

The Fourth of July Democrat.

In consequence of the fact that our boys want to turn themselves loose on the Fourth, we will next week issue the DEMOCRAT one day earlier than the usual date of publication...

Lin County Riders.

This company met at the Court House Monday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock and was called to order by Captain N. R. Humphrey.

On motion the commissioned officers and Orderly Sergeant were appointed to make such amendments to by-laws as is necessary, and report at next meeting.

L. N. Liggett and W. H. Parker were elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Company by acclamation.

Following is a list of non-commissioned officers: Ist Sergeant, T. T. Dugger; 2d, Geo. E. Chamberlain; 3d, Montrose Monthly; 4th, John Linn; Corporals—Adrian Conley, S. R. Duncan, A. W. Purdon and J. H. Meise; Musicians—Otho Irvine, J. F. Whiting and Lonner Ralston.

The March Game.

The Linn Base Ball Club have deposited the requisite entrance fee with the Committee of Arrangements, and entered the list for the 800 premium and accompanying glory which is to be the portion of the winning club in the match game to be played in Salem on the 4th of July.

A Needless Scare.

A party of fellows came over the W. V. & C. M. Wagon Road a few days ago, and circulated the report along the line of the road that the Warm Spring Indians had left their reservation and were moving this way, massacring settlers and destroying everything in their line of march.

A Valuable Acquisition.

Mr. C. O. Burns this week sold his fine business property, on the corner of First and Broadalbin streets, to Dr. Felix O'Toole, a gentleman recently from Anable, Isoko county, Michigan.

New Music.

Two fine songs have just been received, viz: "Why Don't He Come," by Pfister, Price 35 cents. An excellent sentimental ballad of medium difficulty, with a very pleasing melody, and rich harmonious accompaniment.

Serious Accident.

We learn by private advice from Shedd Station that a young man, recently from the East, while driving a mowder on a farm a few miles from Shedd, met with a very serious and probably fatal accident.

Fire News.

Mr. J. R. Houston yesterday left on our train a few miles below this city, which we presume to say was by reason of a fire in his country.

Another Man Killed.

A report reaches us from Prineville that Geo. Chamberlain, who shot and killed Van Allen at that place on the 3d inst., was last week set upon by a brother and several friends of Allen, and so badly beaten with clubs that he died from the effects.

Religious.

Divine service will be held at Calvary Church next Sunday, morning and evening, at the usual hour. Morning subject—"Communism in the United States." Evening subject—"An evening acquaintance." All are cordially invited to be present.

Married.

In San Jose, California, Wednesday morning, June 26th, the wedding of Col. Young, Rev. John S. Gordon and Miss Stella Bishop, all of Portland.

That Bull.

Ad. Edge went to Portland last Wednesday and secured a splendid string band to furnish music for the 4th of July ball at the Comstock. He is making every preparation to enjoy a grand time to all who attend.

ALBANY, June 29, 1878.

Editor Democrat: Having made the trip from Albany to the Lakes on the Summit of the Cascades, I will tell you readers what I know about the roads, sports, resorts, etc., between the two places.

The report has been current through the valley this spring, that the mountain road was very bad. Such is not the case at all. It was in fact a few weeks ago between Moss's Butte and Lower Soda, but that has dried up now and in making the trip to the Lakes, the tires of my wagon were rarely covered with mud.

The first report of any note is Lower Soda, 15 miles from the toll gate. The health-giving properties of the soda springs at this place are best brought into prominence as a resort for invalids.

But if you want sport and health combined, go up to Fish Lake—away up among the clouds where the air is as pure as purity itself. Here the deer are so plenty that any one who can shoot can get all he wants, and the beautiful speckled trout in countless numbers sport in the limpid waters of both Fish and Clear Lakes.

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Deer have not yet commenced going down the mountains in any numbers. The books are very fat and can be found in every direction from here on the mountains. The does are extremely poor and are not fit to kill.

Fish are plentiful. During the last few days they would bite but little at Clear Lake, but we have been drawing them out of Fish Lake lately. Three or four caught 50 lbs. each.

