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THE STATE FAIR.

THIRD LETTER TO THE ENTERPRISE.

SALEM, October 28th, 1867.

In my last I purposely left out the class in which horses and donkeys are shown. I would remark, to commence with, that of the former there was a good exhibit, but I am well satisfied that there are more of the latter in the State than were submitted for examination; in fact, I did not hear much braying. If you will notice the premium awards of last year and compare it with this year you will see many new names amongst the contestants. The horses were tried in various ways, and in some of the trials it was hard to decide which was entitled to the first prize.

Looking at the draft horses pulling, I could not but wonder at the excitement manifested by the eager crowd of lookers on. It was difficult to keep space sufficient around the animals under trial to allow of a fair, unimpeded test. The horse seems to possess the power of attracting a crowd, especially an unreflecting crowd, above any other animal; but the men who gave their attention to horse-flesh at this State Fair were not of the unreflecting kind—at least not many of them. I was glad to notice that some of the "hater sort" who have heretofore frequented the Fairs were not there this year.

The officers, on the first day of the fair, set aside their former action in regard to horse-racing. They had announced to the public that no horse would be permitted to run except against time. This arrangement met with very general favor, and inspired hope in many who had supposed never again to visit the fair.

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reason why the rule would be likely to fail in securing the end aimed at. He said he had much experience in timing horses, in connection with other men, and he had found it very difficult for three different men to stop their watches at the same quarter second of time. Thus three honest men might differ three fourths of a second, and there would be an opening for any partial judge to dispute the time. Moreover, he thought the rule was no bar to dishonest running, as no man who kept his horse for running purposes would show his true time for any of the premiums offered by the society.

I think the crowd of roughs about the race track was less than on former occasions. I heard no complaints in regard to the decisions of judges. Inside of the Pavilion the show was more varied in character than on former occasions, and there was less of that which had been on exhibition before. Some of the ornamental work was very beautiful.

SETTLING THE LAND.—The hierarchy of Salt Lake ordered a large number of young and vigorous Elders to be transplanted to Southern Utah, to settle upon and secure the numerous fertile valleys lying in that section of the Territory, and which are capable of producing cotton, grapes, hemp, tobacco and other products requiring a rich soil and pleasant climate.

TRouble IN ALASKA.—A dispatch from Sitka says: Capt. Peteschouff, the Russian Commissioner, and Capt. Kuskol, Commissioner of Russian American Fur Company, have protested against the permanent occupation of the Company's buildings by the U. S. troops or quartermaster's department. The matter will be brought before Secretary Seward and the Russian Minister at Washington at an early day.

ANNEXATION.—Our friends in Walla Walla have had another annexation meeting. According to the Statesman Judge Wyche, Messrs. Langford, Lassater, Caton, Johnson, and every body else of course, is in favor of the movement. If Northern Idaho is to be annexed to Washington Territory as a permanent thing, we are in favor of it. It is to be done with view to another territorial division, and to create places for politicians we are opposed to it, says the Vancouver Register.

THE OREGON BRANCH.—B. J. Fenra Esq., of Eugene, has gone overland to Washington. To work for a Government subsidy for the contemplated Oregon branch of the Central Pacific road, which it is hoped will be built from Humbolt via the Cascade mountains and Eugene City to Portland.

The Yamhill Railroad.

Desiring to warn the farmers of the valley, of the impracticability of an enterprise in which they appear to be embarking, I propose to review briefly some articles which have been published recently in The Lafayette Courier.

In that Journal it is asserted that the farmers on the West side of the river are losing annually, on cost of transportation alone, enough to pay for the construction of fifty miles of railroad. I will apply the test of figures to this statement. In collecting from the federal census reports of 1860, I find that the entire value of all agricultural products worthy of notice (viz: wheat, oats, wool, orchard products, garden products, butter, cheese, and slaughtered animal,) in the State of Oregon for that year was in round numbers \$2,800,000.

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The opposition of the present management of the P. M. S. Co., publish a card, giving the reason of their dissatisfaction at the manner in which the affairs of the Company are managed.

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Gov. Andrew is dead. A Boston dispatch of mourning on the funeral of the late Governor. The funeral will be held at the State House in Boston on the 17th inst.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

We take the following telegraphic news from dispatches to the Oregonian.

The trial of Jeff Davis will possibly be postponed. Congress will probably repeal the cotton tax. The President has pardoned Seddon, rebel Secretary of War.

The laws of Tennessee now require the railroads to provide cars expressly for colored people. The whisky refiners of New York City have issued an address declaring that they will be compelled to suspend operations.

Information is received of the death of J. C. Brown, for many years Commissioner of Agriculture. He died at Paris. Advice from a British Columbia correspondent, representing public sentiment there as almost universal in favor of annexation to the United States.

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EASTERN ELECTIONS.

New Jersey.—The Democratic majority in New Jersey, Nov. 15th, 1867, is 1,500.

MARYLAND.—The returns come in slowly, with indications that every official position will be filled by Democrats.

WISCONSIN.—Wisconsin gives about 5,000 Republican majority. The Legislature stands 18 Republicans to 14 Democrats in the Senate, and 60 Republicans to 40 Democrats in the House.

ILLINOIS.—In Illinois there were only county elections. The vote is light, and shows Republican majorities generally, diminishing. Chicago gives a Republican majority of 4,000.

MINNESOTA.—The Republican majority in the State Minnesota will probably reach five thousand. Negro suffrage amendment is probably defeated, though the State is of color.

KANSAS.—Full returns are received from only a few counties, but show heavy Democratic gains. The State will probably give a small majority. We cannot estimate the party strength in the Legislature. Female suffrage and negro suffrage are defeated by about 2,500 votes. Female suffrage ran about 14,000.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Boston dispatches say of the Massachusetts election: The Republican State ticket is elected by 20,000 to 29,000. Two-thirds of the Legislature favor the Union party.

NEW YORK.—The election returns are very scattering. The following are probably correct: New York City gives 65,000 Democratic majority; Brooklyn, 15,000. Both branches of the Legislature are probably Democratic.

GEN. ROSSEAU.—Gen. Rosseau and son are expected to reach Portland in a few days by the U. S. steamer Ossipee.

GALE.—A heavy gale, lasting 18 hours, is reported to have occurred on the night of Oct. 27th, south of Alaska.

Weekly Commercial Review.

Exchange Office, Oregon City, Nov. 15th, 1867.

FLOUR—Imperial, Standard, Monitor, brands \$5.00 @ 57.00 per bl., in 4 sacks; outside brands \$5.00 @ 55.00.

WHEAT—Dull demand at 45 cts. @ \$1.75 bushel. OATS—The demand is about equal to the supply, at 35 cts. @ \$1.40 bushel.

COGNAC—Ground \$2.50 @ \$3.00 per cwt. CURED MEAT—Bacon \$7 @ 12c @ 14c; Hams \$7 @ 14c @ 18c; Shoulders 7 @ 8c.

POULTRY—Chickens \$2 @ \$2.50 @ \$3; Turkeys \$2 @ \$2.50 @ \$3; Ducks \$1.50 @ \$2; Geese \$1.50 @ \$2.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes \$1 @ 25 cts @ 30 cts; Onions \$1 @ 25 cts @ 30 cts; Beans \$1 @ 25 cts @ 30 cts.

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