

THE ENTERPRISE.

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Now that navigation on the upper Willamette is partially suspended owing to the low water, the various towns are agitating an open river. The Statesman of Salem says the only way that they will ever reach the ear of the powers that be, is to howl and howl long and deep, and never let congress forget for a moment that the Willamette river is greatly in need of improvements. Continued agitation is what has brought about the improvements now going on, on the various harbors along the coast and on the Columbia river, and it will be only by united efforts of the whole Willamette valley, that any effective work will ever be done on the Willamette river. If at the beginning of congress this year and at each succeeding congress hereafter, until the object is attained, petitions from every town in the valley, backed up by figures showing the value of the productions of the country tributary to the Willamette, the volume of business carried on and the differences in freight rates between now and what it would be with an open river were sent in there would be a hope of getting something done. Our delegates in congress should be able to show that the Willamette is more than a little inland stream lined with insignificant towns having no commerce and no connections with the rest of the country. If systematic agitation is kept up the time will come, and not far off when congress will realize our needs and give us such aid that we will have a river navigable for the largest boats at all seasons of the year.

"We have had thirty years of protection" said McKinley in his address at Sandusky, Ohio. "We don't want to borrow any money now. The secretary of the treasury in 1880-81, after fourteen years of revenue tariff policy, sent a message to congress asking congress to invite the states to endorse the bonds of the federal government that they might be more readily sold in the market. The United States doesn't have to have an endorser now—it does not have to get the states to go its bail. It can borrow all the money it wants on a single name, and that name is "The United States of America," after thirty years of protective tariff. And under the revenue tariff policy, when we ... to borrow, our credit was so bad and our bonds were so unmercifulable that the government stood a discount of 12 cents on every dollar. How is it now? The government does not pay any discount. If it wants its bonds to pay off it has got to pay a premium to get them in. That's after thirty years of protective tariff. It is unmatched and matchless in the economic history of the world."

PORLAND is at last realizing that she cannot secure all the factories that desire to come to Oregon, finding that though she can offer the best facilities of any city on the coast for the distribution of their products, factories require in addition to that unlimited power and at a cheap rate to be a success. By combining with Oregon City the two towns can be mutually benefited. Though not getting the factories within her corporate limits, Portland can well afford to help Oregon City in the building up of her industries for the distance is so small and river transportation so cheap that it costs no more to lay goods down at the docks, or depots in Portland from this place than it does from factories in the outskirts of that city. The conference of President O'born, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, with our board of trade tonight (Friday) is but the beginning of the commercial union of the two cities, the consummation of which will be of inestimable benefit to Oregon city.

SKEPSIS of the decline in the English tin-plate trade, the American Economist says:

In the course of a retrospective-historical article the Colliery Guardian, London, says: "We may, therefore, take it for granted that the tin-plate trade of the United Kingdom—any rate, so far as the United States are concerned—has reached the zenith of its power in the first half year of 1891."

And we learn from "Griffith's Guide to the Tin-Plate Manufacturers" that of the 482 tin-plate mills which were in active operation in June, 1877, "are closed until the end of July." It is said that the balance will close for one week during each of the four succeeding months.

This is undeniably done to raise the natural price of tin plates in this market. It is done by a trust, a combination, a syndicate. But those who in the past have charged that the Standard Oil Trust was a direct result of protection will be found in the ranks of those "strong-arming champions in Chicago and elsewhere" who "must work and work hard" for the Welsh plate trust.

A YEAR ago every stocking factory in Chemnitz and all over Germany, according to the Drygoods Chronicle, was running full blast day and night. To-day the condition of the Chemnitz hosiery trade is demoralized. They have reduced the prices of all cut and circular hose to a starvation point in order to compete with American goods. The stimulating effect of the tariff on our own industries is shown by Wade's Fibre and Fabric, which calls attention to the transformation brought about in the knit goods district of New York in the past year. Manufacturers of knit goods are steadily employed, and the only drawback to their business at present is the low prices for which goods must be sold. A great many knitting mills are running night and day, and many more are running overtime.

The commendations of the river men are not very flattering just now of Major Handbury for sending the government sloop boat to work on the Willamette river above Salem when there are no boats running on that route and will not be for some time yet, owing to the low water. What they want is that all work for the present be done on the river below Salem, where by removing a number of snags and doing a small amount of work on the bars, navigation could be kept up at the lowest stage of water.

Rumors have been plentiful of late in regard to Harrison declining the nomination for a second term. They had no real foundation and were evidently gotten up in the interest of other aspirants for presidential honors to test the strength of Harrison. His administration has been such that the party can have no valid reason for not giving him a second nomination. He has proved himself to be a statesman worthy of the confidence of the people and as an executive officer has shown that he has firmness and a will power that will not allow scheming politicians to use him as they see fit.

