

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

When the Court House at Albany was full of farmers and grangers, ready, nay eager, to do what ever was pointed out to them as likely to assist in the great work of opening out for the Valley its own independent route to the great world beyond, a certain gentleman who professed to attend the convention as a representative of Benton county rose to give advice to the audience so directly contrary to the object for which the meeting was called together, that it seems to call for explanation on one hand, and to demand some comment on the other. What sort of a speech was it that he made? The essence of it, stripped of some interesting information as to his own birth and parentage, was to say to the farmers of this valley: tillers of the soil you are, tillers of the soil you must remain; and so keep your eyes well down in the mud, and raise no thoughts, no efforts to anything whatever outside your own snake fences. Take what providence sends you in the way of improvement, but lift no finger, set no signature, spend no moment of time or cent of money to aid in any public work whatever. If we are correctly informed, the speaker was only justifying his own consistent course of conduct. It would be interesting to know by what influences this farmer, pure and simple, had been dragged from the retirement of his own acres into the center of that active, excited crowd.

Most men if they are unwilling either from principle or circumstances, to join their neighbors for a public end, will at least stand by with friendly wishes for their friends' success. If they will not or can not put their own shoulder to the wheel, they will at least cheer those on who are striving and pushing at the load. But some there are who find a perverse pleasure in putting stones in the way, and if they can but succeed in stopping the cart in the mud; "I told you how it would be," they cry; "Why on earth can't you let things alone, or if you must stir, wait till I give the word."

Fortunately such men are few, very few. And when the cart does move, as it always does sooner or later, if they don't clear out of the way, they get very quickly pushed aside and forgotten.

Naturally what the convention resolved on was all to the good: the friends of the enterprise see how resolute the valley is in the support of the work the Corvallis GAZETTE has advocated so long.

By all means let us have the petition to Congress and work heartily to make it so strong, so numerous, signed, as to demand attention to its prayer. It will doubtless do good. If the committee which has been nominated see that a farther effort is necessary, in the direction that the Linn County Grange were prepared to work, they will tell us so, and their voice will command our efforts. We hear from the Bay that the present appropriation will last about four months yet, possibly a little longer. Therefore there is time to act again if action it necessary.

In another column we print an affidavit as to the depth of water and the condition of the entrance to the Bay, that we trust will help to confirm any who may yet be disposed to doubt. But with what force does it prove the utter, we had well nigh written the criminal folly of the accident that cost three men their lives.

Here we have a harbor with twenty feet of water on its entrance at high water, and with twelve feet at one, east of the lead only at but two hours flood. The channel we know, and here it is sworn that it is well defined, and plain, easy to find and to keep. The U. S. Engineers are at work; they know the channel just as well as one of our readers know the main street of this town; a little patience in waiting would have brought off a capable pilot. But as the unfortunate captain's mind had been stuffed with tales of the dangers of the Yaquina, and as he had been well said, he neglected surveyed ranges and channels in favor of a wretched line of amateur boys of larger beer kegs, and his own life and the lives of two of his men pay the forfeit.

In other days and other seas hanging was not thought too bad for those wretched criminals who by those beacons and feigned lights de-

cayed vessels to their doom on rocks and sands. But whoever gave those false warnings to Captain Pennell, which drove him and his men to their fate, seem to us to have been guilty of moral wrecking; their consciences ought to carry a heavy burden for years to come.

DEATH OF GENERAL LANE.

On Tuesday night, General Joseph Lane, the first Territorial Governor of Oregon, and a man who has occupied a most important place in the state's history, passed away at the ripe age of 80 years. His death has long been expected and it was no surprise to his friends. Gen'l Lane was born in North Carolina in 1801 and 1821 moved to Indiana, settling on a farm in Vanderburg county. In 1822 he was returned to the legislature; his representative career, thenceforth, extending over 25 years; as State Senator and member of the lower branch of the Indiana Legislature.

