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OREGON.

On the thirteenth of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, just fifteen years ago, Oregon was admitted into the Union of States. Since then her growth and prosperity has been slow but sure. So far removed from the great centres of trade, it has taken the slow steps of years to impart to the "outside world" the many advantages offered to the dwellers of the crowded cities of the East, who possess the muscle and will to labor, to emigrate hither and help build up a mighty State. Hardly a title of the inducements offered to willing hearts and lands to come to Oregon and build up homes, has yet been made known to the thousands in the older States, who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered to so easily better their conditions, were they furnished with data upon which they could rely. But gradually, little by little, reliable information regarding our climate, soil, the character of our productions, our transportation facilities, social and religious status, and the many other things that naturally suggest themselves to those who have dwelt all their lives amid the "blandishments of the arts and sciences," and who have hitherto looked upon Oregon as outside the pale of civilization, whose people were semi-barbarous, and went clothed in blankets and moccasins, and roamed the forests and mountain fastnesses like the untamed savage, is gradually reaching them, dispelling such absurd notions, and giving them a clearer and better idea of "life in Oregon." Less than twelve months ago, letters reached here inquiring as to whether our people generally lived in cabins or tents; if our people were compelled to go armed at all times to guard against the treachery of the wily savage, and many other similar, to us, absurd questions. But through the columns of Oregon's press mainly, and by letters and other means, the facts with regard to Oregon are gradually breaking in upon the average Eastern mind, and Oregon is beginning to see and feel the effects of such enlightenment. The fact is being gradually made known that no where else in this great Union of States can such splendid Wheat be produced; and no where else, with so little labor, can such immense yields be counted on, with an absolute certainty, each succeeding harvest. *The grain crop of Oregon has never known to fail.* As a fruit country Oregon, stands among the foremost. Her "big red apples" have never been approached, either in size, flavor or abundance of the yield; her pears, grapes, plums, cherries and other fruits compare favorably with other sections, and on Hood river, her peaches, large and luscious, rival those of the famed New Jersey. The blackberry, currant, gooseberry, both wild and cultivated, are very prolific. In fact Oregon is a good fruit country, among the best on the continent. Her vegetables are among the best, and when the proper attention is given to their culture, attain enormous size and yield prolifically. There are here not space to further

particularize at this time. Let the truth with regard to Oregon and her natural resources be spread before a candid world, and her beautiful valleys will soon be teeming with a happy and prosperous people.

ODD FELLOWSHIP latterly is making rapid strides in growth in this city, Albany Lodge No. 4, having nearly doubled its membership within the last few months, and the interest increases. The order owns a fine lot on First, between Ferry and Broadalbin, and are canvassing the feasibility of erecting a fine brick for Lodge and other purposes, during the coming season. We, with numerous others, are inclined to the opinion that such an enterprise would prove very profitable, provided the building be not too expensive a one. A neat, substantial Odd Fellow's Hall would pay, and we are decidedly for the improvement.

We have been favored with a copy of Senator Mitchell's speech on the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad. It is a brief but concise statement of facts relative to the great importance to Eastern Oregon, and portions of Idaho and Washington Territories, that the road should be built, and also showing that its completion will be a great economical measure for the General Government.

The hoisting of the national colors over the State House at Salem on the 13th was not, as at first ascribed, in honor of Lincoln's birthday, but in honor of the twins born on that day to the wife of F. A. Smith of that city:

Which is why we wish to remark, That ever since Noah came out of the ark, It has been deemed an honor worthy of note, In the market matrimonial, doublets to quote.

The W. R. T. Co.'s boats have made one or more trips as far up the Willamette as Eugene City, although it was pretty close work to get over some of the bars. Trips will continue to be made just as long as there is sufficient water on the bars to enable the boats to pull over them.

WIMAWHALA—Was the name given by the Calapooia Indians to the upper portion of the Willamette Valley, comprised within the Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette river, and signifies "beautiful hills, beautiful valleys, and sparkling waters," and should be pronounced Wimawhalah. It is the name selected by the Encampment of I. O. O. F., recently instituted at Eugene City, Lane county, and is really beautiful as well as appropriate.

