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On the misconception of the instructions of the proprietor, the writer failed to convey his real intention in the article on the Industrial Exposition in last week's Enterprise. After the committee appointed by the board of trade to prepare an exhibition, had decided not to proceed, it was not the intention of THE ENTERPRISE to supersede this committee by preparing an exhibit for the Industrial Exposition, but to have a permanent exhibit of Clackamas county productions in the business office of this journal. Already some valuable samples have been sent in, and the patrons and readers of this paper are requested to bring samples of grains, grasses, fruits, vegetables, minerals, woods, and manufactured products, which will be appropriately labeled with the name and residence of the producer. It is not the intention of this office to prepare and arrange an exhibit for the Industrial Exposition. But there is an urgent need of a place where immigrants and people from the East can see with their own eyes the productions of the soil of Clackamas county. Hundreds of people come to Oregon City, remain a few hours, and leave with the impression that this is all there is of Clackamas county. To remedy the existing condition of affairs, THE ENTERPRISE will give space and properly arrange such exhibit, and asks the co-operation of its numerous readers. It will prove valuable as an advertising medium for Clackamas county, and will undoubtedly be the means of adding desirable population to this section. This will prove a cheap as well as effective way of advertising, and can be made a great success. Sample of grasses should be gathered at once and matured in the shade. Send in your specimens, and we will have something to show the intending settler that Clackamas is a producing county.

It is high time the people of Clackamas county were "getting a move on them" in the matter of securing better mail facilities. People living along the Clackamas in the neighborhood of Viola, Logan, etc., bitterly complain that they do not get the Oregon City papers, which are sent out on the trains Friday morning, until the following Monday or Wednesday. This is neither the fault of the Oregon City or Clackamas post offices. The mail for Logan and Viola leaves Clackamas at 1 o'clock P. M. Fridays, and the Oregon City papers are evidently carried through by the mail agents to Portland, where they lay over two or three days before they are returned to Clackamas the distributing office. The only direct remedy is for the people living on the upper Clackamas to petition for a mail service direct from Oregon City, and have the same enforced by the business men of this place, and with the proper recommendations and forwarded to our representatives at Washington. The remedy can be had for the asking, and no delay should be made in drawing up and circulating such petition.

THE Government is paying McKinley prices for Indian supplies. The contracts recently awarded, amounting to over \$2,000,000, call for blankets, clothing, woolen and worsted manufactures, calico, hardware, household utensils, agricultural implements, provisions and grain. As General Bussey sums up the result: "For all manufactured goods the prices were as low or a shade lower than last year; for beef, flour, and other agricultural products the prices were somewhat higher." While the farmer and mechanic are enjoying greater prosperity and still brighter prospects under the influence of the new tariff, all manufactured goods, including woollens, cottons, boots and shoes, leather, iron and steel and hardware of every description, cost the Government a little less than last year.

It is stated that a religious association in Iowa has decided to form a gospel trust, in order that "young men desiring to preach should be discouraged," as they "interfered with men already ordained and getting good salaries." This brings the gospel down to a business basis, and as preachers must give as well as other people, there seems no cause for complaint. It may be found in the long run that the welfare of true religion will be found in a return to primitive systems—some of which still prevail in the communion of Rome. When a person comes within the influence of the gospel, and is impelled to preach and spread it, he will give himself to the church, living in its service, and so employed, is sheltered and protected during life.

THE present stand still in the values of town property can be accounted for from the very fact, that it has far exceeded the actual value of farm lands to an unreasonable extent. But this state of values will not long continue. Farm lands are steadily appreciating in value, and prices are surely advancing. The vast area of government lands subject to homestead and pre-emption entry, have heretofore had a tendency to keep the prices of farm property at a minimum figure. But now that desirable government land is hard to get, the fortunate possessor of farm lands will find them rapidly increasing in value, and town real estate will advance in proportionate ratio.

How many of our democratic contemporaries will be honest enough to give the administration credit for the diplomatic victory it has won by persuading the British government to agree to its proposition for a cessation of the killing of seals in Behring sea? And how many of those which have been trying to make it appear that the president had repudiated Mr. Blaine's original proposition and was working upon his own ideas, will be fair enough to state that the president did nothing of the sort, but took up the matter just where Mr. Blaine had left it and carried it through.

DEFENSE of the tariff policy of President Harrison's administration diminishing our foreign commerce, as the free-traders so confidently predicted, the autumn export trade promises to be the largest on record. All the great European steamers sailing from New York have their cargo capacities engaged months ahead.

