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STATISTICS show that the country is richer in poverty and money than in 1880. At that time there was \$18.85 in money for each inhabitant. In 1885 the per capita holding had increased to \$27.00, and in 1891 to \$24.10. It is evidently certain that the credit for all this is due to the republican administration. There can be no disputing the fact that Cleveland's four years terms left no mark on the general policy of the country. His two principal measures, the repeal of the silver coinage act and the enactment of a tariff for revenue only proved a failure. The showing is a good one for republicans, who, after 30 years of trial, find \$24.10 as the share of each inhabitant of the United States of the money in circulation, against \$13.85 when James Buchanan turned the office over to Abraham Lincoln. The five kinds of currency in the United States are each as good as gold. At the proper place gold may be had for silver dollars, for greenbacks, treasury notes and coin certificates. With this showing it will be a long time before the people will add any new kind of money of fictitious value.

CLACKAMAS county receives reminders on all sides of the very bad condition of her roads. In that part of Clackamas county adjoining the Multnomah county line the difference is plainly discernible. Judge Moreland and County Clerk Powell, of Multnomah county, recently made a trip out on the section line road, with a view of examining the thoroughfares through that part of the county. Their report published in the Oregonian shows the roads of that section to be in splendid condition. While on their journey they crossed over the line into Clackamas on the same road, and their published remarks are anything but complimentary to the thoroughfare of this county. The roads of Clackamas county must be improved, or the people of the northern part of the county will ask to be included in the territory of Multnomah, where they can have good roads to drive over.

FARMERS, as well as the people of Clackamas county generally, are deeply interested in the wheat market. There is no doubt of an enormous deficit in Europe, which must be made up wholly supplied from the United States. While it will take a large amount of wheat to supply the shortage in Europe, the high prices will likely cause the use of cheaper food substitutes, and among the poorer classes deprivation to the starvation limit. Wheat growers have experienced low and unprofitable prices for a series of years. Now is undoubtedly a turning point in their fortunes. It will take time to replenish grain stocks to the point that a surplus will exist, and until that period it is believed the farmer will secure adequate returns for his labor.

It is stated that the High School of Portland is losing its prestige, and does not turn out as many graduates as formerly. This can be partially accounted for from the fact that the high schools of the country have included in their studies too much that is superfluous—that cannot be applied to practical use in every day life. Much valuable time is wasted on dead languages and branches of study that are of no practical benefit in the routine duties of the average citizen. The schools of the country must be made more practical, before they can attain the desideratum of efficiency.

Municipal, solid improvements are being made in Oregon City than in any other city in the state except Portland. There is no reason for everything has an air of solid permanency. New business blocks and buildings are being erected in every portion of the city, extensive plans have been adopted to more thoroughly utilize the water power, hundreds of feet of new sidewalks are being laid, street improvements on a grand scale have already been inaugurated, the electric light company are completely reorganizing their system, and the city has an abundance of money property.

The interests of the American farmer are being looked after, and this country is well exposed to the policy of every republic of the world of protection. The interests of the farmer will be looked after, and the farmer's needs will be met, and the farmer's needs will be met, and the farmer's needs will be met.

The first meeting of the Clackamas county teachers' association held at the school house last Saturday, was a very successful business for that organization. This association is capable of doing much good, and every teacher in the county should be an active member. The next meeting of the association will be held at Needy. The name of that locality might indicate that the people were in want, but no such conditions of affairs exist, and the teachers of the county can rest assured of being satisfactorily treated.

The beautiful ladies of Multnomah county are looking wide awake to their best interests, and propose to make their front yards one of the attractions of the great state in this fall. It will be something that will appeal to the eye, and attract attention, and will attract attention, and will attract attention, and will attract attention.

According to the latest bulletin from the census office, every man, woman and child in the United States is worth \$24.10, and may not have it in his possession, and may not have it in his possession, and may not have it in his possession, and may not have it in his possession.

At last the Chilean war is over. The insurgents captured Santiago without trouble. No sooner had the capital surrendered than a mob burned the house of Balmaceda, and the residences of his ministers. President Balmaceda surrendered after holding a council of war with his inferior officers, and thoroughly canvassing the situation. This has ended a revolution that has been one of the most important in the history of South America, and attracted the interested attention of the entire civilized world. The people of Iquique received the news of the change of government with great enthusiasm. Although the result was unexpected by Great Britain, it is stated that she will recognize reorganized Chile in a short time. The government at Washington is anxiously waiting to hear from Minister Egan, and it is feared that the telegraph lines are down, which is taken as an explanation of his silence. The troops of the insurgents were too much for Balmaceda. He had to give in.

