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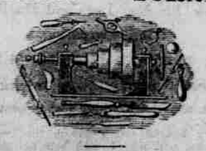

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

### Railroad Meeting.

The meeting at the Court House last Monday night, to take into consideration the proposition made by Ben. Holladay in relation to the direction to be given to the Oregon Central Railroad, the location of the depot, etc., was largely attended, and the greatest interest manifested.

Jas. H. Foster was elected Chairman, and Jas. Elkins, Secretary. The Chairman stated the objects of the meeting to be to take into consideration a proposition made by Ben. Holladay to the citizens of Albany and Linn county, said proposition being in "black and white," and to this effect: Ben. Holladay agrees to diverge the line of the Oregon Central Railroad to a point within a half mile of the Court House in Albany, and to erect a depot at that point, provided our citizens subscribe the sum of twenty five thousand dollars in U. S. gold coin, and the same amount in town lots or other real estate, the money to be paid and the deeds to the real estate to be executed to the said Ben. Holladay so soon as the road shall be completed and the cars running to said city of Albany: Provided, said road shall be completed on or before the first day of January, 1871. The Chairman gave it as his opinion that the above proposition was the best that could be obtained from Holladay; that in conversations had with Holladay, he asserted positively that unless the full amount ($50,000) was raised, and the fact telegraphed to him (Holladay), the road would not touch Albany; that in bringing the road to Albany he would be compelled to diverge from a straight line nearly three miles, at a cost of $60,000, and he would not incur the additional expense alone, especially as all his interests and ends would be as successfully accomplished by leaving Albany some miles on the north of the line of road. Holladay denied that he had ever offered to bring the road to Albany for the sum of $30,000; that this was his first, last and only proposition.

Rev. E. R. Geary, by request, gave the substance of his conversations with Holladay, and his own views in the matter, all of which corroborated with the views and statements of the Chairman. Mr. Geary believed that Holladay, in this proposition, had given us his ultimatum; that if we failed to raise the amount asked for, we would not get the road.

Mr. Douthit, Dr. Alexander, and others, addressed the meeting—all of them agreeing that if the money was not made up by the 10th inst., Albany would be "left out in the cold."

On motion a committee of seven—two for this city, and five for the county—was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the railroad fund.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at the Court House, on Friday evening to hear the report of the Committee on Subscriptions, and to take any further steps that may be deemed necessary to secure the road to Albany.

Previous to adjournment, a motion of Dr. Alexander's was adopted, and subscription books were opened then and there, and we are informed that nearly $9,000 were subscribed before the meeting finally broke up. It seemed to be the universal feeling that the time for badgering had passed; that immediate and prompt action is demanded at our hands if we would have a railroad to Albany. Mr. Holladay said that he would locate the depot to suit the business of the road; that his aim in the selection of a site would be to accommodate the largest number of the business portion of the community; that no offers or subscriptions would be received binding him to erect a depot on or at a certain fixed point.

That the road will be built, we have the evidence of Mr. Geary that enough iron has been bought, and is to be delivered at East Portland between June and July next, to build sixty miles of road, besides the twenty miles already constructed; the fact that a car and blacksmith shops have been erected at a cost of two or three hundred thousand dollars; that saw mills are erected on the line of the road, capable of sawing 90,000 feet of lumber daily, and that enough ties have been sawed out to complete twenty miles of road at once. These are evidences that Holladay intends to prosecute the work, says Mr. Geary, or else his senses have forsaken him. *

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES.—A large number of our people were assembled on the bank of the Willamette, at the foot of Ellsworth street, to witness the immersion of new members of the Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Hill officiating. The weather was cool. There was but one person baptised, we believe.

### FROM LEBANON.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

LEBANON, January 1, 1870.

The holidays have passed pleasantly with the citizens of our rural village. The Masons had a supper in their hall on Christmas Eve, on which occasion their officers for the ensuing year were installed. We understand that all had a very pleasant time—supper abundant and of the very best, and the company, as it was composed exclusively of Masons and their families, of course was pleasant. The Good Templars had a supper in their hall Christmas evening. We understand that it was a grand affair. Provisions of the very best were so abundant that not more than half was consumed, though there were about one hundred persons present. By the way, this Lodge, we suppose, is one of the most prosperous in the State. It now numbers about one hundred members in good standing; and new members are initiated at almost every meeting.

