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WASHINGTON CO. COURT HOUSE,
Shown on this page, is constructed of brick and cost about \$15,000. It stands in the center of a double block and fronts on the principal business street in the thriving little town of Hillsboro, Oregon. The interior of this building is constructed more with an eye to comfort than ornamentation, and in that regard it is one of the best public buildings in the State.

THE MECHANICS' FAIR.

On page 229 will be seen a good engraving of the Mechanics' Fair Pavilion now in course of construction in this city. It was designed by Mr. J. Krumbein, under whose supervision it is being constructed.

The contract price is \$10,550, but with embellishments, laying out grounds, fountains, etc., it will not fall short of \$15,000. The contractor, Mr. C. R. Deburgh, is doing his utmost to make it a substantial structure. In this laudable work he is efficiently aided by Mr. C. French, who has charge of the tinwork. It is a building worthy of the city that is causing its erection, and is a much finer and more substantial structure than the Mechanics' Fair building in San Francisco. It will be 200 feet in length by 100 in width, with 50 feet ground room on each side. As will be seen, it is two stories in height, contains all the necessary galleries, music stands, etc.

It will be ready for occupancy in time to open the fair on the 15th of October, which for this year will last but two weeks. The incorporators of the Mechanics' Fair are Peter Taylor, Ira F. Powers, Frank Dekum, F. C. Smith. The officers are: President, F. C. Smith; Vice President, Peter Taylor; Secretary, H. B. Nicholas; Treasurer, W. S. Ladd; Board of Directors, Frank Dekum, Ira Powers, Chas. Hodge, F.

THE STATE FAIR

Opens at Salem on the first of October, and will continue for ten days. Should the weather prove favorable, this will, without a doubt, be the largest fair ever held in this state. The elegant new pavilion just completed, at an expense of over \$3,000, will give ample room to all exhibitors, and the many improvements made on the grounds will give both pleasure and comfort to visitors. Let all who can possibly do so visit the fair grounds during the meeting of 1879.

As wheat tests are the order of the day now, we publish the following: Wheat from D. S. Holman's field in Yamhill county shelled 122 kernels to the ear. "Chile Club" from the farm of J. S. McMurray in Polk county, shelled 145 kernels, whilst tests from the farm of David Packer, also in Polk county, give 148 kernels to the ear.

Whilst digging a well in Roseburg, the workmen tapped a mineral spring

which is said to contain sulphur, iron, magnesia and other properties, similar to those found in the famous springs of El Paso de Robles, Cal.

There is a uniform which is necessary for every railroad conductor, namely, uniform politeness.

A great tail-bearer—the peacock.



THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE—Hillsboro, Or.

C. Smith and Peter Taylor. Our citizens have every reason to feel proud of the men who have charge of this enterprise, and, judging from the success every one of them has met with in his particular line of business, we have every reason to hope that they can make our Mechanics' Fair a success as well.