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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Avon lodge No. 62, meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, in Odd Fellows hall, St. Helens, Oregon. Transient brethren invited to attend.

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ST. HELENS, OREGON, AUGUST 24

THE constitution very clearly provides that all revenue bills shall originate in the house of representatives. But of the bill which just passed the only part which originated in the house is, "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled."

THE man who lives in Oregon, where he is absolutely certain to reap whatever he plants, is exceedingly fortunate. The owner of any five acres in this country, if he put it in cultivation, is richer and surer of an income to support his home, than the owner of any 160 acres of land in the entire Mississippi valley.

THE MIST does not want to be understood as being especially in favor of St. Helens as against other places for the starting point for the proposed Nehalem road. On the contrary, Columbia county's interests come first, and if the people decide to build a railroad, wagon road, or make any other substantial improvements, we say, Amen.

MANY plans and suggestions have been advanced regarding a road across the mountains to the Nehalem valley. Public sentiment on this side of the mountain seems to favor a steam motor line, and the most practicable route the one surveyed out about three years ago by a party in St. Helens, which follows up Milton creek to or near Peris, then across the divide at the head of the Clatskanie and over into and down the valley of Oak Ranch creek to Nehalem river, thence up said river to Vernonia, or any other point which might be selected in that part of the valley. It is claimed the grade over this route would be lower than by any other, and if such is the case there remains no question but that this one will receive favorable consideration at the hands of those interested. However, the first thing to be considered is whether or not sufficient means can be secured to build the road, without special reference to any particular route. What we want is the road regardless of personal interests.

THE people of Columbia county have it in their power to take an important step in the line of progress. They have it within their grasp to build and equip a railroad from the fertile Nehalem valley to the Columbia river. But will they do it, is the all important question? The plan suggested at the Vernonia meeting two weeks ago is, in our opinion, a good one. By issuing labor certificates, which ought to be taken in exchange for merchandise by our merchants and by them exchanged for stock in the company, the roadbed could be built, and when that is done the roadbed would be guiltedged security for sufficient funds to equip the road. There is no business man who cannot readily see that such a road, tapping the splendid belt of timber that it does and terminating in such a fertile valley, and last but not least a region with an unlimited amount of coal, would from its completion be a paying investment. Indeed, after the first six miles from the Columbia river is complete it would tap a sufficient belt of timber to yield an income, with which to further the construction. We might add in this connection that to insure the success of the undertaking no great amount of attention should be given outside manipulators. We have been waiting all these years for the aforesaid outside parties to do something to develop the vast resources of this county, but alas, to our discomfiture they are all wind. If we are to succeed it must be by co-operate effort within our own borders.

SHOULD BUILD THE ROAD.

While we have no desire to dictate in the premises, yet feeling an interest in common, at least, with every good citizen of the county in road matters we claim the right to express an opinion on all matters of public import.

In referring to the proceedings of the road meeting held at Vernonia two weeks ago we notice that there is a diversity of opinion regarding the kind of road, the route and plan of procedure to obtain the desired result. While all of the propositions, if carried out, would be good, the question that should be most seriously considered is the one which, other things being equal, could be carried forward to a successful termination, with a view always to good results with the least money. Then again harmony of sentiment is necessary. Without it no plan will succeed no matter how much money is available. It is true every man who has a plan in view feels that his is the best and consequently clings close to his individual opinion; but if any one of the plans are to succeed it can only be done by the will of the majority predominating, and all pool issues together in the work.

The people of this county and more especially those of the Nehalem valley well remember the fate of Astoria railroad propositions, caused by obstinate views as to plans and subsidies, and how one set of people are disposed to wait for new propositions which have not and will not materialize. The same thing is being tried in the present Nehalem road effort by the Portland General Electric Company. We do not doubt the fact that an electric road into the Nehalem valley would be a good thing, but such a feat is only among the possibilities at this time, and the proposition to build such a road savors very much of the Baxter plan to build the Astoria road, which only in the end acted and served as an obstruction to the plans which could, and no doubt would have been successful if Baxter and his henchmen had been out of the way. There seems but one way to get a rail road into the Nehalem valley, and that is for the people of Columbia county to build it. Temporizing with the scheme and waiting for others to act will not accomplish anything, and the longer the people wait for outsiders to act the greater the diversity of opinion will be, and harmony and co-operation an absolute impossibility. Whatever plan decided upon should be taken in hand by our own people and pushed forward under their supervision exclusively. "The Lord helps those who help themselves," is a motto very appropriate just at this time; and if the Portland General Electric Company or any other company see fit to aid in the good work, all well and good. But independent action should be the guide board in this matter. None other, in our opinion, will or can succeed.

At the meeting to be held at Vernonia tomorrow, as we have been informed, some definite steps are to be taken, and all interested should be present. It is a matter in which every man, woman and child in Columbia county should feel an interest. It is not a question of politics but one common cause in which the welfare of the whole people is at stake.

