

## THE BENTON DEMOCRAT.

OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY.

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### THE SILETZ RESERVATION.

We have often urged that the Siletz Indians be removed to some more remote section of the State, and the reservation opened to settlement by whites. If this cannot be done, we hold it but just and in accordance with sound logic that the Agent placed in charge over the Indians should be one familiar with the wants, habits, language, and characteristics of these wards. The policy of placing men totally unacquainted with Indian character in charge of reservations is certainly bad policy, and can never result in advantage either to whites or the savages. This fact has been clearly demonstrated in the Modoc war, the chiefs refusing to even talk with strangers. There are in Benton county any number of men fully fitted for the position, and it is but justice to the people of Yaquina Bay that such a person be selected to take charge of the Indians in that vicinity.

### THE OPPOSITION.

We are pleased to notice that our farmers, as well as those all along the river, are giving their whole patronage to the new line of steamers. When they look back at the extortionate rates of freight and fares so long wrung from them by Holladay's boats and railroad, they can but realize their bounden duty to encourage the new company, which has so cheerfully come to their relief. Should the people, by failing to patronize the opposition, force it from the river, they will be taxed two fold more than ever. Let each farmer and merchant ship by the Willamette River Transportation Company, and keep prices of river traffic at a fair, living rate. One corporation should not control both the railroad and river.

THE Commissioner-General of the Land Office has sent instructions to the Registers and Receivers to carry into effect the act approved March 31, 1873, providing for the joint entry of agricultural land to two or more pre-emption settlers prior to a survey of the same. A legal sub-division may elect one of their number to make an entry and contract for a private conveyance back to the company pre-empting, when the patents are received.

CREDIT MOBILIER.—That this stupendous swindle was sanctioned by the Radical party it is but necessary to show the vote on the resolution of expulsion:

Out of the 121 Republicans voting a majority of 27 was cast in favor of substantial acquittal; and out of 102 Democrats, a majority of 20 was given in favor of expulsion. Thus the Credit Mobilier inquiry was fully assumed by the Republicans.

STATE UNIVERSITY.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the State University held at Eugene, on last Monday, the length of term each Director should serve was decided as follows: T. G. Hendricks, 12 years; Hon. M. P. Deady, 10 years; R. S. Strahan and Judge Humphries, 4 years; B. F. Dorris and Judge Thompson, 6 years; J. J. Walton and Hon. L. L. McArthur, 2 years.

RETURNS from the Connecticut election indicate that Ingersoll (Democrat) is elected by about 4,000 majority, and that the Legislature will probably be Democratic. Last November Grant carried the State by over 4,000 majority. Another evidence of the mighty revolution taking place. The Credit Mobilier and salary scandal party is rapidly losing ground.

DEMOCRATIC GAINS.—In the town elections recently held in New York, the Democrats have gained ninety-four towns and the Republicans have gained ten, leaving a net Democratic gain of eighty-four towns. Fifteen counties out of thirty-seven have been won over from the Republicans, and now have Democratic Boards of Supervisors.

THE MODOCs still maintain a defiant position. Capt. Jack will make no treaty, unless he be allowed possession of the Lost river country. The Commission has again telegraphed for orders. The Government must ignominiously yield or fight. The subject is exhausted.

ARTIFICIAL STONE.—Frost's artificial stone has been introduced into Oregon. It is manufactured of sand, gravel, and chemicals, and is said to withstand the action of the elements.

FARMERS' CONVENTION.—This body met at Salem, on Thursday. We will give a full report of its proceedings, in our next issue.

### FARMERS' MEETING.

The Corvallis Farmers' Club met at the Court House, last Saturday, to discuss the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the farmers of Benton county club together, and build warehouses at convenient points along the Willamette river, for the purpose of storing their surplus products.

Resolved, That it is best for the farmers of Oregon to attend to their own high calling, and prosecute it with energy and skill, and leave the business of shipping to foreign ports to men who make commerce the business of their lives.

