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ST. HELENS, OREGON, DEC. 3.

THE WHITMAN ANNIVERSARY.

The celebration which was held in Walls Walls Monday and Tuesday of this week in honor of the departed Dr. Marcus Whitman, was certainly a pretty tribute to the man who "saved Oregon."

"What do we want with the vast, worthless area, this region of savages and wild beasts, of deserts, of shifting sands and whirlwinds of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put these great deserts, or these great mountain ranges impenetrable and covered to their base with eternal snow?"

"What can we ever hope to do with the Western coast, a coast of three thousand miles, rock bound, cheerless and uninhabited and not a harbor on it? What use have we for such a country? Mr. president, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast one inch nearer Boston than it is now."

These remarks were made only 55 years ago by what was considered one of the wisest men who ever stood upon the senate floor, and how ridiculously absurd they sound to us now how they grate upon our pride.

Could Mr. Webster's ghost now visit Oregon and see the largest ships that float under the Columbia river and ply its waters for more than 100 miles, and watch them receive cargoes of golden grain grown on those "deserts and barren wastes," from which the state this year will receive nearly \$20,000,000, would it not think the "three thousand miles of rockbound coast" had a harbor, and would it not see "to what use it could be put?"

All these horrible things existed only in Mr. Webster's mind; and today we stand and point with pride to "what use we can put this worthless waste."

Whatever or how much demonstration was made to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Marcus Whitman is time and money well spent.

That great business improvement has come to the country since last July is conceded by all intelligent observers; and that this is due largely to the passage of the Dingley tariff must also be conceded. Whatever may be the operations of the new tariff, the restoration of confidence brought about by its passage, put into operation millions of dollars which had heretofore been lying idle, and that gave employment to hundreds of thousands of hands.

There is one way to better our condition locally, which is many times a perplexing question, but upon cool, deliberate thought a conservative person will agree with us that our condition might be greatly helped by patronizing home industry.

turned to you in some way or another. In fact, the only way for us to become prosperous is to stand as a unit on all local, commercial, professional and industrial propositions, and the simple way to do this is to lend your financial and friendly assistance to every local enterprise. In short, spend your money at home.

NOTHING pays the farmer like taking care of his stock. The outlook for all classes of stock is decidedly encouraging, and the man who keeps the young things growing and thriving from the start will be well repaid for so doing.

Deeds Recorded.

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SCAPOOSE NEWS.

F. H. Swager is working on the docks in Portland. Mrs. F. Payne spent Thanksgiving in Portland with friends.

Jacob Essig has leased the Willis place on South Scapoose creek. Mr. Woodring, a violinist from Portland, furnished music for the dance.

Thanksgiving passed quietly with a roasting mall at Wats & Price's hall. Dr. Edwin Ross, of St. Helens, spent Thanksgiving with friends at Scapoose.

Mr. W. Hooper, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Hoiland, spent Thanksgiving at the home of the latter. Messrs. Ed Wats, J. E. Blakesley and Thomas Cooper, of St. Helens, attended the Thanksgiving ball.

W. H. Brown started for Ft. Shaw, Montana, Friday. He will teach in the government Indian school at that place. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time set, the viewers and county surveyor failed to locate the West road on the 16th.

Mr. F. S. Tompkins, of Scapoose, and Miss M. Baumgardner, of Deer Island, were married at the residence of the bride on Thanksgiving Day.

man camp. He reports plenty of work but not as agreeable as might be on account of the rain. Jack Byers has rented the place owned by Mrs. Stoddard, but will not occupy it until next spring.

The clouds that for many days hung gloomily over us and went with evident intention to a horridous sea in these Rock creek, moving large drifts, falling foothills and fences, but otherwise doing no damage. In many places it marked considerable higher than three years ago.

The great day of re-creation, with its "blooding matches," the popularity of which is so great in some localities that even "reverends" participate, and the other great day in the year, the one on which we have made our most desperate attempt to reach the heart of her well beloved by placing before him the appealing roast goose, turkey, duck, or chicken pie, with all the "appurtenances thereof," pertaining to a Thanksgiving dinner.

VERNONIA GLEANINGS.

Quite wintry weather. At last the roads are ready for travel. Art Johnson paid the metropolis a visit Friday on business.

John Yarn came in from Hillsboro Saturday on business. John says he has no difficulty in finding work since he has been out in Washington county. Our jeweler, Mr. John Hartman, is kept quite busy repairing watches.

VALLEY ITEMS.

The Rev. Mr. Fairchild will preach at Paris next Sunday, Dec. 6, at 11 o'clock. The celebration of Thanksgiving in Paris was held at the home of Mr. Hendrix, at Ayres. Supper was furnished by Mrs. Ayres at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Death of Hilda Olson.

DEER ISLAND, Or., Dec. 1, 1907. Hilda, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olson, of Deer Island, died for three weeks, died at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, November 30. All that loving hands could do for her was done, but it availed nothing. God wanted her again, and called her back to his kingdom.

There's a pair of little hands laid to rest forevermore; There's two pretty dimpled cheeks whose rich lips opening is o'er. Death has sealed two little eyes that nevermore will smile or weep; Singers of the soul, Little Hilda's gone to sleep.

MARRIED.

RETURNED.—At Houston, Or., on Nov. 27, 1907, Mr. Thomas E. Ruter and Mrs. Sarah E. Ruter, both of Clatskanie, Rev. G. E. Phibrock officiating.

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