

# Corvallis Times.

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### IT IS WELL.

Farmers about Corvallis were paid \$1,700 by the creamery for butter fat during June last year. They receive \$4,000 this year. On the same basis, they should receive for June next year \$6,000 to \$8,000. That they will do so, is likely. Farmers who have been patrons of the creamery from the beginning are increasing their herds. They have found that the business pays. None are retiring from it. Those who began with ten cows now milk twenty or twenty five. Many expect ultimately to increase the number to fifty or sixty. At the same time they are raising the standard of their herds by purchase or breeding better animals so that their profits are otherwise increasing.

And there is an active demand for all the butter their cream makes. It goes into the market and is sold quickly at the highest prices. As time goes on it will sell more readily on the reputation it is now making.

And farmers are becoming more and more skilled in feeding and care of dairy stock. They are studying the new business, and are learning. They are building silos; they are seeding pasture lands; they are experimenting with grasses and forage plants. The better feed and better care will further enhance the yearly profit.

Summed up, the dairy industry is firmly established in Benton, is thriving, and is growing. What nature put here in the beginning, man is laying hold of. It is a rich heritage, that fully developed, will yield an abundant reward. It is well.

### THEY DIDN'T WHIP

Tracy and Merrill in the Oregon Penitentiary—Corporal Punishment There.

Recently the Times printed from the Pendleton East Oregonian an article that described how prisoners were whipped in the Oregon penitentiary, and that said that Tracy and Merrill, the escaped convicts were among those prisoners to whom the punishment had been administered. With reference to the subject, the following is of interest:

Editor Times: Since the escape of Tracy and Merrill from the penitentiary numerous stories have been given circulation, many of which are given currency by ex-convicts. As an example there appeared in the Times of the 28th an extract from a Pendleton paper making the claim that unmerciful whippings were in a measure the cause of Tracy and Merrill's triple murder and desperate escape.

Allow me to say that neither of them was ever touched with the lash in the Oregon penitentiary. Corporal punishment is only resorted to in extreme cases and never for petty offenses. It is the general reputation of the management that it has given to prisoners as good or better consideration than any former administration.

The intention of the governor-elect to discontinue whipping, if he has so declared himself, will certainly result in the use of other modes of punishment which must prove adequate to the necessity. Such as that perhaps as was recently used at the United States prison on McNeil Island.

If Mr Chamberlain does not seek the counsel and advice of those with whom he entrusts the care of Oregon's convicted criminals, rather than that of foolish sentimentalists, I mistake very much the judgment of the man.

RALPH M. DAVISON.

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### HOW WE CELEBRATED.

The Fourth of July—A Big Crowd—Occasional Showers and a Good Time.

The eagle bird screamed loud and long yesterday. The popping of firecrackers fired off by small boys set him to going in the early morning, and under the inspiration of band music, miscellaneous noise and the outburst of patriotism, he kept it up till dewy eve. It was the glorious Fourth of July.

There was a large crowd. People arrived from the frontier districts of the county on Thursday. That evening there were many strangers on the street. At 8:30 on the morning of the Fourth a special train arrived from Albany. It brought two of people. Throughout the morning vehicles kept arriving and by ten o'clock, despite the threatening weather and occasional showers, Main street was lined for two or three blocks on either side with people who crowded and jostled each other.

The parade formed at ten o'clock at the City Hall and moved south to A, east on A to Main, North to Van Buren, and thence west to Fourth and the court house square. It moved in the following order: Goddess of Liberty, Miss Mary Danneman in a chariot drawn by four white horses, the Shedd band, float, peace and plenty, liberty car filled with children representing the states and territories, and carriages of citizens, George Washington represented by Master Victor Nolan and Miss Gracie Smith was Martha Washington.

The exercises at the square consisted of the oration, the reading of the Declaration and music by the Corvallis and Shedd bands. J B Irvine was president of the day. The Declaration was read by Herman Tartar. Judge Northrup's oration began at 11 o'clock. Before he had fairly begun rain began to fall, and the crowd repaired to the circuit court room, where the speech was concluded. It was a very sensible and interesting address.

In the afternoon the following events occurred.

Clay Ageon shoot—Entries, Philomath and Corvallis. Corvallis team, Burnett, Lilly, Elgin, Dilly and Smith; Philomath, Williams, Frank, Newton, Allen and Bryan. In the first contest, each team made a score of 33.

