

Lebanon Express.

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"To be or not to be? That is the question"—which the populist candidates at Salem to-day are asking themselves.

The Chicago News says that "it is getting so that the average citizen assumes an apologetic air whenever any stranger begins to speak to him about the 54th congress."

Hon. Tilman Ford has been endorsed by the Salem republicans for congress. The contest will be exciting. It is Hermann against the field, with the chances in favor of Hermann.

Ex-President Harrison is said to be bitterly opposed to McKinley. It is said that he has virtually said that the Ohio statesman lacks the necessary qualifications for the position. Correct you are, brother. —Portland Dispatch.

Those of our subscribers who like to read novels of a good class will be pleased to know that the Express has made arrangements for an interesting serial to be published in its columns. It is written by Bret Harte, the famous novelist.

John Wannamaker, was recently fined \$1000 for importing alien labor. As the Philadelphia papers refused to publish the item on account of Mr. Wannamaker being a big advertiser, and as Mr. Wannamaker doesn't advertise with us we send it broadcast to the world. —Ex.

At a recent stabbing affair in Jackson county, when the marshal of the town where it occurred attempted to arrest the offender, some of the fellow's friends tried to prevent the arrest. The leader was afterwards arrested himself, but at his trial the deputy prosecuting attorney placed himself on a level with the prisoner, by making a motion that he be discharged, which was done. Any person who tries to prevent the arrest of a criminal should be punished to the full extent of the law.

The democrats of the county are awakening from their slumbers and are now effecting a strong organization. Much enthusiasm is being everywhere manifested. The unsavory record of the last republican legislature and the extravagances of the county officials have convinced them that the people demand a change. The republicans are now upon the defensive, with many very weak places to defend. The democrats have a fair chance to win, and their success is probable if the proper efforts are vigorously made.

Don't crawl. Stand erect at all times. When you must apologize for a blunder—whatever the shame and mortification you are put to, don't crawl when you make your apology to the offended person. Say you are sorry, and say it in a manner which carries conviction of the sincerity of your regret, and offer whatever amends lie within the limit of your self-respect; but don't debase yourself. Don't add the person's scorn to his present indignation. Be dignified even in your humility and repentance. —Keystone.

The Portland Dispatch says: "If this thing keeps on, Gov. Lord, like the governor of Kentucky, may be compelled to order out the militia and declare martial law. The republican factions in this county are on the war path. They have jointly been plundering the people, and now they are at war to contest the question as to which faction shall continue to do so. They find little left in the hands of the public to take so they have started in to steal the republican clubs from each other. The meanest tramp in the country is hardly sufficiently depraved to commit such a crime, nor would he take it were it offered him as a free gift any more than he would willingly do a day's hard work. Republican politicians get mighty low down in Portland."

NOT A MERE FIGUREHEAD.

Persons Said to Take an Active and Honorable Part in Public Affairs.

A corner of the veil which screens the inner life of royalty from the common gaze was raised the other day by Mr. Bentoul, M. P., at a meeting of ladies in support of the women's suffrage movement, says the Westminster Gazette. Mr. Bentoul said his idea had always been that the queen was a merely ornamental sort of personage, who signed such documents as were submitted by her ministers, and was restrained from doing any harm by constitutional safeguards. He had, however, recently made the acquaintance of two lords in waiting, who have been in attendance on her majesty for many years, and the information he had obtained from this source had completely altered his views as to the influence exercised by the queen in matters of domestic and foreign policy. He had learned that she is proficient in eleven European languages, and that she has during the last four or five years completely mastered Hindustani, in which she converses with great correctness and fluency with any of her Indian subjects who are presented at court. Her majesty frequently writes to every important sovereign in Europe, and her influence on the side of peace is said to have been very beneficial, her knowledge of foreign affairs being most intimate and accurate. At several critical stages in the relations between European nations the queen's personal influence has been successfully exerted to prevent war. It is even alleged in court circles that her majesty would have been able to prevent the Franco-Prussian war if Emperor Louis Napoleon had not precipitated hostilities on the Rhine before any opportunity was afforded for mediation.

