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FOREIGN.

LONDON, May 7.—A Times dispatch from Vienna reports that rumors come from Constantinople that Kars has been taken and that Erzeroum is in danger. The correspondent says, although these rumors require confirmation, yet what we know already, goes far to excite suspicion that all is not for the Turks, as it should be; nay, there is a good deal that should not be.

Capture of Kars.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—A dispatch says the Russians have taken Kars and captured 17,000 Turks. The attacking army numbered 50,000.

Turkish iron clads are guarding the Black Sea before Odessa.

The Battle at Kars.

MANCHESTER, May 7.—A Paris dispatch dated Saturday, says there is a report current of a great Russian victory near Kars; 15,000 prisoners were taken. The second Russian Corps is marching upon Erzeroum.

A Vienna dispatch of to-day says there were rumors from Constantinople that Kars had fallen.

Alarm in Vienna—A Turkish Proposal.

VIENNA, May 7.—News of the English armament causes alarm here.

It is reported that Turkey is endeavoring to secure British intervention in return for the session of a harbor in Crete for establishing a naval station commanding the Suez Canal.

Black Sea Blockade.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 7.—The blockade of Black Sea ports will be manned by 20 Turkish vessels.

PARIS, May 7.—The official journal publishes a neutrality decree and an official notification of the Black Sea blockade.

General War Notes.

The report of the Russian defeat at Balaclava has been confirmed. The Turks captured three guns. Russian force in Asia is believed to be very strong, and it is likely they will advance soon.

TREBIZOND, May 7.—No further fighting is reported. Moulkhar Pasha maintains communication with Kars. The Russians are apparently awaiting reinforcements. Working parties are loading quantities of Krupp guns which are being forwarded to Erzeroum.

LONDON, May 7.—A telegram from St. Petersburg says the bombardment of Kars commenced yesterday. The assault will take place to-day.

BUCHAREST, May 7.—It is expected that Grand Duke Nicholas will reach here on the 10th inst. Russians passing through here are going to Banassi between this place and Gibrigero.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—A telegram from Tiflis says nothing new has occurred, and unfavorable weather continues.

Seven Turkish ships appeared before Satcha on the 2d inst., remaining one day without firing. On the 3d inst., the Turkish frigate fired upon the port, but without effect.

LONDON, May 7.—A Berlin dispatch says Germany and Austria are negotiating with respect to the proclamation of neutrality to be issued. The two governments are desirous of acting in concert.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 7.—The Chamber of Deputies has approved a bill for the proclamation of a state of siege.

The Turks shelled Bekeel last night, and the Bashli Bazouks plundered the neighboring villages simultaneously.

War Orders.

VIENNA, May 7.—The Sultan has resolved to proclaim a holy war.

A decree of the Czar orders the readmission of General Tchernayeff into the Russian service.

How Russia Receives Derby's Letter.

BERLIN, May 7.—Lord Derby's reply to Gortschakoff's circular has produced considerable surprise and sensation here. It is said to have caused serious pain and displeasure at St. Petersburg.

General War Notes.

The Russian advance guard will arrive at Giurgavos this evening. The remaining artillery started for Alteniza to resist any new attempt on the part of the Turks.

The Princess of Roumania has accepted the presidency of the Jassy committee for the relief of the wounded and widows of the war.

LONDON, May 8.—A special from Belgrade says the Russian headquarters will remain at Kischineff until the 13th.

Kars Fight.

Further particulars of the Turkish defeat and losses before Kars have been received. It is reported that Ali Pasha was taken prisoner.

Turkish Hopes.

Recent intelligence from England, especially Lord Derby's reply to Gortschakoff, revived confidence. It is believed Turkey may still look to England

for support. It is also said, that Austria seems determined to oppose the entry of the Russians in Servia.

Bombardment of Widdin.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 7.—The Russians have commenced to bombard the Turkish town of Widdin from Kalafat, on the opposite bank of the Danube.

Uncertainty.

