

THE WEST SIDE.

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TO ADVERTISERS. Independence is located at the head of navigation (the most oblique road), on the Willamette river, and on the main line of the Oregon & California Railroad; contains a population of 1800 people; is the principal shipping point for the county, which is one of the largest, most wealthy and thickly populated in the Willamette Valley.

BILL NYE says the star of Empire never did a better thing than take its way westward.

THE beach costumes this season are loud enough to prevent one from making out "what the wild waves are saying."

ACCORDING to statistics, Los Angeles receives more papers and periodicals by mail and express than any other city of its size in the United States.

"WHAT are you farmers going to do at the next election?" is a question very frequently asked nowadays. It seems to me quite as pertinent a question might be, "What are you politicians going to do after the next election?" - Pacific Rural Press.

THE East Portlanders and Albinians are getting anxious about the free bridges promised in the great consolidation fight in Portland not long since. Well, the bridges will come, but this great world of ours was not built in a day, hence we should bide our time.

HERE is a picture for the people of all countries to consider: During the 49 years of his life the Prince of Wales has drawn 161 million dollars from the public treasury of Great Britain, and his debts, it is said, now amount to about 8 millions. No wonder the English colonies are not thrifty.

THE Oregon Press Association will meet at Astoria August 26, 27 and 28, 1891. The Astorians are going to do the nice thing by the quilt-drivers. Truly the "pen is mightier than the sword." But clams, and oysters, and salmon, and such brain food, is strong enough for the Oregon editors.

"ONE by one the roses fall." This time it is the Daily Eugene Guard. We thought Bro. Campbell was making a mistake. The Salem Statesman says:

The Daily Eugene Guard, finding that it dispatches cost money, and lots of it, and that nothing is more certain than telegraph bills except taxes and death, has quit the expense.

A CLERGYMAN who did not get on well with the congregation was appointed chaplain of a penitentiary, and preached a farewell sermon to his congregation. There was nothing in the sermon at which anyone could take offense, but some of the members did not like the text, which was: "I go to prepare a place for you, so that where I am ye may be also."

THE Farmers' Alliance in convention assembled last week protested against the building of the new court house at Roseburg, Oregon. The alliance, to keep abreast of the demands of the times, must make no mistakes. This is clearly a mistake, and a great one, too. Douglas county needs that court house to preserve well her records. It will be built, however.

THE Ashland militia are great on the march. One of the local papers accuses the boys of marching their best girls at their regular Saturday evening hops through thirteen and a half miles of dances by actual pedometer measurement. The girls are standing up to their work fully as well as the boys, up to date, and Ashland has a magnificent future before her as militia headquarters.

THE first apples raised in Polk county were grown by Gabriel Harrison, who brought the seed across the plains with him in 1845. Immediately on his arrival he planted them and thus soon secured enough apples for home use. In 1852 he sold apples, as did some others, for \$15 a bushel, the purchaser picking them himself. This is the same year that wheat sold at \$5 a bushel.

THE Democratic editors of Kansas in convention assembled say this: "We oppose governmental purchase of the railroads, but we believe in legislative control in the interest of the people whose chartered servants they are." We emphatically oppose the proposition for the government to purchase the surplus products of the soil as being a plain violation of the constitution. To those who favor governmental loaning of money on products of the soil we quote a maxim by one of the founders of the government, "The government must not become a banker."

A "SEANCE."

The following from the Wasco Sun, published at The Dalles, Or., is putting the thing about right, although in burlesque. The fact is the locks at The Dalles will never be built. No one of any sense expects it. That has been reiterated from the political rostrums for years, saying, "Send me," "I will build the locks at The Dalles," "I will build the locks." Build a good Portage railway, and let the state do it. She is amply able. Let congress go to grass, for its all nonsense to talk continually of what congress is going to do. The railroads up that way do not want the locks built, and that settles it, so far as congress, congressmen and senators are concerned. But railroads do not control the state of Oregon by a long shot, not a tittle as much as they do congress; hence Eastern Oregon should join hands with Portland and The Willamette valley and build all the necessary portages at once. The next legislature ought to speak in unmistakable tones concerning this great waterway. Its importance is not conceived of as yet. The state would be repaid in five years. Here follows a glance at the "seance" behind the curtains from the Dalles:

Senator Mitchell, Congressman Hermann and Major Handbury held a seance at Cascade Locks yesterday. Our citizens were invited to come down and take a look at the GREAT MYSTERY OF THE HERE-AFTER but with one or two exceptions, politely declined. They know from past experience that the necromantic Major can take a map, a report and a lead pencil and construct therewith a grand canal, which, when viewed properly through the bottom of a wine glass, looks the rusey hue of life itself, but alas fades away at a practical touch like the filmy form of a phantom. As much as our people desire the "locks" they have finally concluded that a substantial three-foot gauge portage railway in practical operation is better by far than the "grandest engineering feat of the century" built on paper. We have no doubt the Major conjured up the usual ghost but his phantom has lost the charm of novelty. The "seance" scene might have attracted a few, and the usual display of "hands" prove interesting, but the people of The Dalles have grown tired of visionary nonsense. They have all due respect for Messrs. Mitchell and Hermann but are working none to open the river, and have no time to attend "ghost dances."

However it is well enough for these gentlemen to inform themselves thoroughly on the subject, for they may be held to a stricter account in the hereafter for the way appropriations are spent as well as how obtained.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN.

