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THE BEDROCK DEMOCRAT Has the Largest Circulation of any Paper Published in Eastern Oregon.

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RAIL ROAD.

We this week give a large space in our paper to the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad, knowing that our people feel a deep interest in the matter, and would like to have all the information they can get on this subject.

Official Palaces.

In fact, I approve of the Government owning its own buildings in all sections of the country, and hope that the day is not far distant when it will not only possess them, but will erect in the capital suitable residences for all persons who now receive commutation for quarters or rent at the Government expense and for the Cabinet, thus setting an example to the States which may induce them to erect buildings for their Senators.

The New York Sun says this recommendation is an old acquaintance, and worthy of the statesmanlike mind that originated the idea in the interest of the Washington Ring. It is a part of the policy of Grantism, which seeks to create class distinctions, and to set up an official aristocracy after the British pattern.

It is not enough to increase the pay of the Cabinet unreasonably, and to allow them the use of carriages, horses, and servants at the public expense, as is now done under various disguises, but the President thinks the people ought to be taxed also for "suitable residences" for their enjoyment. He would extend this privilege too to "all persons" who receive commutation for quarters, meaning the officers of the army who by favoritism are stationed at the capital.

This example he would commend to the States, so that they "might erect buildings for their Senators." He has no words of encouragement now for members of the House of Representatives, but being progressive, he will probably say in the next message that their districts ought to provide residences for these worthy persons, who must not be left out in the cold.

We are evidently getting on in the world when a Chief Magistrate ventures to make a proposition like this gravely in a message to Congress. The simplicity that once adorned public life and was honorably illustrated by the foremost statesmen has been contemptuously discarded by a set of political shoddyists whose best claim to distinction is vulgar display. The mode of life which suited Kay, Kendall, Livingston, Cass, Marcy and their compeers is not grand enough for Cabinet Ministers like Robeson, Creswell, Williams, and such like! They must have palaces at the public expense, livered servants, and large allowances to parade their importance. It is to this complexion we have come at last.

Judge Kelley has introduced a bill in the United States House of Representatives giving Oregon two years more to select swamp lands.

CONVULSION.—One of our friends hands us the following: "A man takes nearly two columns of a country newspaper to tell the people that somebody shot a chicken and a hare, how much space would it take to tell of the capture of a gray bear?"

We have subsided. Stand from under!—Herald.

ROUGH BUT WITTY.—General Butler is mentioned for Chairman of the Appropriation Committee by some of his friends, who think that his New Orleans career showed that "appropriation" is the thing of all others at which he is strongest.

Railroad Meetings.

At a meeting of the citizens of Walla Walla county, held at the City Hall, in Walla Walla City, Dec 9th, 1873, Brig. General E. Sheil was chosen Chairman, and Charles W. Frush, Secretary.

The Chair then stated to the large audience present, that this meeting was called for the purpose of hearing Col. W. W. Chapman discuss the merits and importance of the P. D. & S. L. R. R., the free navigation of the Columbia river, and other railroads, at the portages of the Dalles and Cascades, when the Col. was introduced and made a speech which called the attention of the large audience for more than an hour, during which time he was frequently applauded, and after which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS The proposed P. D. and S. L. R. R. embraces the immediate construction of portage railroads at the Cascades and Dalles of the Columbia and also lines of "steamers" in connection therewith, and the obligation by the laws of Oregon to reduce the price of transportation on the Columbia and Snake rivers to 50 per cent of the charges of the O. S. N. Company, thereby giving relief in the facilities of transportation to all the great country East of the Cascade mountains, embracing Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, allowing a fair margin for profits to the great agricultural and commercial interests of the country; and

WHEREAS, The proposed road from the Columbia river to Salt Lake is not only the shortest and most direct route but at the distance of about 588 miles will bring into close connection the Pacific Northwest with the great arteries of commerce flowing across the continent; and

WHEREAS, The most liberal propositions by the P. D. and S. S. Co. have been made to the Government for aid in hastening the accomplishment of the great objects, and which will cost the Government but little, and will gladden the hearts of hundreds of thousands of the people; and

WHEREAS, The said road is now much needed as a great national highway as well as speedy and cheap transportation for the great agricultural and mining operations now carried upon the line; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we do heartily endorse the said enterprise, and will give it our undivided support; and that our delegate in Congress be requested to use his best endeavors in the procurement of aid in the construction of said road, and also in all other ways in opening and improving the navigation of the Columbia river and giving freedom of transportation from the mountains to the sea.

