

**The Weekly Chronicle.**

OFFICIAL PAPER OF WASCOCO COUNTY.

**COUNTY OFFICIALS.**  
 County Judge... Geo. C. Bickler  
 Sheriff... T. A. Ward  
 Clerk... J. B. Grimes  
 Treasurer... W. M. Moore  
 Assessor... J. A. Beckwith  
 Commissioner... J. C. H. Smith  
 Superintendent of Public Schools... T. S. Shaffer  
 Coroner... N. M. Eastwood

**THE WORTH OF CANALS.**

No better evidence is needed than that of the report of the press committee of the national convention recently held in New York as to the sentiment of the public respecting the isthmus canal. The committee says: "If the committee were asked from what source the greatest opposition to the construction of the Nicaragua canal proceeds, it would be obliged in truth to say the railroad interests, which seem to see in it a competition which will decrease the cost of trans-continental shipments and impair the size of their dividends." No stronger illustration of the urgent necessity for the canal can be found than in the fact that the charges of the transcontinental railroads are so excessive that a Council Bluffs, Iowa, shipper found it cheaper to ship goods destined for San Francisco, to New York and thence by clipper around Cape Horn, 17,000 miles to the Golden Gate, rather than directly from Council Bluffs to San Francisco by the Pacific railroad. The fact that the railroads are said to have a well-organized lobby at Washington, to fight the canal bill, gains added significance from this state of things, which ought to arouse the dormant energies of the commercial spirit of the United States.

Gold monometallism is revolutionary and destructive," says Mr. Stewart of Nevada, in a 16-page speech on the 4th of January. Bill will soon come about and tell us that "leather may be coined." It is only a step from the sublime to the ridiculous.

The land office at La Grande did a larger business last year than any other land office in the United States, and when we take into consideration that the expenses of this office were below that of many others it shows good business management on the part of the officials.

Proposals for furnishing 100,000 tons of rock for the completion of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia are asked for. A greater amount of large rock is asked for than ever before as the jetty is now nearing completion and the rock placed on top will be more subject to the action of the waves than that previously used.

Colonel Jones, of the St. Louis Republic, has informed Mr. Cleveland that he does not want a cabinet position. The colonel got in his declination early for fear Mr. Cleveland might forget to make it necessary. There are several reasons why Colonel Jones would never be invited into the cabinet, and they are well known both in St. Louis and Washington.

The scene near the mouth of the Columbia during the storm last Wednesday was a wild one. The Astorian says: "From early in the morning, when the northwesterly gale began to blow, the whole width of the Columbia was covered with white caps and the tide gradually rose until it reached a level with the various wharves. At 1:35 high tide, the steamers and vessels tied up along the water front and topped at their holdings till many of them were on the point of breaking away. The Wallawa ventured out a little and looked around during the day, but soon put back. Although it was an interesting day along the water front."

An exchange remarks that there has been much discussion among American horticulturists the past few years concerning the extreme age that orange trees will bear well and produce good fruit. Some maintain that an orange tree, no matter how much care is put upon it, will slowly wither and die after it has reached half a century of growth. Others have argued that about seventy-five years is the limit of usefulness of a well-cared-for orange tree.

Several American horticulturists who have been traveling along the Mediterranean sea have recently found trees over 120 years old that are still producing fruit of excellent quality. On the island of Elbe, where Napoleon was banished, there is an orange grove of over 700 St. Michael orange trees, that were planted by an Italian in 1781, and it produced last year over 1800 boxes of fruit, but it produced four times that quantity twenty-five years ago. There are several small orange orchards in Southern Italy that are over eighty years old and are still productive of large quantities of fruit. On the island of Malta James Pelman, the famous American horticulturist, found one orange tree that there can be no doubt is 142 years old, and that yielded several boxes of fruit last year. It is even alleged that in the Azores there are orange and lemon trees over 200 years old that still bear fruit, but there is no good authority for the allegation.

Whitelaw Reid has been elected vice president of the Union League club of New York. Well, it's pleasing to see that Whitelaw was not everlastingly wiped off the face of the earth.