Judge C. E. Moore opened the discussion, and as we have reproduced his address, on our first page, we will not make any report of it here.

N. P. Newton favored the first resolution, and argued in favor of farmers cleaning and grading their grain, mentioning the many advantages arising therefrom. Farmers, he thought, would save the price of a warehouse in one year. They should clean, sack, store and control their own grain, paying no commissions to any one.

A. G. Mulkey was in favor of farmers controlling their own wheat, thus occupying an independent position, instead of being the slave of the speculator and shipper. He was in favor of the farmer shipping his own grain, if it became necessary, and strongly condemned the system of "borrowing" wheat. He said wheat was stored at Albany, last year, when no price was set upon it, and the wheat was sent to England, without ever being purchased by the owner, or one dollar advanced upon it. He showed up the difficulties arising from Mr. Moore's plan of building granaries through town, and pronounced the plan impracticable. Was in favor of building one large warehouse on the river bank, and forming a corporation.

E. Hartless dissented from the position assumed by Judge Moore, showing, from the Judge's own figures, that the shipper, who, the former gentleman claimed, made but seven cents per bushel, would lose three cents per bushel after paying Comstock and Hewett Wilson & Co.'s commission, and at 80 cents—the highest price paid here this season—he would lose 18 cents. He did not think shippers did that kind of business. He favored farmers shipping for themselves. Last year was an exception; a tremendous combination had put wheat down, chartered all the shipping available, and robbed the farmer of his grain, paying enormous carrying freights. Fifteen dollars per ton was an ordinary freight from Portland to Liverpool. At these figures, farmers could realize handsome prices for their grain. He favored the organization of clubs, and the building of warehouses, urging farmers to clean, sack and grade their wheat into classes. He showed, by quoting Liverpool prices, that our farmers lost from seven to nine pence sterling per cental by mixing their grain here in bulk. Among other advantages of cleaning wheat, the farmer would save the screenings for provender for his stock, or could chop them and sell them for as much as wheat was worth here. Every other business in the world had its protective combinations, and there was no reason why farming should not also have safeguards thrown around it. Fortunes were made by middlemen every year, every dollar of which was taken from the pockets of the producer. Wheat should bring the farmer in this county from 85 cents to \$1 per bushel. He favored the warehouse proposition, but this was only half the duty of farmers. They should be prepared to ship, if necessary. He wanted to see organizations for protection not only in wheat, but in stock, wool, and every other branch of industry.

Both resolutions were then adopted. Mr. Elliott requested that the delegates to the Salem Convention be instructed to acquire all possible information from the Commissioner, relative to Farmers' Granges. Messrs. Elliot, Moore and Mulkey were appointed a committee to draft articles of incorporation for building and shipping purposes, and submit the same at the next regular meeting. The Executive Committee was instructed to inquire into the matter of leasing or purchasing ground and erecting a suitable warehouse at this place, and report next meeting. The question for discussion at the next meeting will be "What are the best kinds of stock for farmers to raise?" Messrs. Liggett, Elliot, Simpson and Moore were appointed leading debaters. Mr. Hartless gave notice that he would offer, at the next meeting, an amendment to the Constitution relieving the President from the duty of appointing the leading debaters on questions for discussion. On motion the Club adjourned to meet on Saturday, May 3, 1873.

### UNCHRISTIAN SPIRIT.

We would not judge the motives nor acts of others, yet we cannot but enter our solemn protest against such ghastly attacks as the following, from the *Gazette* of last week, in referring to the death of John Murray, who perished in the late fire:

Death, under the most favorable circumstances, causes intense grief when it lays its terrible grasp upon loved ones; but to see a husband and father, in the midst of life, whose hair is whitening from the tomb, ushered from a saloon and its associations into eternity, without a moment's warning, or any preparation whatever, is sad beyond all description. We would fain draw the curtain of oblivion over such a scene.

