

THE OREGON MIST.

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THE GRAND JURY'S ECONOMY.

The grand jury spent five days the last term of court, that is they draw pay for five days' attendance. One day out of the five the jury was adjourned, and no one but themselves seem to know why they adjourned. They say in their final report that: "We have examined into all charges of crime brought before us, and have returned indictments in all cases where, in our judgment, the evidence is sufficient to support a conviction." They do not say in their report whether or not they found any true bills, or in fact whether they really accomplished anything or not. They did not even examine the county records, claiming that it would occupy too much time; and finally concluded the five-day session by jumping onto the county court for its extravagance in allowing certain fee bills for searching for criminals. This is a very grave error. Are we to allow burglars, thugs and villains of all classes to feast and fatten off our citizens and make no effort to capture them? Morality and common decency cries aloud for protection in all such cases at any cost, the report of the grand jury notwithstanding. They also imply that the county court is too free to allow exorbitant claims against the county, which charge is wholly unwarranted. In former years, when we had but one session of court a year, the grand jury would complete its labors in detail and get through in about three days. Now we have a term every six months and it takes five days to a session. And yet the grand jury cautious the county court to use more rigid economy in allowing claims against the county. This comes with rather poor grace from the "five-day session" grand jury, and the economy may commence when the grand jurors' bills are presented to the court.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANAMAKER is about to take a step beyond anything previously accomplished in the establishment of a scheme for collecting letters, papers and packages from dwelling to dwelling and from shop to shop, so that no one need ever be obliged to go outside of his domicile for the purpose of sending such matter in Uncle Sam's care. The new plan will be put into operation early in the coming year. Last October a circular was issued by the department, asking the inventors of the country to exercise their wits in devising a suitable letter box for attaching to each citizen's door in every town and city in the Union. It was explained that the object was to save the postman's time in waiting for an answer to the bell, and to render the delivery of mail as convenient to the recipient as possible. Requirement was made that the receptacle should be cheap, neat in appearance, simple of operation, secure against thieves, and so constructed that its contents should be protected against rain, sleet, snow and dust. Furthermore, the mail was not to be accessible at the same time to the postman and the recipient. In response to this advertisement 400 models were submitted, but none of them were deemed satisfactory, and so a second circular, to similar effect, was sent out. Ten hundred and thirty-five models rewarded this second appeal, and among the number several designs were thought deserving of commendation by the commission appointed for judging the competition. Only one, however, was actually recommended, and this pattern will undoubtedly receive the official approval of the postmaster general.

THERE is not another city in this state so comfortably situated in every particular as is St. Helens. We have three round-trip steamers daily to Portland and three trains, besides several other steamers including those that carry the mail, in fact we have transportation facilities unequalled by any city in the state outside of Portland. The full length of Columbia county is abundantly supplied with transportation lines, so that at almost any hour of the day or night our citizens may board a steamer or railroad train and bid themselves away to a market at either end of the route—Portland or Astoria. If you have produce for the market you can board a steamer in the morning, take it to the market and return home the same day, making 100 miles of travel, if you start from Rainier, and allow you four or five hours in Portland. It is with pride we call attention to these facts when we compare them with the inconveniences suffered by a great many other parts of the state.

We advise people who have important messages to send in this state, and especially in this particular part of the state, to go in person and deliver them. If you depend upon the mail to do it for you it may reach its destination and it may not, or if it does get through there is no telling how long it will take. We believe there are certain postal clerks on some of the transportation lines plying past St.

