

Albany Register.

LOCAL MATTERS.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

A letter has been handed us from M. H. Stephens, of Osceola, Clark county, Iowa, making inquiries regarding the Willamette Valley, with a request to answer. The first question proposed is: "Do you have to irrigate?" Speaking of this portion of the State, the portion embraced in Linn county—the leading agricultural county in Oregon—in reply to this question, our answer would be, no irrigation is required. Of course there are large bodies of rich land in Oregon, as well as the territory adjacent, that will not produce unless irrigation is resorted to; but here, in the grand old Willamette Valley, the "mists and dews from the clouds save us the trouble and expense." "What is the price of wild land?" If by "wild land" is meant Government land, land subject to entry and homesteading, we would answer, we know of none or comparatively none, in this county. There is any amount of unimproved land, however, that can be purchased for from \$2 50 to \$10 per acre, according to locality. There may be, and possibly is, lands that can be homesteaded, back in the hills, excellent for grazing purposes—stock farms. There is also large bodies of fine bottom or valley lands in the hundreds of little valleys east of the Cascade Mountains, lands that will reward the husbandman bountifully for his toil; but generally speaking, irrigation will be necessary there. "Is the country settling fast?" Population is increasing slowly, as the people of the Eastern States have been exceedingly slow to believe the truth with regard to the many advantages possessed by Oregon. We expect, during the next two years, to witness a tremendous influx of people, not only from the Eastern States, but from Europe, owing to recent efforts to disseminate wider information with regard to Oregon and her advantages. "What of the society?" It is fully equal, and in some respects superior, to that of the older States. "What kind of climate?" Moist in Winter, and in Summer the finest in the world. We are visited with neither extreme cold or hot weather. From about the 10th of November to first of April we have rain—very few heavy showers, but a continual drizzle-drozzle. The balance of the year the weather is perfectly splendid. "Describe some of the small towns along the railroad." The villages along the line of the Oregon & California Railroad are similar to those along railroads in Illinois. Generally speaking the business houses and private dwellings are frames—very few buildings of brick. The principal towns on the railway are Portland, Salem, Albany, Harrisburg, Eugene City and Roseburg. "What are the wages of common laborers?" etc. Day laborers get from \$1 to \$1 50 per day; carpenters and blacksmiths from \$2 50 to \$4 per day; school teachers from \$35 to \$100 per month; clerks from \$25 to \$125 per month. Rough lumber is worth \$14 per M.; flour, \$5 per barrel. For further information as to price of provisions, see market report elsewhere. In fact, the citizens of the Willamette Valley, the garden spot of Oregon, dress, eat, sleep, talk, and do business generally about after the style of their kindred of the older States. We have just as many churches, school houses, court houses and jails; as handsome women and brave men; a good sprinkling of thoroughbred horses, trotters, pacers and runners; fine cattle, sheep, hogs, etc. In our residences can be found the finest-toned pianos, organs, etc.—in fact our people have got about as much "get up" and snap about them as the "rest of mankind," and more. But you can find almost any kind of climate and soil in Oregon that you may wish; and if the moisture of the Willamette Valley Winters are objected to, a few miles will take you into the mountains, where you can get snow and ice and freezing weather to your heart's content. Ask us more questions.

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Too late for this issue—will appear next week.

Farmer's Club No. 4.

ALBANY, April 15th, 1873.

At a called meeting of Farmers' Club No. 4, Linn county, Oregon, the following resolutions were passed. For the free passage of the many delegates on the Governor Grover to the Farmers' Convention at Salem, and back, and other kind favors shown us:

Resolved, That it is the manifest interest of this Club to give every encouragement in its power for sustaining the Willamette Freighting Company, or opposition line of steamers on the Willamette.

NOTICE TO THE MERCHANTS OF ALBANY.

All or nearly all vessels that came to Portland last season came in ballast, and in consequence thereof shippers had to pay a higher charter than they otherwise would. In order that we may avoid this extra charge in the future, we respectfully invite your attention to the matter; and such of you as will go to New York and buy your goods, charter vessels and ship the same to Portland or Astoria, and then load these vessels with wheat for Liverpool.

Resolved, That the members of this Club will patronize such of you as comply with the above proposal.

A. G. MARSHALL, Pres.

H. C. POWELL, Sec.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

HALL ALBANY FIRE CO. No. 1.

ALBANY, April 19th, 1873.

At a meeting of Albany Fire Co. No. 1, held at their hall on Saturday evening, the 19th inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

We learn with unfeigned regret of the death of Charles Rogers, one of our most efficient members and comrades, and in whose loss we feel the absence of a comrade ever ready at the tap of the bell to render his aid to the unfortunate victims of fire, or in charity the first to respond.