THE consolidation ticket was elected in Portland last Monday by majorities ranging from 4000 to 5004 for the city officials, and the councilmen were elected from 150 to 917 majority.

McKINLEY is vindicated by the republicans of Ohio, who have unanimously nominated him for governor. Unbounded party enthusiasm was exhibited. Thousands of people assembled to do honor to Major McKinley.

BERNE sea is closed, and the two great governments will protect the seal. Naval vessels will start at once from San Francisco to assist in driving away poachers. Both English and American authorities will see that the poachers are driven off, and the provisions of the agreement between the two nations will be carried out.

THE horrible accident at Berne June 15, resulting from a broken railroad bridge, and precipitating hundreds of passengers with the wreck into the river, rivals in horrors the Johnstown disaster. Members of the leading houses of Berne were among the unfortunate passengers, and in some instances whole families were lost.

THE baccarat scandal of London, wherein it appears that the prince of Wales and several of the nobility of England were implicated in gambling for heavy stakes is shaking the very foundation of the royal throne. When Americans lose a few thousand in a social game of poker, the matter is never mentioned, but it is evidently different with the aristocratic Britisher.

THE great importance of having an open river between the Falls and Portland is daily becoming more apparent. For the first time our saw and pulp mills are getting logs from the Columbia. Spruce and cottonwood are both suitable for the manufacture of pulp, of which there are immense quantities up and down the Columbia. The increasing commerce of Oregon City is an urgent appeal for an open channel.

THE people of Oregon City should rally to the front, and substantially assist West Oregon City in celebrating the Fourth of July in a manner befitting this national event. This celebration can be made an eventful one and the people should be liberal in contributing to make it a grand affair. Oregon City successfully observed Decoration day and it will redound to its credit to aid the West Oregon City people in having a patriotic, glorious old Fourth of July celebration.

THE present arrangement at the state penitentiary, whereby Messrs. Goldsmith & Lowenberg secure all the prison labor of the state, will soon expire by limitation. This contract prison labor is ruinous to the best interests of the country, and other methods should be adopted to keep the convicts employed. In a number of the Southern states the convicts are employed in working the state roads in the various sections with beneficial results. It would be a grand thing for the roads of Oregon if the convict labor of the state could be thus used.

THE entire citizens' consolidation ticket was elected in Portland last Monday. The Oregonian, regardless of the open sack of the bosses and the champions of ring rule and corruption, made a light for the people and was upheld by the better class of business men. But this was only the beginning, for after the consolidation election the bosses united their forces and made a vigorous fight. But the Oregonian never relaxed its vigilance and the Evening Telegram and Oregon Express stood firm. It was conceded a few weeks ago by a majority of the people that it was exceedingly doubtful if consolidation would carry, but these journals never swerved from the line of duty, and the people who desired pure government stood by their convictions. The people of Oregon can now point with pride to their metropolis of 80,000 inhabitants, and rejoice that it has an honest municipal government.

THERE will soon be an opportunity to remedy the gigantic evil of contract prison labor in the Oregon state penitentiary. The contract held by Messrs. Goldsmith & Lowenberg, the stove foundrymen, whereby they control the working force of the state penitentiary, expires by limitation. There will now be no valid excuse of not getting rid of this obnoxious arrangement. Contract prison labor in the Pacific states is working a hardship to manufacturers as well as skilled labor. In the states of both California and Washington, grain bag manufacturers control the labor of the penitentiaries, making it impracticable for that industry to be carried on in Oregon. A well-known capitalist, who foresaw that the soil of this country was admirably adapted to the production of flax, and that the straw could be used in the manufacture of grain bags to good advantage, seriously contemplated the establishment of a bag factory in Oregon City but found it was impossible to compete with the penitentiary made bags of Washington and California. The Canadian government has placed a heavy tariff on penitentiary stoves brought from the United States, which will have a tendency to discourage their production.

OREGON CITY must awake to the importance of holding her prestige as a commercial center. Railroads have it in their power to make and unmake towns and we must have railroad communication with interior points if Oregon City expects to remain the commercial center of Clackamas county. General Manager R. Koehler, of the Southern Pacific railroad says it is not profitable for them to build parallel lines of road, but that they intend to build feeders to the main line, tapping the best sections wherever practicable. Recently Mr. Koehler, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Barlow, went out from Barlows and made a general examination of the proposed line from Barlows to Willhoit Springs. Thus it will be seen that there is a possibility of the Southern Pacific building a feeder from Barlows that would tap all that rich section of country to Willhoit Springs. In that event Barlows would become the commercial center for the thousands of acres of fertile lands, whose outlet should be Oregon City. Again, when this is done there is nothing to prevent their building another feeder up the Clackamas, and taking the trade of all that section to Portland. In that instance Oregon City would be left in the cold. The danger to Barlows and Oregon City should make desperate efforts to secure the early construction of the proposed railroad from this city to Molalla and Willhoit.