RESOLVED, That we cordially invite the cooperation of the people of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, in the promotion of this great enterprise, remembering that "united we stand, divided we fail."

The Chairman invited Mr. O. Hall to take the chair and introduced and read the following resolution which on motion was adopted.

RESOLVED: That in Col. Chapman, the President of said road, we recognize one tried and true to the best interests of the country, and whose long, laborious efforts in this behalf entitle him to our confidence and support.

On motion the meeting adjourned. EDWARD SHEIL, Chairman. C. W. FRUSH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the citizens of Grand Ronde Valley at the court house in La Grande on Monday the 15th of December, 1873, Hon. J. H. Slater was called to the chair and Daniel Chapman was chosen Secretary.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of the prospects of the Portland Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad, after which the chair introduced Col. W. W. Chapman, President of the P. D. & S. L. R. R. Road Company, who addressed the audience at length, setting forth the present and future prospects of said enterprise.

At the conclusion of Col. Chapman's remarks the following Resolutions were submitted and unanimously adopted by the meeting with an enthusiasm which indicated that they meant business.

RESOLVED 1. That we have anxiously watched the efforts being made for the construction of the Portland Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad, and unanimously endorse it as the great and important enterprise of the day, and send our oft repeated requests to our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their every possible efforts to secure aid from the Government to assist in prosecuting this great national enterprise.

2. That we heartily congratulate the entire country east of the Cascade Mountains and west of the Rocky Mountains on the success of the Portland Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company in obtaining the right of way through the Cascades, the key to the navigation of the Columbia River, and to the entire transportation of the interior country; and advise that a concentrated effort should be made to aid in the construction of the portages and of the line of Railroad in the interior through the Columbia River, Umatilla, Grand Ronde, Powder and Boise Valleys, and to intersect the Union Pacific Railroad and thereby secure connection with the Atlantic States.

3. That the deep and vital interests which Union, Umatilla, and Baker counties have in the immediate construction of this railroad requires the citizens of said counties to join in taking stock and organizing for the purpose of grading and tying the said road, so as to ensure its immediate completion. And the people of Union Co. cordially invite the adjoining counties to unite with them in pushing forward as fast as possible this enterprise.

4. That we have entire confidence in Col. W. W. Chapman, President of the P. D. & S. L. R. R. Road Company as to ability and integrity to prosecute to ultimate success the enterprise of constructing said railroad.

5. That copies of the proceedings of this meeting be furnished to the Mountain Sentinel and to both the newspapers at Baker City for publication. J. H. SLATER, Pres't. DANIEL CHAPMAN, Sec'y.

At a meeting of the citizens of Union County, Oregon, held at the school house in Union on the evening of Saturday, the 10th of December, 1873. Hon. E. C. Brainard

was called to the chair and X. N. Stevens was appointed Secretary.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting to be to hear from Col. Chapman, and to consider the prospects of the construction of the P. D. and S. L. Railroad, and to consider by what means we may promote the good cause.

Col. Chapman, the President of the road, was introduced and addressed the meeting at some length, concluding with inviting the citizens of Union Co. to take stock in the road and have a say in its construction.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED 1. That our Senators and Representatives be requested to use their best efforts to obtain aid from Congress in the construction of the P. D. and S. L. Railroad.

2. That we join with our fellow citizens of Union county in an organization of a company for grading so much of said road as lies through the Blue Mountains to the southern boundary of the county.

3. That we have undiminished confidence in the energy, ability and integrity of Col. Chapman as President of the road, and commend him to the favorable consideration of all with whom he may have business.

4. That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished to the La Grande and Baker City papers for the publication. E. C. BRAINARD, Chairman. X. N. STEVENS, Sec'y.

The citizens of Baker City met at the Court House on Saturday evening, Dec. 20th, to listen to a speech on the Railroad subject by Col. W. W. Chapman.

Mr. H. Abbott was called to the chair, and Col. Chapman then addressed the meeting very acceptably, and showed satisfactorily that the building of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad, at least as far as Baker City, is not only possible, but also probable.

At the conclusion of the meeting the President, Col. Abbott, read a set of Resolutions upholding the enterprise, which were passed unanimously.

RESOLVED 1. That we have anxiously watched the efforts being made for the construction of the Portland Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad, and endorse it as the great and important enterprise of the day; and renew our oft-repeated requests to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to use their every possible efforts to secure aid from the Government to assist in its construction at an early day.