Cowlitz County Republicans.

The county republican convention for Cowlitz county, Washington, was held last Saturday, and the following ticket nominated: Representative, W. H. Ham; attorney, E. W. Ross; clerk, Joseph Smith; sheriff, A. L. Watson; auditor, Walter Lyons; treasurer, A. L. Stevens; superintendent of schools, T. Adams; assessor, C. D. Mowrey; coroner, Dr. J. C. Darnell; commissioners, H. H. Harvey and I. N. Beighle. The convention adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we favor a money of gold, silver, and paper, interchangeable one with the other, of equal debt-paying and purchasing power; a money equal in law and equal in fact.

Resolved, That we favor a free use of silver in our national currency just as rapidly as the same can be brought about, without subjecting said money metal to depreciation.

Resolved, That we favor instructions to our senators and representatives in congress, requesting the enactment of immigration laws absolutely prohibiting the vicious, paupers and indolent classes of foreign lands from reaching our shores.

Four Men Drowned.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 19.—Lieutenant Crosby, in command of the steamer McArthur, of the United States coast and geodetic survey, a quartermaster and three sailors were drowned this morning while endeavoring to land through the surf at the mouth of Jo creek, 15 miles north of Gray's Harbor, to erect a signal station. There were 15 in the boat when it upset, and 10 of them managed to reach shore in safety. They had been in the habit of coming through the surf almost daily without accident. The quartermaster was unmarried. Lieutenant Crosby leaves a widow and two children. Following is a list of the missing:

Lieutenant Freeman H. Crosby, United States Navy; John Fryer, Jens Gudmunsen, Wm. Nehm and Alexander Smith.

Patriotic Young Japanese.

TACOMA, Aug. 21.—Five young Japanese of Tacoma sailed tonight on the steamship Tacoma for Yokohama, where they intend to enlist in the army, and fight against China.

To Deport Anarchists.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—A strong report favoring the rigid exclusion and deportatron of alien anarchists has been made by the committee on judiciary. The report says: "It is admitted on all hands the question is one of very great importance and that legislation on the subject is called for by every consideration of public safety. The committee advises that owing to the severe legislation recently adopted by France and Italy, a great many dangerous anarchists are making their way to the United States, and as under existing laws they cannot be denied admission to our territory, the United States will soon be the rendezvous of these human monsters unless the proposed legislatton is speedily adopted.

"Your committee is of the opinion the United States is fully justified by the existing conditions in using all its power to prevent the immigration and settlement in this country of men who repudiate all law, all government and practically proclaim themselves enemies of mankind.

"Your committee has no disposition to hamper the rigorous and prompt execution of all laws providing for the exclusion and deportation of these classes by unnecessary proceedings and delays, and is now willing to concede that the superintendent of immigration and the secretary of the treasury may be fully trusted to confine the operation of the law to those justly subject to its provisions."

Committed Suicide.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 20.—Lane Shortridge, aged twenty-three years, was found this morning just inside the door of Hebron church, eight miles from here, with a bullet hole through his head. It is supposed he had been lying there since 10 o'clock last night. His condition is very uncertain. The ball entered the right temple and lodged in the upper part of the left jaw. It is reported that Shortridge was deeply in love with a certain Miss Powell, and had asked her to marry him. Being refused, he determined to kill himself. Yesterday he came to a drug store and wanted to obtain laudanum for his mother, as she was suffering severely with the toothache. It seems Shortridge first tried to take his life with the laudanum, and being unsuccessful, shot himself.

Supplies from New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The British steamer Cam, which arrived today from Coosaw, S. C., is bound for Yokohama, Japan, and will carry a large quantity of arms and ammunition to that country. The Cam's agents admit that she is going to carry arms to Japan, but refuse to say who are either the consignors or the consignees. They say that already they have secured eight tons of cartridges and fuses and fifty cases of arms for shipment. The Cam is a British vessel, and there may be some peculiar complications in case the Chinese fleet should intercept her as carrying articles contraband of war.

A Runaway Accident.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 20.—Mrs. William Burns, niece of Mrs. J. J. Daly, of Dallas, was killed by being thrown from her buggy, while going to church, last Sunday, in a runaway accident. The horse, in turning a grade, began to kick and run, and her husband, who was driving, asked her to jump from the buggy. She, in alighting, struck her head against an oak stump, and her skull was broken. Doctors were summoned to her aid, but she died in two hours after their arrival. The husband escaped with a slight accident. The family is prominently connected in Polk county.

Killed by a Half-breed.

ASTORIA, Aug. 20.—John Campo, a half-breed Indian, shot and killed Peter Mattson, a rancher, at Seaside, last night at 8 o'clock. Campo was intoxicated at the time, and a knife had just been taken away from him by R. L. Eberman, a saloon-keeper. Campo, enraged at being disarmed, secured a rifle and hunted up Eberman. He fired through the door of the saloon, the ball passing through Mattson's neck, killing him instantly. Constable Stanley brought the murderer to this city this morning. Mattson was one of the pioneer ranchers of Clatsop plains.

