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The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City people your patronage.

The Qualla Battoo Outrage.

Sixty-one years ago next Sunday—February 7, 1831—an American trading ship, the Friendship, was loading spices in the harbor of Qualla Battoo, on the western side of the island of Sumatra, when she was set upon by the crew of a piratical Malay pepper boat and captured. The captain, two officers and four sailors of the Friendship were at the time on shore weighing pepper. The first officer and two seamen were killed, several others wounded, the ship plundered of \$12,000 in specie, a lot of opium and every movable thing of value on board. Other American traders recaptured the Friendship before the Malays succeeded in running her ashore.

That was before the electric telegraph or ocean steam navigation so the news of the outrage did not reach this country till the succeeding August. However no time was lost by the Jackson administration in sending an expedition to demand reparation, and, if refused, to inflict proper punishment. The United States frigate Potomac, in command of commodore John Downes, was sent on this mission. Finding no responsible government to negotiate with and no disposition on the part of the piratical Malays to make any sort of reparation a force of 250 men was landed which attacked and destroyed the fortifications and burned the town. One hundred and fifty of the natives were slain, including the chief rajah concerned in the murderous outrage on the American ship. This occurred one day less than a year from the time the assault was committed, and the swiftness and completeness of the chastisement served to make similar offenses on the part of the people of the Malayan archipelago unpopular for all time to come.

The difference between that episode and the recent occurrence in Chili consists chiefly in the fact that the United States recognized in Chili a responsible government capable of making reparation for the injury inflicted. So this matter was handled by diplomacy. But for all practical purposes its effect will be the same in commanding respect for the government and its citizens.

Northwestern Wheat Production.

The report of the department of agriculture of the wheat yield of the country for 1891 shows it to have been 511,780,000 bushels, whereas the greatest previous yield was 512,785,000 in 1884. In reference to the wheat yield of the Northwest the report shows that Oregon raised 13,149,000 bushels of wheat on 62,055 acres of land and that the crop is valued at \$11,571,100 or not much less than \$1.00 per bushel. Washington's crops put at 12,216,000 bushels, \$9,161,775, and grown on 695,040 acres. This means that Oregon grew 1,000,000 bushels of wheat more than Washington on an area less by 600 acres than Washington's and that the crop of this state was valued at over \$2,000,000 more than the crop of that state north of us. The extra value is accounted for by the fact that the Willamette valley wheat, being so near market, is worth more on the farms than the product east of the mountains.

About Country Roads.

There is nothing cheaper or more abundant than advice as to the best way to build country roads—unless it be instruction about running a newspaper. But much of the road-building advice we hear here is from people whose experience has been in a climate and soil vastly different from ours. Of course there are some general facts that apply to roads everywhere, but there are many things peculiar to this country that must be considered in any system of road-making undertaken. Multnomah county has, as it should have, the best roads in western Oregon. The experience of that county is of value here because the same conditions of soil and climate are here. In speaking of the subject County Judge Moreland told the Oregonian that "there is only one kind of road that is any good—a road made of rock. It costs from \$5000 to \$7000 a mile to make such a road. The law allows only a 2-mill tax. This will amount to \$80,000 this year which is not sufficient to go around, because all the roads have to have some work done on them to make them passable. We are making a few miles of good road every year, but our means are limited. I had the county surveyor look up the matter last week, and

he gave me the number of miles of road in the county as 300, as I have already stated. Prior to this last year this county had no gravel pits, no rock quarries and no stone crushers. Wherever we took gravel or rock we had to pay for it at so much a load. Last year we inaugurated a system of buying gravel beds and rock quarries, and we also bought two stone crushers. As far as possible we are going to make good roads on the main thoroughfares. It will be seen that rich Multnomah suffers in the same way that Clackamas does—it is unable to do all the road-making at the same time though the people of all sections clamor for it. But the first step in the direction of securing permanent good roads lies in the line that is about to be inaugurated in this county. Multnomah has found this to be the only practicable way to deal with the subject and her experience should save us considerable trouble and expense.

The state convention of the Young Men's republican club was held in Portland Thursday and Friday of last week. John L. Ayer, who was looked upon as a political boss and was therefore distasteful to the vast majority of the membership of the organization, was dropped from the presidency. A new constitution was adopted and the following officers chosen: T. H. Tongue, president; B. B. Beckman, vice-president; L. Peterson, secretary; G. H. Hughes, J. B. Eddy and C. M. Idleman, executive committee. In getting rid of Mr. Ayer's leadership the convention merely pursued a course begun in Oregon City at the meeting the preceding Tuesday.