It is more than probable that the ordinance now under consideration by the city council prohibiting stock from running at large in the streets of Oregon City will be passed. There is not another town in the state of the size of Oregon City that allows the streets to be made a public pasture of. In order to avoid causing any hardship to the parties concerned, it would be well not to have the ordinance go into effect until December, or January, so as to allow ample time for all to dispose of their stock.

THE fifth annual session of the Oregon Press association will be held at Astoria the 24, 25 and 26 of this month. The session promises to be one of the most pleasant and profitable ever held by the association. Several important topics of interest to newspaper men will be discussed, and it is probable that a uniform rule for legal advertising will be established, as well as to regulate several other matters concerning the press.

Hillsboro has a new paper, the Democrat, the first issue being published last week by E. C. Phelps and G. A. Sanford. If the democracy of Washington county do not give it a better support than they have heretofore given to papers advocating their doctrine, it will not be long until the daisies will bloom over its grave and Hillsboro will again be left with but one paper.

THE London News says it is not many years since Europe was practically independent of American supplies. This season it is clear that without America's help Europe would be on the verge of starvation before next harvest.

THE Eugene Daily Guard is dead; another man has found that the old conservative, slow growing towns of Oregon do not sustain newspapers, though they may be large enough to, like the young, energetic towns of our neighboring states.

REMEMBER the board of trade meeting tonight. Be there whether you are a member or not, it is to your interest. New life must be infused into Oregon City. Now is the time when Portland offers to help.

LETTER FROM WILBERT.

WILBERT, August 11, 1891.

ENTERPRISE: We do not pretend to be a philosopher, or a wise man, but do take pleasure and derive some profit in the way of knowledge in the study of the different phases of human nature. Perhaps some might think that one situated away back from civilization near the mountains, would have but very little opportunity to observe people, but if he happens to be located on the route to Soda Springs he has an opportunity to make considerable observations. A great many people residing in town seem to think that we country people do not have sense enough to know the difference between a lady or gentleman, and in this they are mistaken. While residents of country districts do not put on quite as much style, they are even more quick to distinguish the difference between a gentleman and a rowdy, or a lady and a woman, than are the town people, and they admire the one and despise the other as heartily as any one can do. How do they distinguish the difference? Why, in several ways! Let me tell you one in particular. When they see a crowd going along the road whooping and yelling like a lot of wild Indians accosting every person they meet with some insulting remark, throwing kisses at every woman they see along the road, we know are not ladies and gentlemen of the town. And when we see a couple of young men coming up the road in a buggy, yelling at the top of their voice, whipping their horse on the keen jump, up hill and down, the foam flying from him, and nearly ready to drop from exhaustion, we know that they do not represent the respectable element of the town, but that they are classed among the scoundrels, who ought to be in jail for cruelty to animals. Now in conclusion we would say to our town friends, don't take us all for greenhorns. When you come out for enjoyment have a good time like ladies and gentlemen and the country people will treat you well and respect you the same.

LETTER FROM MACKSBURG.

Finding myself in the vicinity of Macksburg on Sunday, August 9th, and learning there would be Sunday school, followed by a Baptist service, in accordance with my usual custom I attended the same. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Hargreaves, of Oregon City. The attendance seemed quite large, and the greater proportion of those present seemed deeply interested.

But my attention was most forcibly drawn to the dilapidated condition of the room in which we were worshiping. Some of the seats, by virtue of having lost their end supports, were made to accommodate by overlapping some other seat more favored with under props. The room was ventilated by a number of broken window panes, and its general appearance beset with neglect and indifference.

On making inquiry I learned that the room above the school room had been built for general purposes, as public meetings, entertainments, religious services, etc., and that recently the school trustees had locked the school house below against religious services.

With such a public building in the district there is no need to use the school room for public purposes, which is often done to the inconvenience of both teachers and scholars.

It is to the interest of every taxpayer to see that the building is repaired. One part of a building cannot be neglected very long except at the expense of the other. A very trifling expense only is needed to put the structure in good shape for future use, and make it a credit to the district.

Yours, A. VISITOR.

Damascus.

Our school house is getting a new coat of paint at the hands of Mr. F. Griggs.

We hear that A. M. Lovelace has sold his property in Damascus to Mr. L. J. Bohns.

Mr. John Haynes, who had his foot badly hurt some time ago, by the falling of a horse that he was riding, is improving. He is able to walk about with the help of a crutch.

Peter Griggs and family expect to leave Damascus soon. They will go to Lynden, Washington, where they formerly resided.

A ball was given by the proprietor of Mrs. Smith's Hall, Saturday evening, August 8th. Those who attended report an enjoyable time.

FROM BARLOWS.

RAILROAD MEETING AT WRIGHT'S SPRINGS.

E. M. Hartman, of Marquam, Elected as Special Agent.

WILL CALL UPON THE COMMITTEE

And Assist Them in Getting a Subsidy—Wheat the Talk of the Day.

Hop Growers Preparing for an Early Pick—Other Notes, Etc.

