

EDITORIAL.

President McKinley's civil service order has been issued, and all the hopes of the spoilsmen have been disappointed, and all the hopes of the reformers have been realized. Indeed, the reformers have gained beyond their hopes.

No removal shall be made from any position subject to competitive examination except for just cause and upon written charges filed with the head of the department, or other appointing officer, and of which the accused shall have full notice and an opportunity to make defense.

This order does not take from the heads of various offices the full power to remove their subordinates, but it obliges them to state the reasons for a removal, and to hear the defense of the subordinate before the removal is made.

The grand jury should sift to the bottom whether a Salem firm can carry on a bicycle lottery all summer and then cheat the man who holds the winning ticket out of the wheel. If that can be done under Oregon law all Salem merchants who do not want to retire or move to Mexico better arrange to conduct a lottery.

Let us not be pessimistic nor blank facts. Just because the tariff on prunes is changed from 20 per cent ad valorem to 2 cents a pound specific duty is no reason why prune raising is going to be a bonanza. Don't blink the facts. The conditions of the older countries are fast becoming the conditions here.

Tilmon Ford, who is a big wheat farmer and a close student of agriculture statistics, says he estimates the Oregon crop at 23,000,000 bushels. The oats crop will also be large, as oats is a very short crop in California, and barley, that is fed in place of oats there, is short also.

There will be over a month of warm dusty weather yet. Horses and other stock deserve to be well cared for with water and feed. Poultry at this season is also moulting and deserves to be well provided with water and variety of food.

Miss Ray Miller, of Salem, is the guest of Miss Alice Balsley this week. Mr. Atwood, of Salem, was a Stayton visitor last week for a few days.

Mrs. Lee Brown and Miss Beulah Harden returned Thursday from a week's visit with friends in Lebanon. Miss Rebecca Baldere of Salem was the guest of Miss Tempest Dunivin, over Sunday.

Rev. Aldrich, and family, returned from a ten days outing at Sodaville, last Saturday. The ladies of Stayton are trying very hard to organize a Ladies degree, of the Eastern star lodge in our little town.

Misses Rebecca Baldere and Tempest Dunivin, left for Fox Valley last Monday afternoon, where they will enjoy a week's outing at the Garden Farm.

Dr. F. S. Skiff, of Portland, passed through Stayton last Monday enroute to Salem, after a pleasant Sunday spent at the popular Mehana resort.

The Methodist and Christian Endeavor Societies, will hold a united meeting at the Masons grove, every Sunday evening during the warm weather.

W. W. Martin, a Eugene marble dealer, has secured the contract for placing monuments over the graves of 43 people who lost their lives on Christmas eve, 1894, by the burning of the hall at Silver Lake, where the festivities of the season were being observed.

Weekly Bulletin. The past week has been one of the warmest on record in Western Oregon. The mean temperature for the week averaged 78 degrees, which is 7 degrees higher than for the preceding week, and 5 degrees higher than the preceding warmest week this year.

Crops.—Threshing of fall and winter sown wheat and oats is about finished. The yield has been equal to expectations, and the quality above an average. Harvesting of spring-sown wheat and oats is in full operation; threshing of them has commenced, and reports agree as to the excellent yield and weight.

The hot weather has been of especial benefit to the hops, checking the ravages of the hop louse and drying up the honey dew. The hop crop has been injured by the hop louse, but to what extent cannot be determined; if mould should not appear among the hops, then the crop will be fair.

Peaches and bartlett pears are ripening rapidly, and train-loads of fruit are being shipped east of the Missouri river. The peach and pear crops are unusually large and of extra good quality. Prunes are ripening and evaporating has commenced. Figs are ripe in Curry and Jackson counties, and the trees have on them heavy crops. Grapes are making good growth and a heavy crop will be secured.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

All persons having knives or razors, for sharpening or other things for repair at our shop will please call and get them, as we will close on Wednesday 25th, until hop picking is done. SIM H. WHITE & Co.

The quarterly conference of the Portland district of the Free Methodist church will be held in Oregon City Saturday and Sunday.

Merit Made Hood's Sarsaparilla. Made and Merit maintains the confidence of the people in Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a medicine cures you when sick; if it makes wonderful cures everywhere, then beyond all question that medicine possesses merit.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. In the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness, 25 cents.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK. I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Charles H. Fletcher wrapper.



For sale by D. J. FRY, Salem.

Notice for Bids. Bids will be received by the commissioners' court of Marion county at the September term 1897 for furnishing at the court house twenty (20) cords of body fir in five (5) cord lots of one person; also for fifty (50) cords of pole oak in ten (10) cord lots from any one person.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The fac-simile signature of Charles H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Academy Sacred Heart. Studies will resume September 6, 1897. For particulars regarding boarders and day pupils, apply at the academy. The music and art departments furnish all the facilities for advanced study.

Salem Steam Laundry. Please notice the cut in prices on the following: St-ns, plain, 10 cents; Under drawers, 10 to 15 cents; Under shirts, 5 to 10 cents; Socks, per pair, 3 cents; Handkerchiefs, 1 cent; Silk handkerchiefs, 3 cents; Sheets and pillow slips 24 cents per dozen, and other work in proportion.