Then why did you not "draw the curtain of oblivion" before publishing the above unchristian sentiment? Was the terrible event not affliction enough for the bereaved widow and orphans, without such an uncalled for, uncharitable publication as the above? Could not our *Christian* contemporaries permit the bones of John Murray to rest in the silent tomb, and pour balm, instead of gall, into the hearts of those to whom his sudden and awful death was the direst calamity? Was it necessary, in order to vindicate his pet theme, which has the sanction of neither God nor human nature, that the frailties of the unfortunate man should be paraded, not only before the eyes of a greedy public, but sent to harrow up the lacerated hearts already weighed down with deepest sorrow and anguish? John Murray's faults were those of the head, not the heart, and dwindle into nothingness in comparison with the noble impulses which throbbed within his bosom. After he had been called to that "bourne whence no traveler returns," and taken "his chamber in the silent halls of death," the part of the man of God was to let his ashes rest in peace. The above extract is a practical illustration of the Latin adage: "Even hares can insult a dead lion."

We learn that the late fire and the consequent death of this gentleman, was made the theme of thrilling (?) speeches at the M. E. Church, last Sunday evening, when the white-robed minister of God descended from the sanctuary to the "level of other citizens," and discussed the subjects of "elections," "licenses," "fires," "rum selling," etc., expressing a wish that the day was other than the Sabbath, and the place other than the house of God, that he might speak freely the feelings of his heart. Great God! have we not here a picture? An ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with his own lips proclaiming his fulness of a sentiment unfit to be uttered on the "Sabbath day," and to preach which in the house dedicated to the worship of God would be sacrilege! Humiliating indeed it must be, when the servant of God forgets the resolution of St. Paul "to know nothing among [his flock] save Jesus Christ and Him crucified," and goes to stump-speaking in the holy tabernacle dedicated to the worship of Almighty God.

SALEM'S MANUFACTORIES.—The *Statesman* gives the following in relation to the manufacturing interests of the capital city: "The Willamette Woolen Mills, which have a world wide reputation, manufacture annually 300,000 yards of cloth and about 2,500 pairs of blankets. The Salem Flour Mills last year shipped to foreign markets 50,000 barrels of flour, besides supplying a large home market. The Pioneer Oil mill manufactured 50,000 gallons of linseed oil, which was shipped to San Francisco and the Eastern States. This Company have on hand 2,000 bushels of flax seed awaiting transportation to Linn county, where a very large acreage will be sown this year. Besides the large amount of seed, they have a great deal already in the upper counties for the purpose of sowing."

FRED GRANT, eldest son of the President, is advanced from the second Light Infantry, to Lieutenant Colonel, and is assigned to duty on the staff of General Sheridan. Gen. Forsythe, an old veteran, will be reduced from his position to that of Major, to make room for this boy Fred. "Great and incomprehensible are thy ways, O" G.

THE STEAMER WRIGHT.—W. H. Chaney, the astrologer, publishes a statement that the cast a horary, some time since, in regard to the wreck of the Wright, and discovered that the Chief Engineer, James Sutton, was still alive, a captive among the Indians.

The report is pretty well confirmed that Joe Teal, who is now East, has made arrangements to put on two large steamers between San Francisco and Portland.

### YAQUINA RAILROAD.

We have often urged the importance of a railroad from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay. Recent developments on the Bay have formed another potent argument in favor of this project. Besides the countless acres of excellent timber which skirt the shores of Yaquina river; the immense coal deposits along the Bay; the facilities for the fishing business, and many other resources, which only await the means of transportation to pour their wealth into the lap of Benton county, gold mines have recently been discovered there, which promise no insignificant means of benefit to this section of the Willamette Valley. Means of quick and safe transit once established, all these latent resources of the country would at once spring into life and activity, giving employment to thousands, furnishing a market for the products of our broad, fertile acres, at our very door. With a narrow-gauge road, at a cost of less than one million dollars, the farmer of Benton could get the same price for his wheat and other products as they now bring in San Francisco. Think of getting from \$1 to \$1.20 for your wheat every year, instead of fifty-cents. The advance of prices on products in three counties especially benefited by such a road would pay its entire cost in less than five years. Let our farmers and business men consider these things, and make an effort for the building of a railroad from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay, without further delay.

