

# R. F. D. NEWS.

### Notes Gleaned by the Wayside By Uncle Sam's Carriers In Rural Districts.

The rural mail carriers are taking a great deal of pride in this department of the Statesman, and if any news from the routes escapes them it is because they are not able to learn about it. This means that Statesman readers are now daily informed of the doings of the country residents for a radius of over twelve miles in all directions from Salem. These carriers serve a total of near 10,000 families, which would make quite a large city in itself. The unique cut of the head of this column was furnished by the carrier association of Marion county who desire to see the department prosper. The carriers report that considerable interest is being aroused over the rural news among the patrons of the routes.

#### State Road Work Begins.

James Albert last evening reported that work had begun in earnest by the state on Route No. 5, near Turner, building a new road to the Reform School. Ed Herren was out in charge of a large crew of convicts from the penitentiary, and they were making the dirt fly yesterday with several large road plows, and are grubbing out the trees along the road. It will be graded up to the fence, and the soil is so gravelly that this is all that will be necessary to make a good road. When it is properly graded the water will run off and the road pack as hard as a macadamized road.

#### Many Horses in Polk.

There's a band of manny horses out on Route 1, which is causing considerable trouble to the owner, and also to the neighbors. Dr. D. D. Keeler, the veterinarian, has been out treating them. This disease is contagious and is affecting other horses and also people who come in contact with them. Two or three already have taken the loathsome disease and are treating with physicians in Salem who say it takes the form of seven-year itch in people. The community is pretty well aroused over the trouble, and hardly know how to check its ravages. Very few of them care to be afflicted with the seven-year itch.

#### New Electrical Sign Post.

Rickard has a new sign post giving directions an distances to the several towns, a fine thing for people traveling who are not acquainted with the country.

When W. H. Squires arrived home yesterday he found the house full of women-sewing carpet rags. They said for him to take them to the carpet store. Geo. E. Lewis has purchased from T. J. Gardner twelve acres of the Skinner estate for \$460 last week and now asks \$2000 for the same.

Lee Her has been improving his place by removing the brush along the road.

Chas. McSorley, who about two months ago moved on E. L. Harris' place at Oak Grove, moved back to Salem yesterday.

J. A. Kremis, who recently bought the E. Starbuck place of 41.5 acres, is setting out a large assortment of fruit. Yesterday the carrier delivered to him from John Norris 100 Lawton blackberry plants.

F. H. Fawk the prosperous farmer at Oak Grove, who recently built 100 rods of woven wire fence, said that while most all of his rail fence blew down during the heavy wind storm of last Saturday, the anchor fence still stands as good as when first put up.

#### BY MEMORIAM.

As we gather around the fire tonight,  
Our thoughts are far away;  
For one dear one has left up on earth,  
And gone to his home of Eternal Day.

So young, so bright, so full of life,  
Was Fred in his short days;  
None knew him but to love him;  
None knew him but to praise.

But alas, death claimed him for its own,  
And left us here so lonely;  
But by his many deeds of love,  
We remember him now only.

And alas, his place is vacant,  
Which never can be filled,  
While we mourn for him so sadly,  
We know it was as God had willed.

And as he kissed them each, good-bye,  
His messages we remember still,  
And by his faith and love in Christ,  
We hoped we always will.

Dear mother, weep not for me,  
For I go to the land of rest;  
Beyond, beyond the starlit skies,  
And, mother, I know it is best.

Weep not, dear ones, for me,  
As I go to my home of rest,  
Where you can come to meet me,  
In the beautiful Land of The Blest.

Written by Mrs. H. P. Barker on the death of Fred O. Walling.  
Zeal, March 2, 1904.

#### Heavy Snow Fall.

O. M. Peoples, who resides on Route 9, has returned from a trip to Mary's Peak, near Corvallis, where he took up a homestead and in the near future intends to move his family to his new ranch. He found the snow piled up in great drifts in the mountains. In fact his found more snow in the mountains than he has ever before seen in the Coast Range.

#### He Traveled All Day.

Raymond Watters, who is carrying on Route No. 4, in place of Frank E. Litchfield, thinks he had the most difficult route in the county. The roads are simply terrible, and he is never able to return before nightfall. Tuesday he had worse luck than usual and did not reach town at all that night, coming in the morning, just in time to start out again.

#### PERSONALS.

Henry Hubbard went to Albany last night on business.

D. A. White was a business visitor in Turner yesterday.

Captain M. W. Hunt, of the Waldo Hills, is visiting in the city.

Thos. Bruce arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Sheida.

Gen. W. H. Byars went to Mehama yesterday for a few days' visit.

Louis Lachmund returned last night on a business visit to Portland.

Miss Edna Irvine, of Corvallis, is in the city visiting Mrs. E. D. Gilbert.