The indications are that the blackberry crop will be larger than ever this season. The Santiam canyon is perfectly red with them. The first of them will be ready to gather by next week.

Starr Mealey is at his father's, on Moss's Butte, and seems to be improving in health. W. M. Smith arrived at Fish Lake yesterday. He caught about 70 fish to-day, and stores for Black Butte to-morrow.

Instead of going up Salt River Calah Gray came up the Santiam, bringing his family with him, and is now here. Win. Peters, of the Albany party, which camped at Whiskey Springs, happened to get up one night and go out into the road to get a view of "Jale Luna," and while out there was chased by a bear.

Probably the members of Linn Base Ball Club are not aware of the fact that they came near losing their captain a few days ago, but nevertheless such is the case. We were all sleeping in a row by the wagon with the horses tied to the hind wheels.

Large numbers of elk were seen about three miles back from Lower Soda a few days ago. C. H. S.

FISH LAKE, June 24th.

Excursion to San Francisco.

We have had numerous steamboat and railroad excursions this year, and now comes the managers of the steamship Great Republic, and propose to have a grand excursion to San Francisco, to start from Portland one week from to-morrow, providing 500 tickets can be sold.

Mr. Samuel Low, a pioneer of '32, who has resided at Silverton, Marion county, for the past sixteen years, died on the 10th inst., at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. J. C. Davenport, at Colfax, W. T., where he had gone on a visit some time since. Mr. Low was sixty-seven years old, and leaves a widow aged sixty-nine to mourn his loss.

State Agricultural College.

We have received schedule of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis for the year 1878-79. The Faculty consists of the following professors: B. L. Arnold, Prof. of Botany; Joseph Emery, Prof. of Mathematics; B. J. Hawthorne, Prof. of Languages; E. H. McElroy, Preparatory Department. The law provides for the free tuition of sixty young men over sixteen years old.

Body Recovered.

The body of Frank Blair, who was drowned in the Calapoos, about 20 miles above here, last November, was found by some loggers on Tuesday last week, lodged against a dam about a mile below where he was drowned. Considering the length of time it had lain in the water, the body was well preserved, with the exception of one foot, which was missing, having probably been caught in the rocks and gradually worn by the action of the current until it dropped off. He was buried on Wednesday.

Base Ball.

A rather one-sided game of base ball was played at Halsey last Saturday, between a picked nine captained by the special term of the Circuit Court, F. M. McCully and a club from Oak Point. At the conclusion of the game the score stood 26 to 7 in favor of McCully's club.

DEEDS.

In Lebanon, on June 25th, Mrs. MONTAGUE, wife of Capt. C. H. MONTAGUE, aged 35 years.

It is with unfeigned regret and amid a tear of this entire community that I am called upon to chronicle the death of one so pure in character, so devoted to her husband, so loving and angel-like to her children, and whose influence over all who witness her death is not so benign and amiable as the subject of this sad notice—Mrs. MONTAGUE.

Mr. Simpson has served the A. F. Co. as a Director and as Superintendent for the past five years, and was re-elected as a Director of the Company at the annual election in May last, it being the sixth time in succession of his election and consequent endorsement by the stockholders of the Co.

On the day of the stockholders' election, Mr. Simpson announced that he was not a candidate for the office of Superintendent for the following year. It was the unanimous expression of the members of the Board of Directors that Mr. Simpson had been a faithful and efficient officer, had managed the business of the Company in a manner creditable to himself and to the advantage of the Company and his patrons.

Allow me to further state, not by direction, but by approval, that I am willing to guarantee that Hon. G. T. Crawford, who has been a Director of the A. F. Co. since its organization, and President of the Co. for three years in succession, was, at his request, relieved from serving as a Director for the present year. He retires enjoying the confidence, good will and best wishes of every member of the Company.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, June 25, with the following members present: Mayor Wheeler and Councilmen Allen, Brush, Monthie and Rumbaugh. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Marshal reported that he had collected and paid over to the Treasurer \$2,522.89 taxes for the current year.

On motion of Councilman Monthie the time for declaring the uncollected taxes of 1878 delinquent was extended until the 9th day of July, 1878.