### THE O. & C. RAILROAD.

We hear it stated by parties just down from Oakland, that a telegram was received and posted at that place, last week, announcing that an agent of the firm of Lulzbach Bros. had arrived at Portland, and would take possession of the East Side railroad, and build it to a junction with the California & Oregon road. At a recent meeting of European bond holders, held at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, the management of the road and the extraordinary depreciation of the bonds were freely discussed. It was insisted that the control of the road be taken from Mr. Holladay, as that gentleman was holding the commerce of the State in his hands, and injuring the people by his iron grip on their throats and his hands in the pockets of the people. A committee was appointed to act in the matter as it thought best. The resources of Oregon were very well set forth by Consul Wolf, who stated that notwithstanding the means of steam communication and the Pacific Railroad, the State had increased in population but very slowly during the last twenty years, and this was attributable to the monopoly prices of transportation of freight and passengers, and the stifling of all healthy competition by those who held control of the carrying trade.

### AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

At the meeting held last Saturday, it was announced that there were yet \$700 to be raised, in order to pay off the indebtedness on the agricultural farm. Rev. Wooley reported that he could obtain a portion of this amount in sections of the country not yet visited by him. Profs. Arnold and Emery each subscribed \$50, and, with what Mr. Wooley feels confident of securing, the amount has by this time been reduced to some \$300. That our citizens will raise this sum in a few days, there can be no doubt, as a number have already doubled their first subscriptions. The vast importance of this matter has not been overlooked, and everyone interested in the welfare of our country should at once put down his name and such amount as is consistent with his circumstances. Let the farm be paid for, and the Agricultural College retained in its present location.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.—One of these organizations was instituted in Polk county last Saturday, by the Deputy, Mr. J. Campbell. The farmers of this county are favorably impressed with the objects and working of these granges, and will shortly organize several in this county.

CONDEMNED.—The Ohio Legislature has passed a resolution condemning not only those who voted for the \$5,000 Congressional steal, but also those who voted against it and then pocketed the money.

A Pennsylvania editor says he will bet five hundred dollars that Sergeant Bates can't travel through Capt. Jack's Lava Bed with the American flag flung to the breeze.

The married ladies of Silver City, have formed a "Come-Home-Husband-Club." It is about four feet long, and has brush on the end of it.