A PHYSICIAN'S OPINION.

It Put a Sick Man's Family to a Great Deal of Useless Expense.

"There are two things that I will never do again," said a physician the other day. "Commit myself by giving an opinion in regard to the death of a patient and advancing money to defray funeral expenses. I swore off on these two things years ago. When I first started I was so tender-hearted that every time I was asked by the anxious friends of a patient if I thought death imminent I always responded that the patient had a very slight chance to get well. I suppose most physicians err more in giving opinions as to death than any other. One case I had determined me never to prognosticate death again. A member of a prominent Irish family was very sick with fever. His relatives asked me candidly what I thought of the case. Without knowing the consequences, I told them he would die in twenty-four hours. The family sent for the priest, had him shaved and even ordered refreshments for the wake. To my surprise the patient persisted in getting well, which so disappointed his friends that they never gave me, and never have sent for me since, thinking I did not understand my business."

LONG-DISTANCE TALKING.

How It is Practiced by Mountain Guides in Albania.

The people of Albania are said to practice long-distance talking without the help of the electric current. In their mountainous country they pass along the word from summit to summit by the unaided strength of their voices. Regular relays are said to be established for receiving and repeating news. This is patterned after the use of couriers in more level countries. The author of "The Craze of the R. V. S. Eva" speaks of this habit of the Albanians as a national peculiarity.

They cannot say their say when they are near each other, but must always wait till they get to the top of two hills to begin to talk. You march along after your Albanian guide and meet another; they may perhaps hiss, clap hands, mutter a few words and pass on, or, not unlikely, they pass without the slightest notice. On you go and forget that you met anybody, when suddenly, on arriving at the top of a hill, your guide turns round and shouts out: "O Giorgio, Giorgio—of whatever his name may be, repeating out the last syllable to great length. The echo has hardly died away before you hear the answer. Talking has begun, and you had better sit down, unless you do not mind proceeding slowly, for more they will not until their say is over, and you may have to exercise your patience for half an hour.

There is no question that this long-talking propensity is a great bore, not only for the loss of time it occasions, but because the noise is enough to disturb every head of game in the country.

An Oregonian's Great Scheme.

A young man who not long since found the pleasures of city life pall on him and went out into Washington county to be a jolly farmer claims to have discovered a method of utilizing oak grubs, which, if it works, says the Portland Oregonian, will prove the greatest discovery of the age, as far as farming in Oregon is concerned. Every one who has had anything to do with farming in the Willamette valley knows what a nuisance oak grubs are. They are young oak trees, which in many places cover large tracts, and are called grubs because the only way of getting rid of them is by grubbing them up. They have caused more backaches and heartaches and the use of more profanity than any other kind of grub in the state, though the grub furnished in some places is enough to make a saint swear. Well, this genius of a farmer has grafted all his oak grubs with chestnut seeds, and says they are doing finely, and in a few years he will be fattening vast droves of hogs on chestnuts, and he can afford to laugh at farmers who raise wheat to fatten hogs.

"I wish to propose for the hand of your daughter," "Which of them, young man? Which of them? Well, I don't know. Now, in confidence, I don't think you would you advise a father to take?" —Exchange

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Notice for Publication.

LAST OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., February 24, 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 Co. Clerk of Linn Co., at Albany, Or., on May 2, 1896, viz:

GEORGE AESTVA DOWNING,
E. E. No. 4280, for the N. W. 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: William W. Sanders, Milton W. Yocum, David S. Myers, Charley E. Clark, all of Linn Co., Or.
ROBERT A. MILLER,
Register.

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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 Co. Clerk of Linn Co., at Albany, Or., on May 4, 1896, viz:

J. M. HURRELL,
E. E. No. 4280, for the W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of 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: M. A. Fitzwater, Steve Powell, Frank McKinley, Bud Gmader, all of Linn Co., Or.
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