The Keeley Institute recently located at Forest Grove has incorporated under the state law with a capital of \$80,000. The object of the institution is to receive patients for treatment and cure of the liquor, opium and tobacco habits, or other nervous diseases, by the remedies and methods perfected and used by Dr. Leslie E. Keeley. This bichloride-of-gold treatment has already effected a number of cures in this state and it is hoped that time shall prove it to be as effective as its friends claim it to be. The world is sadly in need of a cure for drunkenness.

PLEASANT it is when fields are green and winds are soft and low to plant fresh young saplings and potatoes in the public parks and then invite the cows and calves around to see that the aforesaid saplings and potatoes don't poke holes in the sky.

PRESIDENTIAL BOOMS.

Boston Herald: A writer in the New York Sun apostrophizes Dave Hill thus: "Hail to thee, thane of Glanville! Hail to thee, thane of Cawdor! All hail, Macbeth, that shall be king hereafter." All the same we believe that Macbeth failed to get the nomination.

Detroit Tribune: Notwithstanding the fact that the piratical Malays to be president, the republicans of Illinois are practically unanimous for Blaine. At the great gathering of republicans at Chicago yesterday expression of this feeling was universal. Blaine is the enthusiastic choice of the party everywhere.

Boston Herald: The movement to nominate the Rev. Joseph Cook as the prohibition candidate for the presidency starts in Illinois. This looks like a clear usurpation of a privilege that belongs to Massachusetts, if there is any virtue in the favorite son theory. Perhaps the Massachusetts prohibitionists may be permitted to second the nomination.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL

San Francisco Call: The Wall-street Journal represents an official of a leading transcontinental railroad as saying that the completion of the Nicaragua canal would have a stimulating effect upon the business of the transcontinental roads. It would, in his estimation, build up the Pacific coast, and thus make more business, of which the railroads would get a share. He is also reported as having arrived at the conclusion that a waterway as a competitor to railroads is a benefit rather than an injury. The railroad manager finally suggests that "it might be a good idea if all the leading nations of the world took a certain percentage of the stock for the sake of maintaining peaceful relations between the countries." This proposition suggests an abandonment on the part of the American people of any special right to control the canal. The influence of each nation in the management would depend upon the amount of stock held by it. If the stock were allotted, it is probable that the leading nations would be given an equal number of shares. The United States would count as one, England as one, France as one, Germany as one, and possibly Russia, Italy and Austria as one each. There might be seven shareholders, in which six would have interests in some respects adverse to those of the United States. We do not think this plan would work well. The proposed new waterway will connect two oceans that bound the United States on the east and west. It will be far the shortest water route between our Atlantic coast states and the Pacific coast states. If the canal should fall into unfriendly hands it would be better for the United States that it had never been built. Treaties bind countries in time of peace. They often make conditions which shall be observed in time of war. But in war times the law of self-preservation prevails. Some pretext can always be found for breaking a compact that it is inconvenient to keep. The United States cannot trust any compact among nations in a matter so vital as the neutrality of the shortest waterway between the two American coasts.

Been There Himself.

S. P. Shutt, editor of the Condon Globe, and E. A. Putnam, are under bonds for libeling the person of H. H. Hendricks, an attorney of Fossil. We have been in a similar box ourselves, and while it is not presumed that Hendricks will conduct himself as Hellman did in this county, it is our hope that matters can be satisfactorily settled without the application of any law measure—Long Creek Eagle.

NEWS FROM BARLOW

A BOARD OF TRADE WILL BE ORGANIZED THERE.

A Sawmill Starts—Street Improvements in Progress—News of the Town.

BARLOW, Or., Feb. 3.—The citizens of this place and vicinity have been agitating the matter of organizing a board of trade and no less than forty have signified their willingness to take hold. They realize that a board of trade can do much good for the locality, have more influence with the court in the way of opening and improving roads etc. Mr. John Cole says he is anxious to see a board of trade organized.

FENCING IN HIS PROPERTY—Mr. W. W. Jessie has commenced to put around his place a fine picket fence, which, when finished, will add much in appearance to his beautiful residence property.

OPENING RAILROAD AVENUE—Railroad avenue, seventy-five feet wide, is now opened out to the Molalla river, parallel with the railroad track. It will be a convenience to those who purchased land down on the river.