### Circuit Court Docket.

Docket of the Circuit Court for Benton County—April Term, 1873:  
State of Oregon vs G W Ballard; assault with dangerous weapon.  
State of Oregon vs Luther King; taking away a female under the age of 16 years, without consent of father or mother.  
State of Oregon vs Luther King; larceny.  
Andrew Rickard vs Andrew Montgomery, and W Montgomery; action at law.  
R T Jordan vs A W Wright, et al.; suit in equity.  
Aug. Durkin vs Louis Belsis; action at law.  
Corvallis and Yaquina Bay Wagon Road Company vs Wm Blodgett; suit in equity.  
Rowena Mulkey vs Josiah Mulkey; divorce.  
Caroline King vs Luther King; divorce.  
Leveridge, Wadhams & Co. vs Jo Liggett; action at law.  
John Kelsey, et al. vs Geo. E Knowlton and Eliza Knowlton; action at law.  
Gallatin Adkins, et al. vs H C Lewis; suit in equity.  
Gallatin Adkins and Sarah Adkins vs H C Lewis; suit in equity.  
Anna N King vs A R McConnell and Margaret McConnell; suit in equity.  
L M Starr vs Jas H Stewart; action at law.  
Chas E Williams vs F A Chenoweth; action at law.  
N Stewart vs O D Clark; suit in equity.  
G W Elliott vs Judson S. Palmer; action at law.  
J C Avery vs E E Taylor; motion for leave to issue execution.  
Melissa Mason vs C W Mason; divorce.  
Wm M Pittman vs Wilson Bump; action at law.  
H M Russ vs Peter Blake; suit in equity.  
Leroy Hill vs Frank D. Dodge and Geo R Meggison; action at law.  
Thomas Briggs vs Judson S Palmer; action at law.  
Granville Fisher vs William Gird and S Montgomery; suit in equity.  
David Blake vs T M Reed; suit in equity.  
William Ellender vs George W Elliott; suit in equity.  
J C Willmerding and C W Kellogg vs Jas M Monroe and Peter Abbey; action at law.  
M M Erwin vs Geo W Erwin; divorce.  
J C Avery vs W B Hamilton and James F Hamilton; action at law.  
L P Baldwin vs E N Sawtell and James R Bayley; suit in equity.  
F W May vs F E Robinson, B F Robinson, R Y McCune and Calvin Hanna; action at law.  
H P Harris vs F E Robinson, B F Robinson and Louis Robinson; suit in equity.  
H P Harris vs F E Robinson; action at law.  
H P Harris vs B F Robinson and Louisa E Robinson; suit in equity.  
G W Erwin vs A R McConnell; action to enforce mechanic's lien.  
Emily O Bump vs Wm M Pittman; suit in equity.  
Wm Gird vs The California & Oregon R Co et al; suit in equity.  
F E Robinson & Bro vs A R McConnell; action to enforce mechanic's lien.  
Thomas C Esby vs R A Bensell et al; suit in equity.  
Frank D Dodge vs George Meggison; suit in equity to dissolve partnership.

### FLASHES OF LIGHTNING.

The McEnery ticket was elected in New Orleans.  
A heavy fire at Parker's Landing Pa., on the 3d.  
Senator Cole will probably secure the Japanese mission.  
A fight took place in the New Jersey lobby the other day.  
Municipal elections throughout Ohio have gone Democratic.  
George Bidwell, the Bank of England forger, has been arrested.  
A large number of dead bodies have been recovered from the Atlanta.  
Pennsylvania has defeated the proposition to grant no more liquor licenses.  
The Newark Co-operative Colony of New Jersey, will settle in San Joaquin Valley.  
Heavy floods along the Genesee river. Great damage to bridges and railroads.  
Rev Charles H. Spurgeon has been offered \$50,000 to deliver fifty lectures in the United States.  
The Prince of Wales has been installed as Grand Commander of the Order of Knights Templar.  
Richard Schell and a number of others have used the New York gold clique for \$50,000,000.  
All proceedings against persons arrested as Ku Klux, under the enforcement act are to be suspended.  
The gas men, on a strike, had a collision with the police, in New York, last Wednesday. No lives lost.  
At the recent council held with the Indians by Superintendent Odeneal, Joseph and his band peremptorily refused to give up the Wallowa Valley, on any conditions whatever. More troops are demanded, to protect settlers already there.  
It is rumored that the Misses Greeley will visit the town of Greeley, Colorado, the coming summer to breathe the pure air of the mountains and enjoy the splendid scenery of the far West.  
The railroad now proposes to carry wheat from Roseburg and Oakland for \$7 per ton, and to adopt a "sliding scale," carrying grain at a rate proportionate to its market price.  
J. D. May tried for perjury in Linn county last week and convicted, was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. A petition is being circulated for his pardon.  
The humbug called the Modoc Peace Commission is beginning to excite comment at the East. An enormous bill is being run up against the Government, for—nothing.  
Thomas McMillan, Assistant Surgeon of the army and chief medical officer of the Modoc expedition, died last Tuesday, of heart disease.  
Some ungodly wretch placed obstructions on the West side track the other day, for the purpose of throwing Ben Holladay's special train off.  
C. W. Murphy, who left Yamhill and went to Illinois, has returned, with a number of emigrants, and will make Oregon his future home.