The sundry civil appropriation bill before congress on the 1st, was amended by Holman of Indiana so as to cut it fifty per cent, but after a long debate, was rejected by a vote of 48 yeas to 109 nays. Outwalt of Ohio offered an amendment making a cut of seventy per cent, which was voted down as follows, 32 yeas to 140 nays. This leaves the cascade canal appropriation in good shape.

The election of populist democrats in Nebraska and Kansas, gives renewed confidence to democrats in Washington, D. C. They feel morally certain of having their own way on the reorganization of the senate. The holdovers and newly elected democrats, with the five populists counted on, will give them three majorities on joint ballot after the 4th of March next.

The Minneapolis Tribune in its military gossip, says: "It is rumored that the Fourth cavalry is about to be ordered to Texas for duty in the field on the Mexican borders." A Boise city dispatch says: "It is reported on good authority that the headquarters of the Fourth cavalry, United States army, will soon be removed from Walla Walla, Wash., to Boise City. Should this change be made no more soldiers than are now stationed at the Boise barracks would be transferred to this point."

An English dispatch, commenting upon the Sandwich islands "revolution" says the object of the new constitution is to protect the lower classes from foreign land owners, the queen said, and to upset her plan the Americans brought about the revolution. The Americans prevented the marriage of Princess Kalulani to a distant relative of the English royal family, because they feared the increase of British influence and tried to make a match between the princess and an American. A relative of the queen describes her as a woman of fine mind, an accomplished pianist and a talented composer.

A civil suit involving a quarter of a million was decided in the district court at Helena last week. It was the case growing out of the failure of Greenhood, Bohm & Co., who assigned a year ago. Their liabilities were \$250,000. E. Rejal of New York was a creditor for \$50,000. The other foreign creditors were New York and Chicago wholesale firms. The heaviest local creditor was the Merchants National bank of Helena, \$38,000. The verdict today was in favor of the Helena bank, the import of it being that the assignment was fraudulent. One of the partners admitted on the stand that he swelled the invoice \$60,000 in order to get money. The receiver has realized not more than \$20,000 from the sale of the stock.

It is remarkable what travelers women are becoming, and how many of them travel alone. No longer do they need a protector—they can assume the role themselves if need be. Railway conductors say they travel about almost as freely as drummers do, and everybody must admit that this is making the sex more independent and self assertive than our grandfathers would have dreamed possible. It is not so certain, however, that its members will therefore make better wives and mothers. In her enlarged sphere woman has in some instances become a shrewd dealer and capable of driving a sharp bargain with the best of men.

Mrs. Fritz W. Hinkley, nee Florence Rhythe, brought her husband a dowry of over \$4,000,000. The matters of the inheritance and the heiress' marriage are well known, but the public has never known what it cost Mrs. Hinkley to attain her rights in the adjustment of the estate. Her attorneys, W. E. H. Hart, McAllister & Beggs, W. W. Foster, Garner, Bonk & Bishop, took her case upon the basis of a contingent fee. The agreement was made by them and James Crisp Ferry, the grandfather and guardian of the youthful Florence. The successful prosecution of the case has been of extraordinary financial benefit to the survivor of the legal team. The contingent fees and advances contemplate a payment of \$834,342.41 to the attorney and an executrix.

At the last meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society recently held in Portland, there was formed a forest department whose object it is to encourage a greater interest in the history, growth and culture of flowers, both native and foreign varieties; the bringing of the native flora of the state into greater prominence than ever before and the holding of flower shows in the proper seasons at different places in the state. The president of the society was given the power to appoint an executive committee who has full power to conduct this department, and has appointed the following ladies: Mrs. J. C. Card, chairman, Mesdames W. A. Buchanan, M. E. Sheffer and the Misses Ella Tallet and Mary Anthony. It is the desire of the president to appoint prominent and interested ladies in different cities to form local societies which will be auxiliary to and act in conjunction with this society.