INDICATIONS OF OIL—The surface water at the foot of Oakley Heights has every appearance of carrying a seum of petroleum. The water on the ground that seeps out at the foot of the hill is oily and is creating considerable talk.

AS OLD ADAGE—The first day of February was a most beautiful day and farmers and orchardists could be seen on every side plowing and planting trees. Up to the present writing there has been a continuation of fine weather and much work has been done. The old adage is, that, if the first day of February opens out bright and the gophers make their appearance and a shadow is visible, it indicates that we are to have a very wet spring. So far the adage has failed to work, as no finer weather could be asked for.

BARLOW WILL ENTERTAIN THE TEACHERS—At the regular meeting of the county teachers association held in Milwaukie January 30, Barlow received the majority of votes for the next teachers' meeting on the last Saturday in February. Oswego was a competitor for the next meeting and credit is due to Mr. S. A. D. Gurley in securing the majority for Barlow.

THE NEGATIVE WISE—At the last regular meeting of our debating society there was more interest manifested than in any previous meeting. The question was, "Resolved, that Nature is More Pleasing to the Eye than Art." The leaders in the debate were W. B. Marye and C. U. Barlow. Some six on each side followed. The result was in favor of the negative. Following this there were recitations and songs. The question for debate on next Friday is, "Resolved, that Man Will go Further for Woman than for Money." The affirmative will be supported by Mr. E. Brown and the negative by Mr. P. Gilliam. After the debate a free entertainment will be given by our young people and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

DIRECTORS MEETING—The directors of school district No. 97 met last Saturday and instructed the clerk to announce a school meeting on Saturday, February 13, for the purpose of learning the wishes of the people for a school house and a site to be selected prior to the regular school meeting, the first Monday in March. It is hoped that all voters will be present, as at this meeting the site should be selected and the plans and cost of our school house be determined on.

SAWMILL STARTS—The Shield's sawmill some two miles south of town started up a few days ago to saw out 20,000 railroad ties. It is hoped that the mill will now run regularly and get a supply of finishing lumber on hand as the demand this year will be good.

WORK ON WALNUT AVENUE—A force of men is at work on Walnut avenue and soon a good road will be made from town to the intersection of Molalla river. Now if a right of way can be secured through the Messers, Reek's place it will shorten the distance to the Macksburg country at least one and a half miles.

REPAIRING DEPOT—The Southern Pacific carpenters have been here a couple of days this week making repairs on their depot. It will answer its purpose for a while. We should have a new depot as the present one is not large enough to take care of freight.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Andy Koucher, of Marks Prairie, was in town last week talking politics.

Mr. Jay Green came up from Portland after an absence of ten days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barlow are spending a few days in Portland visiting friends.

Mr. J. O. Johnson, Southern Pacific road master, was in town taking up wood for Wm. Barlow.

Mr. John Cole, our prairie sawmill man, was in town arguing the matter of organizing a board of trade.

Rev. Matthews, of Canby, was in town this week working hard on a remonstrance for liquor license.

TO ARAMINTA.

"To keep the family true, refined, affectionate, faithful, is the woman's task—a task that needs the entire energies and life of a woman; and to mix up this sacred duty with the grosser occupation of politics and trade is to unfit her for it as much as if a priest were to embark in the business of money lender."—Frederic Harrison.

I prithee, Araminta, hear
What Frederic Harrison has said;
And put a towel round your head,
Don't sully what should surely be
An unstained soul with tricks of trade;
Leave stern official work to me,
While you remain a stumple maid.

Don't prate of woman's function, sweet,
Your only duty is to charm;
Leave platform spouting, as is meet,
To men; it cannot do them harm.
Your influence comes from gracious ways,
Your glory in the home doth lie;
The guardian angel of our days,
Until you bless us when we die.

Don't enter on lenable strife
With man; 'tis yours to soar above—
To all the higher things of life,
Divine compassion and pure love.
'Tis yours to stimulate, refine,
To win men by a kindly heart;
Not grovel with us where the sign
Of mammon hangs above the mart.

Thine is the task to reign supreme
Within the sacred sphere of home;
To make our life one happy dream.
Thine own as spotless as the foam.
To trade, to toil, to head the feast,
To seek the politician's gain,
Were hateful—ay, as though the priest
Took usury within the fane.

Shakespeare will please excuse us if we modify him thus: Thrice is he clad who hath his system strengthened with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and he but naked, though arrayed in furs, whose blood is poor or with disease corrupted. An incomparable medicine.

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