Noble, true and brave, he was in all a Fireman. Whilst we most deeply deplore his loss, we must yet bow in humble submission to that Supreme Ruler who will call us each to follow the same journey of death. Let the good qualities of our deceased comrade be ever before us.

To his family we tender our sympathy in this their hour of trouble and affliction.

To the Divine Ruler of the universe do we give the body of our esteemed comrade—the spirit is in his hands. May we all profit by his kindness, benevolence and many good qualities, and be prepared to meet our Maker in the same spirit of peace.

HENRI F. SAYRS,
A. N. ARNOLD,
WM. GIRD, Com.

LARGE STOCK.—One of the best assorted stocks of general merchandise in the city is to be found at the store of Messrs. P. C. Harper & Co. They are gentlemen of excellent taste and judgment, and having bought on advantageous terms, offer to sell correspondingly low. In the line of fancy dress goods, trimmings, laces, etc., they present attractions that cannot help captivating the ladies, while in the staple lines of goods their stock is more complete and fuller than ever. In clothing, boots and shoes, head wear, woolen goods, etc., they have the latest. For sportsmen they have some fine shot guns and rifles, with all the necessary apparatus. A look through their establishment will repay you for the trouble.

PASSED.—At the meeting of the Council on Tuesday evening the celebrated "Chicken Ordinance" was passed, there being but one dissenting vote. The rules were suspended and an ordinance providing for the erection of a hose tower, sidewalk and fence, in rear of City Hall, was passed. Some ten more ordinances, relating to letting contracts for ditching, etc., etc., were read first time. A large amount of important business has accumulated, necessitating more frequent meetings of the Council. Adjourned to meet on Monday evening next.

ROTARY ENGINE.—Messrs. Paxton & Rubarts have invented a new rotary engine, a model for which we examined on Tuesday. Several prominent engineers and machinists have examined it, and pronounce it the complete rotary steam engine yet invented, and express the belief that it will revolutionize the engine business, owing to its great simplicity and cheapness, costing nearly one-half less than other machinery of this kind. These gentlemen have been at work perfecting the machine for two years past, and they deserve the rich reward which should attend on perseverance in laudable enterprises.

RICH QUARTZ.—On Tuesday Dr. E. O. Smith, of this city, exhibited for our inspection some fine specimens of quartz, croppings of the Galena lead. The quartz assays seventy-five per cent lead. Each ton of the quartz shows between forty and fifty dollars in silver and ten of gold, which ought to pay well for working. It is reported that a company from San Francisco have made arrangements, and will soon commence operations on the lead. The lead is about fifty-five miles nearly east from this city—about twenty miles from the valley. The mountains in that neighborhood are full of mineral, which will some day be worked to advantage.

WILL CELEBRATE.—The Odd Fellows of this city and their friends, at the invitation of Barnum Lodge of Corvallis, will celebrate the anniversary of Odd Fellowship, which occurs to-morrow, by a basket picnic with their brethren and friends at Corvallis. Vehicles having been secured, the procession, headed by the Albany Brass Band, will start from Odd Fellows' Hall, on First Street, in this city, promptly at 7 o'clock A. M. on the 23th, passing up the road on this side of the river, reaching Corvallis by 9 o'clock A. M. It is hoped that all of our citizens who can will go, and that all will be in readiness to shove out by 7 o'clock A. M. of to-morrow. Everybody invited.

WAR NEWS.—At last accounts it was feared the Modocs would succeed in getting away from the lava bed, and scattering over the country in small bands, make it hot for the border settlers. It is now reported that Scarface Charley was not killed; but Seonchin and Shacknasty Jim, it is generally conceded, have passed in their checks. We are in hopes the whole band will be set up in business in the climate where the smallest zephyr is said to blister, before another week rolls round.

OREGON AS IT IS.—Is the title of a pamphlet just issued for general circulation, edited by Hon. W. L. Adams, a resident of Oregon for the past twenty-five years. From a cursory glance at its pages, we are led to believe that it gives a fair and impartial statement of the facts with regard to Oregon, and should be largely circulated all through the Eastern States.

THANKS.—To Hon. J. G. Wilson, for pub. docs.

To Mr. Fosha, of P. O. Book Store, for late papers.

FUNERAL.—The attendance at the burial services of Charles Rogers, on last Sunday, was quite large. Albany Fire Company, of which deceased was an active member in life, took charge of the body and conveyed it to the cemetery.

GLASS AND QUEENSWARE.—Is selling at wholesale prices at the Beehive Store. Now is the time to get bargains.