Since the annual meeting of the "Lebanon Ditch & Manufacturing Company," the general impression is that the ditch will be dug and a mill erected by next harvest. The new Board of officers are live men—are determined to push it through. About fifteen hundred dollars of stock has been taken since the annual meeting. By the way, a delegation from your city was up here this week to see if some arrangements might not be made by which Albany might have the benefit of "the ditch." We would have Albany to understand that this ditch is to convey water *to Lebanon.* If you wish to use the water at Albany, you are welcome to do so, *after* Lebanon has had the benefit of it. Albany is too near Lebanon, at any rate, to ever make a place of much importance. From the great adoo which is made about the

OREGON CENTRAL RAILROAD

Passing through Albany, we are led to infer that the future prosperity of your city depends upon the accomplishment of that event. We are happy to be able to assure you that the prosperity of *our* city depends on no contingencies. Lebanon will prosper, let the "Oregon Central Railroad" go where it may. It may be true that a branch of the

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD,

Crossing the Cascade mountains over the Willamette Valley and Cascade Wagon Road, will pass through the Main street of Lebanon, and intersect the Oregon Central at some point between Corvallis and Jefferson; yet the prosperity of Lebanon does not depend on that. Now, sir, if you would be a million heir (*millionaire*) lay out several thousand dollars in real estate in Lebanon. But if you do not wish to do this, the next best thing is to buy a section of land at the junction of the Lebanon branch of the Pacific with the Oregon Central. But in order that you may be greatly benefitted by either of these transactions, you will have to act promptly.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

A series of religious meetings have recently been held at Soda Springs, by Rev. E. A. Judkins, pastor of the M. E. Church at this place, which resulted in twenty-three conversions and accessions to the church. X.

### Letter from the County School Superintendent.

OFFICE OF COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
FOR LINN COUNTY, OREGON,
December 30th, 1869.

EDITOR REGISTER: As there have been several applications to this office for copies of the school law, of which there are none for distribution; and as several districts suffered loss last spring through errors in their reports, or through too great delay in sending them to this office, I have thought it best to call the attention of the clerks of school districts to this subject, through your columns, with your kind permission.

The law provides that *before* the first Monday in March of each year the report must be made to the Superintendent. This means that the report must be in the office of the Superintendent on that day, as that is the day on which the apportionment of the school fund among the districts is made, and he cannot know of reports still in the offices of the clerks, or in the mails, or perhaps in some one's hat, where some reports appeared to have been carried a week or two before they reached the office, and were too late in consequence.

It is evident that the 29th of February is too late to make a report, especially when that month has but 28 days, as last February.

In fact, making the report should never be put off later than January, as then it will have all of February to go to the office, and it is hardly possible that accident of any kind could delay a report if *mailed* before February. It is wrong, also, for the children of any district to be deprived of their portion of the public fund through the neglect of the clerk who has taken an oath to perform his duty.

The report should contain:

1st. Number of legal voters.
2d. Number of persons over four and under twenty years of age.
3d. Number of male scholars.
4th. Number of female scholars.
5th. Number of quarters school taught.
6th. Kind of books used.
7th. Number of scholars in average attendance.
8th. Amount paid teachers from district tax.
9th. Amount received and paid teachers from the county fund.
10th. Amount of incidental expenses.
11th Total amount of tax levied and collected.
12th. Names of teachers employed.

The whole number of the male and female scholars, in the 3d and 4th items above, should amount to the 2d item, the number of persons over four and under twenty years of age. In two reports last Winter there was a discrepancy in these amounts. One in particular reported 57 persons over 4 and under 20 years of age, 18 of whom were males and 21 females; 18 and 21 is only 39, leaving 18 persons who were not accounted for as male or female. There being an obvious error in this report, and the number 39 being probably the nearest right, it was made the basis of the appropriation for that district.

One report also failed to mention any school taught; and had not the clerk happened into the office just in time to correct it, that district would have lost its share of the fund.

These mistakes are brought to the notice of clerks that they may guard against similar errors, as the items mentioned, the number of males and females over four and under twenty years of age, and the number of quarters school taught, are absolutely necessary in order to entitle the district to a share in the fund. It is doubtful if there has been a single apportionment at which some district has not failed to get its just portion of the county fund, through error in the report or its failure to arrive in time. But if the clerks will take this notice in good part and act accordingly, there need be no such cases the coming March.

Perhaps they had better cut out this article and keep for reference, and, if in consequence, the reports all come into this office in time, and correct, so that every district gets its fair share of the public fund, leaving no occasion for fault finding or ill feeling hereafter, I shall be amply repaid for writing this communication. J. W. MACK,
Co. School Supt. for Linn Co., Oregon.