LONDON, May 8.—Parliamentary debate yesterday clearly discloses the fact that the British foreign policy is helplessly drifting on a sea of uncertainty on the Eastern question. The dangers pointed out by Gladstone are not denied by the ministerial party, but the latter safely taunts the opposition with inability to get popular approval of proposition to coerce England into an alliance with Russia. The position confirms the impression that England will do nothing but watch and wait until British interests shall be threatened by overt acts.

EASTERN.

Railroad Earnings.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The earnings of the Central Pacific the first four months of this year was \$4,734,600; an increase of \$111,000 over the corresponding months for last year.

Sale of Short Horns.

CHICAGO, May 8.—The Bluff herd of short horn cattle, owned by Abner Strawn at Ottawa, Illinois, was sold here to-day. All the cattle-raising States were represented.

NASHVILLE, May 7.—The College of Southern Methodists Bishops have completed the plan of visitations for the ensuing year. Bishop McTyre will hold conference at Denver, Columbia, Pacific, Los Angeles and Baltimore. Bishop Marvin has the China mission, Bishop Keever has the Mexican and Brazilian.

High Priced Dogs.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The Westminster Kennel Club begin to-day, in Gilmore's Garden, its first annual bench show of dogs. There are about fifteen hundred entries, including the finest specimens obtainable of the English setter. One of them, Burges Rob Roy, being valued at \$5,000.

Compliments to the Ex-President.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The World says ex-president Grant, on his arrival in London, will have a special audience with Queen Victoria, and be the guest of Disraeli and other eminent men. It is said that in deference to the high office he has filled, the Queen will pay him a visit.

PACIFIC COAST.

Stockton City Election.

STOCKTON, May 7.—The municipal election passed off quietly here to-day, and a small vote was polled. Considerable interest was taken in the contest for chief of police. W. T. Sawyer, Independent candidate, is probably elected. The balance of the Republican ticket is elected with the exception of Maloon, Democrat, for city collector.

Nevada News Items.

VIRGINIA (Nev.), May 8.—The city election yesterday resulted in the election of Belknap as Mayor; Comstock, Biter, Rawlings, and Kennedy, Aldermen; Seauiker, City Attorney; Hampton, Treasurer; Gracey, Collector. All are Democrats except Gracey, Hampton and Comstock.

A MARION COUNTY STEAMBOAT.

I learn that immediate steps are to be taken to get stock subscribed by the farmers and shippers of this county (in the People's Protective Transportation Company) to build a steamboat to be run in the exclusive interest of this county.

Twenty-five dollars a share and no one allowed to subscribe more than eight shares. \$15,000 or \$20,000 is wanted; the more the amount the better the boat we will have. The stock is payable October 1st, 1877.

Canvassers are wanted in every precinct in this county; men in whom the people have confidence and that are wide awake, good wages paid. Now is the opportunity for Marion county to procure a good boat.

Any person who can possibly do this kind of work will find all the necessary papers with T. B. Wait, at the Salem Feed Store.

The farmers and shippers should give this enterprise encouragement for it will be a permanent opposition and one that will pay a good dividend, besides saving thousands of dollars by securing continued low freights.

Salem, May 9, 1877.
A gallon of strawberries brought to Salem by a boy on Saturday sold for one dollar quick.

YAUQUINA AND CORVALLIS RAILROAD.

The people of Benton, Linn and Lane are finally awake to their true interests, as shown by the large and enthusiastic meeting gathered at the City Hall here, this afternoon, to move in the matter of the Yauquina Railroad.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the road, Hon. F. A. Chenoweth, who stated pointedly the objects of the meeting.

Upon motion, W. B. Hieby was invited to address the meeting, which he did in his usual way, giving the cost of a narrow gauge road, showing that for something less than \$500 per mile, the road could be graded, bridged and tied, ready for iron, and urging the people not to wait for foreign capital, but to build, own and control the road themselves. He exhibited the fact that every bushel of wheat shipped from Corvallis cost 20 cents per bushel to get to Portland.