Morris Wiprut, the cigar dealer, was a business visitor in Portland yesterday.

County Surveyor E. B. Herrick spent yesterday in the city and returned to Turner in the evening.

Louis Steelhammer went to Silverton yesterday afternoon to spend a few days visiting his parents on the farm.

Mrs. Grace Lehman, of Brownsville, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Emily Vandervort.

J. E. Bourne, a clerk in the Southern Pacific freight depot in this city, left yesterday for Redlands, Cal., to visit his parents.

Governor Chamberlain went to Albany last evening to deliver a brief address on the occasion of the display of the Turner art exhibit for the benefit of the public schools.

Mrs. Mary Avery, of Corvallis, an instructor in the household science department of the Oregon Agricultural College, came down yesterday afternoon to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Powell.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Cusick and Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Morse returned yesterday afternoon from Albany, where they attended the funeral of Eugene Cusick, who died Tuesday evening at the Salem Hospital.

M. B. Bozorth, one of the directors of the Southern Oregon Mining and Developing Company, of Portland, who is now on his way to his Southern Oregon mines, stopped off in Salem last night to visit his brother, Scott Bozorth.

Rev. A. Hilmer, of Anahem, Cal., spent yesterday in the city visiting Rev. L. Gaiser and Mr. Huff. The latter gentleman was an old friend whom he had not seen for fifteen years. He left on the afternoon train for Tacoma.

#### IS WARM BUNCH.

(Continued from page 1.)

On April 11, at their own expense, for a try-out. All of the players have been given notice to put in an appearance on April 11 for practice in order to get into condition before the season opens. If there is any change to be made on the team it will probably be in the outfield.

#### REED'S JOKE OR BLAINE'S?

(From the New York Tribune.)

It is hard to trace a good joke back to its origin. This was illustrated in the Senate the other day when Senator Bailey alluded to Speaker Reed's sarcastic remark at the expense of Judge Holman, of Indiana, "the watchdog of the treasury." Mr. Bailey said the wittiest and bitterest thing Reed ever said was the remark when an appropriation that came very near Holman's home was up and the old judge was remarkably silent about it. Reed said: "The watchdog never barks at his own folks." "That was said," interrupted Senator Hoar, "in 1869 or 1870, when I first came into the House." Mr. Bailey was sure the remark had been made later, while he was himself a member of the House, which was many years after Mr. Hoar went over to the Senate. The Texas Senator appealed to Senator Lodge, who was a member of the House at the time. Lodge nodded his head to confirm Bailey's story. Then Senator Hoar arose and said the witticism originated when E. B. Washburn was a member of the House. He, too, was a "watchdog." He had not objected to a bill passed by his brother, Cadwallader, who was a member at the same time from Wisconsin. "Some one," said Mr. Hoar, "asked the Speaker (James G. Blaine), if the Representative from Illinois had objected. 'No,' said Mr. Blaine, 'the watchdog does not bark when one of the family passes by.'"

#### DIVORCE SUIT FILED.

Mrs. Annie McCormick Desires to Become Legally Separated From Her Husband.

Divorce proceedings were yesterday instituted in department No. 3 of the circuit court by Mrs. Annie M. McCormick against her husband, James H. McCormick, the plaintiff alleging cruel and inhuman treatment and personal indignities at her husband's hands. She asks for an absolute divorce, for the care and custody of their two minor children, and for an order of the court decreeing her to be the owner in fee simple of certain real property, and also asks that the defendant be required to pay her the sum of \$20 per month for the support of the children.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were married on January 1, 1871, and are old-time residents of this city.

Messrs. Bonham & Martin appear as attorneys for the plaintiff.

#### IN WALL STREET.

### THERE IS A BETTER AND EASIER FEELING SINCE THE MERGER DECISION.

The Business of the Country Is on a Sound and Conservative Basis, and the Outlook For a Good Stock Market Is Reassuring.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Under date of March 19th, the banking house of Henry Clews & Co. sent out the following regular weekly circular letter:

The Northern Securities decision, as expected, proved adverse to the merger, and the stock market rallied sharply in consequence, partly as a result of the removal of suspense and partly because of extensive short covering. The decision is one of the most important issued by the supreme court of the United States in many years, and its effects will be very far reaching. Whether the court will hereafter take the same attitude towards an industrial combination not a monopoly as it has done in the case of a railroad which is a quasi-public monopoly remains to be seen. It is quite certain that the decision opens the way for further litigation, but which for the present is not likely to follow. The administration has been successful in this suit, and seems wisely disposed to leave the railroads alone. Will it also leave the industrial alone, or will it be forced to select one of the combinations for a test case and what will be the course of the political opponents of the administration? These are all questions that we should like to answer but are unable to. It is to be hoped that good sense and not politics will prevail, and that the adjustment of such important issues will not be attempted when vision and judgment are warped by the heat of a presidential campaign. That is not the time for calm consideration. On the other hand the decision is an exceedingly wholesome one from a public point of view. Railroad consolidation must now progress along lawful and more natural lines; and the financial community has been spared the tidal wave of speculation that would have engulfed the speculative stock operators had the merger gone through.