RESOLVED 2. That we congratulate the entire country east of the Cascades and west of the Rocky Mountains on the success of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, in obtaining the Right of Way at the Cascades of the Columbia River; and that immediate efforts should be made for the construction of this all important railroad from the Columbia river valley, through the rich and fertile valleys of Grande Ronde, Powder River, and Boise, and thence to the Atlantic States.

RESOLVED 3. That the deep and vital interests which Union, Umatilla, and Baker counties have in the immediate construction of this all important railroad, require that the citizens of these counties, should take stock in said road, and aid, in every way practicable, in the construction of the same. And we, the citizens of Baker County, cordially invite the citizens of Union County, to unite with us in prosecuting with vigor, this much needed work.

RESOLVED 4. That we have the utmost confidence in the ability and integrity of Col. W. W. Chapman, President of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, and in his untiring perseverance in this enterprise.

After which, on motion, a committee of five, to wit: R. B. Roberts, Dr. J. M. Boyd, James W. Virtue, J. A. Reid and John Brattain, were appointed by the President to take measures toward organizing a company to take stock in said road, and to report on Monday evening, Dec. 23d.

S. P. BARRETT, Sec'y. Monday evening, Dec. 22, 1873.

The meeting was called to order by the President, M. H. Abbott.

The minutes of the previous meeting were called for, read and approved.

The construction committee being called for, reported as follows:

REPORT. To the Chairman and members of the Railroad Meeting of Baker City, Gentlemen: Your committee, appointed to devise means for carrying out the propositions made to the people of Baker County by the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, respectfully report that we have had the matter under consideration, and have concluded to present to you articles of incorporation of a company who will contract with said railroad company to do the grading and carrying of the road on some point in Grande Ronde Valley, and take as pay transportation script or railroad stock.

We also present the following address to the people of Baker County:

Gentlemen—Duly appreciating the importance of cheap transportation to the development of any country, and especially a country where product is largely from the soil, and whose imports are heavy—and believing that a Railroad is the only adequate means for carrying out the proposition made to the people of Baker County by the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, we have had the matter under consideration, and have concluded to present to you articles of incorporation of a company who will contract with said railroad company to do the grading and carrying of the road on some point in Grande Ronde Valley, and take as pay transportation script or railroad stock.

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prise. But donations are not asked, it is only asked of you to lend your aid, and hold it in your hands until you see that you can do in this most important undertaking. Now, gentlemen, we again earnestly request you to come forward and say what you can do in this most important undertaking. The people of Grande Ronde have already contracted to do the grading and tying from the Umatilla River to this side of Grande Ronde Valley, and they do not hesitate to join hands with them and extend the work to Baker City.

A. B. ROBERTS, Dr. J. M. BOYD, JAMES W. VIRTUE, JOHN A. REID, JOHN BRATTAIN, W. F. LEVINS.

On motion the report was adopted. The following resolution was then on motion, adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That we heartily endorse and recommend the cordial co-operation of the Sandy and Dalles Wagon Road Commissioners with the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, in everything calculated to facilitate the construction of the Cascade Portage Railroad. On motion, the Articles of Incorporation, which the committee presented, were returned to them, with the request that they should continue to solicit further signers to the Articles.

On motion the meeting adjourned, sine die. S. B. BARRETT, Secretary.

NEWS SUMMARY.

The following call was signed by over a hundred members of the House of Representatives:

"We, the undersigned, representing constituencies inhabiting the valley of the Mississippi, who are doubly interested in the wise and speedy solution of the question of cheap transportation, agree to meet in the House of Representatives on Saturday evening, on December 13th, to compare views and consult on that subject."

A fog of immense density overhung London December 9th, so that all traffic was suspended and torches were lit to light the pedestrian.

The mob at Havana are against giving up the Virginias and threaten to scuttle her if she is to be actually surrendered. The officers of the Tornado also threaten to resign if she is given up.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate granting the right of way for another transcontinental railroad, via Arkansas and Colorado rivers. It has no substantial backing and no prospects of success.

In the House of Representatives, Dawes, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the redemption of the loan of 1858.

Cobb, a Democrat, was elected Mayor of Boston, December 8th, by 18,623 majority.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13th. Fadden has introduced bills appropriating \$60,000 for public buildings at Olympia, and \$40,000 for similar purposes at Port Townsend; also, directing surveys for improving rivers in Washington Territory.

The House Committee on Public Lands is considering the policy of repealing the pre-emption laws and reserving the public domain for homestead settlement in quarter sections, except in case of grazing lands, where larger tracts will be allowed.