The liberality with which our government bestows its pensions is well illustrated in the case of Captain F. B. Johnson, editor and proprietor of the Walla Walla Union Journal. He never saw active service in the field, but was a quartermaster on the Pacific northwest coast. Now in addition to conducting his newspaper and drawing a good pension, he is a commissioner of the state penitentiary, regent of the state university, assistant attorney general of the state and clerk of the senate and penitentiary committee. Notwithstanding his disabilities, he seems to be able to cover a considerable number of salary-drawing offices.

Chicago Inter Ocean. The number of sheep in the United States in 1892 was 1,508,000 greater than in 1891; while the clip of wool increased in one year 25,000,000 pounds. There were consumed in American mills in 1892, 59,000,000 more pounds of wool than in 1891, and 23,600,000 pounds of this increase were of domestic wool. With such facts in plain view let free traders in wool go in and see what they will see in 1896. By that time if the democrats have their way, the American ram will be hunted for menagerie purposes.

A number of old pioneers of Whitman county are desirous of perpetuating and keeping green the memory of early days in the bunchgrass hills. With this end in view a proposition has been advanced for a grand pioneer reunion to be held at Colfax, probably July 4th. The data for the early history could thus be gathered and preserved. Steps for the organization of a Whitman county pioneer association will also be taken.

Among the various rumors is the one that Cleveland proposes "a business man's administration, leaving the politicians to browse for a living."

**The Market Reports.**

THURSDAY, Feb. 8.—The market continues lifeless, and prices remain unchanged with the exception of eggs, which are marked up to 25 and 40 cents per dozen. The produce quotations are steady with a good supply in stock.

BAILEY—The market is nearly lifeless in barley, prices are down to 70 and 75 cents per 100 lbs.

WHEAT—The oat market is stiff and offerings are light at \$1.25 cents per 100 lbs. Rye 75 cents per bushel.

MILLET—Hemp and shorts are quoted at \$18.00 per ton, middlings \$22.50 to \$23.00 per ton. Rolled barley, \$23.00 to \$24.00 per ton. Shelled corn \$1.25 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Salem mill flour is quoted at \$5.50 per barrel. Diamond brand at \$5.90 per bbl. per ton and \$4.00 per bbl. retail.

HAY—Timothy hay ranges in price from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per ton, according to quality and condition. Wheat hay is in full stock on a limited demand at \$9.00 to \$12.00 per ton. There is no inquiry for oat hay, and prices are off. Alfalfa hay is not much called for, and is quoted at \$10.00 to \$12.00 per ton. These quotations are for baled hay exclusively.

BUTTER—Fresh roll butter at 55 to 60 cents per roll, in brine or dry salt we quote 40 to 45 cents per roll.

EGGS—The egg market is short in supply and good fresh eggs find ready sale at 25 cents per dozen cash.

PORK—There is a fair demand for hogs for a home market and for shipment to Portland. Chickens are quoted at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per dozen; turkeys 8 to 10 cents per lb.; geese \$7 to \$8 per doz, and ducks \$5 to \$6 per dozen.

BEEF & MUTTON—Beef cattle is in moderate demand at \$2.00 per 100 weight gross to \$2.50 for extra good. Mutton is held at an advance of last years prices and is quoted at \$3.50 to \$5.25 per head. Pork offerings are light and prices are nominal to 5 to 4 1/2 cents gross weight and 5 1/2 to 6 cents dressed.

STAPLE GROCERIES.

COFFEE—Costa Rica, is quoted at 22 1/2¢ per lb. by the sack. Calcutta, 25¢. Arabica, 25¢.

SUGAR—Golden C. in bls or sack, 15 00; Extra C, 15 10; Dry granulated 16 00; In boxes, D. G., in 30 lb boxes, 12 00. Ex C, 11 85. GC 11 75.

RYE—\$2.00 per 100 lbs. RICE—Japan rice, 5 1/2¢; Island, rice, 7 cts.

BEANS—Small whites, 4 1/2¢; Pink, 4 1/4¢ per 100 lbs.

LIVERPOOL, 50 lb sk, 65¢; 100 lb, 11 70; 200 lb sk, \$2.00. Stock salt, \$16.00 per ton.