The new proposition of taking labor, material or cash, on subscription, was urged with favor and met with enthusiasm.

Judge Burnett next addressed the meeting and urged immediate action, saying he would be one of 20, that day, to give a thousand dollars and would give \$500 any way. Dr. Bayley made a rousing speech, saying he would make another of the twenty. B. W. Wilson, who has first, last and all the time labored in this cause and spent his money freely, said he would put a man and team on the work for one year. Bridge builders and carpenters then came forward and offered their services; and it was resolved that on May 15th, ground should be broken on the first estimate of the Engineer. We see the light breaking in on Benton county. The Yauquina road is an assured fact. The people feel its need, and in earnest they are at work. It may take years, but as sure as any one thing in nature can be in the prophesy of man, we will have a way unimpeded to the sea. No monopoly shall rob us of our labor and shut us from the markets and commercial highway of the world. From this on, land is higher in Benton county. BENTON.

CORVALLIS, May 7, 1877.

THE POISONING AFFAIR.

In reference to the poisoning affair, near Independence, referred to in our last issue, we gather the following particulars from Dr. A. M. Bell:

It seems that a Mr. Scott who, with his wife, is taking care of the farm and house of Mr. Elisha McDaniel's, during that gentleman's absence with his family, last week, sent John Seauiker, who remained at home, to Mr. Robertson's drug store, in Independence, for two ounces of arnica, mixed in twelve ounces of whiskey, to be used as a horse liniment. The druggist put it up and labeled the bottle poison. When young McDaniel returned home the family had just finished supper, Mrs. Scott alone remaining at the table. Thinking to play, as she says, a good joke on Mrs. Scott, young McDaniel's intended her to take a drink. She sipped three good swallows before she discovered that she was not drinking wine. Fortunately she had just partaken of a hearty supper which fact undoubtedly saved her from almost instant death. As it was, she was taken violently ill and her life, for several days, was despaired of. Yesterday her breathing was still very rapid, but the nervous twinges had, in a measure, subsided and hopes were entertained of her recovery. There is no known antidote to arnica. The singular and most suspicious part of the affair is that the label on the bottle, having the word poison on it, had been omitted, evidently with a knife. We learn that the Grand Jury of Polk county will be called upon, when it next meets, to make a full investigation of the affair.

An Albany Invention.

Mr. J. D. McFarland, General Agent, had on exhibition this afternoon, a combination harrow and clod crusher at T. Cunningham & Co.'s the invention of Messrs. Kuhn & Harrow, of Albany. The new invention which has been patented is a valuable one and does its work on uneven ground as well and thoroughly as on prairie land. Mr. McFarland, the General Agent, expects to have the rights to manufacture sold for the entire State, by counties, before the first of June.

More Barn Burning.

We learn from Mr. Wm. B. Donica, the mail contractor between Albany and Sweet Home Valley, that a large barn belonging to Mr. Ames, of the latter place, was burned with its contents on last Wednesday morning, the 21st inst., about 1 o'clock. Two wagons, several hundred bushels of grain and a considerable amount of hay, amounting in the aggregate to about \$900, without the barn which was a good one, was destroyed. The fire was incendiary.

Wing Dam Contractors.

Messrs. Grant & Stone, who have the contract for pulling snags and constructing wing dams on the Upper Willamette, have bought the outfit of Peter Paquet, of Oregon City. The outfit consists of six scows, two pile-drivers, with engines. The boats and drivers will be towed to Corvallis by the W. T. & L. Co.'s steamers this present week. Operations will be commenced about June 1st, or as soon as the stage of the water will permit.

New Potatoes.

Hon. L. L. Rowland, living out on the Orphan Home road, is luxuriating in new potatoes grown by himself. The land beyond the old tannery bridge seems to be especially adapted to the raising of this excellent.

Spangle and gold dot vailing at Mr. Milligan's.

