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OREGON PIONEERS.

At the late reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association THE WEST SHORE was selected as the official medium of the society, and the following officers were selected to serve for the ensuing term: President, Wm. J. Herron, of Salem; Vice-President, Joel Palmer, of Dayton; Recording Secretary, J. Henry Brown, of Salem; Corresponding Secretary, Willard H. Rees, of Butteville; Treasurer, John M. Bacon, of Oregon City. Board of Directors—Joseph Watt of Forest Grove, Ralph C. Geer of Silvertown, Thos. Monteith of Albany.

We propose to issue another mammoth number in July similar to our January edition, only more elaborately illustrated, and we ask of all our present subscribers to call the attention of their neighbors and friends to this fact, and if possible, induce them to subscribe for the pioneer illustrated journal of the Pacific Northwest. As our subscription list increases so we also will increase the value of our paper, and nearly every one of our present readers has it in his power to help to swell our list by at least one. With the assistance of the friends of our enterprise we hope to double our list within the next two months, and open the third volume in September with improvements which, for very good reasons, must not be spoken of for the present.

Sonny, we feel sorry for you. Our friend Baltimore, of the Oregonian, has been making merry over the fact that the publisher of this paper received an invitation to deliver a 4th of July oration at Coquille City, in Coos county. The fact is he feels a little hurt, and is just slightly jealous that a so much younger member of the newspaper fraternity should receive the preference over an "old stager" like him. The fact is, Baltimore, it is not our good looks, but our winning ways. Ahem!

Hirstel & Co., No. 77 Front street, receive additions by every steamer to their already large stock of blank books and stationery, whilst in fancy goods no firm in Oregon carries so complete an assortment. Every mail brings the latest publications, fresh from the Eastern houses. Merchants from the interior will consult their own interest by giving this firm a call.

J. Kohn, clothier, southwest corner First and Morrison streets, received another lot of those nobby summer suits by the last steamer. He also has a fresh supply of elegant underwear suitable for the summer season.

EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS.

Mr. Ruble, a resident of Oregon for twenty-four years, writes to the Dalles Tribune as follows:

All this upper country is far better as a wheat-producing region than has generally been supposed. Land here, which formerly was accounted worthless, will produce, if fall sown, thirty bushels to the acre of good plump wheat.

Beginning upon the Umatilla river and running northeast there is a belt of country of very rich soil, extending along the Blue and Coeur d'Alene mountains, varying from twenty to sixty miles in width. It is two hundred miles long. Upon this tract forty to fifty bushels an acre is no unusual crop. Of the more hardy vegetables the yield is simply enormous. Much of the country is very hilly, and on this account is objectionable to many who visit it. The hills, however, are nearly as rich and productive as the valleys. But though the country so abounds in hills, it is also penetrated by valleys from half a mile in width down to a breadth of a few rods. Perhaps few persons have examined the Palouse country more carefully as to its producing capacity than I have, and my opinion is that there is hardly a quarter section but that one-third or more of it could be tilled, and often every acre. The country is also well watered. Springs abound, but most of the small streams go dry in the summer. If a

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. H. V. V. Johnson, at McMinnville, June 20, 1877, by Rev. R. W. Summers, Mr. George W. Snyder, editor of the Reporter, and Miss Julia Lee Johnson.

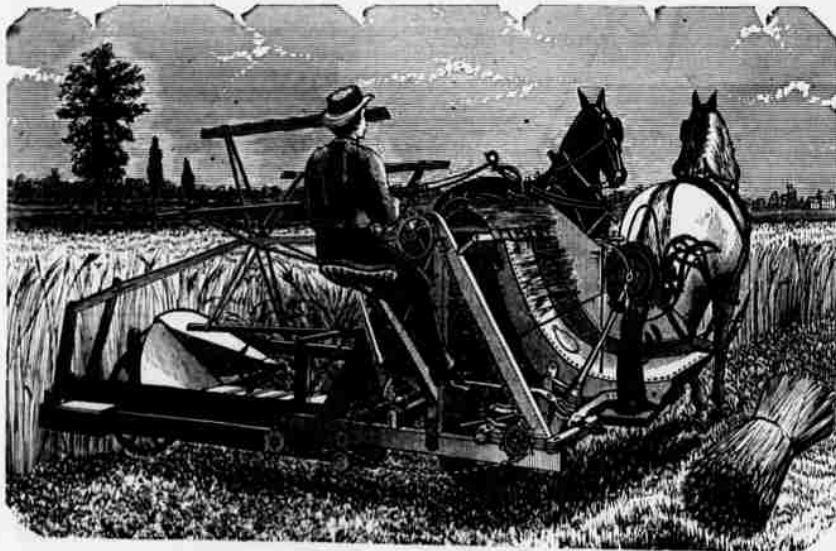
Our heartiest congratulations to the happy couple; to Mrs. Snyder for her tact in capturing one of the brightest stars of the Oregon journalistic constellation, and to our friend George for his very excellent taste.