Needed in Japan.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Aug. 21.—One of the most important men in this country in his relation to the present controversy between Japan and China, and one who is likely to prove an important factor in a direct way, and he is certain to in an indirect way, in the war raging over Corea, is Col. J. R. Wasson, of Sedalia, Missouri, formerly a well-known officer of the United States army. The Japanese government has sent for Colonel Wasson, and urged him to repair at once to the scene of the conflict.

Joined the Japanese Army.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 21.—Captain J. G. Cox, one of the most prominent Victoria sealers, has been engaged by the Japanese government to take charge of a dry dock. Dr. George H. Duncan, Victoria's health officer, has joined the Japanese army as surgeon.

My boy was taken with a disease resembling bloody flux. The first thing I thought of was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhœa Remedy. Two doses of it settled the matter and cured him sound and well. I heartily recommend this remedy to all persons suffering with a like complaint. I will answer any inquiry regarding it when stamp is enclosed. I refer to any county official as to my reliability. Wm. Roach, J. P., Primroy, Campbell county, Tenn. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
ST. HELENS, Or., July 27, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said County which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," up to July 27th, 1892, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after date of this notice. E. M. WHARTON,
Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the board of equalization will meet at St. Helens, in the Courthouse, August 27, 1894, for the purpose of equalizing the assessment of 1894. All claims for correction must be made before the board. W. H. KYSER,
County Assessor.

THE Japanese nobles have subscribed $80,000,000 as a fund to be used in the prosecution of the war. This fund draws no interest. Thus it will be readily seen that the Japanese have unlimited confidence in their country's ability to successfully cope with China, although the latter country has about eight men to the former's one. The Japs are far superior to the Chinese in point of modern warfare, and consequently stand a better chance of success against their less civilized and densely ignorant foe.

PERIS NEWS.

James Bonnell and family returned to their ranch this week, after an absence of nine months.

C. C. Moyer's youngest son has been sick for some time past, but is at present convalescing.

John and Oliver Smith spent Sunday at the Sarvine residence.

D. H. Pope visited Portland last Monday.

The Brinn logging camp has been closed down for a short time.

It is more than likely that some of our neighbors will be absent for some time as several have been heard to express their intention of engaging in hop-picking while the season lasts.

Eat Anything You Like.

One interested in the subject, having an ax to grind, could without much difficulty prove that every known edible has at some time or other been declared digestible and healthful. Let the experimenter eat with his (or her) eyes shut, and he (or she) will be backed up in what is chosen by some respectable authority. This being so, the wisest plan is to select food according to the private palate utterly without regard to Drs. A., B. or C. (since Drs. X., Y. and Z. will infallibly dispute them), and with the eye of faith fixed on that good day when all digestion will be carried on by artificial means and the whole world may be in that lovely state attributed to George Meredith's gourmet, who is pictured in after dinner ease as "languidly twinkling stomachic contentment."—Hartford Courant.

Bacteria In the Soil.

Some investigations carried out by Dr. Alexander A. Houston of Edinburgh respecting the number of bacteria in the soil at different depths from the surface go to prove that the micro-organisms become less and less abundant as the depth from the surface increases. For example, the average number of germs in a gram of soil examined, which was taken from the surface, was 1,687,799. At a depth of 3 feet this average fell to 173,807, and at a depth of 6 feet it was only 410. These figures are interesting and would tend to show that at a certain definite distance from the surface the soil would be sterile.—British Medical Press.

Although whales grow to enormous size, sometimes 80 and even 90 feet long, the throat of the common whale is so small that it cannot swallow a bite as large as a tea biscuit. The spermaceti has a mouth large enough to admit a man.

Dr. Mendelieff, the great Russian chemist, believes that petroleum is constantly being formed deep in the earth through the action of water leaking down from above upon the highly heated carbides of metals existing there.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah, in the action wherein Wm. Church, Jr., recovered judgment against John Finegan, for $220, and also $72 65, which was given January 25, 1890, and bears interest at 8 per cent per annum, from said date, I have levied upon and hereby given notice, that I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 15th day of September, 1894, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the court house door, at St. Helens, Columbia county, Oregon, the following-described real estate, situate in said Columbia county: The northwest ¼ of section 9, township 6 north, range 2 west of the Willamette meridian, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said execution and the accruing costs and expenses of sale. C. F. DOAN,
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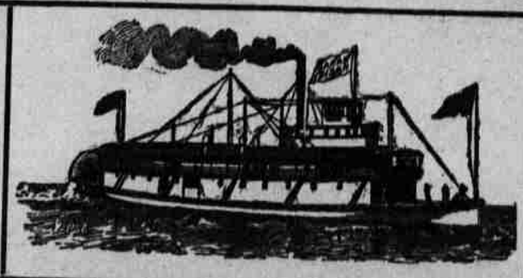

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