

## Albany Register.

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The statement that the Democratic candidate for Congress, Mr. In Dow, had at last partially conquered his bashfulness and was about to meet his opponents on the stump, seems to have been premature, or else that gentleman has taken a relapse, as "his disease" is pronounced worse than ever, and it is thought he will not be able to leave his room till—after the election. No wonder Democrats have soured on him.

Late news from Japan gives accounts of numerous fires, destroying in the aggregate six hundred and twenty-one houses. Yeto, the leader of the Saga rebellion, had been decapitated and his head exposed to the public gaze. The railway between Osaka and Kobelet was to have been formally opened for business by the Emperor on the 1st inst.

Last week we gave a detailed account of a horrible outrage perpetrated by Col. Gonzalez, commandant of the port of San Juan de Guatemala, upon the person of the British Vice Consul there, John Magee. Late dates inform us that the Government of that Republic has settled the matter with Magee by payment of ten thousand pounds. Money will cure even a rattaned back, it seems.

Mr. Daniel Waldo, the largest stockholder in the Salem Woolen Factory, told Grover to his face that he (Grover) had stolen fourteen thousand dollars belonging to the company, and Grover did not resent the charge. And yet there are a few Democrats that want to elect Grover to the highest office in the gift of the people of this State! A pretty spectacle, now that the people are made aware of the fact, to elect such a man Governor! The people will not stand it.

On the 18th inst., John Overend, wife and four children, were found murdered at their place at Lajolla, about twelve miles west of San Diego, California. As the bodies were much decomposed, the deed is supposed to have been committed several days previously. No clue to the murderers.

Judge Russell, of Portland, is going East soon in the interest of the new water wheel recently invented by Charley Gay, in which Russ. is part owner. We hope the invention may pan out a fortune to each, as both are good boys.

The noted brigand, Vasquez, of California, was arrested in the mountains east of Los Angeles on the 14th, by Under Sheriff Johnson. In his attempt to escape he received three wounds, none of them dangerous.

Late dates from Honolulu say that the friends of Queen Emma, fearing her assassination, keep a guard constantly at her residence. The government seems to be displeased with the people.

On the afternoon of the 17th, at Palisade, a man named Cox, about thirty-five years of age, suicided with laudanum.

### FACTS AND FIGURES.

#### TO THE VOTERS OF LINN COUNTY.

Soon we shall be called upon to decide by our ballots who shall guide the ship of State as well as County for the future, and it is but proper as well as sensible to consider who should have our cherished franchise—for I am sure we all desire good, practical, and competent men to fill the offices, and if the past dominant party has erred and not complied with their obligations and given satisfaction, which I feel they have not, then let us as sensible men lay aside all biased feeling and reform the errors. Linn county at the completion of our Court House owed a debt between \$15,000 and \$16,000—a little over \$15,600. This was nearly ten years ago. At that time the best farming lands were taxed from four to six dollars per acre, not generally higher than four dollars, and the levy of mills to the dollar was 13½. Since that time the Democrats have held full power and sway, conducting the affairs of the county for near or quite ten years, and we should certainly suppose that the county would be out of debt and money on hand. But, alas, to the contrary. Let us look at the present count-up. From the several reports given to the taxpayers by the clerk of the county, at present we are as a county in debt about \$13,000. We are now assured of an official rendering of the county's account, or, in other words, a deduction of about \$260 per annum, which of itself will not bear a severe reckoning; for you will consider that land has been gradually increasing in value from \$4 per acre to \$10 and \$12 per acre, as now assessed, and while the debt in ten years has been reduced but about \$2,600, we, as a county, have paid in that time over \$15,000 interest, which would be equivalent to a debt accumulated during the ten years of the past Democratic rule—for it will be remembered that when the Republicans came into power during their last administration in this county, there was a debt of \$3,500 then against the county, but they paid that off, and the above debt they left, when the Democrats obtain the offices, which was contracted by the building of the Court House.