The proposed renewal of tea and coffee duties encounters less opposition than expected, and the chances of its adoption are considered good by leading members of Congress, since the Treasury recommends it, unless the inflationists insist on the issue of more currency instead of increasing taxes.

The House Judiciary Committee have agreed to report in favor of a total repeal of the bankrupt act.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations recommend \$5,000,000, the amount originally asked, for extraordinary naval services.

PARIS, Dec. 13th. Bazaine has written a letter to President McMahon, in which he says:

"You remember the days in which we served the country together. I feared that the impulse of your heart would be overmastered by State considerations. I should have died without regret, since the recommendation of the court vindicates my honor."

Lachaud, Bazaine's counsel, thanks Thiers for expressing the opinion that Bazaine was innocent of the charges upon which he was tried.

We take the following from the Sacramento Union of the 15th:

Elections for members of the French Assembly yesterday, in three departments, resulted in favor of Republicans.

Hahn-Honda is the place fixed for the delivery of the Virginias and her surviving passengers and crew to the United States.

In the House of Representatives Clayton will introduce a bill to-day appropriating \$300,000 for purchasing a lot and beginning the erection of a fire-proof building for a Postoffice and the United States courts in San Francisco.

Through some intrigue, as is supposed, of a political enemy, Luttrell has been left off the Naval Committee, a position held by him previously. No one of the Pacific coast delegation is on the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Congressman Cox, Holman and Nesmith all favor the election of Booth to the Senate. Congress is averse to the increase of taxation proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Professor Agassiz died at Boston last night. Some months since the Union gave a biographical sketch of deceased.

The Bendlers, who committed a serious case of murders in Kansas, have been arrested in South Carolina.

The Secretary of War has presented to Congress some series charges against General Howard, of the Freedmen's Bureau.

HAVANA, December 13th. Last night several hundred men marched, cheering and shouting, to the Plaza de Armas and gathered in front of the Captain-General's palace, gave noisy expression to their dissatisfaction at the departure of the Virginias, and their disapproval of the course of prominent persons who favored the delivery of the vessel. Two Spaniards, who endeavored to pacify the mob, were suddenly hustled about, and several shots, believed to be accidental, were fired. The crowd lingered around the palace till midnight, when Captain-General Jovel addressed them, and prevailed upon them to go to their homes.

ORRYE VALLEY LETTER.

RYE VALLEY, Dec. 20th. 1873.

From Rye Valley's snowy mountains, From Dixie's muddy stream,—

There my poetical machine is busted, for it is snowing again, but it has not ceased snowing for over 20 minutes at a time for the last two weeks. If a snowy prospect is a beautiful one we have some of the most beautiful scenery in Eastern Oregon. The song of "The Snow, The Beautiful Snow," must have been composed by a man in love, and he wished to take a sleigh ride with his dulcinea, just like some of the Rye Valley YOUNG MEN, myself among the rest. From the looks of the crop of snow we will reap a bountiful crop of water next season, and the daily prayer of the miners in this locality is snow and water.—

Rye Valley is not only the best but the richest mining camp in Eastern Oregon, not only rich in gold, but in the best looking girls in Baker County. And, Mr. BEDROCK, we, the men of this Valley, are bound to tout our horns if we never sell a clam.

We heard strange news to-day, that one of Rye Valley's favored sons, Mr. James Odell, who is stopping in your city, is the 53rd candidate for Sheriff. Hurrah for Jim! and he can bet his old boots we will do all we can for him. I am afraid he cares more for a certain blooming damsel than he does for the Sheriff's office. Jim is a good miner, and no doubt would make a good officer. The most of the boys are hugging the fire this cold weather.

W. Webber, Tom Reed, McLaffey and Johnny are drifting, all the rest are laying on their oars. Our general store keeper, Mr. Kneiss, has received a stock of Christmas fixings, so old and young rejoice; the landlord and landlady, Mr. and Mrs. Biane, are still keeping the Rye Valley Hotel, and furnish as good grub as a hungry man ever sat down to; our friend Bronk furnishes the needful in the shape of spirits, distilled spirits I mean; Mr. Brishaw does the needful in blacksmithing; and Mr. Henry Jones carried off the prize yesterday morning in hunting. In less than one hour he killed nine rabbits and six prairie chickens, beat it if you can.