CITY LEGISLATURE.

Regular Monthly Session Held Wednesday Evening.

All Twenty-Six Foot Alleys Cut Down To Ten Feet.

The mayor and all the members of the council were present.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings read and approved.

Petition from G. W. Church and others asking that the old plank taken up from the sidewalks on Seventh street, be used to extend the sidewalk on Division street east. On motion referred to committee on streets and public property.

Petition read from chief of police asking that a building on Third street near the railroad owned by the Portland Flouring Mills Company, and occupied by Indians and Chinese, be declared a nuisance, and the owners be ordered to tear down the same. On motion referred to committee on health and police.

Petition from J. C. Robbins and others asking for the improvement of Fifteenth street between John Adams and Fourth streets at their own expense. On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

A petition was read from E. D. Kelly and others, asking that the city vacate a part of the public square in Central Addition for school purposes. On motion the petition was granted, and a motion carried that the recorder be instructed to publish the necessary notices.

A communication was read from R. Koehler, manager of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, stating that they were building another side track at this place next to the bridge, and that the lower portion of the present stairways were in the way of the new side track, and asked that the city build elevated stairways over the railroad tracks. Mr. Koehler being present, was invited to state what steps he desired to take in the matter. He then made a few remarks asking permission to set the lower steps of the stairways on Fourth and Seventh streets to make room for their side track, as work had already commenced on the same, and they desired to push the same to early completion, but would not agree to set the steps of the Sixth street stairway back. Mr. Latourrette introduced a resolution asking that the railroad company be permitted to move the steps back on 4th, 6th and 7th streets, under direction of the street superintendent, and the committee on streets and public property, also to extend said stairways elevated over the tracks, according to plans furnished by the city engineer. O'Connell claimed that the city had a right in the streets running from the bluff to the river, as they had been dedicated for that purpose, and that the employees of the city, by obstructing said streets. Mr. Koehler then made a few remarks, but the resolution did not appear to be satisfactory to him, but expressed a desire to make amicable arrangements. Randall moved to amend by striking out the words O. & C. R. R. Co., and substituting street superintendent, and that the changes and improvements be made at the expense of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The resolution as amended carried. On motion the matter of permanent improvement of streets and public property to confer with said railroad company.

A party was read from J. M. and D. H. Barkey asking that the city vacate block 120 be opened, and obstructions removed. Latourrette objected to opening alleys, and stated that in larger cities they were always closed up, as they made a good place for highways to be built into, and were also a dumping place for rubbish, etc. He stated that the alleys on the left were 20 feet wide, and paved to meet the city's needs, and he would be willing to immediately surrendering all matters pertaining thereto. Contrary to the usual custom, he did not object to the city vacating the alleys with the aid of the Multnomah, and these alleys had not been vacated to the use of the people. He stated that he had no objection to the vacating of the alleys, and he would be willing to immediately surrendering all matters pertaining thereto. Contrary to the usual custom, he did not object to the city vacating the alleys with the aid of the Multnomah, and these alleys had not been vacated to the use of the people.

Petition was read for opening the alleys through blocks 62, 105, 111, 120 and 104, and the removal of fences and other obstructions. O'Connell made a motion that the matter be referred to the committee on streets and public property. Randall moved to amend by striking out the words O. & C. R. R. Co., and substituting street superintendent, and that the changes and improvements be made at the expense of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The resolution as amended carried.

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On motion of Noble, council adjourned.

FROM BARLOWS.

"SAILOR JIM" NOT SMOOTH ENOUGH.

Hotel Proprietor on His Track.

Was Captured at Oregon City Depot.

WILL GO UP IMMEDIATELY.

Three Made a Cottage.

Plenty of Money—Farmers Smiling—Notes of the Doings of Busy People.

"JIM, THE SAILOR, NOT SMOOTH ENOUGH."—About four weeks ago a sailor by the name of James Smith, but better known as "Kid Jim," came to our town and put up at Hotel De Gordon. He immediately secured work, piling wood, digging wells, etc. He worked very faithfully for four weeks, and had accumulated some little money, when finally he went to the proprietor of the hotel and told him he had a hop picking job near by, and that he would continue to board. All went well until noon that day, and the sailor did not show up. The proprietor of the hotel became uneasy and was preparing to go aboard the 2:25 P. M. train in search of him, when more conclusive evidence came to his ears that "Jim the Kid" had skipped out, and had made his bags that he was going to do the hotel man. This angered the proprietor when he set out to catch his man. Taking the train he kept an open eye on the different stations en route to Oregon City, and was one of the first to alight from the train, and to his surprise he caught his man when in the act of boarding the train for Portland. The kid was very much surprised, and insisted that he was coming back the next day, and would then pay up. But the proprietor had no confidence in him, and so made the young man pungle. He was then allowed his freedom.

