

PORT ORFORD POST.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, - 1880.

GRANT DEFEATED—JAS. A. GARFIELD NOMINATED.

After a protracted and exciting struggle, lasting from June 2d to June 8th, developing no little acrimony among the adherents of the various aspirants, Jas. A. Garfield was nominated at Chicago on the thirty-sixth ballot, leading Grant 93 votes. The latter had an unwavering following of 306 votes, mounting up on the thirty-fifth ballot to 313. The ballot following closed the contest, giving Garfield 299, which was a majority over all, of 43 votes.

Portland and Port Orford.

S. F. Alta.

As might have been expected, the Portland journals do not like the decision in favor of Port Orford as a Harbor of Refuge. Port Orford is not and probably never will be tributary to Portland. Connected by rail with the Umpqua, Rogue and Willamette Valleys, it may take a considerable part of Oregon's foreign commerce. So soon as it becomes a harbor, secure in all weathers and easily accessible, with cheap lines of communication to the interior, it will be one of the leading seaports of the Coast.

The demand of the Portland and Astoria journals for appropriations to improve the entrance of the Columbia River, will not be entitled to respectful consideration until sustained by some respectable hydrographic authority asserting that the entrance can be made deeper and more secure at a price commensurate with the value of the improvement, and explaining the plan with an estimate of the cost. The Columbia River will ever remain, at least so long as we depend upon our present methods of transportation, one of the great commercial outlets of the western slope of our continent; it is already the chief highway of rich and extensive agricultural regions, rapidly increasing in population; and it deserves most careful engineering study and liberal Congressional treatment.

Our Portland correspondent, who criticises the course of one of the Portland journals, makes a few mistakes. The water on the San Francisco bar is about 30 feet at low tide; and the cost of any breakwater to render the least permanent service at the mouth of the Columbia would be ten times greater than that of Eads' jetties.

Inferior Paper.

In consequence of a supply of paper long since due not reaching us on time, we are compelled to print this issue of The Post on unsuitable paper. Our stock will come in such quantities in the future as to render it impossible that a like mishap will occur again.

Arrived After Night.

The Gussie Telfair arrived in this port at about 11 o'clock Monday night, and went on her way to Coos Bay the same night.

AN INTERESTING CASE PROBABLY DETERMINED.

A case of more than ordinary interest, and one surrounded by more than ordinary difficulties, owing to its singularity, was heard at the late term of the Circuit Court in this county. The case grew out of about this state of facts, and was begun by Capt. Tichenor upon the complaint of Asa Carman, W. S. Winsor and M. M. Bates, citizens and taxpayers, against Delos Woodruff, County Judge, and the two County Commissioners, viz:

The county owned a Court House and grounds at Ellensburg, the county seat of Curry county. Judge Woodruff owned a building in the same town situated on leased ground—one lot. The Court House is said to have become rickety and insecure for county purposes. Woodruff's building on the leased lot was for sale. The county purchased the County Judge's house for \$750. The county property was then exchanged, with Mr. Gauutlett, the owner of the ground under the house sold to the county by the County Judge, one for the other. Thus the county became despoiled of all its property, leaving it in possession of a house and lot for which privilege it paid a bonus of \$750, and in addition, \$85 for repairing same. This is substantially the effect of the round transaction. It may not have involved criminal turpitude anywhere, but there was a laches of judgment and business prudence so apparent as to strike the average taxpayer with a sort of amazement not unmixed with positive chagrin.

The decree of the Court in the premises contemplates in its scope the leaving of all concerned *ex statu quo*, as we learn, so far as it may, under the complaint, affect the series of transactions involved.

This thing of continually changing the names of departed celebrities ought to stop somewhere. In the good old days, before culture had overspread the land, we used contentedly to spell the name of the Prophet, as Irving did, Mahomet. Some years ago it was determined that the proper spelling was Mohammed, and this has been generally accepted. But just as Mohammed has become comfortably established the scholars have discovered that the name should be Moohummud. This is carrying the thing altogether too far. We must draw the line at Moohummud.—Ex.

