

"OLD TIMER" IN RHYME

He Challenges "McCarthy Come Down" Into the Arena Again And Asks About "Joaquin"

Alturas, Feb. 23, 1904.

EXAMINER:—

A few days rain and a chinook wind has put an end to sleigh rides for the present. The roads are muddy and sloppy. Pitt river is rising fast and reminds me of old times down on the old Wabash. This has been the most disagreeable February occurring within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. I can best describe it with some lines by James W. Riley known as "the Hoosier poet."

"The winter still lingers and remains unbroken—
The ground hog his shadow observed.
The only winter man now laments that he spoke—
Sad because he was not more reserved.
He told us our winter would come late in the fall—
The bull frog would scarce cease to sing—
The prophet or fool was not posted at all.
For it's winter now when it ought to be Spring."

The river is nearly as high as it was last week when the ice went out and is still rising. If it don't soon stop, it will be a good time to sell the town of Alturas for a reservoir site.

There have been rumors going around in the wind to the effect that the government intends to seize Big Valley,—a valley about 60 miles southwest from Alturas and in Lassen County, put a dam in below it, overflow the entire valley and convert it into an immense fish preserve, using a steam incubator for hatching the cat fish of which only the thoroughbred layers will be kept, all non-laying fish to be sold and the proceeds used to pay N. Beiber for the loss of his valley. The project has encountered some opposition but a pipe dream or two, with the assistance of Congressman Livermash is pretty sure to win and frog legs and "squabs" will be quoted in the market at rates very much reduced. It would be a good plan also to raise lots of turtles, then when we get another democratic administration, the charity houses could hit the "beef trust" one in the solar plexus by dishing out only turtle soup to the numerous and deservingly poor at all the free soup houses.

The Plaindealer, some weeks ago, in an item that was honest and well meant, launched a puzzle onto its unsuspecting readers by the side of which the question of "Who Struck Billy Patterson" or "How Old is Ann" bids fair to sink into oblivion unhonored and unsung. The item, as near as I can quote, reads like this: "It is reported that W. J. Bryan will support Hearst for president. We hope that it is not true as we should be sorry to see an honorable name linked with such filth." The conundrum opened up by that innocent looking item is, "which of those two worthies is entitled to wear the honorable name,—W. J. or W. R.?" I quit. Let us shake the dice.

I have worried some trying to figure where your correspondents have been and are still hiding throughout all this nice growing weather. Some of them, at least among the late recruits should be on deck engaged in getting busy telling his neighbor's secrets. Let me imagine that I am Joaquin Miller or some other old sport and I will troll for them a little. Please hold my hat.

"McCarthy Come Down" from off your tall perch,
And write us a letter once more.
Can it be you have left us alone in the lurch—
Have you gone to that echoless shore?
Have they borne you away on their snowy wings,
To some heavenly pasture above,
And strung up your harp with some golden strings
While you spin them the yarns that they love,

Now "McCarthy Come Down," let us have a good time
With beer and bologna for lunch:
Of all correspondents that a paper e'er had,
You were the jolliest one in the bunch.
Let me ask you one question that occurs to my mind—
You remember the lad (he was green),
McCarthy come up and McCarthy Come Down,
Where is your old partner, Joaquin.
If he has not gone and died he has had a long nap.
A fourth of a life time or more
McCarthy come down unless you have a soft snap
A way up on the evergreen shore.
—OLD TIMER.

Additional Local

The Eastern Star lodge at their regular meeting Tuesday night had a program of amusements, and refreshments, which has been the custom with them during the winter months. Their meetings are always made interesting to its members by this social feature.

We understand says the Cedarville Record that the XL company brought over 1000 head of cattle last week, which will be fed at the Patterson ranch until the hay there is consumed, and they will then be brought to Wm. Mullin's place where they have secured hay.

H. A. Brattain, the Chewaucan stockman was in the county seat several days last week attending to some land matters. Dell says the high water in the Chewaucan river threatened to do much damage, and was only prevented by parties digging out the piles of ice which had dammed up the water, causing it to overflow the lands.

Sheepmen inform the Silver Lake Oregonian that the green grass on the desert has started up in fine shape and water is more plentiful than it has been for a number of years, also say that sheep are in a better condition at this time of year than for years, and from all reports the coming year will be a prosperous one for sheep men of this county.

Everybody is invited to come and see the race between the fat man and slim man, the one who comes under the wire first and goes to the Monogram and has his measure taken for a suit of clothes will be the winner. Tickets to the race free to all those who inspect the beautiful line of samples of made to fit clothing now on display at Ahlstrom Bros.