Helens that if they were put to a test could not distinguish the difference between black and white, yet they are kept in the postal service and the people are forced to submit to their incompetency. It takes all the way from three hours to three weeks to get a letter from Portland under the present status of things.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16, 1891. The president and his official advisors formed what might be called a "happy family" at the last cabinet meeting, and there was ample cause for happiness on the part of the men who control and shape the policy of the present administration, which promises to occupy a proud position in the history of our country, particularly that portion treating of the enlargement and extension of American commerce with foreign countries. Although the official announcement cannot yet be made, it is known that a reciprocity agreement has been made with Germany that will either allow American wheat to enter that country free of duty or admit all American grain at a merely nominal duty. Isn't that good news? Particularly when it is estimated that Germany, on account of her short crop, will want at least 100,000,000 bushels of our surplus wheat this year. There was also another cause for rejoicing at the cabinet meeting. Minister Porter, who represents the United States at Rome, Italy, has succeeded in getting the Italian government to follow the lead of Germany and Denmark and agree to remove all restrictions upon the importation of American pork. No wonder Secretary Rusk's kindly face beams these days. He accepted the agricultural portfolio because he believed that he could be of service to the farmers of the country, and he is justly proud to be a member of an administration which has already done more for American farmers than any single administration in the history of the country. Reciprocity has been extended and will continue to extend our commerce, while the most inspection law, the passage of which was largely due to the personal efforts of Secretary Rusk, is nobly doing its part towards enriching the American farmer.

The democrats have been unusually unfortunate in their recent misstatements. Everybody remembers the announcement made with a great flourish of trumpets in democratic newspapers about the time that Hon. Frederick Douglass resigned as United States minister to Hayti, to the effect that Mr. Douglass was very much down on the administration, and that he proposed leading a revolt among the colored voters against Mr. Harrison's re-nomination. Of course nobody who knew Mr. Douglass placed the slightest credence in the story at the time it was started, and now, for the benefit of those who do not know him, it can be stated that he made the most effective denial possible, in a lecture here this week, by announcing himself as being in favor of a second term for Mr. Harrison.

The loss of the United States steamer Dispatch, which for some years has been known as the "president's boat," removes a vessel that has long been called by sailors a "Jonah," because of the many accidents which have happened to her. It is probable that she would have been condemned soon if she had not been wrecked.

Secretary Tracy and Commissioner Folger, chief of the bureau of ordinance of the navy, paid an official visit to the Bethlehem Iron Works at Bethlehem, Penn., this week, in order to inspect the forging of the steel that is being used to make the new guns for our navy—guns which experts pronounce to be the best of their class in the world. The secretary expresses himself as being pleased with what he saw.

This is the first week of the October term of the supreme court, but all the big cases have been postponed until next month, owing to the absence of Chief Justice Fuller and the illness of Justices Gray and Bradley.

The president broke the record this week while receiving the members of the Epworth League by shaking hands with 700 people in twenty-three minutes.

It is understood that the vacancy in the court of claims will be filled before the court meets for the fall term, which it will do on the last Monday in this month, and there is an impression among those usually well informed that ex-Representative Thompson, of Ohio, will receive the appointment.

Mr. Halford, the president's private secretary, who has been quite ill, is now in proving, though not yet able to resume his duties. He is sadly missed when absent from the White House, particularly by the newspaper men, who always find him ready to extend all the courtesies in his power to them and to tell them anything which he may properly tell.

Secretary Foster will leave for Ohio in a day or two to remain during the rest of the campaign, in which he proposes to take an active part.

SUB-TREASURY.

ERRORS MIST: Sir—In your issue of October 2, "I. C. Q." contemplates that greenbacks are not flat money. Flat means, "let it be done; a degree; a command to do something." Webster. Flat, "a decisive or effective command;" in law, "a short order or warrant by a judge for making out

and allowing certain proceedings."—Model Encyclopedia, compiled by the Farm and Fireside. Greenback, "A popular name for the paper money of the United States, first issued in 1862; so called from the back of the note being of a green color. The term is some time used to include the United States bank note."—Model Encyclopedia.

"On the 20th day of February, 1862, President Lincoln approved the legal tender act passed by congress. By it the secretary of the treasury is authorized to issue notes of not less than \$5, to the amount of \$100,000,000, not bearing interest, payable in Washington and New York, the notes to be legal tender for all debts, public and private, and to be received and paid by the government for all purposes, except duties on imports and interest on public debt, those to be paid in gold."—United States History.

This is proof that greenbacks was fiat money, and therefore the depreciation because those government notes (flat money) were not based on gold.