J. N. Siglin, Esq.

The people of Curry county complimented the above named gentleman with the largest majority awarded to any distinctly political candidate voted for at the election.

Adjourned Term.

Several equity cases were adjourned over to be heard at Ellensburg, on the 4th Monday in August, ensuing.

TOWN COUNTY.

Twenty Years Ago.

Twenty years ago, the Government Ship Oneida, having lost her boiler, was beached near Battle Creek in this harbor where she afterwards went to pieces. On the occasion of the visit of the Harley last week, a diver was dispatched in search of the wreck, and had no difficulty in finding it. The object of the subterranean exploration was to ascertain if a lot of copper balls which went down with the ship could be recovered. The insurance association will probably renew the attempt.

A Curiosity of the Deep.

Among other things exhumed from the depths of the ocean on the occasion of the late exploration of the wreck of the Oneida, was a something having the appearance of the remains of a molten mass of iron, with the sole of a shoe in a good state of preservation partially imbedded in one side of it. On the other side was partially imbedded and in a like state of preservation, a small round stick of wood. The curious specimen can be seen at our office.

Six Pages.

Our paper contains six pages this week, made necessary by the fact of the paper used for the main sheet being unfit to print on both sides. Whenever our space shall be more considerably occupied with advertisements, we will issue regularly in six-page form.

A Compliment all Round.

A. M. Gillespie was beaten by Judge Cooley at the late election by ten majority. Gillespie says he has no cause to feel sad over the matter, since it took "the best man in the county and six hundred dollars' worth of whiskey" to beat him.

Fourth of July Ball at Ellensburg.

Active preparations are making at Ellensburg for a grand cotillion party on Monday night, July 5th, at Masonic Hall, Ellensburg. As they never do anything by halves down there, a good time may be expected on the occasion.

Port Orford Gets Both Commissioners.

Messrs. J. C. Coldwell and Carl Jensen, both residents of this place, the former a Democrat and the latter a Republican, were elected on the 7th inst. by round majorities. Both excellent men for the position.

Mail to Newcastle.

We understand there is a prospect of service being resumed on the route some time since abandoned between Port Orford and Newcastle. It is much needed.

The Harley.

The little steamer Harley, in the service of the Board of Underwriters, cruising along the Coast, called at this port last week.

The Gussie Telfair is expected in port to-morrow (Friday) evening, on her way below.

Courtesies We Prize.

If it would not seem invidious we would like to embalm in the pages of The Post the names of the gentlemen, and ladies as well, to whom we are under lasting obligations for attentions and courtesies during our stay of four days at Ellensburg last week. We there met men from every portion of Curry county, and found them so uniformly kind, sociable and intelligent withal, that we were impressed with a sort of magic assurance that our lines had fallen in pleasant places indeed. Indeed the people seemed to vie with each other in efforts to make our stay pleasant, profitable (to us) and agreeable; and to say that they did not succeed, would be to brand ourself as a being destitute of all gratitude and without the capacity to appreciate the amenities of civilized intercourse with our fellows.

And we will take occasion here to say, that in Port Orford and every place we have been in Curry county, we have found the people kind, attentive, genial and courteous, not alone to ourselves, but to all comers and each other.

To conclude, and by way of a slight digression, we will venture the broad assertion, that, taking Curry and Coos counties together, there will be found among the inhabitants of the two counties more genuine hospitality, people of broader culture, and a smaller per cent. of vice than will be found elsewhere on the Coast occupying a like area and embracing a population nearly equal to ours. Every one seems to have something to do and seems willing to do it.

Five Kern county (Cal.) officer and ex-officials have been arrested for forgery and embezzlement.

A convict confined in the Penitentiary at Salem, was killed the other day by a rail bounding up, and hitting him on the temple.

Two steamers, the Narragansett and Stonington, collided off the Connecticut river on June 12. The Narragansett took fire and sunk. The number of lives lost is not known.

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DISINFECTANT.

Non-Poisonous.

IT IMPROVES THE CHARACTER and promotes the growth of the wool; it is a protection against the Blow Fly in Bucks—is Superior to all Dips for Scab in Sheep. It is easily mixed and applied, cold, and is a SURE CURE.

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