Hundred yard dash—Entries, Woodcock of Corvallis, and Parker of Albany. Won by Woodcock; prize \$10.

Four-forty dash—Entries, Beach Moore and Woodcock; prize \$10. Won by Roy Woodcock.

50-yard dash—Entries, Woodcock and Barnett; Woodcock won; prize \$10.

800 bicyclear—Entries, Fischer, Collins, Morgan, Riddle of Monmouth; Hart, Wicks, Ramsel, prize \$10; Riddle won.

Horse race,—for a prize of \$60. Entries, one Philomath and two Corvallis teams. Mack Hemphill's team ran in 32 1/2 and Whiteside's team in 31. The money went to the latter team.

During the process of the bicycle race, a small boy stepped in front of a swiftly moving wheelman and was knocked down. He was picked up unconscious, but soon recovered.

The weather during the afternoon was fairly pleasant. A few drops of rain fell occasionally but the fall was not sufficient to interfere with the contests, which were still in progress in the presence of a large crowd when the Times went to press.

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### Market Report.

#### PORTLAND.

Wheat, valley, 67  
Flour, \$ 2.35 to \$ 3.40 per bbl.  
Potatoes, \$1.00 to 1.25 per cental  
Eggs, Oregon, 12 to 20 per doz.  
Butter, 14 to 16c per lb.  
Creamery, 17 1/2 to 18 1/2 per lb.

#### CORVALLIS.

Wheat, 55c per bushel.  
Oats 32  
Flour, 80c and 85 per sack.  
Butter, 15 to 20 c per pound.  
Creamery, 50c per roll.  
Eggs, 15c per dozen.  
Chickens; to 12 1/2 er lb  
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### COMMISSIONER IRWIN'S FIND

Hoed the Garden and Found Money  
Long Lost—A Queer Coin.

While he hoed potatoes, the other day, Commissioner Irwin made a find of money that has been long lost. The find consisted of a single coin of the denomination of \$10, and it is such a piece as people now a days never see. Though it is American money, its appearance is so unlike the \$10-pieces of the present day, that no one would recognize it as such, save that on its face the coin bears the legend, "Ten Dollars." Its date is 1852, and the circumstances connected with its discovery, as well as the character of the coin, leads to belief that the piece has been lying in the vicinity of where it was found for nearly, if not, quite half a century.

The queer coin was found in a potato patch on the farm of Mrs Elizabeth Irwin, twelve miles south of Corvallis. The potato plot is an acre in extent, and it is about 300 yards to the eastward of Mrs Irwin's residence. It is on land that used to be known as the Ike Winkle place. Through the spot, the old stage road used to run, 40 or 50 years ago. That was in the golden days when Oregon was a frontier with more Indians than whites, and when packers and miners traveled to and from the newly discovered gold diggings of California. There was a little log cabin on the spot then, and a stream of water near afforded the travelers a stopping place, a privilege of which many and many a stranger, tradition says, availed themselves.

The theory is that some fine day away back in the Fifties, possibly '53, '54, or '55, a miner or packer or Benton county settler, returning from California camped at the cabin. He had with him, not only the buckskin sack of gold dust that was everywhere in circulation, but in addition had a stock of the \$10 gold pieces that the new mint at San Francisco had at the time just begun to manufacture out of pure California gold. And, while he refreshed himself, the coin that because of its unusual appearance is now accounted queer, was dropped, there to lay unobserved and unclaimed, until Commissioner Irwin's hoe brought it to view, a day or two ago.

The plot where the coin was found has been continuously seeded and worked for the past 40 years or more. Sometimes it has been a garden for two or three years, and then has been seeded to oats, or wheat or grasses or hay. At most every returning season in the time the plot has been ploughed and worked, and in every round of soil cultivation, the lost coin has doubtless always been stirred or moved, but not before so that the eye of man beheld it. The man for instance, who last ploughed the potatoes got very close to the lost gold piece, for the pot of the commissioner pulled it out from under a potato vine, and from a depth of perhaps an inch below the surface.

The old coin has a peculiar appearance. It is very much lighter in color than the usual American gold piece. On one side it has an eagle, and it is a queer looking eagle. The bird is very small, and its wings hang much lower than they hang on the eagles on coins nowadays, as though the bird might be in distress, instead of bold and confident as they ought to be. The figure is in all respects more crude and rough than the graceful bird that we are accustomed to see.