There is a certain amount of the anticipatory capital crusade that it would have inevitably created for the political campaign of 1904. One other result is quite likely to follow this decision, and that is the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law. There is a vast difference between reasonable and unreasonable contracts in restraint of trade, and the present anti-trust law will probably be amended later on so as to give the courts liberty in deciding what restraints are reasonable and what are not. Five of the judges out of nine were of opinion that the Sherman law forbids reasonable as well as unreasonable restraints; but as Judge Brewer evidently considered the Northern Securities merger an unreasonable restraint, he cast his vote adversely, showing that the verdict of the higher tribunal upon a most vital point is dependent upon the duration of a single life. It is unlikely, however, that any new legislation will be attempted this session of Congress.

The improvement in stocks which followed the merger decision was further stimulated by better accounts of the iron trade and continued ease in money. Prices of iron and steel have been quietly advancing for the last few weeks, and now that the conviction has been reached that prices are at bottom level orders held back for months are being placed, and the outlook for all kinds of steel products is better than at any time since the reaction began. While the Western roads seem to have attained their extensive outlays for improvement, this is not the case with the big Eastern railways, which are and will be for some time to come heavy buyers of iron and steel. The Pennsylvania, for instance, has already placed some large orders in the market, which is not without significance, since this company nearly always exhibits exceptional shrewdness in its operations, whether in the financial markets or in its purchases of raw materials. The transportation improvements alone in the large Eastern cities will compel unusually heavy orders for iron and steel during the next two or three years, and this is a sustaining factor of much importance. There is only one hindrance to recovery in the iron and steel industry, and that is the uncertain attitude of labor. New enterprises are already seriously held in check, not only by the unreliable policy followed by some unions but also by the high cost of labor, which, in many instances, has reached an extreme level. Much of the recent business depression is due to this influence, and any further demands on the part of unreasonable labor leaders would be simply disastrous. There are indications, however, that sanity is resuming its sway. The bituminous coal miners have decided not to strike, thus averting a disastrous struggle, and in some trades labor has submitted to moderate reductions, which permitted a revival of business; and should this spring escape an upheaval labor will probably benefit more than capital.

As for the money market, that continues easy. Funds are returning freely from the interior, bank reserves are high, speculative demands are light and ordinary business requirements strictly moderate. The prospects are for easy money until the new movement begins, except of course, the usual stringency incident to April 1. With the benefit of winter general business should become more active and transportation revive. Following this we should have better railroad earnings than in January and February; besides which it is about time for the Western roads to feel the economies expected from the heavy outlays of the last three or four years, and which are now nearly completed. This week the war in the East has not been a factor, but more decisive events may be expected before very long, and these are sure to influence the foreign financial markets, and by sympathy this market also. Many of the financial leaders are absent on their customary spring outings, when they return fresh activity may accompany the making of new plans. It must not be forgotten, also,

#### NEW ROAD CLUB.

### PEOPLE OF SILVERTON TAKE STEPS TO AID IN GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in That City on Wednesday Evening—Assemblage Addressed by County Judge Scott and H. E. Thielsen—Business Men and Farmers Offer Large Donations.

An enthusiastic good roads meeting was held in Liberal hall, at Silverton, on Wednesday evening, which was attended by a large number of the leading citizens of that section. The meeting was addressed by County Judge Scott, president of the State Good Roads Association, and Secretary H. B. Thielsen, and resulted in the temporary organization of a good roads club. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and another meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2, when a permanent organization will be perfected.

The meeting was attended by many of the professional and business men of Silverton, and a large number of the prominent farmers of the surrounding country, and all took a deep interest in the proceedings, and listened attentively to the remarks made by Judge Scott and Mr. Thielsen. The people of the east part of Marion county are fully alive to the importance of good roads, and propose to do their part in furthering the movement inaugurated in this county by Judge Scott.

At the meeting held in Silverton a number of the business men and farmers signified their willingness to make individual donations of as much as \$100 towards the improvement of the highways in that section, and it was apparent that enterprising citizens of the Silverton country mean business when they have taken the matter in hand with a determination to accomplish good results during the coming season.

Another Invitation.

Judge Scott received a letter from Prof. James H. Hyde, of the Department of Economic Geology and Mining, of the State University, at Eugene, yesterday, the text of which is as follows:

"A meeting of citizens from various parts of Lane county is to be held at the court house in this city at 1 o'clock on Saturday of this week. The meeting is called to consider the organization of a Lane county good roads association. Much interest is being taken in the matter, and a good attendance is expected.