DRIED FRUITS—Italian prunes, 12¢ per lb. by box. Evaporated apples, 10¢ per lb. Dried grapes, 9¢ per pound.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.

POTATOES—Perless, Buffalo whites, Snowflake and Barlink seedlings quoted at \$1.25 per 100 lbs.

ONIONS—The market quotations for A onions is \$1.50 per 100 lbs.

**Circular Letter.**

The following resolutions, were presented at the recent session of the sovereign executive council of the Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World, held at Omaha, Nebraska, and having been thoroughly explained and discussed, prevailed unanimously amidst much enthusiasm:

WHEREAS, an emergency exists, it is hereby resolved that a life membership certificate shall be issued by the Sovereign Camp to all members of the Woodmen of the World, under the following conditions:

When the certificate of a Sovereign who has entered the organization, between the years of 18 and 33, has been in force and binding for 33 years, or of members entering at 34 to 43 years of age, when the certificate has attained the age of 25 years and of all members entering the order over 43 years of age when the certificate has attained the age of 25 years:

That after the said life membership certificate has been issued the life members shall be not liable for dues, assessments or per capita tax. That all the Sovereign Managers shall quarterly issue assessments upon all members of the Woodmen of the World regardless of jurisdiction or nation, for a sufficient amount to pay all death claims, accruing during the previous three months for said life members who have died during said time under this provision, and that any life members, visiting a camp, shall be greeted with the honors of this fraternity and be seated at the right of the Consul Commander and shall be entitled to wear a life membership badge to be furnished by the Sovereign Camp.

Presented by F. A. Falkenburg, Head Consul Pacific Jurisdiction.  
 Seconded by F. F. Roose, Sovereign Banker.

The above applies to all neighbors of Pacific Jurisdiction, from 21 to 60 years of age, and the term commences with the date of beneficiary certificates held by the members.

**DIED.**

At Los Angeles, Cal., on the 6th day of Feb., 1893, Rev. Ephraim P. Roberts, Mr. Roberts was born in Dennington, Vt. on the 23d day of Oct., 1825. At the age of twenty-five years he entered Williams college and was graduated from that well known school in 1854; immediately after graduation he entered the Bangor Theological Seminary, at Bangor, Me., and was graduated from that school in 1857, and was at once ordained at Bangor as a minister of the Congregational church. As a student he was thorough and painstaking, and was especially devoted to languages and literature.

During the same year in which he was ordained he was married to Miss Myra H. Farrington, a native of Maine, and at once started with his bride for the Caroline Islands, to which he had been assigned as a missionary by the American Board of Com. for Foreign Missions. Mr. Roberts and his wife spent a few months in the Sandwich Islands on their return and, in the fall of 1861 they came to Portland, Or. In 1862 they located at White Salmon, Wash., where they continued to live until 1866, at which time they removed to The Dalles, where they have resided ever since.

Since Mr. Roberts came to The Dalles he, with his sons, have been engaged principally in sheep raising and fruit growing, and in both have been very successful. Notwithstanding his time was occupied in the management of these industries, he nevertheless found much time for effective and acceptable missionary work among the small settlements throughout Wasco county.

His interest and efforts in this respect were indefatigable, and his friends were in number as were his acquaintances. While his life, since he came to Oregon, was a retired one, its efficiency in the work of elevating the life of those with whom he came in contact was great. He will be missed and his death is mourned as well by those who were connected with him in his work and in full sympathy with him, as those who disregarded his words and example, but who nevertheless appreciated his kindly interest. Through his special efforts, the Congregational church of Fairview, about ten miles south of The Dalles, was organized, and to it he devoted much time and labor, with no other compensation than the affectionate gratitude of its members. As a member of the local and state horticultural societies he was very active, and will be missed by those interested with him in the work of improving and extending the fruit industry of Oregon.

During the last year of his life he was a great sufferer from rheumatism; and although he sought relief at various sanitariums, his only relief came at his death. Mr. Roberts leaves a widow and nine children. Arrangements for the funeral are not yet complete.

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