H. WEED.
Albany, April 25, 1873. 1m34.

REPORT.—The Centennial Committee for Linn County request that the precinct committees will send in their reports as soon as convenient. Delays are dangerous.

A. WHEELER. C. P. HOUGE.
C. R. WHEELER.

A. WHEELER & CO.,
SHEDD, OREGON,
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Dealers in Merchandise and Produce. A good assortment of all kinds of Goods always in store at lowest market rates. Agents for sale of Wagons, Grain Drills, Cider Mills, Churns, &c., &c. CASH paid for WHEAT, OATS, PORK, BUTTER, EGGS and POULTRY.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—No case of fever and ague, liver complaint, colic, indigestion, bodily weakness, headaches, or sexual difficulty, can withstand the curative and at the same time invigorating action of these Pills. Sold 78 Maiden Lane, N. Y. Price, 25 cents per box. Ask for new style; the old is counterfeited. 34

MANY SUFFER rather than take nauseous medicine. All such, who suffer from coughs, colds, irritation of the bronchial tubes, and tendency to Consumption, have in Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry a remedy as agreeable to the palate as effective in removing disease. 35.

READ THIS AND BE HAPPY!—The largest stock of men's, boy's and children's CLOTHING ever brought up from San Francisco is at N. Baum's store, and the "rush" is big. There is no one leaving the store without buying a Coat, Pants, Vest, Hat or Cap, Boots or Shoes, Shirt or Drawers, Collar or Neck-tie, etc., etc., and everybody seems to be pleased, and satisfied that they bought cheap, as there is the place to buy bargains. 34.

DIED.—In this city, April 19th, Charles Rogers, of consumption, in his 50th year.

NEW TO-DAY.

GUARD AGAINST FIRE!
DELAYS are DANGEROUS.

THE NUMEROUS SEVERE FIRES which have occurred in our State the past year, and the late disastrous conflagrations in Portland, Springfield, LaBee, Oregon City and Jacksonville, should admonish property owners to seek indemnity against loss and damage by fire without delay.

THE PHOENIX Insurance Company,
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Represented on the Pacific Coast for over fifteen years (during which period it has paid \$900,000 for Fire Losses in the Pacific Department), is one of the leading American Fire Insurance Companies, and the only Hartford Company represented in the State of Oregon. In the prompt adjustment and payment of its losses, the Phoenix has no superior, the Company has never had a suit in the State, and in the prompt payment of nearly

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The agents of the Phoenix are authorized by commission from the Company to issue and renew policies direct, and without reference to Portland, San Francisco, or elsewhere, thus enabling the applicant to secure immediate and binding protection. Rates as low as solvency and fair profit will admit of.

L. FLINN, Resident Agent,
April 18, 1873-5m33 Albany.

HENRI F. SAYRS,
General Business Insurance Agent,
Notary Public.

SPECIAL ATTENTION given to the adjustment of accounts. Collections made in all parts of the State. Office next door above Bee-Hive Store, First street, Albany, Oregon. 5m30

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WARRANTED TO GIVE

Perfect Satisfaction,
at REASONABLE RATES, at
HENRY FLINDT'S SHOP,
3m Albany, Oregon. 31v5

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SASH, BLIND, AND DOOR
FACTORY.

S. H. ALTHOUSE. J. F. BACKENSTO.
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ALTHOUSE & CO.,
Lyon Street, on the River Bank,
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Keep on hand a full assortment, and are prepared to

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Albany, Feb. 10, 1868-11

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Free Coach to the house. 31v5

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H. WEED.
First street, Albany, Oregon. 31v5

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ALBANY, OREGON.

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Oswego and Milwaukee.....	5 cents.	4 cents.
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Butteville.....	10 "	6 "
Champoeg.....	10 "	6 "
St. Clair.....	10 "	6 "
Dayton.....	12 "	6 "
Lafayette.....	12 "	6 "
McMinnville.....	13 "	9 "
Weston.....	13 "	6 "
Fairfield.....	13 "	6 "
Wheatland.....	13 "	9 "
Lincoln.....	15 "	9 "
Donny's.....	15 "	9 "
Salem.....	15 "	9 "
Eola.....	16 "	10 "
Independence.....	16 "	10 "
Ankeny's Landing.....	18 "	11 "
Buena Vista.....	18 "	11 "
Albany.....	18 "	11 "
Corvallis.....	20 "	12 "
Portland & Bend.....	22 "	15 "
Monroe & Har- visburg.....	22 "	15 "
Lemons.....	25 "	17 "
Eugene.....	20 "	20 "

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J. D. BILES, Agent.
Portland, March 24, 1873. 31v5

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