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Removal Notice.

The office of publication of THE OREGON REGISTER will on Monday, December 31, 1888, be removed to McMinnville, the county seat of Yamhill county. On January 7, 1889, the public records and official business of this county will be transferred to the new county seat, and fully realizing that we can better serve our many patrons and subscribers in all parts of the county by being situated where we can at all times gather items of news and of official business we have deemed this removal necessary. Our business relations with the people of Lafayette have been pleasant, and we hope for a continuance of the same. Our new office may be found on D street, two doors south of the First National bank, opposite the postoffice. Correspondents and exchanges will please govern themselves accordingly.

The man who in a single minute with a single word has done more for American liberty under American law than any thousand others have done in twenty years is named Smith—Smith of Birmingham. Not one man in a hundred thousand is fit for a great responsibility when it comes suddenly upon him in a terrible shape, but Smith was, and he met it and faced it with one care—"Fire!" There are many other communities which needed the lesson worse than Birmingham, not a few states needed it worse than Alabama, but the very demoralization which created the need made it impossible for them to produce such an officer as Sheriff Smith. Without such officers, speeches, sermons, newspaper editorials and laws themselves are empty words. His influence will be felt over this entire country, and the entire country is already benefitted by it.—*St. Louis Republic.*

There has been spent by the Panama canal company nearly four times as much money as was required for the Suez canal, and it is not too much to say the completion of the great work is not in sight. More than that, even if it could be opened with one hundred million dollars additional, it would be impossible for the revenue upon it to be large enough to make the work profitable. It doesn't seem likely from the reports that have reached us, that a thousand millions of dollars would finish the work, or that M. DeLesseps, whose age is eighty-three years, would see the enterprise concluded if he could command all the money in France, and live to be a hundred years old.

Slowly, but surely, the scheme for a British cable across the Pacific is taking shape. A conference of influential colonists—Canadian and Australian—was held in London last month, when a route from Vancouver by way of Hawaii, Fanning Island, Samoa, Fiji and New Newland to Australia was considered and approved. The Imperial government will now be called upon to aid the project, and in view of the growth of the antipodean dependencies, as well as for other political reasons, will probably lend its support. The rate between England and Australia will, it is said, be one dollar per word.—*Electrical World.*

Farmers in the Willamette valley will not suffer much this year for want of rain; in fact, reports received from all over the coast indicate a sufficiency of moisture. The prospects for big crops the coming season are exceedingly flattering.

The last week has been an unfortunate one for steamboats. Two large steamers on the Mississippi river carrying a large number of passengers have been burned to the waters edge, and many lives were lost. On Puget sound the steamer Leif Erickson was burned Monday afternoon and seven lives were lost.

Dr. Wm. Harrison, a physician of experience, has located at Newberg, and respectfully solicits the patronage of the people of this community.

Hall Bros., of East Portland, have sent to the Gage tool company, of Vineland, N. J., for more of their celebrated self-setting bench planes. Woodworkers should call and examine them.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1888.

Mr. Cleveland has received the resignation of U. S. District Attorney E. B. Sellers, of the Indianapolis district, but has not yet accepted it, nor will he unless compelled to do so. The attorney-general has telegraphed to Mr. Sellers informing him that the president joins him in requesting a withdrawal of the resignation. Both Mr. Cleveland and the attorney-general would like for Mr. Sellers to remain in office to prosecute the election fraud cases, including that of W. W. Dudley.

The river and harbor bill, appropriating $11,906,850, has been reported to the house. It will probably pass the house alright, but from recent expressions on the part of republican senators it is probable that it will never be considered by the senate. In view of the very large appropriation for this purpose, made at the last session—nearly $22,000,000—no tears are likely to be shed over the failure of the present bill.

Senator Beck's health is slowly improving, but he will not resume his seat at the present session. He leaves in a few days for Aiken, South Carolina, where he will spend the winter.

