

Albany Register.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Latest from Siletz—The Indian War "Scare" Abated—Indians Anxious for Peace—No Indications of Preparation for "Sculping."

We had the pleasure, on Wednesday morning, of meeting Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Hon. T. B. Odeneal, who had just arrived in this city from Corvallis, en route for Salem, from whom we get the following in regard to the Indian troubles at Siletz Indian Reservation:

The highly colored reports of the hostile attitude assumed by the Indians on the Siletz Reservation, and the great excitement among the white settlers along the line of said Reservation in consequence thereof, reaching Superintendent Odeneal, he at once repaired with all speed to the spot, that he might, by personal observation and inquiry, get at the facts, and thus be enabled to act in the matter with reference to the best interests of all concerned.

The Superintendent arrived at the Reservation on Friday of last week, and at once sent out runners for the Indians to meet him in a grand pow-wow (mass convention) on the day following—Saturday. We will remark here that Siletz is about forty miles northeast of Corvallis, in Benton county. On Saturday, in answer to the invitation of the Superintendent, nearly every Indian on the Reservation, old and young, buck and squaw, made their appearance at the time and place specified, and a grand and most interesting council was held.

Nearly every Chief present made a speech, and, generally speaking, for sound logic and good sense, they were up to the average speeches of their white brothers. They denied that they had any hostile intent toward their white brothers; asserted that it would not only be folly, but madness of the worst type, for a handful of red men to attack their white brothers, whose numbers were as the trees on the mountains or as the grass in the valleys; that their white brothers were supplied with guns, and powder, and bullets, and knives, and flour, while the poor red men had nothing; that if they went to war, they (the warriors) would lose their lives—and then what would become of their women and children; that while there was no inducement whatever to war against their white brothers, there was every inducement for peace—that through friendship they had everything to hope for; through war, everything would be lost. But, while they did not want war, yet they could not understand why their white brothers were erecting and hiding themselves in a fort; it looked to them as though they intended to make war on them (the Indians), and take from them their lands—the Reservation—their homes, by force, and drive them and their little ones forth to starve. In fact, their speeches were all of this tenor, that the alarm exhibited by the whites, in arming and fortifying themselves up, was all a pretense; that they merely did it to create "outside" sympathy, thus getting aid to kill and drive the Indians from the Reservation, the lands of which they coveted.

The Superintendent soon quieted their fears, assuring them that they only had to remain quietly on their Reservation, and they would be protected in all their rights. He then told them, to quiet all apprehensions on the part of the whites, it would be necessary for them to give up their arms. This they at once agreed to do; as, when the motion was put, every Indian rose at once to his feet, showing that they were willing to do anything required of them to convince the whites of their peaceable intentions.

If Sawtell's house was burned by Indians, it was probably the act of one named California Jack; and, if he is guilty, the Indians generally are anxious that he should be punished for the crime.

It is the opinion of the Superintendent that the Indians were never more quiet and peaceable than at the present time, and that no fears whatever

need be entertained by any of the commission of depredations by them.

The Superintendent found the people about the Yaquina Bay in a perfect state of excitement—in fact they had caught a big scare, and it took a great deal of reasoning to quiet the alarm, especially among the females. When he left Elk City, early on Tuesday morning, the excitement was subsiding, and the people will doubtless soon be able to smile at the "late Indian scare."

For the prompt and efficient action of Superintendent Odeneal in this matter, the people of the Bay feel very grateful indeed. So far he has proved himself to be the right man in the right place.

BURNED UP.—A letter received from our agent on Tuesday, informs us that a large number of splendid engravings, executed in Boston, designed to grace the columns of the REGISTER during the year 1873, a large portion of them finished and ready for shipment, were destroyed by the great fire which visited that city a few weeks ago. We have ordered a portion of them re-engraved, and as soon as we can obtain the sketches and photographic views of others, will forward them also. If it had not been for the fire in Boston, we should now be in possession of about 200 engravings, with which the pages of the REGISTER would have been embellished from week to week. However, we expect the next steamer from San Francisco to bring us an engraver, when we shall not be dependent on Boston engravers for pictures with which to illustrate the pages of the REGISTER. Our readers will see from the above that the absence of illustrations from our pages is not the result of negligence on our part, for had we had the least idea that Boston intended to emulate Chicago in the fire line, we should have ordered our work from Philadelphia, and we would not now be out and injured. We hope for better fortune in the future.

