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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY

In the leading towns in Illinois the licenses to sell liquor cost from \$300 to \$1,000.

The Postmaster-General is not a Stalwart. He was in sympathy with the Liberal Republican movement in 1872.

New York Democrats are said to be becoming reconciled to the possibility of Ben Butler as a candidate for the Presidency in 1884.

Sitting Bull is about to embrace the Catholic faith. His admission to that communion will be made the occasion of impressive ceremonies.

Jefferson Davis will deliver the opening address at a meeting of the Southern Historical Society, which will be held in Vicksburg, Miss., May 21st.

John C. New looks upon Judge Gresham, the new Postmaster-General, as a likely candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1884.

The Portland Sunday Welcome says that the editor of Albany Herald ought to be taken before the county judge and examined as to his sanity.

The State law of Nebraska makes \$1,000 the minimum price for a liquor license. In some of the cities it is proposed to grant no license for less than \$2,500.

John Osborn, Esq., and Hon. Thos. E. Cauthorn, are spoken of in connection with the mayoralty. Either one of these gentlemen would be an honor to the city as its chief officer.

An Ohio man has taken the small-pox from a pet pig, and a Minnesota paper remarks in a casual way that when once this disease gets into a family it is pretty sure to go through it.

No dissent is expressed by any Nebraska newspaper as to the admirable working of the high license law in that State. It has closed half the barrooms, including nearly all that were especially disreputable.

It is popularly supposed that the only wall papers to be feared on account of the arsenic which they may contain are of green color. The drug is freely used, however, in many of the red, fawn and other papers of recent fashionable shades.

The reappearance of the Star of Bethlehem is predicted for this year or next. It is supposed to be the periodical star changing from the first magnitude to comparative insignificance, discovered in 1572 by Tycho Brahe, and mentioned also by observers in 1264 and 945 A. D.

A Spanish magistrate, shocked and exasperated by repeated proof of the adulteration of food in his district, has issued a proclamation aflame with righteous wrath declaring that "all articles in the shape of wines, groceries and provisions, which on examination and analysis are proved to be injurious to health, will be confiscated forthwith and distributed to the different charitable institutions."

At New Tacoma, last week, Mr. Villard was asked directly as to the construction of the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific, from Ainsworth to Puget Sound. He replied "that one or two reasonably good routes through the mountains had been found, but the completion of the main line of the Northern Pacific was the chief object at this time."

The Springfield Republican thus sums up the advantages of the farmers' occupation: "There are advantages in being a farmer that he ought to think of these times. His lot may be hard work and no end of it, but he is the only man in the country who can command safety. The foreman farmer has always the assurance of his living, while he is equally sure that what he produces will be wanted for others. And if times are hard and prices low, he doesn't have to shut up shop, fold his unwilling hands, and see his property depreciate in idleness, as many a manufacturer does. He does not need to venture highly, and if he makes no brilliant profits he runs no risks. It is estimated from actual figures that out of 1000 traders, but seven can acquire wealth."

CITY OFFICERS.

Although the city officers absorb a considerable portion and perhaps quite one-half of the city revenue each year, in order to have a city government it is necessary to have officers, and that they be paid. The night watch is the most important in guarding the interests of the city and people, and as his work is done during the night, which requires all of his time, it is generally conceded that his pay is not too high. The marshal's office is one which, to make a good officer, he can not do much else, and in arresting all kinds of roughs of creation he takes many chances of personal danger, and it is probable that his fees are not too high, but when the Council investigate a proper adjustment of Recorder's fees it would be well also for them to ascertain how much money has been paid for marshal's services during the last five or six years.

The next in order is the Recorder's office, which seems to be a popular office in the towns of Oregon; yet many towns in the United States of much greater pretensions than most Oregon towns, believing in as small expense as possible, do away with the position of Recorder, as we have it. In such cases the mayor passes upon the criminal conduct of those brought before him and holds the city court. The Recorder's office in our city government in one particular is like the fifth wheel to a wagon; it draws big pay and there are but little services to perform. During year before last, while Mr. Sawtell was Recorder, he acknowledges that the office paid him about eleven hundred dollars. During the last nine years, from time to time, we have had it from the mouths of different Recorders during that time that the office had paid them some seven, some eight hundred dollars, &c. Taking for granted that it generally pays seven or eight hundred dollars per annum this amount is more than twice as much as the work done is worth. It is an office that does not in any way materially interfere with any other business that such official might be following. For instance, any merchant, mechanic or other business man in the town could well afford to occupy the position of Recorder and get three hundred dollars for the services required, and it would pay him largely and would not materially interfere with his other business. We are aware that we have a few persons who are in hopes that they may be able to fatten on the Recorder's office, who are opposed to this view. But about tax paying time as we have to go down in our britches pocket for a considerable amount to help pay for the Recorder's music, for one we shall insist that we don't want to employ such an officer at such a price.