NEWS FROM BARLOW'S.

THE FLAG WAS AT FULL MAST.

Large Crowd in Attendance.

New People Coming and on the Ground.

Other Notes of Interest.

DEDICATION OF ZEEK HALL.—The brilliant lady orator, Miss Katie Kehm, was listened to by a large and enthusiastic audience. The chief feature of the evening of course was the speech by the lady on "The Needs of the Hour." Great bouquets of La France roses and other flowers that stood upon the table near the speaker filled the air with perfume. First on the program was music by the Aurora string band. A poem was then read by Miss Kehm. Another instrumental piece by the band, after which Mr. C. W. Barlow introduced Miss Kehm in a few appropriate words, and the orator came before the footlights under loud cheers and enthusiasm.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am pleased to be in the busy, beautiful, and promising young city of Barlows, and it does me great pleasure to meet such an intelligent audience as is assembled here this evening. She spoke then upon superstitious prejudices, and not to be backward in expressing your thoughts among the people—to break a lance for freedom of thought and untrammelled expression of ideas. We must introduce the social features into these gatherings to keep pace with the literary. All classes, religious, political, financial, social, industrial or otherwise, have their organization acting as a radiating center from which they exert their especial influence—from which they develop their particular interests. People are fast becoming more liberal in their way, and it is only a short time when one can express themselves with no fear of any one criticizing their freethoughtism. We believe it is within our province to accomplish much for good, not only for this young city and state, but for our whole Pacific coast, by organized effort and expression of opinion upon public matters. In conclusion she spoke of the American flag that was streaming at full mast above the hall, and the credit that was due Mr. John Zeek in erecting such a commodious building and having it dedicated for all interests towards advancement. When she stopped speaking cheers and applause were indulged quite freely. Congratulations followed, after which the hall was soon cleared, when the music of the Aurora band started the ball to rolling by a grand march.

LOOKING OUT A MILL SITE.—Mr. Bush, of Clackamas, paid our town a visit this week, and while here looked into the water power. To a correspondent of THE ENTERPRISE he remarked, "In all my life I never saw such a natural race as you have here, and with very little work the entire Molalla river can be turned into this natural race, and can have sufficient water to run any reasonable amount of machinery, and I shall return with some associates who wish to examine the power also. Barlow & Co. have offered us very good inducements."

SUCCESSFUL BALL.—The party given in the new hall last Saturday evening under the auspices of Mr. W. H. Mills, was a successful affair in every respect. A large number from Portland and Oregon City were in attendance, and a most pleasant time was participated in by a very large and select gathering of merry makers. The Aurora band furnished the music, and the pleasant affair was carried on into the wee small hours.

HOME AGAIN.—Mr. and Mrs. William Barlow returned home last Monday after a pleasant trip to Denver. They return better pleased with Oregon than ever before.

RECENT VISITORS.—Among the recent visitors were Mrs B Hammond, Misses Amy and Addie Deas, Mrs Wm Hauhn, Mr A Oarson, Jas Anderson and Fred Stephens of Portland, Miss Bertie Shaw and Miss Lura Miller of Oregon City, Miss Katie Kehm and Mr W W Jesse of New Era, Mr D W Smith of Port Townsend, W H Rees of Butteville, Messrs Giesy, Kyle, Strause and others of Aurora.

MORE COMERS.—Mr. Henry Koehler of Oregon City, purchased two lots on First and Irving streets, upon which he will erect a building immediately. He recently sold his farm in the near vicinity of Grahams and decided to select Barlows for his future home. Mr. Koehler is well known throughout Clackamas county, and we predict for him a successful business in whatever he may engage in.

WILL SOON RETURN.—Mr. A. J. Oakley writes from Peekskill, New York, stating he will start for home about the 20th of this month. We will be glad to see the old gentleman back to his little "lillibie."

A NEIGHBOR'S REMARK.—Mr. O. H. Byland, of Needy, paid our town a visit this week and remarked his being agreeably surprised at the progress being made.

West Oregon City.
Cherries beginning to ripen.
A family by the name of Baker have moved into the vacant house near Mr. Parker's place.