REBEKAH LODGE.—The members of Rebekah Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of this city, met at their hall on last Saturday evening. The election for officers for the new year resulted as follows: Mrs. Thos. Monteith, V. G.; Mrs. Coll. Van Cleve, Sec.; Mrs. W. S. Newbury, Treas. Mrs. R. Saltmarsh and Mrs. Tweedale were appointed supporters of the N. G., and Mrs. Harry Godley, Conductor. The next regular meeting will transpire on Saturday evening, February 1st, and every two weeks thereafter. It was a very pleasant occasion, and we hope to see a full attendance at the next regular meeting.

TROOPS TO THE FRONT.—A company of U. S. soldiers, from Vancouver, W. T., passed this city on Tuesday's train, en route for the scene of bloody carnage in the Modoc country. On the same day, as we see by telegrams, 300 soldiers left San Francisco for the same point—two companies of artillery to act as infantry, one company of infantry, and one of cavalry. This will give about 500 regulars in the field.

THE CINNABAR DISCOVERY.—One of our citizens, who has large experience in mining, has been out prospecting, with others, the new cinnabar lode, discovered last fall, by Thos. Wagner, situated about thirty miles nearly south from this city, about twelve miles east of Harrisburg, in the foothills of the Cascade mountains. This gentleman gives it as his opinion that the cinnabar is found in such limited quantities that it will not pay to work. About a mile and a half below the supposed cinnabar lode, in the gulch, quicksilver has been found, but in limited quantities.

RETURNED.—Thos. Otley, who, it will be remembered, about a year ago, in company with several other young men, started for South America, has succeeded in making the round trip. He arrived in this city on last Wednesday's train.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—Dr. W. F. Alexander, of this city, has been appointed by the Governor a member of the State Board of Equalization, vice Whiteaker, resigned. Accept our congratulatory, Doc.

HIS EXPERIENCE.—Tom Otley, who left this city January 19th, 1872, with others, for Peru, has returned, "glad that he's alive." He says Peru is no place for a white man; that the pistol and knife rules there supreme, as much so as in the early years of Texas. That the Government is bankrupt; that the railroad enterprises under the charge of Harry Meigs, have all been stopped, and he thinks will not be resumed again for years. Gold and silver has almost entirely disappeared from the channels of trade, and in its place a system of currency has been introduced that is very fluctuating and unreliable. The climate is very unhealthy, and between disease and the knife or bullet of the assassin, life is of most uncertain tenure. Business of all kinds is almost entirely suspended; with the exception of limited quantities of sugar, the country is producing nothing for export, and guano, the main dependence of the country, is being so rapidly exhausted, that within two years this supply will also be cut off. He says there are scores of young men, intelligent and refined, induced to go to Peru through prospect of accumulating fortunes in an incredible short space of time, that at present are paralyzed, unable to move hand or foot to any good purpose, with nothing to do and no means to secure a passage back to America.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.—On Tuesday evening last, a large assemblage of the relatives and friends of Mr. John Smith and lady met at the residence of J. Barrows, Esq. (son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Smith), to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. It was a most pleasant and interesting occasion to all participants. The form of a wedding ceremony was again gone through with, the ladies kissing the old gentleman, and the gentlemen kissing the old lady, amid the smiles and joyous laughter of both old and young. A large number of presents, tokens of love from happy daughters, sons, nephews, nieces and grandchildren, beautiful and valuable as well as useful mementoes of affection, were bestowed upon the re-wedded pair. Mr. Smith was 71 years of age on the 12th of November last, and Mrs. Smith was 70 years of age on the 13th day of May last. They are both in the enjoyment of good health, possess fine constitutions, and bid fair to live and enjoy the good things of life for years to come. May their useful lives long be spared to loving kindred and friends.