Supposing I owe "I. C. Q." \$1000, for which he holds my note payable in United States gold coin, and I mortgage my farm on the sub-treasury plan and get the government note (flat money) to that amount, and offer it to "I. C. Q." for my note, which he holds. He would not be obliged to accept it if it is not gold coin; therefore I shall have to get it cashed. When I offer the same to a capitalist will he not "shave" it; and tell me as it is only bearing 2 per cent, he cannot cash it for its face; and therefore depreciate the note to the very figure he chooses. Moreover, when he brings those notes back to the government to be paid, if the government cannot pay it for want of funds, will it not be obliged to give up the security I deposited; and leave me to the mercy of the capitalist, and the last error be worse than the first?

Also "I. C. Q." insists that I "did not try" to get enlightened on the sub-treasury plan. Now I would like to have him mail me all the sub-treasury plans that are in his possession, in care of postoffice box 18, Deer Island, Oregon. He may have something that I have not yet seen.

Does it not look reasonable that the sub-treasury scheme is a plan the capitalist have invented to corner all the gold and put something in circulation so that gold will bring a premium; and if the sub-treasury advocates the loan on land and other ample securities, how much can the railroad companies borrow on the same plan?

STATE SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Figures From All the County School Superintendents.

The school statistics presented in the annual reports of the several county school superintendents for the year 1891 have been collated and tabulated in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. These statistics are compiled from the reports which were made by the superintendents of March 1st, as provided by law. Below are presented some of the most interesting points of these reports.

Table with 3 columns: Counties, Persons, School Age, Enrolled. Lists counties like Baker, Benton, Clackamas, etc.

The summaries below are for the thirty-one counties of the state: Number of resident pupils enrolled in public schools, during the year, under 6 years of age, 3327; number of teachers employed during the year, 1574; number failing to obtain certificates, 428; number of children between the ages of 4 and 20 not attending any school during the year, 29,616; number of teachers employed in private schools, 296; private school attendance, 6666; estimated value of school houses and grounds, \$1,906,431 90; value furniture, \$160,012 39; value apparatus, etc., \$58,357 76; insurance on school houses and property, \$728,447 50;

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average amount of salary paid teachers—male \$49 10, female \$47; number of school districts in the state 1747; number of school houses built during the year—log 12, frame 108, brick 1; number of school houses in the state—stone 2, brick 9, log 113, frame 1246; number of universities, colleges and academies 50, employing 234 teachers, with an attendance of 4879; number of legal voters for school purposes, 54,487. During the year twenty-eight county institutes were held and those were attended by 1661 teachers. Forty-five local institutes were held during the year.—Salem Statesman.

DISTRICT COURT.

Proceedings of the October Term, 1891—Taylor, Judge.

(Continued from last week.)

Muckle Bros. vs. A. H. Blakesly et al.; decree of foreclosure.

A. Seffert was excused as a grand juror on account of sickness and L. Archibald was appointed by the court in his stead.

F. M. Fowler vs. D. H. Harrell; sale confirmed.

Emma Jones vs. W. E. Jones; decree of divorce granted and plaintiff allowed the custody of the minor heir.

W. J. Bevis vs. J. B. Haley; judgment for plaintiff for costs.

State of Oregon vs. W. S. Drew; defendant convicted of simple larceny and was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail.

State of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen; dismissed.

State of Oregon vs. Fred Straight; dismissed.

State of Oregon vs. Alex Brown; continued for the term.

BILLS ALLOWED.

E. K. Quick, clerk, fees, \$15 00; W. A. Meeker, sheriff, 25 00; S. Meeker, bailiff, 15 00; S. Seubler, bailiff, 15 00; T. A. McBride, district attorney, 35 00; C. E. Runyon, reporter, 10 00; Adjudged sine die.

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Petition for Liquor License.

To the Honorable Commissioners and County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County: We, the undersigned, legal voters in Oregon residing in the county of Columbia, do hereby petition your honorable body that a license be granted under A. Wood to sell spirituous liquors in Deer Island precinct, in the quantities less than one gallon, from date of November 4, A. D. 1891; and your petitioners will ever pray.

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