ENTERPRISE.—Last January Mr. L. Samuel, publisher of THE WEST SHORE, issued a magnificent "holiday number" of that valuable journal, which contained 44 pages of interesting reading matter, and 56 engravings of scenes in the Pacific Northwest. The entire edition cost about \$3,000, and surpassed anything ever attempted in the line of enterprising journalism on the Pacific coast. The enthusiastic reception given to that number, and the liberal patronage extended to him since, have induced Mr. S. to issue a "midsummer holiday number," and for the past two months his artists have been busily engaged in sketching beautiful scenery about the mouth of the Columbia river, Eastern and Southern Oregon, Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington Territory, British Columbia, and the great lumbering and coal mining regions of Puget Sound. Besides these sketches a host of able writers are furnishing interesting descriptive articles. When ready for delivery, in July, this num-

der the homestead laws, not being in possession of 320 acres in any of the States or Territories of the United States, may "enter" at a land office, on payment of a fee of two dollars and establish a pre-emption right; that is, a right to take a tract of 160 acres, either within or without a railroad grant, whenever the land shall be offered for sale by the government, at two dollars and fifty cents per acre in the former and one dollar and twenty-five cents in the latter case. Land offices are located at Oregon City, in Clackamas county, Roseburg, in Douglas county, Lakeview, in Lake county, Dalles, in Wasco county, and La Grande, in Union county; also at Walla Walla and Colfax in W. T.

WOOD'S HARVESTER AND SELF-BINDER.

As some little time yet remains before harvest we present our readers with an engraving of one of the greatest labor-saving machines ever invented for the use of farmers—it is known as the Wood's Harvester and Self-Binder. The engraving gives a very correct idea of the workings of this powerful machine. It will, however, well repay any one to examine it at the establish-



WALTER A. WOOD'S HARVESTER, COMBINED WITH LOCKE'S SELF-BINDER.

ment of Frank Bros. & Co., who are the general agents for the Pacific coast. The harvester is on the left side, and as the grain is cut it falls on an endless cloth, which brings it over the right. Here two iron arms compress the bundle, while a third puts the wire around and twists and ties it, when it is thrown out by one of the arms and laid on the ground about 12 feet from the standing grain. The binder delivers a bundle every ten feet or more, at the option of the driver, who has entire control of the binding by placing his right foot on the brake, as shown in the engraving. We consider this machine

one of the greatest inventions of the age, and what is still more in its favor, its general construction has the appearance of being made for service.

Within from thirty to forty miles of Astoria, in what is known as the Nehalem and Tillamook valleys, are vacant lands capable of furnishing homes for one thousand five hundred families. The land is very good, is easily cleared, there being in many parts but little timber. It is mostly covered with a growth of underbrush. The best routes of getting to these lands are either from Columbia City, Clatsop Plains or North Yamhill.

A person noticing the large shipments of "Home" sewing machines for Eastern Oregon within the past few days would suppose that was the kind of ammunition being sent to the seat of war in Idaho. These sewing machines are such great favorites that Mr. G. W. Traver, the manufacturers' agent, with offices corner Third and Morrison, is kept busy daily supplying the ever increasing demand for them.

The "Prince Organ," is sweet toned, elegantly finished, warranted perfect, and sold at a price that nearly every family in the State can afford to have one of these beautiful instruments in the house. H. Sinsheimer, 141 First street, is the manufacturers' agent for Oregon and W. T.

Under the homestead law every head of a family, male or female, or single man over twenty-one years, a citizen of the United States or having declared his intention to become such, can enter, on payment of the registry fees, ranging from seven to twenty-two dollars, eighty acres of any of the lands reserved by the government within the limits of the railroad grants, excepting lands bearing gold, silver, cinnabar or copper, and one hundred and sixty acres if the claim is situated outside of the latter, always providing, however, that the claimant has never at any previous time "entered" any of the lands in any other State or Territory of the Union. After five years bona fide residence upon and improvement of the land, the government will give the claimant a regular title. Under the pre-emption laws, persons possessing the same qualifications as claimants un-

ber will be a lasting monument to its enterprising publisher, and accomplish a vast amount of good for the Pacific Northwest. As Mr. S. furnishes these mammoth editions to all yearly subscribers without extra charge, and as the subscription is only \$1.50 per year, we think that every citizen of the Pacific Northwest should not only have this interesting journal in their own homes, but subscribe for extra copies to send to their friends abroad.—Oregonian.