Thus you see that while we have \$10 to \$12 assessed upon our prairie lands, they having increased 300 per cent. in value in ten years, our taxes have also been increasing; for now, instead of paying 13½ mills we pay 16 mills to the dollar, and yet in the face of all this advance of land and taxes, we have in ten years only reduced our debt \$2,600, and had to, in reducing that amount, pay over the appalling sum of \$15,000 interest. At this rate of reduction it would take just SIXTY YEARS to pay the county debt of \$15,000, and in the mean time we would have paid in interest upon the debt \$90,000, which, though fabulous in amount, is undoubtedly true. They tell us that our jail-houses cost \$10,000, which is true; but before its erection the Commissioners levied two mills on the dollar tax for that purpose, which did not effect the old debt. We do not accuse the county officials of perloining, but we do accuse them of gross mismanagement of county affairs, and from appearances they seek for no higher aspirations than the emoluments of

office, and to use one office for the obtainment of another. The Farmer and Taxpayer inquire, and with good reason, why it is, when Linn county pays over \$60,000 per annum as taxes into the county treasury (and to raise this amount many of her hard toiling sons have to sell the last family cow, or borrow the money), and we have no more officials to support, no public improvements going on, and no bridges built, that no more of the county debt has been paid? Let the people answer this question. The Clerk, Sheriff and District Attorney, in many instances, so we are informed by an ex-official, make up many cases that involve large court expenses, that are not necessary. The Clerk and Sheriff get from \$2,500 to \$3,000 more per annum each than they should have; and, also, I am informed by incontrovertible evidence, the County Treasurer gets \$900 per year more than the law allows him for his services. Thus you see a part of the reasons why it is we have to pay so high taxes and why our county debt is not paid off.

On the 1st of June next we intend to excommunicate these leaders and pall-bearers of our county and State, and elect Independent men, untraveled and faultless, to office, and thus bury the last remains of the present political factions, by electing the entire Independent ticket. More anon.

#### INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER.

May 19th, 1874.

#### SWEET HOME, May 16, '74.

ED. REGISTER:—I noticed a card in the Albany Democrat of the 15th inst., signed by Dr. Hendrix, denying a statement published in the Albany REGISTER of the 2d inst., in which it was stated that he was living with another man's wife, &c., and Dr. Hendrix demands proof. In answer to his card I feel it but justice to the people of Linn county that I should make a plain statement of what I know in the matter.

In October, 1866, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were living in Canyon City, Grant county, Oregon, and were reported to be man and wife. Not long after I moved to Canyon City—having, during the time, become acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, at the time above stated—Dr. Hendrix left unceremoniously, with Mrs. Brown, in a hack, for the Willamette Valley. I am positive that Mrs. Brown was not divorced from her husband. The general opinion was, at the time Dr. Hendrix and Mrs. Brown left, that he was getting away with Brown's wife. Mr. Brown was living at that time. Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM COOPER.

Witness:

J. O. ROANE.

WOLFE CHAMBERLAIN

Brownsville, May 19, 1874.

ED. REGISTER:—Dr. Hendrix repies, through a late issue of the Albany Democrat, to certain charges of the REGISTER.

In the course of the Dr.'s defense, he says "I hereby denounce the whole thing as a malicious falsehood, and challenge proof to the contrary." Such an air of triumph would seem to signify the means of personal vindication on the part of the writer. Certainly the sentence was not coined out as a mere bluff, or to frighten anyone by the force of bombastic parade. But that the Dr. may have a fair chance with a public—that is always

meddlesome and inquisitive about its office-seekers, we will simply state a little of what is said of you, Dr., so that you may give another fatal blow.

We hear that you formed an intimate acquaintance with your present wife, while she was the reputed wife of a Mr. Brown, of Canyon City, while you were a resident of that place. We hear that you report your first knowledge of this lady at or about Lebanon. And, we are told, that during the short interval of confidence which now obtained between you and the said Mrs. Brown, a letter or two was forged, reporting the death of Mr. Brown; whereupon you obtained license and was married—knowing at the time that Brown was not dead, and that said Mrs. Brown was not divorced. This polygamous transaction all occurred within a few months after you "got away with another man's wife," to-wit, the said Mrs. Brown.

Now, Dr., this is in reply to your challenge; and if you will be so kind as to clear up these charges, and make it appear that you are not living in perpetual adultery, we will vote for you.

This "Hank" may be still further unraveled. RUNCIC ODEN.