RAILROAD MEETING.—Notwithstanding the busy season of the year, another railroad meeting was held at Wright's Springs on Saturday last, and quite a crowd was in attendance. At the close every one seemed to be highly pleased, and thought there was no question but what the farmers would raise the required subsidy. At two o'clock those present were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the president, P. J. Riling; but from some cause, not known to the writer, he did not appear, so at three o'clock W. W. Jesse, of Barlow, was nominated and elected to act as president of the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were then read. New business was next in order, and a letter was read by the secretary from Messrs. Holman Bros., regretting their inability to be present, yet stating that they would give one thousand dollars, provided the road would be constructed within four miles of them. Committees were then called upon to report, but on account of the busy season they had been unable to see all the farmers in their respective vicinities, and hence postponed their report until the next meeting to be held at Marquam, September 25. Mr. E. M. Hartman was then put in nomination for special agent, by Wm. Barlow, and was elected. Mr. Barlow suggested the advisability of employing some good man to make the canvass in the meantime and pay him for the time it takes in making the canvass, and his duty would be to call upon every farmer near whom or through whose place the proposed road may run, and get him to subscribe what he can conveniently, and at the same time work in harmony with the committee men. Messrs. Gabe Trullinger, Silas Wright, J. Pardau, Dickey, Wheeler and others, sanctioned it, and thought it the best and quickest plan to accomplish the end. We will be glad to see Mr. Hartman in our vicinity making the canvass, and the people at this end will do all they can to assist him in getting a subsidy and subscribe liberally.

WHEAT is BOOMING.—From the bulletin in front of Barlow & Co.'s warehouse can be seen every morning wheat quotations, and for the last few days the price seems to be going up daily. Very little wheat at present is selling, yet there is quite a lot being hauled in and stored.

EARLY HOP PICK.—Growers of hops are looking around engaging hands for the hop pick. Several yards will be picked early in September and the yield will be larger than first expected.

SHIPMENT OF WHEAT.—Several carloads of wheat have been shipped over to the Oregon City mills already to be put in store. From the present outlook there will be a large shipment from here this year.

ON THE ROAD.—Mr. P. G. Cline, of Barlow & Co., left here this week to make a tour of Oregon and Washington and will advertise in all the towns and cities he visits. Arrangements will also be made to advertise at Huntington on all trains bound West, also at Pasco Junction on the Northern Pacific lines. By this plan they will expect to get a good many emigrants interested and located in good comfortable homes.

OPEN AIR SHOW.—Three Frenchmen and two well trained bears gave an open air show a few days ago on our streets. The bears were well trained and danced around as graceful as an artist in the business. The little folks were all worked up with enthusiasm and thought it a great treat.

GONE DOWN EAST.—Mr. A. J. Strayer left for his old home in Lewiston, Idaho, a few days ago. He came out several months ago to look after his brother's interests and likes the country splendidly.

S. P. R. R. TRUSTLE.—The long trustee north of town is now finished. The spans put in, instead of (20) twenty feet as formerly, are now sixteen feet apart. The railroad commissioners are deserving of this credit.

CASH PURCHASE.—Mr. Henry Koucher has purchased of Mr. H. J. Crum, his farm, Consideration four thousand dollars cash.

C. AND M. TRAVELER.—Mr. Davis, the traveling salesman of the firm of Corbin & MacLay, was in our town last Saturday soliciting trade.

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LARGE CUCUMBER YIELD.—For the past week could be seen at the depot, sacks of cucumbers, marked Portland Preserving Co., from Andra Koucher. To your reporter Mr. Koucher said: "I made a contract with the P. P. Co. early in the year to raise them some cucumbers as an experiment, but really I was surprised at the great quantity I grew from two acres. It averaged ten tons to the acre, repaid me a net profit of three hundred and forty dollars." Mr. K. is very well pleased with the experiment and will put out several acres next year.

MORE DEMAND FOR LORAS.—Mr. John Sims, formerly of Canby, purchased four acres from Barlow & Co., and is now putting it up into lots. The property will be put on the market about the first of the month, and those wishing to invest will no doubt do well, as they will go from twenty-five to forty dollars each.

ABOUT FINISHED.—Messrs. Mollette Bros. have been busy working for the past ten days on Mr. Antoine Zeath's dwelling and it has nearly completed.

LAND PLATTING.—Mr. Mease, deputy county surveyor, is at work for Mr. W. W. Irving plating off five and ten acre tracts, adjoining Barlow.

PERSONAL.—Miss Lura Miller returned to her home in Oregon City last week, and was accompanied by Miss Bessie Sheppard and Veva Till.

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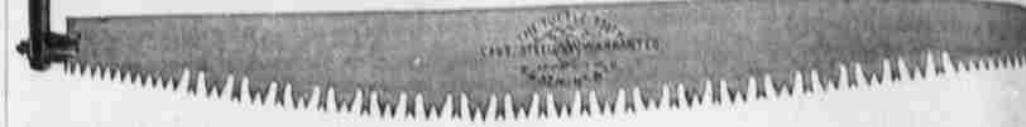
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