Petition of John Briggs to abate the nuisance of ball playing on the streets was read, and on motion of Councilman Allen the Marshal was directed to order all such pastimes stopped.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Allen & Robinson, \$37.67; E. R. Davidson, \$13.50; Fred Gray, \$6; W. J. Matthews, \$36.50; John Fisher, \$4.62; J. W. Baldwin, \$7.00.

The second of Linn Engine Co. No. 2, of \$3.00 for cleaning engine, was rejected, and ordered returned to Linn Engine Co. No. 2. On motion Council adjourned.

Grand Jury—Special Term.

The called term of the Circuit Court for Linn county convened last Monday, at 1 o'clock P. M., and disposed of the following cases: The Grand Jury reported the following bills: State of Oregon vs. Abram Gadsday—True Bill. Poona guilty, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for 2 years.

It is with much pain that we learn of the death of the wife of our esteemed friend Capt. C. H. MONTAGUE, of Lebanon, after a long illness. The funeral on last Tuesday was very largely attended. The business houses of Lebanon were closed and universal sympathy prevailed in that community where she was so much respected and beloved.

W. R. Dunbar, G. W. C. T., has announced State Deputies as follows: B. H. Allen, Halsey; C. H. Whitney, Corvallis; J. R. Garrison, Portland; Rev. J. C. Kirkland, Portland; E. N. Harding, McMinnville; and L. N. Liggett, Albany. A. S. Sibley, Esq., of Salem, has been commissioned Lecturer of Linn, Marion and Polk counties.

From Fish Lake.

Mr. Andrew Charlton, at Fish Lake, reports fine fishing at that place. He says it is an excellent time for pleasure parties to visit that favorite resort. He has also met with excellent success hunting, having killed several deer. The health of Mr. Charlton has been very poor, but is much improved after a few weeks' residence at Fish Lake.

Called.

We received a pleasant call last Monday from Prof. T. D. Spleen, of the Benicia College, Cal., who is spending his summer vacation visiting different parts of Oregon. He was accompanied by Masters Ike and Max Fleischer, sons of our fellow townsman, Jacob Fleischer, who have been attending school at Benicia for some time.

Another Accident.

A little son of Mr. Eddy, who lives a short distance below this city, while practicing gymnastics on a fence last Saturday afternoon, had the misfortune to fall off and break one of his legs in two places. Medical assistance was at once summoned, the injured limb skillfully set, and the little sufferer is reported to be rapidly recovering.

Runaway.

Last Monday one of the teams used in hauling brick for Clark & Davis, started down street in a lively way, scattering the brick rather freely about, but fortunately doing no other damage worth speaking of. Neither of the horses were injured, but a Mr. Hardman was struck by the passing wagon and slightly hurt.

House Burned.

Last Friday night the dwelling house of Mr. A. Barwell, on Sand Ridge, was totally destroyed, together with its contents, by fire. The family did not have time to save even their wardrobe, so rapidly did the flames spread. The only thing saved was a claim on an organ. Total loss on house and furniture, about \$2,000.

Sidewalks on First Street.

According to the provisions of an ordinance which passed the council at last meeting all sidewalks on First street, from Calapoos to Montgomery streets, are to be ten feet wide. Albany may be justly proud of her principal business street after the improvements now in progress shall have been completed.

Home and Abroad.

Days getting shorter. Hurrah for Governor Thayer! No prisoners in the County Jail. Fine nights for studying astronomy. Salem clamors for a temperance lecturer. Hon. J. F. Caples will "orate" at Lebanon on the 4th.

Some of the late sown wheat makes pretty good pasture. Freight on Yaguira Railroad is being pushed forward. To-day is the 100th anniversary of the battle of Moonmouth. Blackberries are almost as numerous as the pickers this season. Bullion is getting scarce around these diggings. Greenbacks ditto.

As the 4th of July approaches there is considerable bustle around millinery shops. The irrepressible Mrs. Taylor is "doing" Washington Territory in the show business. About this season of the year, cholera and cholera morbus make their appearance. Hon. J. K. Weatherford will deliver the oration at the Harrisburg celebration on the 4th.

