mars' Bob,' said the sheriff, as he adjusted the cap. 'Scuse me, sah, jess a minute,' and he touched the fatal spring."—Washington Star.

He Found It Out.

The Wife—John, didn't you feel like a fool when you proposed to me?
The Husband—No; but I was one—Life.

—It is easy to learn something about everything, but difficult to learn everything about anything.—Simons.

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Plums—Dried, 2c.
Onions—2c.
Beef—Dressed, 3 1/2 to 4c.
Veal—3 1/2@4c.
Pork—Dressed, 3 1/2.
Lard—7 1/2.
Hams—10 per lb.
Shoulders—6c.
Sides—10c per lb.
Geese—\$4 @ \$5 per doz.
Ducks—\$2 @ \$3 per doz.
Chickens—\$1 50@2 25.
Turkeys—8c per lb.
Eggs—10c per doz.
Butter—15 @ 20c per lb.
Hides—Green, 2c; dry, 4c.

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WILLIAM URNENHOFER,
H. E. No. 7022, for the E. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 and W. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4, Sec. 32, T. 12 S., R. 1 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Alphin, Guy Gaylard, Stephen Powell, Sylvester Barrell, all of Lebanon, Ogn.
ROBERT A. MILLER,
Register.

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EDMUND G. DRURY,
H. E. No. 7015, for the S. W. 1/4 N. E. 1/4, N. W. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 and N. 1/2 S. W. 1/4, Sec. 4, T. 10 S., R. 3 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Richard Mayo, Linn Sheppard, Joseph L. Turnadge, Frank Horam, all of Mill City, Ogn.
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