At the breaking out of the Mexican war, in 1846, he resigned his seat in the Indiana senate and volunteered as private soldier, but was at once appointed Colonel by president Polk and soon afterwards commissioned Brigadier General. At the battle of Buena Vista, where he was wounded, he commanded the left wing of the American army. Oct. 9, 1857, at the head of 3000 men, he defeated Gen. Santa Anna at Huamantla. On the 19th he took Alila, losing only 500 men while the enemy lost 500. Nov. 22, Lane took the strongly fortified town of Matamoros, with a large quantity of military munitions. He afterwards took Orizaba. On the 44th he defeated Gen. Juarez at Tehuacan. At the conclusion of the war Lane was breveted a Major General of the U. S. army and in August, 1848, was appointed Governor of Oregon territory, from which office he was subsequently removed by president Taylor. In 1851 Gen'l Lane was elected delegate to Congress, beating Gov. Gaines, and continuing to represent the territory until 1858, when, on July 7th he was elected to represent the new State of Oregon in the U. S. Senate, receiving 45 out of 50 votes in the Legislature. In 1860 Joseph Lane was nominated by the National Democratic convention, at Baltimore, for the Vice Presidency on the ticket with Breckinridge and on the breaking out of the war was in sympathy with the doctrine of secession. During the Indian war in Rogue river valley he took an active part, having been unanimously tendered command of the forces operating against the Indians. General Lane filled every position honestly and well and any errors committed, even the fatal mistake of sympathizing with the rebellion, were errors of judgment. As a private citizen Joseph Lane leaves the unsullied record of an honest man. The brave old veteran has answered the roll call of the Eternal and may his rest be easy.

The old soldier was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery at Roseburg in the family vault just constructed, and to which the remains of his wife had been removed. There was a large attendance from Salem, Albion, Corvallis, Eugene City and Oakland, and there was a very large attendance from Douglass county. A very eloquent and impressive oration was delivered by his old friend, ex-Senator J. W. Nesmith, who paid a fitting tribute to the memory of a man who has filled so large a space in Oregon's history.

A few days since six cow-boys, who were stopping at a ranch near San Simon, A. T., by mistake used a large quantity of arsenic instead of yeast powder in making bread. They mixed up enough poisoned dough to kill a regiment of soldiers, and then when baked ate of it with all their accursed heartiness. In a few moments they were stricken with a frightful agony. They swore, raved, rolled in the dust, and finally by a supreme effort succeeded in starting for town on their bare backed steeds—thinking the Asiatic cholera had surely attacked them. Two of the boys fell by the way-side and stretched out to die; the other four reached their destination and died the same. But the immediate quantity of arsenic worked the needed cure, and after the lapse of several painful hours the boys were able to quaff an extraordinary draught of whisky in honor of their salvation from dark, cold graves in the cattle covered hills.

At Walla Walla, the county Auditor has paid the bounty on 1307 squirrel scalps turned in during the month of March this year. For a corresponding time in 1880 there were 10,711 scalps, and farmers are delighted that the work of exterminating these pests is almost ended.

THE CONVENTION.

YAQUINA BAY IMPROVEMENTS.

According to call, the farmers and citizens of Linn and adjoining valley counties resorted in large numbers to give expression of their willingness to further the proposed improvements now progressing at Yaquina Bay, and early in the day the streets were dotted here and there with little groups, talking over the objects of the proposed meeting at the Court House. The general expression on the street was that the Yaquina Valley must have another opening to the seaboard for its products, and was unwilling to pay "extorting tribute to the monopoly that now dictates terms to the people in a manner that is making it odious in the extreme. The best and quickest methods for accomplishing this object, upon which all were unanimous, were also topics of discussion, and a warm interest was evinced by all. At about 11 o'clock, a. m. the meeting at the Court House was called to order and the proceedings were as follows:

The meeting was called to order by H. C. Powell, Secretary of the Linn County Business Council. R. A. Irvine was elected chairman of the meeting. C. H. Stewart, Secretary, and J. H. Maine, Assistant Secretary. Mr. Wallis Nash then read the following resolutions adopted at a late meeting of the Linn County Council, in explanation of the object of the meeting:

Whereas, It appears that the \$10,000 just appropriated by Congress in support of the works for improving the Yaquina harbor entrance is not sufficient to provide for the vigorous prosecution of the works. And Whereas, The completion of the improvement is an object of deep interest to the whole of the farming population of the Yaquina Valley, and especially to the farmers of Linn county because of the important influence of the improvement on the completion of the Oregon Pacific railroad connecting the Yaquina Valley with Yaquina Bay. And

Whereas, This council deems it desirable at this juncture to make a public united effort in aid of this object. Therefore

Resolved, That steps be taken by this council to call a public convention of the farmers of the valley counties at Albany within the next 21 days to adopt such steps as may appear best to prove the public interest in this object and to contribute to its attainment, and that measures be adopted to call the public attention and arouse common effort for this end. And

Resolved, That a public convention for the above purposes of all interested be held at the Court House at Albany, on Thursday, April 21st at 10 a. m.

H. C. Powell moved that a committee of seven be appointed to draft resolutions and present them to the convention for action thereon. Motion carried, and the following committee on resolutions were appointed by the chairman:

Judge C. E. Monroe and Hon. Jas. Gingle, of Benton county; Hon. S. A. Dawson and H. C. Powell, of Linn county; E. H. Bellinger, of Marion county; Hon. Harvey Shelton and F. M. Kizer, of Linn county.

The meeting then adjourned until 1 o'clock, p. m. when it was called to order by the chairman, who made a few remarks saying the meeting was in the interest of a great enterprise and one in which the people of the whole valley should feel the deepest interest. He did not want the people to feel that it was a Granger meeting, but that it was in the interest of all, and he wanted everybody to feel free to take a part in it and help along the object for which it was called.

The report of the committee on resolutions was then called for and the secretary read the following:

RESOLUTIONS: Whereas, This meeting recognizes the pressing need of developing and maintaining an honest competition for both freight and passenger traffic, especially in the Yaquina valley, but also throughout the whole state of Oregon; and

Whereas, This meeting is of the opinion that such competition can only be effected by other ports being opened, and

Whereas, This meeting adopts the principle that it is a duty owed to the state of Oregon and to her increasing population to make all necessary efforts for these ends. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the improvement to the entrance of Yaquina Bay, by deepening, straightening, and otherwise making it safe for the passage of the entry and departure of ships, and other large ocean going crafts is a matter of the deepest interest to the people of Oregon; that the convention has every confidence in the ability and willingness of the United States government to grant such relief; that we appreciate its action in the appropriations already made; and we ask that Congress make such additional appropriations as may be sufficient to complete the work. That the thanks of this convention are hereby tendered to Col. Gillespie of the U. S. Engineers, and to our senators and representatives in congress for their services in obtaining the appropriations already made for the improvement of the bar at the mouth of Yaquina Bay, and

Resolved, That this convention appoint a committee consisting of one person from Benton, Lane, Yamhill, Marion, Linn, and Polk counties for the purpose of drafting a petition, praying the government for additional appropriations for the improvement of the Yaquina bar, and that said committee be instructed to circulate the petition in every quarter of the counties mentioned, and in such other sections of the state as they see fit, and

Resolved, That copies of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the valley press and New York papers for publication, and that copies also be sent to our senators and representatives in congress. It was moved that the above resolutions be adopted as presented, and that they fairly represent the feeling of this meeting. Carried. A motion was made asking that the resolutions be taken up separately and passed. It was not supported, and the resolutions were adopted as read.

