

WANTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Having decided the only question which could induce politicians to spend a few dollars in pilgrimage to the Capital, the Legislature will now be left "alone in its glory," and will have an opportunity to attend to the less important matters which pertain to the direct interests of the people.

There are many important measures to claim the attention of our legislators, but none of more consequence to the common masses than the establishment of an agricultural college, where mechanics and agriculture will be placed on a par with the classical and scientific branches of education.

In consequence of the high rates of interest on money, manufacturing is retarded. Capitalists will not embark in manufacturing for the simple reason that it would be impossible to make as much from that source as they can by lending money.

Then there is the "vexed question" of the permanent location of the Seat of Government yet to be decided.

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Agricultural.

EUGENE CITY, Sept. 15, 1862.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:

I would like to enquire of the proper authorities through the columns of your paper what has become of our county Agricultural Society.

As most of the counties in the State are sustaining Agricultural Societies, and preparing to hold Fairs this Fall, it will look very shabby for Lane county, the garden of the State, to allow her society to become disorganized and go to ruin for want of a little attention to the subject.

MCKENZIE ROAD.—Mr. Felix Scott will apply to the present session of the Legislature to grant him a charter for this road. Although the road is now opened through the mountains, yet there is much work to be done before it will be in a condition to meet the requirements of the travel which is destined to pass over it.

The Legislature after 29 unsuccessful ballots came together on the 30th ballot and elected B. F. Harding, to fill the unexpired term caused by the untimely death of Col. Baker.

We should have preferred some other man, but as that is out of the question, we shall abide the action of our Legislature thinking they ought to know best.

Citizen's Meeting.

In pursuance of previous notice there was a meeting held at the Court House, Wednesday evening, Sept. 17th, to consult in relation to the State Agricultural College.

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It appeared from the discussion that the stone building known as "Columbia College," and adjacent grounds, as well as some other desirable localities, could be had.

On motion, adjourned to Friday evening, 26th, inst.

JOEL WARE, Sec'y. F. DUDLEY, Chairman.

Letter from Powder River.

AUBURN, SEPT. 6, 1862. FRIEND NEWELL: There are about 5000 people now in these mines, and they must either leave or provisions must be brought in.

The Oregonian says that Mr. Henry Fuller, of Polk County, arrived in Portland recently from the Powder river mines where he was engaged in mining.

The business men of San Francisco are taking measures to insure circulation of Demand Note paper, and thus defeat the avaricious plans of the brokers and bankers.

FROM WALLA WALLA.—We condense the following items from the Walla Walla Statesman:

A party has gone from Walla Walla to prospect for gold in the Blue mountains, twenty miles from that place.

Rev. Wm. Howard, formerly of Clackamas county, was killed near Day's camp, Granite creek, by being struck with a lever with which he was moving a large boulder from his mining claim.

A party of forty men have gone to prospect Boise river. Some prospecting has been done there, and very favorable indications found.

Two gold quartz boulders were found on the mountains near Mormon Basin, thirty miles south of Auburn. They are valued at about seven hundred dollars each.

GENEROUS.—The sum of \$10,037 was sent from California by a recent steamer, for the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland.

Our citizens should remember the meeting next Friday evening, in relation to the Agricultural College. It is a matter in which all should take a lively interest.

The poles on the Oregon Telegraph line are now set as far south as the Canyon. Mr. Strong is pushing the work ahead with his accustomed energy.

THE YANKEE GIRLS.—Gov. Andrews of Mass., in a recent speech at Worcester, said: "We don't wish to part with any of our masculine strength, but whatever the President wants he shall have, and if the men won't go the women will."

RETURNED.—Mr. J. W. Huff, who started a few weeks since from this place to John Day's river, returned Thursday evening, bringing a number of letters from persons there to their friends here.

The news from the John Day mines is still encouraging. Several of our citizens have gone and a good many are preparing to go.

We hope that every man in Lane county will sign the petitions which are being circulated for the purpose of inducing the Legislature to locate the State Agricultural College in this county.

Legislative Proceedings.

Salem, Sept. 12, 1862. HOUSE.—House met pursuant to adjournment. Humason introduced a petition from the citizens of Wasco county praying the passage of an act establishing an Asylum for the deaf and dumb.

Mr. Minto introduced a bill imposing a "poll tax" on dogs, which was read and passed in general file.

Mr. Applegate introduced a bill to regulate the disposition of estrays. Read and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Notice was given that a bill would be introduced, at an early day, to raise the salary of the county Judge of Benton county.

Mr. Moore gave notice that to-morrow he would introduce a bill making an appropriation to purchase newspapers and postage stamps for the members.

Notice was given that on Monday a bill will be introduced to reduce the salary of Sheriffs.

Mr. Reed introduced the report of the Secretary of State. Five hundred copies were ordered printed. Adjourned.

Salem, Sept. 12, 1862. JOINT CONVENTION.—The Convention was called to order by the President.

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After announcing the last ballot, the President declared B. F. Harding elected to the U. S. Senate.

Salem, Sept. 13, 1862. HOUSE.—The House was called to order by the Speaker, Gen. Piner. The journal was read and approved.

Washington, Sept. 9. A paroled prisoner, who arrived here last night, says 50,000 rebels have crossed into Maryland.