The "300" medals have at last been distributed to those entitled to receive them. They have been at Senator Don Cameron's house at Hamburg for nearly a year. One or two of the Stalwart phalanx who were at Cameron's house when the bronze trophies arrived, were given their medals with an injunction of secrecy. The others were put away until the campaign should be over. Cameron, in overhauling his rubbish before going abroad found these medals and concluded that this was a good time to distribute them. The boys are exhibiting them as curiosities.

The London Times rejoices greatly over the reduction in the American tariff rates and says it is the precursor of free trade, which it expects to see realized by the early accession of the Democrats to power. In our opinion, says the Helena Herald the day is far distant when any combination between the British manufacturers and the Democratic party will introduce free trade into the United States. It may possibly happen that the Irish voters of this country will not prove such reliable supporters of the Democratic party, when they discover that they are playing into the hands of their oppressors all the time they support a free trade party and policy. We propose to consult the interests of our own manufacturers rather than those of England.

THE COOS BAY RAILROAD. To the many inquiries which have been propounded to us as to the prospects of building the railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay we have to say that the Oregon Southern Railway and Transportation Company have made a complete survey of the line, and that the San Francisco capitalists who are principally interested have received assurances from the East that the full amount of stock will be taken and the work soon commenced. In this connection we publish the following from

the Nautical Gazette, which was published in the Oregonian of April 10th. It says: "The Oregon Southern Railway and Transportation Company of Coos Bay, is about contracting with Goss & Sawyer for two twelve hundred ton steamers, the machinery to be built at the Goss marine iron works, Bath, Maine." It is also rumored, but this is a profound secret, that the Villard combination intend to build a road between the same points, but by a more circuitous route. We hope both roads will be built.—Roseburg Independent.

Georgia has a law which gives the voters of each civil district of counties the right to determine by ballot whether they will have "fence" or "no fence." If the majority of the voters decide on the latter, all private fences are abolished, and a general fence built around the entire district. The Atlanta cows and hogs have been troubling the people of adjoining districts, and the people of each have held elections and voted "no fence," thus virtually "fencing in" that progressive Southern city. There is to be a "ten-rail stake and ridged fence" immediately built around the city district with substantial gates opening upon each public road.

WESTSIDE EXTENSION. The Oregonian of Wednesday says that Henry Villard has issued orders to immediately commence extension of the west side road from Corvallis, to connect with the east side road at Junction, a distance of twenty-five miles. The work will be comparatively easy. There are two rivers to bridge—the Mary's and the Long Tom, and considerable trestle will have to be built across the low lands between Monroe and Junction. For about twenty miles the road will run through a rich agricultural region. It is understood that the link will be finished this year.

THE "GUM BOOT ROUTE" IN OREGON. Washington, April 24.—In the star route, after recess, Kerr took up the "gum boot route," from Oregon City to Bridge Creek, Oregon, so called because one of the postmasters testified that the entire mail over the route was carried in one rubber boot. Kerr summed up the evidence concerning this route, with the following expressive rhyme:

The mail was small, scarce any at all; A letter or two and a paper, went over this route, in the leg of a boot; And the horse on a five mile caper. [Laughter.] "And," Mr. Kerr added, "the contractors made a profit of \$9460 per annum." The route from Canyon City to Camp McDermott, Oregon, was next taken up, and consideration of the evidence relating to it occupied the time up to adjournment.