INDIAN DANCE.—One reason of the big scare over at Yaquina, was that the Indians were engaged, it was said, very frequently of late in great war dances. Superintendent Odeneal asked of the Chieftains, while there on Saturday last, an explanation with regard to these dances. In explanation he was informed that these dances were undertaken as a religious rite, and to show the Superintendent that there was nothing in them resembling a "war dance," a hop was improvised at once, to which all present took a part. It is the Indian belief that if these dances are omitted, canas, salmon and game will go "short" on them, and various other evils will follow. Let the poor devils dance.

THE NEWSPAPER LAW.—To send a newspaper through the mails, other than to regular subscribers, without prepaying postage, subjects the party so sending to a fine of \$50. A newspaper containing unlawful enclosures should be charged, by the postmaster, with letter postage; and if the party addressed refuses to pay the increased rate, the package should be returned to the office from whence it was mailed, that the party sending it may be fined in the sum of \$5.

LARGELY ATTENDED.—The meeting on Saturday last, at McFarland's Schoolhouse, District No. 25, was largely attended by the Farmers. A club was organized, officers elected, a committee appointed to select a question for debate at next regular meeting, when a Constitution and By-Laws, for the government of the Club, will be adopted. The farmers of District No. 25 are alive to their interests.

BORN.—In this city, Jan. 18th, to the wife of Mr. W. W. Parrish, a son. The proudest man in town, is William.

District No. 25.

The farmers of District No. 25, met pursuant to call published in the REGISTER, at McFarland's School-house, on last Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M., and temporarily organized by the election of R. A. McFarland, Chairman.

On motion, a permanent organization was then effected, and the following named gentlemen elected as officers for the ensuing year: G. H. Baber, President; Phillip Low, Vice President; Geo. F. Simpson, Secretary; J. B. McFarland, Assistant Secretary.

A number of gentlemen present made addresses, and the greatest interest was manifested in the success of the object for which the meeting was called.

On motion, a committee of two were appointed to select a question for debate at the next meeting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place, at 1 o'clock P. M. of Saturday, January 25, 1873.
GEO. F. SIMPSON, Sec'y.

A CARD.—Mr. and Mrs. Smith desire, in this public manner, with grateful hearts, to thank those kind friends who gave them gifts, to the amount of \$70, on the occasion of their golden wedding, at the residence of Mr. J. Barrows, on the evening of Jan. 21st, 1873; and in conclusion would wish those kind friends, together with all others who were present on that occasion, peace, plenty and happiness during the present life, and happiness eternal in the life to come.

PERSONAL.—T. B. Odeneal, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, called for a moment on Wednesday morning. He apprehends no danger from the Siletz Indians whatever.

Sam Colver smiled upon us Wednesday morning. He left for the south on the noon train.

Charles Mealey starts for San Francisco to-day to lay in a new stock. He will be absent three or four weeks.

A. Wheeler, Esq., of Shedd, showed his pleasant features in our sanctum on Thursday.

Fred. Graf was taken very ill on Wednesday, but his friends hope not seriously.

It gives us pleasure to announce that Miss Carrie Ralston is recovering from her recent attack of severe illness.

Miss Julia Elkins left this city en route for the Dalles, on a visit to her sister. She will remain until Spring.

RELIGIOUS.—Meetings have been progressing, alternately, in the Congregational and Presbyterian churches of this city, for sometime past, with good result. The meetings are increasing in interest.

FASHIONABLE.—If you want a splendid perambulator, "cheap as dirt," go to Mealey's Furniture Warerooms, where you will find as well everything in the furniture and house furnishing line, at low figures. To see is to be convinced. 21w4.

INSANE.—A man named Moore, of Junction City, Lane county, in charge of officers, passed through this city on Sunday, en route for the Insane Asylum at East Portland.

THANKS.—For a bountiful supply of the golden wedding cake, we return the thanks of this print shop.

MARRIED.

Jan. 20th, 1873, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Tangent, by the Rev. S. G. Irvine, Mr. George W. Dawson and Miss Mary Ellen Boggs. [Illinois papers please copy.]

Compliments received. Mr. Dawson's friends hereabouts will be pleased to learn of his well doing. The happy pair made one, immediately repaired to the home prepared by the bridegroom at Castle Rock, W. T., to receive his blushing bride. May peace and plenty crown their board.

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