Mr. Walter Fernald, our obliging Postmaster, forks out to its numerous readers the ever welcome BEDROCK every Friday, long may your paper flourish. A happy Christmas and a merry New Year to all is the wish of

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sheriff's Sale.

NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION. BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Baker, upon a judgment rendered in said Court, on the 6th day of October, A. D. 1873, in favor of Samuel Cowles and E. P. McBurnis, and against William S. Boswell, for the sum of \$662 25, six hundred and sixty Two Dollars and a Twenty-six cents, Gold Coin, and \$35 99 Thirty-five Dollars and Ninety-nine cents, to me directed against the property of the said William S. Boswell, I have levied upon, and shall expose at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, on

Wednesday, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1873,

At 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Court House door, in Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, the following described property, to-wit:

The undivided one half interest in and to that certain Hotel building and lot of ground upon which said building stands, situated in the Town of Eldorado, Baker County, Oregon, and known as Boswell's Hotel.

Also, the undivided one half interest in and to that certain Barn and Stable and ground upon which said Barn and Stable stands, situated in the Town of Eldorado, Baker County, Oregon, and known as Barnes' Stable.

The right, title and interest of William S. Boswell in and to the above mentioned property, will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy said execution and all costs.

Dated at Baker City, this 19th day of November, A. D. 1873. JAMES H. SHINN, Sheriff.

POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale of property is postponed until Wednesday, December 24th, 1873, at the same hour and place mentioned above.

Dated at Baker City, this 17th day of November, A. D. 1873. JAMES H. SHINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale.

NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION. BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Baker, upon a judgment rendered in said Court, on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1873, in favor of W. J. Leatherwood and against Anthony Moore, Albert C. Moore and Amasa Moore, for the sum of \$945 65, Three Hundred and Forty-five Dollars and Sixty-five cents, Gold Coin, to me directed against the property of the said Anthony Moore, Albert C. Moore and Amasa Moore, I have levied upon, and shall expose at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, on

Wednesday, the 21st day of January, A. D. 1874,

At 1 o'clock P. M., at the Court House door in Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, the following described property, to-wit:

All of that certain lot of ground, situate in the Sargent & Newton place, to-wit: convey way from the Creek to the Creek and from the Creek to Goodrich Creek, thence via Mill Creek and Alameda Creek to Baker Creek. Said lot is situated in Precinct of Siding District, Baker County, Oregon.

Said property was levied upon as the property of L. W. Nelson and B. H. Roberts and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy said execution and costs, and accruing costs.

Dated at Baker City this Twenty-third day of December, A. D. 1873. JAMES H. SHINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale.

NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION. BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Baker, upon a judgment rendered in said Court, on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1873, in favor of L. O. Sterns, and against Anthony Moore, Amasa Moore, and Albert C. Moore, for the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Twenty-six cents, to me directed against the property of said Anthony Moore, Amasa Moore and Albert C. Moore, I have levied upon, and shall expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on

Wednesday, the 21st day of January, A. D. 1873,

At 3 o'clock P. M., at the Court House door, in Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, the following described property, to-wit:

Five shares in the Rye Valley Placer Mining Company, standing in the name of Amasa Moore.

Five shares in the Rye Valley Placer Mining Company, standing in the name of Anthony Moore. Also the right, title and interest of Anthony Moore, Amasa Moore and Albert C. Moore, or either of them, in and to all that the Rye Valley Mining District, Baker County, Oregon; commencing at or near the mouth of Mendenhall Gulch, and extending down Baker Gulch, and known as "The Siding claim No. 9," as surveyed by C. M. Foster, Deputy U. S. Surveyor, for Joseph H. Smith.

The aforesaid property will be sold as aforesaid, to satisfy said execution and costs, and accruing costs.

Dated at Baker City, this Twentieth day of December, A. D. 1873. JAMES H. SHINN, Sheriff.

A negro in Boston complained at a police station that a brother colored man had broken a chair all to splinters over his head. Being told there were no marks on his cranium, he said: "No, 'e didn't make no marks, but 'e smashed de chair all ter pieces, and de chair belonged ter me."

A John Bull, conversing with an Indian, asked him if he knew the sun never sets on the Queen's dominions. "No," said the Indian. "Do you know the reason why?" asked John. "Because God is afraid to trust an Englishman in the dark," was the savage's reply.

"Fred," said a young man, walking up State street in Chicago the other day, after listening to his wonderful story, "do you know why you are like a harp struck by lightning?" "No," says Fred; "I give it up." "Because a harp struck by lightning is a blasted lyre."

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