Stage Line. From Salem to Willhoit Springs, via Silverton. Leaves Silverton for Salem at 6:30 a. m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning to Silverton same days, leaving Salem at 1 o'clock p. m.

Notice to Taxpayers. Salem, Marion county, Oregon, July, 1897. The county court of Marion county has ordered the Tax Roll for Marion county Oregon for the year 1896, closed on September 1, 1897. All taxes will be delinquent after said date.

WOOD. Proposals will be received by the Common Council of the City of Salem up to the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., September 7, 1897, to furnish the City of Salem eighty cords of large fir wood, the same to be dry and sound, and to be delivered at any place within the corporate limits designated by the Common Council, and not later than October 1, 1897. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

COKE. Proposals will be received by the Common Council of the City of Salem, up to the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., September 7, 1897, to furnish the City of Salem 25 tons soft gas coke, to be delivered at any place within the corporate limits designated by the Common Council and not later than October 1, 1897. Coke to be delivered at call of council. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

ED. N. EDES, City Recorder, Salem, Or., Aug. 12, 1897. 14 d & w

CALL FOR WARRANTS. Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand applicable to the payments of all warrants of the City of Salem, endorsed on or before February 1, 1897, drawn upon the general fund. Please present said warrants for payment at Ladd & Bush bank, as interest on same will cease from the date of this notice.

A. A. LEE, City Treasurer, Salem, August 10, 1897. 14 10d

NOTICE FOR BIDS. Bids will be received by the commissioners' court for Marion county at the September term, 1897, for competent persons to board and take care of the poor of Marion county from November 1, 1897, during the pleasure of the court, the court furnishing the farm, house, bedding and clothing. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids may be filed with the county clerk until Wednesday, September 9, 1897, at 4 p. m. L. V. EHLEN, County Clerk, 8 6 d 3 t w d

WOLZ'S MARKET. WOLZ & MIESCKE Props. Dealers in all kinds of fresh and salt meats. Lard in bulk, 7c a lb. Cheapest meat in the town. Try them. 173 Commercial st.

C. H. LANE, MERCHANT TAILOR. 211 Commercial St., Salem Or. Suits \$15 upwards. Pants \$5 upwards.

STENOGRAPHING AND TYPEWRITING. Legal and commercial work a specialty. Telephone one-four. Office with Sherman Condit & Park, Gray block. Dictation take at your office and work returned on 15 hour notice. 4 30 t. STELLA SHERMAN.

J. H. HAAS, WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER. Makes a specialty of fine repair work, Seth Thomas clocks, etc., 215 Commercial Street

DEPOT EXPRESS. Meets all mail and passenger trains. Baggage and express to all parts of the city. Prompt service. Telephone No. 70. JAMES RADER

Building Material! Salem Branch 108 of the Labor Exchange, are now prepared to furnish at short notice Sand and Gravel of any grade, and of the best quality, and in any quantity. Telephone 175. 6 25 m

HELLO! If you want to move or want a load of any kind hauled or want a load of manure, dirt, sand or gravel, or cement, lime, hair plaster, brick or sewer pipe, see D. S. Bentley, corner of Front and Chemeketa streets or ring up telephone 30. Also wood and coal on hands at all times. Orders promptly attended to.

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Steevens' FRUIT DRYER! PATENT PENDING. Driers new in operation on one place near the asylum. Call and see them. Fruit growers are invited to investigate before buying or building a drier. Our claims are: 1. Unlimited capacity. 2. Cheapness of construction. 3. Rapid production. 4. Easy, cheapness and simplicity of process. Write me for testimonials and experience of growers who are using the Steevens since two years. Estimates and specifications furnished on request. Address G. A. STEEVENS, Salem, Or.

EAST AND SOUTH. THE SHASTA ROUTE OF THE Southern Pacific Co. EXPRESS TRAINS RUN DAILY. 6:00 P M Lv. Portland Ar 9:30 A M 8:30 P M Lv. Salem Ar 7:10 A M 7:45 A M Ar. San Francisco Lv 8:00 P M

Family Wine and Liquor Store. Removed from 102 State to 109 Commercial street. Bottled goods of the best quality.

INSURE YOUR LIFE. The Independent Order of Foresters. Established for 23 years. Membership on May 1, 1897, 111,722. Surplus, June 1, 1897, \$2,223,326.89. Age limit, 18 to 55 years. Rates as per age from 60 cents to \$3 per thousand. Twelve assessments yearly. Half your policy on total disability and balance at 70 years or at death. All assessments stop at 70 or on total disability. Services of Court physician free. Court Willamette No. 145, meets 1st and 3d Mondays of each month, in Forester hall, in Turner block. Call on or address FRANK W. POWERS, Secretary, 8 10 m

C. H. MACK, DENTIST! Successor to Dr. J. M. Keene, old White Corner, Salem, Or. Parties desiring superior operations at moderate fees in any branch are in especial request.

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