DEMAND FOR BUILDINGS.—For the past ten days there have been several inquiries for houses by parties some of whom have purchased property, and wish to rent a house until such time as they can get the material and build. In view of this a contract has been let to Mr. Walter Evans to erect immediately three modern cottages at a cost of about \$500 each, by Messrs. Sims & Barlow.

MONEY BEING DISTRIBUTED.—For the last few days there has been a busy lot of people in our town. Sacks of grain are coming in daily at the warehouses, and the farmers are now beginning to sell, and a great deal of money is being paid out. What is coming in from as far back as Marquam, and the farmers are smiling with joy at the good prices they are getting for their wheat this year.

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN.—Twelve large cars of grain were shipped away from this place last week.

CLOSE OBSERVER.—It is surprising to see the amount of business done in all directions. To your reporter Mr. Busell said: "I have visited all towns north of Roseburg in the last two weeks, and find that your town is the liveliest place I have been in for the size of it." Carpenters are busy, painters on every building, warehouse men crowded and rushed, and in fact a general good, healthy outlook.

LARGE BAY OF CATTLE.—A drove of 100 head of beef cattle were pastured on the prairie for a couple of days. They had been driven quite a distance from up the valley, and needed a couple of days rest and good pasture preparatory to reaching the Portland market.

LAND PURCHASE.—Mr. A. Hope has purchased of Barlow & Co. thirteen acres of land near the town. He will put it out in prunes.

PERSONALS.—Ex-Judge W. L. White, of this county, is visiting Wm. Barlow and family. The judge reports having had a very pleasant visit at the Sound, where he has been for the past five months.

Mr. S. J. Vaughn, of Molalla, a large grain grower, was in our town one day last week. He reports fine crops, and the yield better than for many years.

Mr. Chas. Holman, of Holman Bros. of Molalla, was in our town this week. He came down to examine the situation on his place to Cooby and Barlow, and find that it is quite in favor of Barlow, and also better roads. He has about 200 tons of hay, and the saving of distance is quite a feature in the marketing of so much hay.

Ex-Sheriff Wm. Knight, of Clatsop, was seen on our streets one day last week.

Mr. Noblett, of Needy, spent a day with us this week.

Mr. Rowland, of Canby, was in our town last week with a load of fine produce. He has several acres in peach orchards, and reports a fine and large crop.

Mr. Vanhook, of Barlow Prairie, has brought in several loads of water melons of a very fine quality.

Miss M. S. Barlow is enjoying at Clatsop Park Clatsop county.

H. C. Jordan, of the firm of Jordan & Co., wine and liquor dealers, was doing our usual last week.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Meeting Held in Portland and Resolutions Passed.

The members of the board met at the Court house in Portland Tuesday, Sept. 1st, at 10 o'clock, the minutes of the meeting were read, and the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the board do not object to the election of officers, and will be done until the regular meeting in December next, and no official business in the way of equating assessments until that time.

Different means were discussed as to what would be the best way of obtaining the value of property, and it was decided to take some basis from which a correct and equal assessment could be made. Charles Hughes, of the first district, proposed that a circular be issued to the county commissioners, city assessors, and also to prominent citizens through the state, in which different questions would be asked regarding the basis on which the different values could be placed, and from which an equal assessment would be possible. The proposition met with the general approval of the other members. The question of equal assessment of the unimproved railroad lands was also touched upon, but nothing definitely decided.

The members of the board are as follows: Charles Hughes, of Wabou, from the first district, representing Josephine, Lake, Klamath and Jackson counties; L. Bilyon, of Eugene City, from the second district, representing Douglas, Lane and Benton counties; J. P. Robertson, of Salem, from the third district, representing Marion, Linn, Polk and Tillamook counties; Charles G. Schramm, of Portland, from the fourth district, representing Multnomah county; H. E. Hayes, of Oswego, from the fifth district, representing Clackamas, Yamhill, Columbia and Clatsop counties; J. W. Shelton, of Union, from the sixth district, representing Union, Umatilla, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Malheur, and Harney counties; and W. Hughes, of Hopper, from the seventh district, representing Morrow, Wasco, Gilliam and Crook counties.

SIXTH ANNUAL FAIR WILL BE HELD AT

September 23, 24, 25.



MARQUAM.

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MARKET REPORT. Below is given the Oregon City Market Report corrected weekly from quotations furnished THE ENTERPRISE by the local merchants.

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