HOW TO TELL OLEOMARGARINE. Mrs. Caroline H. Dall tells the Boston Transcript how to distinguish between butter and oleomargarine, as follows: "Now, no person with keen sense of taste can be deceived about oleomargarine. Butter is pure oil. Put a little in a warm place, and see how quickly it liquefies. If the temperature comes close to boiling, the butter is 'oiled' and unfit for food. Try the same experiment with oleomargarine. It will not harm it, and you will find it difficult to melt if you drop it in boiling water. It will dissolve like tallow, not like butter. It also cuts like tallow, with a sort of metallic glint. Oleomargarine, if flavored with true butter and made into prints, always keeps the print in the original clear lines. You can handle it without crushing it. It seems as if it had just come off ice."

RHEUMATISM. Acute rheumatism, or rheumatic fever, is mainly a disease of early life. There are two varieties of rheumatism—the progressive and the partial. In progressive rheumatism, it is the smaller joints of the upper extremities—generally of the fingers—that are first attacked. In time the disease extends to other and larger joints, sometimes even to those of the spine. In the first stage there are pain, redness, heat and swelling of the affected joints, and often a spasmodic contraction of the neighboring muscles, causing a permanent distortion. In the second stage, changes take place within the joint, resulting in the formation of chalk-like excrescences, the loss of the cartilage which lines the inner surface, and rendering the end of the bone hard like ivory.

In old people—the disease is not confined to them, though much more common among them—the changes are much slower than in others, and the movements are less interloped with. Fortunately, the right hand suffers less than the left. In time, from prolonged immobility, there is a wasting of the muscles and the bones. Spasmodic muscular contractions also often cause the limbs to be drawn permanently into various unnatural postures. Partial chronic rheumatism attacks only a few joints—often a single one—but generally the larger. The pains are at first slight and vague, and pass off when the person is walking, but at length are severe. The joint becomes much deformed; motion, however, is more or less preserved, and the patient manages to get about. The muscles are seldom contracted. The disease does not threaten life. Progressive rheumatism is much more frequent in females; partial, in males.

The most common causes are living in damp rooms, insufficient or improper food, various other diseases, especially scrofula.—Youth's Companion.

THE SOUL IS INDEPENDENT OF THE BODY. When we close our short careers, some questions that we debate as matters of high philosophy will be personal to you and to me. As we lie where Webster lay, face to face with eternity, and its breath is on our cheeks, there will come to us, as it cannot come now, the query whether the relation of our souls to our bodies is that of harmony to a harp, or of the harper to the harp. The time is not distant when it will be worth something to us to remember that they who walk late on the deck of the 'Santa Maria' have seen a light rise and fall ahead of us. The externality and independence of the soul in relation to the body are known now under the microscope and scalpel better than ever before in the history of our race. Exact science, in the name of the law of causation, breathes already thro' her iron lips a whisper, to which, as it grows louder, the blood of the ages will leap with new inspiration. Before that iron whisper all objections to immortality are shattered. If, in the name of physiology, we remove all objections, you will hear your Webster when he comes to you and says that a Teacher, attested by the ages as sent with a supreme divine mission, brought life and immortality to light. There is no darkness that can quench the illumination which now rises on the world. No ascending fog from the shallows of materialism can put out the sun of axiomatic truth. Ay, my friends, in the oozy depths of the pools, where the reptiles lie among the reeds in the marshes of materialism, there arises a vapor, which as it ascends higher, that sun will radiate, will stream through with his slant javelins of scientific clearness, until this very matter which we have dreaded to investigate shall take on all the glories of the morning, and become, by reflected light, the bridal couch of a new Day in a future civilization.—[Joseph Cook.]

NORTHWEST COAST. Land hunters are numerous in the Yakima country. Seattle has a revenue from licenses amounting to \$16,270 per year. There are about 65 newspapers published in Oregon of which seven are daily. The railroad bridge across the Puyallup river is rapidly approaching completion. The report comes from all parts of Douglas county that the prospects for good crops were never better. There is sufficient unoccupied government land in Goose Lake valley west of Lakeview for 50 farms 120 acres each. The Roseburg and Coos Bay stage line is now carrying passengers with comfort and dispatch. The road is in good repair and is improving daily. It is stated that Garfield county will raise this year a million and a quarter bushels of wheat, and some other counties in Eastern Washington more. The Dayton Chronicle accuses the corn doctor, who has been holding forth at that place, of threatening to burn the town and intimates that he was the cause of the late fire. The steamer Mary D. Hume now makes regular trips between the mouth of Smith river and San Francisco. The entrance to Smith river is reported as good, and vessels enter and depart without trouble. News was received at Victoria on the 21st of the drowning of Chapman and Penny Presbyterians missionaries, at Prince of Wales Island, and an Indian boy. The missionaries and the boy were sailing in a boat, which capsized. The bodies were not found. A dispatch from the interior of British Columbia says the Chilcooten Indians attacked Chinese miners and killed two. They have started out to massacre all in the neighborhood. A messenger was dispatched to the nearest telegraphic station who sent the news to Victoria.]