A Story of 1849.

In the latter part of '49 a number of professional gamblers in large practice were residing at the Graham House. [Who that was in San Francisco in '49-50, does not remember the Graham House, which stood on the corner of Kearney and Pacific streets?] Among the rest, two were remarked for the boldness of their play and the steadiness of their business nerves. These were a hunchback, and Joe Basset, a better sort of graduate of the old Vicksburg school. Both had been most signally successful in many a sharp operation during the year, and had considerable property in lots, which for their convenience in business, they had

converted into cash, and banked partly with Burgoine or Wright, and partly on various monte tables.

One day, in an after-dinner chat, they compared notes, and found that they stood equally fair on the gamblers' change, each being good for just one hundred and twenty thousand dollars immediately available dust. Both being more than usually enterprising under the inspiration of wine, Briggs offered a daring banter, which was recklessly accepted by Basset; that they should at once adjourn to an upper room, fill up each a check for the entire sum he was worth in cash, divide equally between the two, two hundred and forty thousand dollars in red checks, and play for the whole, neither to leave the room on any pretext until all the checks were lost or won. Accordingly, with no less equanimity and pleasant singleness of purpose they retired with a few choice spirits of their set, to the privacy of a reserved apartment, and having provided a store of choice liquors, cigars and vands for the company, executed the required documents, divided the rosy counters, and took their seats at opposite sides of the table and began the extraordinary and most interesting contest—a contest which called out such feats of memory, sagacity, discrimination, self-possession, quick recognition of signs and detection of slight finesses, such fine feints, nimble thrusts and parries, hot assaults and well ordered retreats, as would have made the fortune and fame of a statesman, a general, or a dancing master.

The first deal was made at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the game went on with changing fortune all night. At the elbow of each stood a glass of water moderately heated with brandy. Neither smoked; a cloud between them would have been as culpable a blunder as the sun in the eyes of a duelist. Ten o'clock next morning yet in their places—both looking somewhat pale and haggard, but very quiet. Briggs had four thousand dollars left of all the money he was worth in the world. The cards were dealt. The table at which they sat was near the door of the room; and just as Basset, whose "say" it was, was making up his mind, some one entered and stood behind him. Briggs eyed his antagonist over his shoulder, and with a searching stare that held his very breath. Without noticing the new comer, with no flutter of the cards, without one startled glance, or even the move of a finger, Basset went "six thousand dollars." "Take the money," said hunchback, and he took it. Briggs had two jacks, Joe Basset three kings. As the two quaffed great bumpers of raw brandy, Briggs remarked as he rose to go to bed—"If you had noticed that man I might have borrowed the money and held out a little longer; but when I saw you did not turn to look over your shoulder, or drop the face of your cards, I knew you had a pure hand.

A few days after that, the hunchback invested fifty dollars, borrowed from Basset, in a miner's outfit, and started for the diggings, where he died in a month, a helpless pauper.

Some one wrote to Horace Greeley inquiring if guano was good to put on potatoes. He said it might do for those whose tastes had become vitiated with tobacco and rum, but he preferred gravy or butter.

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The Singer Manufacturing Co. Sold 219,758.	
Wheeler & Wilson Mfg Co. Sold 174,088.	
Howe Machine Co. (estimated) " 143,000	
Grover & Baker S. M. Co. " 52,010	
Domestic S. M. Co. " 49,554	
Weed S. M. Co. " 42,444	
Wilcox & Gibbs S. M. Co. " 33,339	
Wilson S. M. Co. " 22,000	
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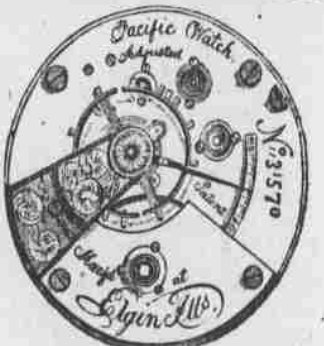
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