Mr. Conyers presented the credentials of Ralph Wilcox, of Washington county.

Mr. Wasserman presented a petition from the citizens of Multnomah county praying relief against the Chinese and negroes in that part of the State.

Several petitions praying the passage of a usury law were read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Simpson moved that this bill, for the organization of Baker county, be laid on the table, and fifty copies printed. Carried.

Mr. Humason offered a resolution regulating the printing of bills passed, ordering fifty copies of all bills to be printed, except the report of the Code Committee.

Mr. Wasserman, of Com, on counties reported a resolution that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be instructed to endeavor to procure the establishment of a Branch Mint at Portland.

The Governor's Message received and read. The report of the Code Commissioners was received.

On motion, one thousand copies of the Governor's message were ordered printed.

A memorial to instruct our Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure an appropriation for our coast defense. Read.

A motion to print 500 copies of Gov. Whitaker's Message and accompanying documents, was laid on the table.

House bill No. 6, read a second time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

House bill No. 2, read second time by title. Motion to print all bills now on file, before a second reading, carried.

Mr. Mallory offered H. B. No. 10. To provide for the payment of expense of members, in papers, postage stamps, etc., appropriating \$200.

On motion of Mr. Fay the rules were further suspended and the bill passed to the third reading.

On motion of Mr. Moores the bill was recommitted.

Mr. Moores presented the report of the State Librarian.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the report of the committee on Commerce—a memorial to Congress to establish a beach naut at the city of Portland.

The committee of the whole rose and reported back the resolution, with a recommendation that it pass.

The committee to which was referred the bill to revise fees of officers: Wilkins, Brown, Gillette, Stevenson and Humason.

A resolution was offered relative to the census returns of 1860. Passed.

The Senate then repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives when the message of Governor Gibbs was read before both Houses by C. N. Terry, private secretary.

After the reading of the message the Senate returned to their chamber and on motion 1000 copies of the message were ordered printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Drew offered the following resolution: "That the Committee on Federal relations is hereby requested to institute inquiries in order to enable them to report to the Senate what means have been adopted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department of the United States to supply the citizens of this State with the stamps required to be used on and after the 1st of October, 1862, by article 12th of the National Tax Law." Passed.

Committee on Ways and Means reported back resolution relative to postage stamps, asking the Secretary of State to furnish two dollars worth of postage stamps, and moved its adoption. Carried.

LATEST EASTERN NEWS.

Omaha, Sept. 8.—Letters from Sioux City, say messengers from the Yanktown agency, bring information that the tribe is on the eve of raising against the whites.

St. Paul, Sept. 9. Information from Fort Ridgely, under date of the 4th, says the Federal forces have been attacked by 280 savages, 18 miles from the Fort.

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Gen. Pope has been assigned to the Department of the Northwest to operate against the Indians. McClellan is placed in command of the armies of the Potomac and Virginia.

Baltimore, Sept. 8. Rumors are in circulation that rebels are gathering near Westminster, 22 miles from here.

Harrisburg, Sept. 9. The rebels are said to be entering Pennsylvania in force, with the intention, no doubt, of destroying the Northern Central Railroad.

Martinsburg, Va., Sept. 9. Rebel cavalry to the number of 400, attacked the federal station at this point, to-day, but were repulsed with much loss.

New York, Sept. 9. Gen. Hunter and staff have arrived; he has been succeeded by Gen. Mitchell. The Times says Gen. McDowell is in the city, under arrest, on the charge of treason, but by whom preferred, or on what grounds it is not informed.

Washington, Sept. 10. A dispatch from Cincinnati states that the rebels were advancing in force on that point.

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Rockville, Md., Sept. 8. Matters are assuming a warlike appearance here. The corps of Banks and Sumner passed through here last week, and this morning the commanding General and his staff arrived.

Louisville, Sept. 10. Advice from Mount Sterling say that Humphrey Marshall is there with 4,000 men.

Passengers state that Gen. Dumont evacuated Lebanon Ky. It is rumored that the place was occupied by 4,000 rebels the same evening.

Greens, Negley and Starkweather are at Bowling Green, with 8,000 men. Buell has arrived at Nashville with his whole army, 42,000 strong.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11. The Inquirer has a dispatch from Poolsville Md. saying that our troops occupy Sugar Loft Mountain.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 11. State Messenger gives the following: We reached position in the mountains above Frederick, and by means of a glass saw all that was going on in that town.

A skirmish had occurred between the Michigan cavalry, and the Virginia cavalry leaving the advance at Boonsboro'. The rebel pickets were within a mile and a half of Hagerstown at 8 o'clock last night.

Cincinnati, Sept. 11. Gen. Wallace's mounted scouts made a raid near the rebel lines last night, and burned the mill used by them for grinding corn.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11. The rebels report that Gen. Rosecrantz attacked the rebels at Trepeho, Miss., and had been repulsed, is shown to be false by letters from his command, of later date than the reported attack.

Fortress Monroe, Sept. 10. Information has been received that the rebels, 1,200 strong, attacked the town of Washington, N. C., at day break on the 6th.

We learn from Assessor Luckey that the taxable property of Lane county, for the year 1862, has been returned at \$1,676,316.

We will publish the special message of Gov. Gibbs next week. It was received too late for this issue.