The death of Hannibal Hamlin will awaken historical and political reminiscences throughout the land. He was first elected to Congress as a Democrat, in 1842, and went to the senate in 1848. In 1857 he was elected governor of Maine as a Republican, but soon resigned to return to the U. S. senate, retiring only when elected vice president. In 1869 he was again elected U. S. senator, and served till 1881. He was then appointed minister to Spain, but a foreign court had no attractions for him, and after a year's service he returned home. He has taken no active part in politics since, but has been generally recognized as a prominent figure in American politics during forty years. Many eminent men have passed away during the past year or two, and now the public mind is apprehensive of the death of another most distinguished statesman.

The Sunday Welcome, of Portland, "hits the nail on the head" when it apostrophizes about as follows: "Most editors are well acquainted with the man who 'takes more papers than he can read,' and so has no use for his local paper. He takes a paper published in Portland, Maine. It contains all the late news about 'The Smugglers Last Cruise,' the adventures of 'Big Moe,' the Bandit King,' etc., and while he is storing his mind with such useful information, his wife is reading back numbered almanacs. This is the man who wants a 15-line local puff in your paper just to fill up, you know, Or, if he be a professional man going out of town for a few days, he wants a 'personal' to the effect that his patrons may know where he is, but is not willing to pay for a local notice. Newspapers exist solely for the convenience of people like this."

A Michigan girl told her young man that she would never marry him until he was worth \$10,000. So he started out with a brave heart to make it. "How are you getting on, George?" she asked at the expiration of a couple of months. "Well," George said hopefully, "I have saved \$25." The girl dropped her eyes and remarked, "I reckon that's near enough, George."

The McMinnville Telephone Register has been figuring on the number of persons which the various towns in Oregon claim attended their respective celebrations, and finds that the population of the state is over 4,000,000.

STATE PRINTING.

An Eastern Oregon exchange says: "The number of pamphlets on different subjects printed at the expense of the state of Oregon has grown into quite an abuse. There is no earthly use for half the printed reports upon this and that subject, only to gratify someone's vanity by publishing books that are never read, except by the state printer's proof reader. The next legislature should call a halt, or the first thing we know this public document nuisance at Salem will be as bad as it has been for many years at Washington city. If the legislature wants to send us paper by the arm load, please don't print it, as after the ink is applied we can't use the leaves for newspaper wrappers." Several of our Republican contemporaries have taken this matter up and it appears to be the general opinion that the publication of so many documents at the expense of the state is beginning to be a serious abuse that should be checked; but care should be taken not to go too far in the other direction. We think, for a starter, the farmers could get along very well without the publication of the monthly report of the weather bureau, which must cost something like a thousand dollars a year and is of no practical service whatever.

THERE are over fifteen hundred millions of dollars in the United States. This makes \$23.73 per capita, for every man, woman and child in our great country. Our wealth has been steadily increasing for the last twenty-five years. We are a rich people. The 73 cents represents the per capita of every editor in the Republic. All rich but him; however, his reward is where sordid gold will not corrupt, nor where thieves can break through and steal. Some of the editors' gold may melt, possibly.

Tulare, California proposes to furnish a novel exhibit for the World's Fair. From a gigantic redwood tree 390 feet high and 26 feet in diameter, will be cut two lengths forty-five feet long, and these will be transformed into full-sized railway coaches by hollowing out the interior; the rough bark of the tree will be left unpolished. The interior will be finished after the style of Pullman cars. One will be a buffet dining car, with bath, barber shop, and kitchen, and the other a sleeper, with observation room. Ordinary car trucks will be put underneath, and the men of Tulare, with their wives and children will make the trip to Chicago in these strange coaches and live in them while there. The intention is to keep these cars in the exposition grounds.

THUS far an aggregate of \$2,695,000 has been appropriated by twenty-nine states for reappropriated at the world's fair.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S PROPHECY.

Here are a few sentences from a letter written by President Lincoln near the close of the war: "It has indeed been a trying hour for the republic, but I see in the near future a crisis arising that unwearies me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the republic destroyed. I feel in this movement more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of the war. God grant that my suspicions may prove groundless."

We notice that Mr. Conger, of Ohio, says that Jas. G. Blaine will accept the presidential nomination in 1892, on the Republican ticket. Very well, we believe in a man of force, no dummy. Blaine has these qualities. So has Cleveland. Nominate the old ticket, and then it will be "free trade" versus "free-protection," and as those two leading features are so similar, the country will be content with the election of either. The politician will be disappointed however. Cleveland or Blaine is our tum tum.

BUENA VISTA ITEMS.

Miss Nellie Cravens is in town, visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Shinis, our warehouseman, took a trip to Salem Tuesday. Miss Mamie Bryant, of Portland, is a welcome visitor here this week. J. M. Sparks threshed over 5,000 bushels of grain from 200 acres. Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Locke are visiting in your city this week. The farmers have commenced hauling their grain to the warehouse. The hop crop of Buena Vista is safe, as the hop bug, so much feared, have all disappeared. W. R. Hall, wife, and son, of Coquille City, are visiting old friends and relatives. They will remain until after harvest, and then will move to Idaho. The potato growers report their crops much improved by the late rains, and expect a large yield, and as there are over 600 acres in potatoes, this means from sixty to seventy-five thousand bushels.

Our community is in sorrow over the death of Mrs. Ruth Hall. She was the sister of our fellow townsmen J. M. and M. N. Prather. There was a large concourse of friends at the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. J. B. N. Bell. L. M. Hall and wife, of Monmouth, attended the funeral, as did also their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Henson, of Winlock, Washington.

We understand that your city council framed a law compelling the citizens of Independence to cut down or destroy all the thistles within her borders. As your reporter was passing the city hall of said city, a few days ago, he was led to exclaim, "What a nice flower guards the fathers of Independence' houses—a thistle!" We think the city fathers ought to reform first, and lay the way, that the children thereof may follow.

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