Two caucuses of the democratic members of the house have been held this week in order to determine upon a policy in regard to the admittance of new states. The great diversity of opinion on the subject developed by the discussion made it evident that it would be impolitic to attempt to bind the members, so that they will vote as they please on the subject, provided that the question gets before the house, which many members think extremely doubtful.

John Sherman denies the story that he would refuse a place in Harrison's cabinet for fear that Gov. Foraker would succeed him in the senate, and intimates very strongly that he will take the state department if it is offered to him. Blaine is in the same condition. The question among big republicans here is which one of them will capture the plunder. If I were a betting man I should feel disposed to back Blaine.

The president has issued an order extending the civil service over the railway mail clerks.

People are wondering whether any of the numerous bills introduced at the last session aimed at the various trusts are likely to be passed this winter. The general impression seems to be that nothing will be done. In fact, the most of the bills introduced are regarded by shrewd lawyers as unconstitutional.

There is some talk among the democrats in the house of taking the wind out of the republican sails by passing a bill repealing the entire tobacco tax. Whether this idea, which many consider a good one, will be allowed to end in talk, cannot yet be told.

"Little Billy" Chandler's latest is a feeble attempt to get up a congressional investigation of the election in South Carolina. Chandler's rantings receive no attention. Even the republicans have become tired of his everlasting song of Southern outrages, and it is not likely that he will ever secure the "investigations" which he so much desires.

The democratic senators have done good work this week in showing the weak points in the senate tariff bill. They do not expect to defeat it, but they are determined to offer amendments to every section of it that they think wrong, thus putting on record their protests. That is all that they can do, and all that the party expects of them. If republican senators vote against their own opinions, as they have done daily of late under the party lash, it is their own lookout.

There was a rumor early this week that Senator Brown, of Georgia, who has not been here this session, intended to resign. His nearest friends say there is no foundation for the rumor.

A general army order has been issued, announcing that hereafter there will be published annually at the end of each year a roll of honor, making mention of officers and enlisted men. The first will be issued at the close of 1889.

An effort is being made to have congress refund to the widow of Gen. Hancock the money which he expended out of his own pocket to entertain the French officers who attended the Yorktown celebration in 1881. Senator Cockrell has introduced a resolution, which was passed, directing the secretary of war to furnish the senate with a statement of the amount so expended. When that statement is furnished, a joint resolution will be offered directing that the amount, with interest, be refunded to the widow. This is a just claim, and one that should be paid at the earliest moment.

SEEING THE PLEASANT THINGS OF LIFE.

If we were only as prompt to recognize the really pleasant and good things that can be found in the world around us, and which sometimes seem to be the relics of a better nature that has survived the fall, as we are to detect and exaggerate the little, the selfish, and the unworthy things we find, how much more should we illustrate the spirit of Christ, and how much brighter the same would be for ourselves and others. But, probably the result of the original sin that is still in us, we are very slow to do this thing; in fact, it is about the last thing we do—if we do it at all. Our neighbor may be a firm friend of the poor and defenseless; he may prove his benevolence by innumerable kindly and liberal acts; he may be exemplary in private and in social life; yet all these qualities go for nothing, because we look at him through a microscope of a double-million magnifying power, with which we are able to detect a few flaws that we do not like. This hypercritical spirit is not that of our Lord, and is not the one that is to make the world brighter and better. That is to be done by love—the love that sympathizes with all forms of goodness; that is quick to recognize every kindly act, and that does not stint its praise, while it is sparing of its blame.—*The Evangelist.*

PATENTS GRANTED

To citizens of the Pacific states during the past week, and reported expressly for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent office, Washington: Oregon—F. B. Turner, Portland, steam steering gear; J. Fulton, Biggs, Oregon, corn planter attachment. California—C. Scholz, San Francisco, cable railway grip; R. W. Hent, San Francisco, roller bearing; L. D. Craig, San Francisco, erasing shield for typewriters; G. Atkinson, Oakland, well borer; Jno. W. Cassidy, Petaluma, furnace; W. C. Gibbs, Oakland, photographic camera; W. Stevenson, Douglas Flat, bench plane; G. Willard, Pasadena, window screen.