Wallis Nash, of Corvallis, was then called upon and addressed the meeting at some length. He depicted in a clear and able manner the position of the people in this section, and said unless some effort was made they would be entirely at the mercy of one gigantic monopoly that has already fastened itself upon the people of this state to such an extent that it can dictate to the producer the price of grain and every product of the farm that the rates of transportation affect. He made a showing from their own statements of the vast wealth they were accumulating, and for which they were grinding the people to the last point of forbearance. He spoke of the manner in which they opposed any competition, and claimed the whole northwestern territory as their own by right of pre-emption. The evils of such a monopoly are too plain not to be seen and felt by every citizen of the State.

and it is time the people were alive to recognize methods of counterbalancing the danger. He gave a very interesting account of the progress of the work now going on at Yaquina Bay, and illustrated the description by maps. He pictured the benefit of improvements and of a railroad from Yaquina eastward, and called upon the citizens of this valley to do all in their power to further the enterprise. Mr. Nash estimated the amount necessary to complete and put in shape the harbor improvements at about \$330,000.

Senator W. R. Bilyon followed Mr. Nash in an able manner, presenting the case in several forcible ways and urging the necessity of prompt action. He referred to the records of the last legislature and the fight then made by the monopolists to defeat the railroad bill in the interest of the people. This he said was a fair example of the influences that are being and would be brought to bear against this movement, and he thought it was time the people stood up for their rights.

Judge Moore of Corvallis, discouraged the farmers from making any personal contributions toward the enterprise, but thought best to rely wholly on petitioning congress.

Hon. Ralph C. Geer, of Marion county, was then called and said that he was wholly in favor of the citizens of the valley making every effort, personal and otherwise for the accomplishment of this object, which would give so much in return for the outlay demanded. He wanted to see the matter pushed and the work done and in a short time the advance in prices and general prosperity would more than repay the outlay. He had personally inspected the harbor, and his inspection was made at the request of a capitalist who had at one time thought of investing in the enterprise. As was thoroughly satisfied of the feasibility of the project in every particular. The mate of the steamer "Alex. Duncan" had told him that vessel had made the passage often and never had any difficulty. There had always been from 12 to 14 feet of water and the entrance was a very safe one. At the conclusion of Mr. Geer's remarks, the chairman appointed the following gentlemen as a committee authorized by the resolutions to draft petition and to see to its proper circulation.

Hon. John Whittaker, Lane county; Manly Carrier, Benton; Hon. Ralph C. Geer, Marion; Hon. Robt. Clow, Polk; Hon. W. R. Bilyon, Linn; Hon. J. C. Bralley, Yamhill.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. A. IRVINE, Chm'n.
C. H. STEWART, Sec'y.

COAST NOTES.

Santa Barbara has had a rose fair. There were exhibited three hundred varieties of the queen of flowers.

The Oregon State Agricultural Association has issued a large and liberal premium list for the present season.

In Lane county, Oregon, the stock-raisers, for the protection of their property and the punishment of thieves, have banded together in secret conclave and adopted the name of "Regulators."

The citizens of Gold Hill are threatened with the destruction of their town. The ground is settling so rapidly as to crack the window-panes of the railroad depot house and other buildings. A crevasse in the neighborhood of Fort Homestead is constantly widening and the town is gradually sinking.

In Mendocino county two weeks ago Samuel Piercy warned Peter Munson to cease visiting Piercy's two daughters. A few days since Munson went to the Piercy premises armed with a repeating rifle, and whistled to attract attention. He got it. It was the old man's warning voice, followed by a shot which killed Munson instantly.

Recently a paragraph went the rounds of the press, to the effect that a roundly stage-driver who attempted to outrage a young lady passenger near Lewiston, I. T., had drowned himself in order to avoid capture. It is now known that instead of committing suicide he was ferried across the river by an old man, whom he employed to deceive the pursuing officers with a false report of his death, and that he succeeded in escaping to the northern part of Idaho, where he is still driving on a stage line.

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