UPSET.—A wagon containing eleven persons, on the night of the 30th ult., was accidentally upset on a steep grade just at the residence of H. A. Johnson, Esq., two miles north of Jefferson, precipitating the whole party to the ground. The soft condition of the ground prevented the "serious killing" of any of the party; but two of the young ladies sustained painful injuries—one lady's wrist being sprained, and another lady was deprived of consciousness for a short time. Nick Springer came out with a whole skin, but he was a perfect fright, being covered with mud from one end to the other! The wagon turned completely over, and "it's the greatest wonder in the world" that the party escaped with so few bruises.

A CHANGE.—The Eugene *Journal* says that Ben Holladay has removed Chief-Engineer Brooks and appointed Hon. Jesse Applegate in his stead. The *Journal* further adds. "We regard this highly commendable appointment on the part of Mr. Holladay as being particularly to the interests of the people of Eugene. Mr. Applegate is a reliable and experienced man, and may be expected to perform the duties of the office satisfactorily. We are glad that one of the most worthy citizens of the State has received the position. We believe, so far as Mr. Applegate will have power or influence, the road will be located so as to promote the best interests of all.

RECEIVED.—We are in receipt of the list of premiums awarded at the Oregon State Fair for 1869. It makes a pamphlet of some forty odd pages, and contains, besides the premium list, the opening and annual addresses, and proceedings of the Board of Managers and Society.

The young man Boker, confined in the Eugene City jail for larceny, made his escape last week by removing some of the stones in the side wall large enough to crawl through. Search was being made for him.

A jar of spirits containing the body of an infant was found buried near Oroville.

### Baron Munchausen Outdone.

The Panama correspondent of the N. Y. *Sun*, under date of November 8th, tells the following miraculous tale, which is equal to the best of the Munchausen tales:

Your readers will remember the story concerning $10,000,000 in silver buried on the Cocos Island, which was started in San Francisco ten years ago, and has been probably published in every country newspaper in the United States. The tale was that a doctor in San Francisco was one night called to the bedside of a sick and poverty-stricken sailor. The doctor watched over him carefully, and made and paid for all his own prescriptions. In spite of all his precautions the sailor grew worse, and at last the doctor told him he must die. The man was deeply affected, and wept bitterly. Death came over him slowly but surely.

On his dying bed, with tears in his eyes, he thanked the doctor for all his kindness, and said he could and would repay him for all his trouble. In a few short breaths he told him that in his younger days he had been a pirate. With twenty companions he had shipped on a Spanish treasure ship at Callao bound to Cadiz. When five days out they rose and butchered the passengers, after which the course of the ship was changed due west. Three weeks afterwards, during a drunken carousal, the ship ran upon a reef of rocks fringing an island in the Pacific, and before morning eight of the buccaneers were drowned. At the break of day they reached the shore in boats, and found the island fertile and pleasant.

After three days' hard work they brought the kegs of silver dollars to the shore and buried them. The treasure amounted to over $10,000,000. As water was scarce, and the provisions on the wreck were totally damaged, the twelve pirates took to their boats and steered for the coast of South America. Nothing was ever heard from one of the boats, and it was probably swamped in a great storm which occurred three days after they had left the island. The provisions in the other boat soon gave out, and the men gradually became delirious for want of sustenance. Two jumped overboard, and were drowned. One of their companions died in the boat, and a fourth was killed by his comrades, who drank his blood. After drifting under a burning sun for two weeks, the survivors were picked up by a passing vessel.

One of them died on the following day, and the other lived to tell his story to hundreds of incredulous listeners, and to seek in vain for the means to return to return to the island. He was now about to end a life of disappointment in death. At the conculsion of his story the dying sailor drew from under his bolster a roll of papers giving the latitude and longitude of the island as near as possible, and handed them to the doctor; but before the physician could examine them the old sailor died. The mutiny occurred during the Peruvian revolution against Spain, and the sailor died in San Francisco, some thirteen years ago. A careful study of the chart located the island in the vicinity of Cocos. The doctor embarked in the scheme with all his wealth, rigged out a schooner, and sailed from San Francisco in search of the El Dorado. He returned a ruined man, unable to discover the island. Other expeditions were fitted out, but none were successful.

In July, 1868, several gentlemen in this city bought a schooner and fitted out an expedition. There were twenty-six persons in the party. They left in high spirits, with complete charts, and seemed confident of success. The most of the party were old Californians, and were used to a life of adventure. Among the party was one George Cummins, a man of large experience, who had accompanied one of the previous expeditions. They reached the island after fifty-six days' navigation, thoroughly worn out and disgusted. They spent nineteen days there vainly looking for the hidden riches, and then gave up the hunt as entirely Utopian. Setting sail again for Panama, they finally brought up in La Union, whence Cummins came up to this city with the news of their blasted hopes.