The capital stock of the First National Bank of Alturas will be \$40,000. A brick or stone structure will be erected, but the business will be started at an early date in temporary quarters. The directors of the bank are C. A. Estes, D. C. Berry, W. B. Whitmore, A. B. Estes, E. Van Loan, John E. Baker, J. B. Estes, Alex Gibson and A. W. Torrensen.

The Portland Journal of February 22 contains a large half-tone of Rev. C. M. Smythe, formerly of Lakeview. The picture is a very good likeness of the gentleman and that paper says: "Rev. C. M. Smythe who has accepted the pastorate of the Mississippi Avenue (Congregational) Church, recently came from Glencoe, Minn., and will preach the first sermon of his pastorate March 6th."

Some one in a spirit of fun one day last week fixed up a fake dispatch on a regulation blank, and stunk it up in the post office. It stated that Russia had declared war against the United States, and it was not long before its contents were generally known. Excitement soon ran rampant, and a volunteer company was soon organized to go to the front. Old veterans who had fought in the civil war had their old time spirit aroused, and were ready and willing to forget their old age and be boys again. But their ardor and high hopes were soon dashed to pieces when operator Burke appeared on the scene and said it was a fake, but no joke.

For the first time in 18 years, since the Chinese riots, when the Chinese were driven from Tacoma by armed vigilantes, Chinese are now doing business in that city unmolested. Lew Bong and Lew Bow, of Portland have recently opened a restaurant there and this brought out the fact that there are about 15 Chinamen engaged in different kinds of business there.

If the old adage holds good this year that if March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb, and visa versa, there will be no doubt as to what the result will be. The first day was ushered in upon the billows of a young untamed blizzard, carrying with it countless atoms and larger chunks of snow throughout the day. Therefore spring can be seen coming in the distance.

February was a record breaker for moisture in Lakeview for a long term of years, or the memory of several old residents fails them. Very few days out of the 29 were pleasant ones, and if it was not raining or snowing, the wind was blowing a gale. The record for rain and melted snow during the past month was 4½ inches, which is quite unusual for this country. The end is not yet.

C. O. Metzker, ex-editor of the Chewaucan Post, accompanied by his brother-in-law, W. Y. Miller, spent several days in Lakeview first of the week. It has been reported that a political bee buzzed in Mr. Metzker's bonnet, but he denies the allegation. But Oscar's real mission in Lakeview was to negotiate the purchase of the Lakeview Herald, which he is expected to take charge of in the near future.

J. C. Conn, the Silver Lake merchant was transacting business at the county seat last week. A few days previous to his arrival here, Mr. Conn had the misfortune to lose three fine freight wagons by fire, valued at \$600. They were standing under and old stock shed belonging to the ZX company. The cause of the fire is not known, but is thought to be the act of some boys who threw down a lighted cigarette.

The large cougar that has been terrorizing the vaqueros at the XL ranch for some time past, by trying to kill young calves, is out of commission says the New Era. Pete Ivory, one of the vaqueros of that place lassoed his catship in the Cox field this week, and taking his turns proceeded to drag him to death, which was finally accomplished. The cougar was a large one and measured eleven feet from tip to tip.

J. S. Elder, W. M. Marsters, Clyde Hartlerode and Chas. Barcus have returned from Christmas Lake where they went to skin sheep says the Post. They only succeeded in saving about 1000 pelts, as some of the sheep had been torn by coyotes and others covered with snow and could not be found. The boys think the number of sheep killed has been overestimated. One of the juniper clubs used by the parties who slaughtered the McKune band of sheep is at this office.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, Feb. 19, 1904. A sufficient amended contest affidavit has been filed by Robert McKee contestant, against Timber culture entry No. 1183, made August 26th, 1890, for NE¼ of NE¼ Section 14 Township 40 S, R. 20 E, W. M., Oregon by Amanda E. Boyd, Contestee, in which it is alleged that the entrywoman died in July 1897, leaving as her heirs, Alice Moore, Arilla Vernon Lela Gray, Royal A. Boyd, Coy A. Boyd, Raymond Boyd, and Leo. Conn; that the said entrywoman and her heirs have failed to break, plow, plant to seeds, cuttings or trees, any part of said tract, or to cultivate any portion thereof at any time except to plow and cultivate to crop five acres two years, and since the year 1900, the entire tract has been wholly abandoned by each and all of said heirs; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at Ten o'clock A. M. April 9, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Lakeview, Oregon.

The contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed February 15, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

J. N. WATSON, Register.
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