#### TANGENT ITEMS.

TANGENT, May 19th, 1874.

ED. REGISTER:—The weather has at last become settled. The cold, blustery winds of winter that had continued so much later than usual, have yielded to the gentle breezes of summer, the clouds and rain have given way to clear skies and warm sunshine, and all nature seems to have thrown off a garb already worn too long, and has stepped forth in all the beauty and grandeur of her holiday attire. The very lateness of the spring has lent a charm to the scenery, which only the older inhabitants of Web-foot can fully appreciate. For even while the rain was falling the flowers were blooming, the grass was growing, and the trees were putting forth their leaves; it was the preparation of the stage, and when the curtain rose a tableau was presented far surpassing the brightest visions of those lovers of nature who have sought to find a paradise on earth. As the farmer comes forth in the morning to enjoy this beautiful landscape, the silvery notes of the warbler fall upon his ear, and while he gazes upon his flocks and herds, and watches their skips and gambols, or notices their quiet contentment, his heart is made glad within him, and he feels to return thanks to Him who rules over the seasons and sends rain upon the just and the unjust.

The crops are nearly all planted, and those which were put in early are looking well. The fall sowing will be a fair average, and some of the volunteer is promising. Comparatively little is left for fallow, the flax crop having superceded this method of resting and preparing the ground for the fall crop. In some localities it is estimated the new ground broken up and put in will amount to one-tenth of the whole.

The farmers are becoming more united every day. Even those who do not belong to the Grange are trying to reach a higher level than they had ever before dreamed of attaining. The Grange at this place is advancing steadily onward,

not so much in point of new members as in the drill and discipline of the older ones. Several members have been admitted lately by card from other Granges, and last Saturday six men and seven women were admitted to the highest degree of the subordinate Grange. I would like to describe the feast that was prepared for the new members, but any attempt on my part would fail to give the faintest idea of what the ladies accomplished by their good taste and untiring zeal; suffice it to say that the cakes seemed to contain the sweetest nectar of the rarest flowers, and all was worthy of a land which flows with milk and honey.

The great tidal wave of temperance that has rolled over the nation has not yet subsided here. A few weeks ago a Good Templar Lodge was organized here, with only fourteen charter members; to-day the number is forty-six. We have not had a crusade, but I verily believe we would have had if there had been a liquor shop in town to give occasion for one. But if we cannot have crusades we can have picnics, and our Lodge is expecting to enjoy one next Saturday.

We also expect to have a camp-meeting near this place sometime this summer, under the direction of the Methodist Church South. The work on their new meeting-house is progressing rapidly. The painters are now at work. The pastor on this circuit deserves praise for raising the funds and collecting the materials; also for the assistance rendered in its construction. Mr. W. Benedict also deserves credit for superintending the work.

Mr. S. Beard has completed the addition to his warehouse. It will enable him to store twice the amount of sacked grain.

Floyd, Jenks, son of J. B. Jenks, who was hurt by a plow a few weeks ago, is able to sit up, and will soon be able to walk with a crutch. It will be sometime before the wound is entirely healed, but when it is, he will have no good use of the limb as ever.

Mr. J. Blevins will start for the East in a few days. His destination is Kentucky, his native State, but he will visit several of the States before his return. The best wishes of his many friends accompany him.

#### WILLIE WEBFOOT.

The Legislature of Arkansas is in session, and the troubles with regard to the Governorship are, seemingly, in a fair way of settlement.

Grover says he has done nothing during his administration which he would not do again. Of course, then, he would approve of a bill to rob the Treasury of \$4,700 per year for the State Treasurer; provided, of course, the Treasurer were a Democrat and a member of his ring. He would conspire with a great corporation to effect a steal from the Treasury of \$75,000 pretendedly to build locks with, but really to put into the pockets of partisan friends, and would approve the bill, after helping to lobby it through. Of course, he would again approve of bills to increase the salaries of the Secretary of State, Supreme Judges, Clerk of Supreme Court, etc. He would again approve the law "to protect litigants," by turning loose upon them a swarm of seedy, hungry litigant blood-suckers. —Statesman.

Congress "concludes" to adjourn about the first of next month.

Jacob Vulgar is now a public charge on Union county.