OREGON PIONEER ASSOCIATION.

The Sixth Annual Re-Union of the Oregon Pioneer Association will be held on the STATE FAIR GROUNDS June 15 and 16, 1877.

The exercises will commence at 10¹/₂ a. m., HON. ELWOOD EVANS, of Olympia, W. T.

Will deliver the ANNUAL ADDRESS, followed by a PIC-NIC DINNER at 1 p. m.

GRAND PARADE at 3¹/₂ o'clock p. m., under direction of Hon. Ralph C. Geer, Chief Marshal, assisted by James Elkins, Esq., at which hour the OCCASIONAL ADDRESS, descriptive of the Immigration and ROLL CALL of 1845, by Hon. STEPHEN STAATS, of Polk county, followed by a DESCRIPTIVE ADDRESS and ROLL CALL of the Immigration of 1842, by Hon. M. CRAWFORD.

A GRAND BALL Will be given at the Pavilion. Tickets \$2.00. Good music under the direction of J. H. Haas.

THE CAMP-FIRE.

Will be lighted at 8 o'clock, p. m., and short addresses will be made descriptive of mode of living, traveling, condition of country, etc.

For the purpose liquidating the indebtedness, an admittance fee of fifty cents will be charged all male adults at the gate, but members who pay their dues pass free.

Arrangements have been made with the different transportation companies to return home free on the CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION, who will provide ALL with the same, and NONE can return free on the O. & C. R. R., without it.

Camping facilities will be provided for all who wish to camp.

Other papers in Oregon and Washington Territory please copy.

JOHN MINTO, President.
J. HENRY BROWN, Secretary.

Planting in "the Moon."

ED. FARMER: Not long ago, in conversation with a neighbor, he said he believed in planting when the sign of the moon was right; for instance, all root crops in the dark of the moon, and all crops grown for the tops, in light of the moon. I said to him, I have been growing almost all kinds of edible crops for the past twenty years, and I have never failed to get good crops when the seasons, as good, which has been almost all the time in Oregon, when I have planted and cultivated properly. But, said I, I have a sign to go by, but my sign is in the weather, and not in the moon. In the first place, cultivate the ground when it is dry enough to pulverize well, then re-cultivate when it is dry and warm until it is thoroughly cultivated, and all the young weeds destroyed; then plant when the weather is right, and the ground not too wet; keep it well stirred during the dry season, and allow no weeds to sap the moisture out of the ground. Do this, and you can afford to let the moon take care of itself; your crop will be good, if you have good soil.

Roll of Honor.

The following pupils having attained an average of 90 per cent. and over in scholarship and deportment, their names have been placed on the roll of honor: Cordelia Morris, Edward Schneider, Willis Starr, Henry Labare, Anna Romans, Emma Norris, Mary Gist, Olive Labare, Henry Stout, Julia Cox, James Cox, Joseph Holt, George A. Gist, Dizzie Holt, Willie Holt, Alice Cox, Irving Schneider, Christopher Gist, Ambrose Cox.

The following pupils being too young to study, their names are placed on the "roll of honor" for good conduct: Richard Blair, Elvin Taylor, Bruce Labare, Eddie Taylor, Minnie Blair, Clara Stout, Frank S. Bonham, Lola Stout, Elijah Starr, Jacob Starr, Laura Starr, Emma Starr.

Month ending May 4, 1877.
BELLE STEELE, Teacher.

Mehama, Marion Co.

Thomas J. Hubbard, a resident of Oregon since 1834, died at the agency on the Umatilla reservation on the 24th of April, aged 70 years. He was born in Kinderhook, N. Y., and came to Oregon as a gunsmith in the service of the Pacific Fishing and Fur Company of Boston, with which he maintained connection till it sold out to the Hudson's Bay Company. Hubbard then went to Yamhill and settled on the place now owned by Medorum Crawford. Afterwards he lived on a farm two miles north of Lafayette. In 1857 he went to Eastern Oregon and settled on Birch creek. He was one of the best known of the early pioneers.