Schnitz, who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary, was seen in Fort Townsend last week. Query: Who is the member of Albany Engine Co. who is soon to take unto himself a wife? The "Hog's Gallery" on exhibition in Blain's show window attracted considerable attention this week.

The State Indians have raised a considerable sum of money wherever they appear, to celebrate the 4th of July. The Linn Base Ball Club will play a practice game on their grounds this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Also to-morrow at the same hour. Last Friday Geo. Cline dropped a chair on his foot, cutting an ugly gash, which incapacitated him for active service for a few days. Sheriff Heron last Tuesday took down to Salem the recruit who is to serve in Burch's battalion for the next two years, Abram Gadsday.

Cash Buyers, remember that Saturday the 29th inst. (to-morrow) will be the last day of the removal sale of the Farmers' and Mechanics' store. The Alpha House at Harrisburg has changed hands, the new proprietor being a Mr. Armstrong, a new-comer, who is said to keep an excellent house. This morning a party consisting of C. H. Hewitt, T. L. Dugger, M. H. Stroud and Paul T. Henry start for Fish Lake on a two weeks' hunting and fishing expedition.

We call the attention of our readers to the six of Jason Springer & Co., dealers in sash, doors, window blinds, etc. Send for catalogue to No. 45, Front street, Portland. From persons who live at the Harrisburg Campmeeting last Sunday we learn that a large crowd was in attendance, and considerable interest is being taken in the meeting. The newly elected Sheriff of Linn moved his family into the apartments upstairs in the county jail yesterday, Sheriff Heron taking possession of his residence on Second street.

The Old Fellows' excursion from Salem to Roseburg last Friday was a complete success. During the return trip the excursionists made up a purse and presented it to Mr. Conner, the conductor. John Basch tells us that our Clatsop 82 trout out of Fish Lake, with its little boat, last Monday. If you want to live on fish and venison like you to Henry Harmer's "palace" at Fish Lake. The persistence with which a school-boy will go fishing and catch nothing is only equalled by the unsuccessfulness of a man who goes to a washing-mill to collect a washing-bill from an impecunious printer.

J. M. Nolan wants to rent the building at present occupied by him. Trads has increased so much at the Farmers' and Mechanics' store that his present quarters are too small, necessitating his removal to a larger building. A woman may possibly "fire" half a brick at a strange cat without disabling a child in the next yard behind her, but no office boy can harpoon him with the pen that's talking to you without laying up trouble that will "come home to roost." This is the season when the anxious parent scolds under the vicinity of the Calapoos with a stick under his arm, looking for the sinful little boy who was told not to do so. The Corvallis Brass Band has been engaged to furnish music at Salem on the coming 4th. This is one of the best appointed and drilled bands in the State, and we congratulate the managers of the Salem celebration on having secured their services.

We learn that there are "holes" of ripe blackberries along the W. V. & C. M. Wagon Road. Now is the time for Albanians to take a trip to the mountains, and lay in their winter's supply of this luscious fruit. This advice is given without money and without price. A couple of little urchins, who, in the dim future, will probably be pitcher and catcher of some champion base ball club, (like the Linn) were yesterday observed practicing with a half brick down in an old stock. This is what may be called the ragged edge of the game.

A man was wandering through the valley this week, with no hair on the top of his head, and a bullet-hole in the calf of his leg, who said he was satisfied that there is gold in the vicinity of Stein's Mountain. He is also satisfied that there are Indians in the same locality. Charley Christie, the foreman of the Portland Standard, has been went and got married, and by so doing won two prizes, a charming bride and a baby carriage offered as a prize at the recent printers' picnic to the member of the craft first marrying after that date. We wish you joy of both acquisitions, Charley.

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An Oregon Invention. We are glad to note that Mr. Plummer's valuable invention for drying fruit is coming into general use throughout the United States and Canada. As an instance, some time since Mr. Wm. B. Kyle, of British Columbia, purchased the patent right for the Dominion of Canada, and last week left Portland on the steamer Oregon, for Canada, taking with him a complete set of models for Mr. Plummer's fruit dryer.

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Another Victory County Farmer Speaks—Truth is Mighty and will Prevail.

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