Lucien Heath, who died on Wednesday at Santa Cruz, California, was Oregon's first secretary of state. He was elected in 1858 in advance of the admission of the state, and took office when the state government was organized in 1859. John Whiteaker was governor. Mr. Heath had resided in California for many years. Last summer he visited Oregon, and a report of an interview with him was published in the *Oregonian*. He was elected secretary of state in Oregon as a democrat, but on the breaking out of the civil war he left that party and ever afterwards was a republican.

The pulse of the earth is produced by a motion of the object in its daily revolution. It pulsates twice in twenty-four hours. It is lifted into the sky as often. An explanation of the phenomena is to be found in the work on Electricity in Nature.

SENTIMENT BY PROXY.

Women Who Buy Love-Letters Instead of Writing Them.

"I'm, I believe, the only person engaged in the business in Chicago," said the handsome and bright lady whose business card bore the words: "Letter writer," to a Chicago *Herald* reporter. "I have written letters for ladies who, from their wealth and surroundings, you would suppose could do their own corresponding. I have, however, found many such who could neither spell nor write plainly, nor express their ideas. I have written a good many letters for persons who make no pretense of their inability to do so themselves. But the bulk of my patrons come to me, not because they are unable to write, but because they can not command expressions for their thoughts."

"What are the letters about generally?"

"Well, that would be telling. But if you won't say I told you, they are mostly letters of sentiment. The greater part are love-letters. You think that persons would prefer to write such letters themselves. So they do when the sentiment they breathe is real. But the letters I write are those of occasion. Each party desires to impress the other with epistolatory beauties, and not having any themselves—well, I furnish the sentiments for them. It's very easy," she added, with a flavor of cynicism. "There's a regular stock of sentiments for all occasions that please all persons alike. If some gentlemen who are the proud possessors of glowing letters from ladies knew that some of their friends had others from other ladies, but nearly all alike except in words, and all coming from the same source, they wouldn't be so proud. Ladies write much alike, and so, for that matter, do gentlemen. I notice one thing about the latter, however, that is peculiar. Young gentlemen up to the age of twenty-three or twenty-four are very effusive and gushing in their protestations. From that age on to forty they grow more guarded and cold. They are afraid of ridicule or something. Perhaps they are suspicious and distrustful. But after gentlemen reach middle life they return to youthful order in their letters of sentiment. Queer, isn't it?"

"What other kinds of documents do you turn out?"

"Oh, letters of condolence, of congratulation, of ceremony and so on—letters that are meant to impress the receivers and are out of the power of the apparent writers themselves to construct."

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that there came to my premises, known as the Abram Coovert place, four miles south east of Dayton, on or about November 5, 1888, a large red bull with line back and white face; no brands or ear marks. The owner is requested to come and take him away and pay damages. 19 N. A. HARRIS.

Tax Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Tax Books of Yamhill county for the year 1888, are now in my hands for the collection of taxes, and that myself or my deputy will visit the various precincts of said county as follows, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m. and 4 o'clock, p. m.:

Wheatland, Wednesday December 26, 1888,
Dayton, Thursday December 27, 1888,
Dundee, Friday, December 28, 1888,
East Chehalem, Saturday, December 29, 1888,
West Chehalem, Monday, December 31, 1888,
Carlton, Wednesday, January 2, 1889,
Bellevue, Thursday, January 3, 1889,
Willamina, Friday, January 4, 1889,
Sheridan, Saturday, January 5, 1889,
Amity, Monday, January 7, 1889,
Lafayette, Tuesday, January 8, 1889,
N. and S. McMinnville, January 9 & 10, 1889,
North Yamhill, Friday, January 11, 1889.

All persons are notified to be present at said appointments and settle their taxes, or pay the same to me at my office within 30 days from the dates above mentioned. If not paid after the expiration of 30 days costs will be added, as specified by section 2,795, Revised Statute.

T. J. HARRIS,
Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Dated December 8, 1888. 19-5t