On the same side are the words, "United States of America, ten dollars," the letters forming a circle almost around the face of the coin. Above the eagle is this inscription, "534 Thous."

The other side of the coin is even more strange. No goddess of liberty with a wreath encircling her brow is there. In fact, there is no symbolic figure at all on that side. Instead the surface is checkered with little squares made with very fine lines that cross each other like the wires in a sieve. Across the center is a plain band, and on this band are the words, "United States Assay Office of gold, San Francisco, California, 1852." The words of course indicate that the coin was made at the San Francisco coin mint, and that the 1852 was the year of mintage.

In size, the queer coin is much larger than the ordinary \$10-gold piece. Its diameter is perhaps a twentieth of an inch more, and this in a measure adds to its strangeness. Its lighter color, due possibly to the absence of alloy or some other cause, together with its strange lettering, strange eagle, absence of a goddess of liberty, makes the coin a sight worth seeing, and accounts for the bewilderment that overhung Commissioner Irwin for a day or two after he made the find. It is supposed that the coin is unusually valuable on account of the fact that it is no longer minted.

### HORSES TO RUN

A Race on Kiger's Track Sunday—Sports are Betting on the Result.

Local sports talk much just now about a coming horse race. It is to be run on the Kiger track south of town Sunday. The hour for the event is between one and two in the afternoon.

The horses are a mare owned by Clyde Cook, and a horse owned by Gene Tortora. It is said that about \$200 has already been posted on the outcome, and with the discussion of the case that is in progress about town it is probable that the aggregate stakes will be many times more by the time the race takes place. The distance is to be a quarter of a mile.

The race is the outgrowth of a contest of the same kind that took place on the county road near Sol King's Wednesday. It was between the Tortora horse and another that Cook owns. The Tortora horse won by a good many feet, and the making of the race against the other Cook horse was the consequence. Several townsports witnessed and won or lost shekels on Wednesday's race.

### BUILDING BATH HOUSES

For All-year-Round Business—The Building is Already Under way.

A new enterprise is incubating over at Newport. The plan to establish there a big bathing establishment for the benefit of invalids, who will be treated, not only in the summer season, but the whole year round.

The promoter is Dr Minthorn, late proprietor of a similar establishment at Hot Lake, Eastern Oregon. His interests at the latter place are said to have sold at \$35,000. He has the building already underway at Newport. One or two stories are already up, and they say a third is to be built. The length is 85 and the width 52 feet. With its appliances, it is said the establishment is to cost \$7,000. It is located on the bluff facing the ocean, 100 feet south of the Gatch cottage.

The proposals of the promoter are manifold. The doctor is skilled in the use of the bath for the betterment of human mechanism. He proposes to surround surf bathing with such structures as will make it healthful. A proper rub down in a warm dry room and similar precautions will be observed. He proposes to give salt water baths and other baths, such as fan baths, needle baths, Turkish baths, and the like in treatment of rheumatism, nervous diseases and other ills to which flesh is heir. In short, as talked of about Newport, the establishment is to be a big thing, and one calculated to become a future attraction at that popular seaside resort.

### A QUEER MAN

Dead Now, but When Alive his Behavior was Strangest of the Strange.

A curious character has just died at Union, Oregon. He owned a railroad, but never accepted a pass on it, it is said, had never ridden on it, preferring a cayuse to his steam horse. He also possessed a fine residence, which his family occupied, but the greater portion of his time was spent in a cabin near Drewsey. He had three large general stores in Eastern Oregon, filled with clothing, yet he only wore overalls, a cheap cotton shirt, a pair of cowskin boots and an old wool hat. He owned a \$10,000 flouring mill at Drewsey, but he had never been inside of it, though he passed it almost daily. With every reasonable luxury on earth at his command, a splendid home, and a devoted wife always pleading for him to come and remain at home, he preferred a rude cabin in the alkali desert, a board bed, and bacon and beans, and the companionship of cowboys and sheep-herders.

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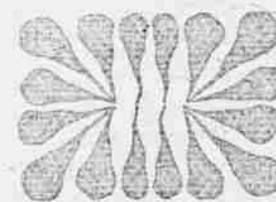
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