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Well Qualified.
Last Thursday morning V. L. Saelling took passage on the Western stage. He is bound for Monmouth, where he will spend the holidays with his family. He will be absent about a month. Owing to Mr. Saelling's large holdings of livestock in this county, one bob-tailed muley cow, he was appointed a delegate to the National Livestock Convention, to meet in Portland on January 11th. His many years experience with the aforesaid muley cow specially qualifies him to speak with authority on questions pertaining to the livestock industry of Southeastern Oregon. At all events, Vince should be heard. While not engaged in the livestock business, he has resided in a stock country for years, and knows much more about the needs of the stock raiser than many who are now extensively engaged in the business. We hope to be able to publish Vince's live

stock speech in full at some future time.—Lakeview Herald.

Journal Work Done.
The work of the legislative clerks, to whom was referred the matter of correcting up the journals of the two houses, is about completed, and the journals will at once be prepared for the printer. The clerks of the senate completed their part of the work this afternoon, and turned the journals and the senate resolutions over to the secretary of state, and they leave today. Chief Clerk Moorehead going to his home in Junction City tonight, and Journal Clerk Frank J. Middleton leaving for Portland by this afternoon's train.

Chief Clerk Jennings, of the house committee, reports that his work will be done tomorrow forenoon, and will be promptly turned over to the secretary of state, when the members of the committee will also go home.

**HOPS
KEEP
HOPPING**

**Prices Now Stiff but Who
Can Tell What a Day
May Bring Forth**

The hop situation is becoming interesting from the standpoint of speculation and gambling. The Journal has tried to maintain a conservative attitude, and has consistently advised growers to sell whenever they could get over 20 cents. Those growers who are now holding for 30 cents a pound may make it, but six weeks from now may see them flat on their backs. There are always more hops to be had by buyers than are considered to be in the market. It is claimed at present there but 4300 bales in growers' hands, and 10,000 bales in still in Oregon. The hops that could be had for 25 cents a few weeks ago are not to be touched at that figure today, and there is a good, healthy demand. Actual sales to consumers are made largely by dealers, and the gambling situation may be broken any day. The dealers are in a position to supply all orders, without calling on a single grower for a month.

All About a Dead Dog.
At a charivari, at the Schindler home in Polk county, near the Wallace farm, last evening, a little difficulty occurred in which at least one man had his face somewhat disfigured, and several others carried off a few honorable scars or scratches to prove their prowess. Several parties had gone out from this city, and another crowd came up from Lincoln, and at the Schindler farm, while the crowd was discussing the pleasures of the evening, some one reported that George Bayne's dog had been killed in the woods by some hunter a few days before, and Emil Graber, one of the Salem boys present, was accused of shooting it. Another one of the young men had caused a horse to break loose, and the two incidents brought on a mix-up that resulted in the disfigurement of the faces of several of the boys, and when the wreckage was finally cleared away, and the hospital corps came on the ground, it was found that blackened eyes and bruised noses had been suffered by several of the valiant knights. At last accounts all of the wounded were able to go about their work, and there are no fatalities, except in the case of George Bayne's dog.

Japs Are Buying Flour.
Stockton, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Japanese government has been buying flour from Stockton and other Pacific coast mills since last August. J. M. Welsh, president of the Stockton Milling Company, is authority for the statement that ship load after ship load of flour had been shipped from the coast to Japan during the last four months, and Japan has a stock now on hand sufficient to supply her army and navy for one year's war, at least. Buying has been done quietly, but has been by the Japanese government direct.

Cotton Fight Rages.
New York, Dec. 29.—There was another turbulent scene in the cotton exchange this morning. The bears beat May and July down 40 points in a few minutes. The bulls rallied and carried it back to the 14-cent level.

No China Cooking.
Sacramento, Dec. 29.—The painters' union last night was to have its annual banquet at the Palace restaurant, but was forbidden by the council of the federated trades, because Chinese cooks are employed there.

Annual Taxpayers' Meeting.
Everybody attend the annual taxpayers' meeting of School district No. 24, at the city hall Wednesday evening, December 30th, at 7:30, to levy tax for the ensuing year. 12-29-21

Aspirants.
"There is one thing I like about your husband—he never hurries you when getting ready for a walk."
"Very little credit is due to him for that, my dear. Whenever I see that I am not likely to be ready in time I simply hide his hat or his gloves out of the way until I have finished dressing."

What Was Broken.
Mother—Did you break anything when you dropped that awful of playthings, Bessie?
Bessie—No, mother; nothing but the quiet, and that's mended already.—Detroit Free Press.

Speaking of perfect happiness, ever notice a boy carrying a pup?—Atchison Globe.

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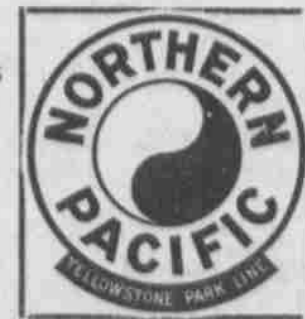
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