It was thought that the failure of this expedition would put an end to all attempts to recover the specie. This was not the case. Last winter some of the superstitious and wealthy citizens of Costa Rica began to agitate the subject anew. A company was organized, composed of some of the prominent Government officials. The matter was brought before the Costa Rica Congress, and after an investigation they authorized the purchase of several shares of the stock on Government account. A large majority of the members of the new expedition were soldiers, probably sent to look after the interests of the Government. A priest was sent along to look after their spiritual welfare. They left Costa Rica in June last. Nothing has been heard of them until yesterday, when a letter was received from one of the party by a friend in this city, containing intelligence of the discovery of the treasure. The letter states that all the treasure has not yet been found, and therefore no estimate of its value can be given. The greater part of that which has already been dug out is in silver, the most of it in Spanish dollars.

TO MAKE LITTLE BOY'S TROUSERS LAST.—When you make a suit of clothes for them, finish the coat first, and, by so doing, you will make their trousers last. It is the only way the thing can be done.

A little boy having broken his rocking-horse the day it was bought, his mamma began to scold, when he silenced her by inquiring: "What is the good of a hoss till it's broke?"

### Holding Vanderbilt's Horse—A True Story.

A young man from a neighboring State, who has been recently rescued from a score of hungry creditors, and who still has a credit at his banker's of about $100,000, but who, not long ago, was in reduced circumstances and obliged to live in retirement on Staten Island, makes the following solution of a competency. The gentleman—Holt by name—was residing in one of the fashionable hotels on Staten Island. He was extremely down hearted. This was the reason of his low spirits: About two years ago he had married a very handsome woman, on whom he fairly doted. At that time he had $25,000 in cash. Soon after the nuptial ceremony, Holt removed to this city, and became a broker on Wall street. He was too honest to succeed there. The bulls and bears gored and tore him—financially—and in less than a month he had not a dollar left. Disgusted, he left with as good a grace as possible, leaving his cash to fulfill its mission. With wife and child he went to the country, and finally, as before stated, settled down in a hotel on Staten Island. His wife had some means, and she gave it freely to the support of the family.

About two weeks ago, late one hot afternoon, a gentleman drove up to the hotel where Holt was living, and gruffly asked if there was a boy there who would hold his horse. "I will do it, sir," said Mr. Holt, and he did hold the animal during the time consumed by the elderly gentleman in obtaining his dinner.

A few days later the same gentleman, driving the same horse, stopped at the same hotel and hunted again for a boy to hold his horse. No boy being present, Holt again volunteered. He held the horse until the hostler came to take the animal to the stable, and then retired within the hotel to dress for dinner. Mrs. Holt had a way of making her husband get himself up very respectably at least once a day, and that was for the dinner hour. Usually, he had been rather negligent of his costume, and since his financial *fiasco* had already become quite seedy. When Mr. and Mrs. Holt entered the hotel dining room that evening Mrs. Holt was resplendent. Her husband was at least dressed in a gentlemanly style. At an adjoining table sat the elderly gentleman whose horse Mr. Holt on two different occasions had the pleasure of holding. The eyes of the elderly individual were observed to dilate considerably. In fact, he stared at Mr. and Mrs. Holt. But he said nothing at that time. After dinner, however, he sought out Mr. Holt and bluntly asked his name. "Holt, sir, at your service." "And who do you think I am?" again asked the elderly personage. "Oh, you? You are 'old' Vaderbilt! I know you, and the horse I have held is Mountain Boy, an animal any man might be proud to draw a rein over."

Instead of taking offence at the epithet "old," Mr. Vanderbilt—for it was the Commodore—seemed to like it, and he made some inquiries about Holt's antecedents, took a fancy to him, and peremptorily ordered him to make his appearance at his up-town office on the ensuing forenoon at precisely 11 o'clock. Holt promised to obey, did so, and had an interview of over an hour's duration with the millionaire. What was done or said on that occasion no one has ever been able to learn. But a few days later Holt made his appearance in Wall street and speculated strongly and successfully in a certain line of stocks known to be mostly controlled by Commodore Vanderbilt. So well did he work his card with the instructions undoubtedly obtained from the Commodore, that in a few weeks he had cleared over $100,000 in cash, which he deposited with a prominent banking-house whose vaults are protected with burglar-proof locks, and who keep day and night watchmen expressly paid to see that no unauthorized person tampers with those safeguards. Two weeks ago Vanderbilt sent for Holt again and said to him:

"Young man, I heard you had made some money. I am glad to hear it. Now, just take my advice a second time. Never put foot in Wall street again. You are not suited for that atmosphere. Shun it as you would the devil. You've got enough. Keep what you have and be contented."

Holt now shuns Wall street as he would a pestilence.

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