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Ex-Senator David Davis and bride are in San Francisco. Two Mexican horse thieves lynched at Corpus Christi Tuesday. Another cyclone passed over a portion of Kansas on Saturday. Over 300 bids for Indian supplies were opened at New York Tuesday. The President arrived at Washington on Sunday, sun-burned and in excellent health. Col. Jack Hayes, of Mexican war fame, died on Saturday at his home near Oakland, Cal. At Cincinnati ice was eight inches thick Tuesday morning. It is feared the fruit is injured. Five hundred immigrants arrived at Frisco on Saturday, bound for Oregon and Washington. Extensive preparations are being made in New York for the observance of decoration day. One of the severest snowstorms of the season struck Wyoming and Nebraska on Saturday last. At Dublin increased precautions have been taken because of letters threatening to blow up public buildings. McDaniel, democrat, was elected Governor of Georgia on Tuesday. He had no opposition, and a light vote was cast. Portland, Maine, cigar makers are striking for a dollar per 1000 advance, and manufacturers propose to substitute girls. Secama, a medicine man of the Warm Spring Indians, was murdered by three of his tribe on the reservation the 14th inst. O'Bree's circus was attacked by a mob on last Saturday at Wilmington, Delaware, and several of the showman seriously wounded. A frightful cyclone passed over a portion of Mississippi on Monday, killing 25 persons and destroying a large amount of property. The principals and seconds (Italians) in a duel at Brooklyn, were exchanged, but nobody was hurt. A quantity of dynamite has been discovered in the forts in Chatham, England. No fuse was attached, and it was probably placed there as a threat. Attorney General Brewster has made formal application to Judge Wylie to be allowed to take part in the closing argument in the star route cases. On last Saturday night Mrs. J. W. Sterne, of Missoula, Montana, shot and killed a burglar named Murphy, who was in the act of entering her house. Miss Kate Kane, a lady lawyer of Milwaukee, Wis., recently threw a glass of water into the face of the presiding judge. She was fined \$50 for contempt of court. At Champaign, Illinois, four inches of snow fell Monday night, and a light frost prevailed in a portion of Central and Southern Illinois. Fears are expressed for the fruit crop.

MINING NEWS. Jacksonville Times. The late storms have benefited miners, especially those in Josephine county. Bybee & Fisher have two men at work in their placer diggings on the big bar of Rogue river, who are getting good prospects. Kippel & Keaton of Poorman's creek are working a short time each day, but will not make a clean-up owing to the unfavorable season. A. H. Welch, who has been operating at Blackwell for some time past, will return from Portland soon and resume work on different quartz ledges. Miller & Kretzer are able to do a little work with the aid of reservoir heads, as also are Curtis Bros., mining on Jackson creek below, who catch the water used at all claims above. DeLamater & Co., have struck excellent prospects at both claims below Kerbyville and will no doubt do very well. Work is being prosecuted day and night, nearly 20 hands being employed. Bybee & Co., have an abundance of water at their Waldo precinct and expects to make a good run yet. The defects in their flumes have been remedied, so that a fair head of water is obtained from the source of the ditch. Wm. Clark, mining in Althouse precinct, Josephine county, has recently picked up a large number of large pieces of gold, one of which is valued at \$44. This claim yields coarse gold in abundance and will say well even this unfavorable season. The Boston Baptist ministers on the 9th instant discussed the proposition of discontinuing the recognition of Fast Day by the denomination, but adjourned without favorable action. The discussion grew out of Governor Butler's recent proclamation. Through the carelessness of the enrolling clerk of the Wisconsin House of Representatives, a number of House bills that were defeated in the Senate were sent to the Governor, received his signature and were published as laws.

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