Mr. Lock is building a house on his property here.
Mr. Goodfellow has built a house and moved into it.

Work is progressing on the new school house, which when completed will be a fine building.
Children's day will be observed here by the Sunday school next Sunday.

Mr. Parker is building a house on one of his lots here. He has recently built a house on his 50 acre tract near here. He has secured the services of an experienced man and will engage in the poultry business, having already erected a suitable building in which he will place an incubator.

It has been decided to celebrate the Fourth of July in grand style. Everybody is cordially invited to attend, and assist in kindling anew the fires of patriotism.

The flag entertainment takes place one week from next Saturday night. Already a great many tickets have been sold for the occasion. It is expected a large crowd will be present.

Park Place Cleanings.
Park Place, the pleasant suburban portion of Oregon City, is having a steady growth, and offers many inducements to settlers for cheap and pleasant homes.

The fishing industry affords employment for numbers a large part of the year, while many pleasure seekers and tired clerks and office men stroll here to spend the day fishing in the Clackamas river.

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The Empire Manufacturing Company is doing good work and daily manufacturing a fine lot of furniture that is sent to the home warehouses in Oregon City, and to Portland where the headquarters of the factory are located. Mr. N. J. White, the new superintendent, recently from Cleveland, Ohio, has taken hold of the management of the factory, and as he is a man of enterprise and stir, and one who thoroughly understands his business, bespeaks quite favorably for the office which he fills.

Messrs. Douglas & Matheson, the proprietors of the new steam saw mill on Clackamas Heights, are manufacturing some valuable lumber and have constantly on hand a nice lot of rough and dressed lumber, and are able to fill any and all orders left to them.

The post office established here in August, 1890, receives four mails daily. Last quarter, commencing January 1, and ending March 31, showed a cancellation of about \$50 worth of postage stamps, and will probably exceed the above amount at the end of the present quarter.

The Park Place Cash Store is in a flourishing condition, owing to its being conducted on strictly business principles. The genial proprietors, Hamilton & Washburn, meriting the confidence of their patrons, have sufficient encouragement to continually enlarge their business according to the demands of the public. All orders can be filled in the grocery department, besides fresh bread and vegetables received each morning. They also carry a full line of dry goods, and a carefully selected assortment of millinery, together with boots and shoes, hardware, etc.

The Park Place district school, taught by Mr. Stupp, is in a good state of progress. The little Congregational chapel was secured by our school directors to accommodate the school for the ensuing year. At the annual school meeting the voters of our district condemned the old school house on the north side of the Clackamas river, and decided in the future to hold the school on the south side at Park Place. This year the ground will be purchased with the view of erecting a large and commodious school building the year following. There are now over 100 scholars in the school district, and the people are determined to secure good school advantages such as will be a great inducement to home-seekers.

Oswego Notes.
We had a splendid time last Sunday on the excursion. It was as we stated on the posters the best of the season. G. W. Prosser came out a little short, but we came out full of the best ice cream we have had this year.

Our Hon. S. C. Haines was presented with a bouncing big girl by his better half. The old gentleman is around with the cigars.

G. W. Prosser is agent for the Salem Canning Co., and wants all the cherries he can get. 1893.

Molalla.
Regular webfoot weather. Rough on campmeetings, picnics and bicycle ridings.

Quite a number of our people attended the picnic at Marquams last Saturday, having a good time.

We witnessed Prof. Rork's financial exhibition of figures—how he took the bull by the horns and the bear by the wool. Four other monsters he referred to with some emphasis, known as Democrat, Republican, "Oregonian" and Methodists.

Molalla will celebrate the Fourth of July at Wight's Spring—Prof. Rork orator of the day.

Southern M. E. campmeeting closed Sunday night at Teasel Creek, with small success in way of additions. Reverends Malbury, Craig, Cross, McFarlen and Atkinson, with as many local preachers, conducted the meeting.

We are sorry that our "complimentary" item has so puzzled the Willhoit correspondent of the East Ridge division of the table land in question—the pinnacle. Yet it may be consoling to him to attribute the disordered state of the balancing faculty to la grippe and difference in altitude; for being too high, it's puzzled; too low, it's dazed; with both, it's bedazzled, as were we scribe a year or two, or three ago.

"Valuable" still wanted. Strange as it may seem the foregoing item reminds us of a once very "valuable member" (?) of Molalla society, who suddenly disappeared, taking part of the society with him. The society is still wanting, but now in a paternal sense in other territory; so the rumor goes. Tzum.

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