"We would be very much pleased if you could be present to tell us of the work going on elsewhere, and counsel us as to the best methods to follow in our work."

The Judge has not yet decided as to whether or not he will be able to accept the invitation.

#### POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

The Czar has long been known as an amateur composer of music, but three is an irony in the fact that his latest creation is entitled "A Song of Peace."

W. Cameron Forbes, one of the new members of the Philippines Commission will not go to the islands until June, and in the meantime will wind up his business at home.

Miss Margaret Long, a daughter of ex-Secretary John D. Long, who recently completed her studies in medicine, will hang out her shingle in Newport, R. I., this spring.

Mrs. George C. Stelhorn of Indianapolis, gave a party recently in honor of her husband's ninth birthday. He was born on the 29th of February, 1844. Guests were requested to "wear their old clothes and come prepared to have a good time."

Charles W. Jenkins, of Corpus Christi, Tex., a millionaire, has perhaps the oldest fund of any collector of curios in the United States—that of human skulls. He has at present in his private museum 248 perfect human skulls, gathered in all parts of the country.

Speaker Cannon and his daughter are very democratic in their social views and have inaugurated in Washington the custom of giving a dinner in one hour's time, which they consider long enough for such a function. Other members of the fashionable set are of a similar opinion.

The Czar of Russia and the Mikado of Japan were brought together and became close friends under dramatic circumstances years ago. At that time Nicholas, then the czarowitz, was traveling in Japan and was wounded by the sword of a would-be assassin. While he lay suffering on board a Russian war vessel he was visited by the Mikado, who made personal apology for the harm done, such a distinguished visitor by a Japanese subject.

General Dick will be the first man of moderate means whom Ohio has sent to the Senate since the days of Senator Thurman. He has no fortune. In fact, Tom L. Johnson last fall made one of the issues of his campaign the fact that Dick publicly acknowledged that the chairman of the Republican state committee did not pay his bills. Dick's has been a busy life, but it has not been devoted to money-getting. His career has been a remarkable one. Fifteen years ago, when he was about 30 years of age, he was proprietor of a very small flour and feed store, in his home city of Akron,

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"It has been seven months since we have received any benefit from medicine, and I only used three bottles of the medicine when it made me feel like a man," writes S. A. Miller, Esq., of Mr. Amos Hyde, R. D. 10, Lyman, Wis.

"I had doctored with two local physicians for quite a long time, but receiving any benefit, and became discouraged. I read of the wonderful cures your medicine had made for others and concluded to try it. I can testify to the merits of your medicine and feel all well now, and had an awful pain in my back for two years but now a change for the better when I began using your 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I feel it a duty to write and tell how much good your medicine has done me," writes Mrs. Kott, Michigan.

"When I wrote you I was in very poor health, your medicines have helped me wonderfully and if I had taken them a longer I would have been entirely cured. Am going to get some more of your medicine right away. I do not know there is a better remedy for indigestion and other diseases that people are afflicted with at this time of the year, than your 'Golden Medical Discovery.'"

#### NEW THOUGHTS.

### Are You Growing More Attractive as You Advance in Life?

BY VALENTINE.

If the mind keeps itself occupied with right thinking it is impossible to be plain, ugly or uninteresting. It is a fact of life, says Elia Wheeler Wilcox in "New Thoughts Magazine," "The withered and drawn faces of many indicate withered emotions and drawn and perverted ambitions. The dried and sallow face tells the story of dried up sympathies and hopes. The furrowed face tells of acid cares eating into the heart." "He who understands his own divine nature will grow more beautiful with the passing of time. Are you growing more attractive as you advance in life? Study yourself and answer these questions to your own soul, for in the answer depends the decision whether you will really love and trust."

"Given a healthy body," says Dr. Z. V. Pierce, the specialist in women's diseases, of Buffalo, N. Y., "and a healthy mind, and every one can cultivate and enjoy happiness." Riches do not make happiness, nor does it do to worry about to-morrow. Do what you can now. Do the best you know how, then boldly face the after-while. In nine cases out of ten the person who worries, who can't sleep at night, and feels blue and at discord with all the world is the person whose stomach is not quite right.

TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

We must eat to live. We must eat properly to be beautiful and to be healthy. Digest well. If one article of food does not agree with you try another. But don't try cosmetics until you have corrected every fault of digestion. Pretty women often sacrifice their beauty to digestion. It is a fact that any form of dyspepsia may in a few days transform a clear, white skin into a mass of pimples and black spots. A beautiful woman has the beauty of her stomach. The oft quoted phrase, "The way to a man's heart lies through his stomach," is true in a medical sense, for a distended stomach caused by in-

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