### PACIFIC SLOPERS.

Coos Bay wants a good school.  
Small-pox almost extinct in Utah.  
Four births in La Grande last week.  
Jesse Applegate is now in San Francisco.  
Portland has incorporated a Reform School.  
Several cottages are being built at Clatsop.  
Freights down on the ocean route by coasters.  
Salem will commence making plows by steam.  
Freight and passenger trains are running light.  
Cadet Midshipman Brown of Oregon has resigned.  
There were 92 deaths in San Francisco last week.  
A new flouring mill is being built on the Coquille river.  
I. F. Reese, of Walla Walla has gone into bankruptcy.  
Frosts have damaged the grape crop of Southern California.  
Work on the Roseburg and Coos Bay road is progressing.  
A number of families in Missouri are about to start for Oregon.  
A hunter has killed 130 deer in the Blue Mountains this season.  
More grain than ever before is being sown in the Coquille Valley.  
I. M. King, formerly of the Portland Herald, has gone to San Francisco.  
The new anti-Mormon paper at Salt Lake is called the *New Endowment*.  
Hon. A. J. Dufur, Centennial Commissioner, went East on the Oriflamme.  
Quint, who sued Laura D. Fair for an \$8,000 fee, got a verdict of \$2,980.  
Wheat in Liverpool, 12s; in San Francisco, \$1 82½; in Corvallis, 65c.  
The machinery of the wrecked steamer Enterprise will be brought to Portland.  
Kalama is said to be the roughest place on the coast. It is the Paradise of thieves.  
Rev. C. Alderson has given up preaching, and gone to farming on Coos river. Sensible man.  
A little son of S. Wolf was run over, the other day, in the Dalles, by a hotel coach and killed.  
The former residence of Ex-Governor Woods, at Salem, was totally destroyed by fire last Monday night.  
McCauley, who shot Noah Mullen-dore, in San Francisco, not long since, was sent up for two years.  
The arrival in England of several vessels which sailed from Portland last fall, with wheat, is announced.  
Mining began briskly in the Boise Basin about the 1st inst. There is deep snow and water will be plenty.  
The construction of a railroad from Walla Walla to Baker City will be commenced within a few months.  
The *Democratic Times* office having been totally destroyed that paper is now temporarily issued in a miniature form.

### BORN:

In this city, on the 4th inst., to the wife of L. Horning, a daughter.

### DIED:

At Prineville, Wasco county, Oregon, on the 29th ult., of consumption, after a painful and lingering illness, Mrs. Jane Kiger, widow of Henry Kiger, formerly of this city.

### NEW THIS WEEK.

### NEW GROCERY STORE!

Corner of Main and Adams Streets, CORVALLIS.

L. N. PRICE,

Having opened a new establishment in this city, keeps constantly on hand

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, CANDIES,

Nuts, Pipes, Tobacco, and Notions, ALSO.

A small and carefully selected stock of DRY GOODS,

COUNTRY TRADE SOLICITED.

Produce Taken in Exchange for Goods, And Highest Market Price Paid.

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### Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE is hereby given that the accounts of J. M. Lafferty, Administrator of the estate of Asa F. Stark, deceased, have been filed in the County Court of Benton county, State of Oregon, for final settlement, and that the first Monday, the 2d day of June, 1873, has been fixed by the Court for hearing objections to and settling the same. By order of John Burnett, County Judge. J. M. LAFFERTY, Administrator of the Estate of Asa F. Stark, deceased. 2:51w4

### Special Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned Proprietors of the Corvallis Sawmill, either by note or book account, prior to the 1st of March, 1873, will please come and settle the same on or before the first day of June, 1873, and save costs, as no longer indulgence can be given. 2:51w5 F. E. ROBINSON & BRO.

### Notice.

ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and thereby save costs. The business of the firm must be closed, as a change is to be effected. Fair warning to all. 2:51m1 IRVIN & HENDRICKSON.