At Oak Grove, forty-five miles south of The Dalles, there are thirty-five families and good land enough, says the Tribune, for one hundred and fifty. Wheat averages twenty-five bushels, fruit does well, and grazing is excellent.

HALF FARE TO O. S. G.

Arrangements have been made with the O. S. N. Co. and Cal. & Oregon R. R. for delegates attending the State Grange, which meets the 4th Tuesday in May, in Salem, to pay full fare coming, and return free, by obtaining a certificate signed by the Master and Secretary, and presenting the same to officers of said transportation companies.

T. L. DAVIDSON,
Sec. O. S. G. P. of H.
Salem, May 3d, 1877.

Letter from the Master of the National Grange.

William Cyrus, Master of the Oregon State Grange, who is now in this city preparing for the annual meeting of that body, which convenes on the 4th Tuesday in the month, May 22d, hands us the following letter, received from the Master of the National Grange in answer to a request that the Lecturer of the National Grange shall be sent on an official tour to this Jurisdiction, with permission to publish the same as of general interest to the order:

BARTON, ARK., April 29th, 1877.
WM. CYRUS, Esq., Master of State Grange, Seio, Oregon.

Dear Sir and Brother: Yours of the 2d inst. is received. Applications for the services of the Lecturer are on file for nearly every State in the Union. In view of the utter impossibility of meeting the requirements of the Order in that connection, the Executive committee, at the late session in Louisville, inaugurated a system of propaganda, which I have been urging for more than a year, and which met the approval of the National Grange at the last session. The great need of our Order is more instruction in the true principles which underlie our organization, and in the practical workings of the co-operative system we have adopted as a means of developing these principles, which are immeasurably more valuable than the economical advantages so necessary to the business prosperity of the agricultural producer, and which are best secured by a strict observance of these high principles, which our English friends, by careful study and long experience, have wrought into a most interesting science, and given to us a literature which will light our path and hasten our progress.

The committee have now undertaken to disseminate this literature to our membership in the simple form of tracts, the most practicable, as well as the best suited to the mass of our members.

Had this policy been adopted earlier, I sincerely believe we should have witnessed a development of co-operative activity, such as our past experience does not warrant us in believing possible.

The minds of most are increased in the purely material considerations attached to our cause, the rest of whom this is not true, for want of proper organization, are silent and inactive.

Other most pressing official duties will not allow me to say more here.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,
JOHN T. JONES.

T. Cunningham & Co. of Salem, make a special announcement in this issue of their stock of goods for the coming harvest season. Mr. Cunningham has been East to make special arrangements for his own particular trade and is confident that he has secured direct dealings with manufacturers of many of the best machines now made and used, combining the greatest improvements known in connection with harvesting machinery. His advertisement speaks for itself and recapitulates the most important machines he has for sale. For further information he will send circulars, with cuts showing the construction of the machines and descriptions of their improvements and workings. Since coming to Oregon Messrs. Cunningham & Co. have built an immense trade that requires several branch establishments to accommodate increase of business.

The principal supply depots are at Portland and Salem. The Portland house is situated on the river, pretty well up Front Street, where Linforth Kellogg & Co. formerly held forth. The store in Salem is easily found on Commercial Street, but they have well packed warehouses elsewhere, and shops for the manufacture of cultivators, of which he has made and sold over 300 the past season, and for the manufacture of brakes for all vehicles he sells, which alone keeps a busy shop. Cunningham & Co. are also represented at Junction by a branch store where Mr. George Cunningham is in charge, and have another at Albany. Our readers in the Upper country can find the third branch house at Walla Walla, where a large trade is carried on. With these five establishments in existence the readers of the FARMER can without difficulty call and examine the machinery this house offers for sale.

There are at present about 60,000 head of cattle ranging the broad pasturage of Grant county, which give an increase of 15,000 every year. Horses and mules number about 5,000 head; sheep, 10,000.