

SPECIAL CITY ELECTION.

On Monday, the 29th day of August a special election will be held in this city at which several very important matters will come before the voters for their consideration. The questions to be voted on are bonds for the construction or purchase of water works, bonds for the construction of sewers, bonds for the erection or purchase of electric light works and also for the voting of bonds for the erection or assisting in the erection of a bridge across the Willamette river. These questions have all been pretty well discussed and there will be no excuse for any person to go to the polls without being thoroughly informed on every point. This will be an election, in which reason and judgment will undoubtedly rule. If you think it best for all interests that these improvements should be made, vote for them; if, on the contrary, you believe it better for this not to be done, then vote against them. But, whatever way you vote, abide by the result without kicking. Remember that there are people who hold opinions different from your own; these people have just as much right to their beliefs as you have to yours, and if they should be in the majority, just accept their decision as final and for the best, all things considered. Inform yourself on all points and then vote conscientiously and if you find that your neighbor is not so well informed do all you can to make matters clear to his mind, and then accept the result philosophically, reflecting that Corvallis is right in the swim and is bound to go ahead no matter what is done.

Following are the voting places: First ward, the C. B. Starr house on the west side of Second street, between A and Washington streets; second ward, the council room in the court house; third ward, Jas. A. Cuthorn's office on First street, between Jackson and Van Buren streets. The polls will open at 9 a. m. and remain open until 6 p. m.

MONEY FOR THE COLLEGE.—The state treasurer received Monday from the United States government the sum of \$18,000 which is appropriated under an act of congress August 30, 1890, for the benefit of colleges of agriculture and mechanics. The law provides that either the legislature or the governor shall designate the college to receive the benefit, and as the Oregon legislature was not in session, Governor Penney has given it to the state agricultural college at Corvallis. Under the conditions State Treasurer Metcalf does not feel authorized to place the draft in the state treasury and receipt for it, as there would be no way to get it out again, so he has decided to pay it direct to the college. A draft of \$15,000 was received by this state from the same source about two years ago and yesterday the Washington treasurer received \$18,000 to be used in the same manner.—Statesman.

Strikes seem to be a universal malady at the present time throughout the United States and England. The Homestead, Cœur d'Alene, and the switchmen's strike at Buffalo have furnished column after column of news for the daily and weekly papers of the country. Even the newsboys have caught the fever. A dispatch from Portland, dated the 16th inst., says: "The newsboys refused to sell the Oregonian this morning or allow it to be sold on the streets. They claim that the Oregonian had raised on the price, charging them three cents a copy, whereas they had been getting seven copies for 20 cents. They demand the paper at 2 1/2 cents per copy. The Oregonian states that there had been no advances. The boys had a street demonstration with banners and tin horns."

The Albany Democrat thinks it is about time Yaquina bay had its sea serpent story if it would become distinguished in the eyes of the world. Newport and Yaquina bay do not need a "fake" or sensational story to boom it as a seaside resort. Its many genuine and popular attractions for pleasure seekers is its best drawing card as is demonstrated by the immense crowds of summer visitors continually pouring in every day from all parts of the state. It has been estimated that fully 10,000 people have visited this popular resort already this season, and the season is only about half over.

WATCH DRAWING.—Last Monday, as advertised, the drawing for the watches took place at Nolan's clothing store. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the tickets for the silver watch were placed by a committee in a box and thoroughly shuffled. Little Sophia Beck then drew out the winning ticket, No. 149, held by George Thompson. The process was repeated in drawing for the gold watch, captured by R. C. Kiger with No. 570. Both watches were at once turned over to the winners.

PROFESSOR CONDON AT NEWPORT.—Professor Thomas Condon, of Eugene, state geologist, is spending his vacation among the rocks and tertiary deposits at Newport, Yaquina bay. Professor Condon is an enthusiast in his study, and is gathering a most valuable collection in his researches. Among the specimens he is most proud of are petrified clams that grew to an enormous size and were in existence before the continent of Europe was above water.—Oregonian.

A NEW FIRM.—R. Grant has disposed of a half interest in his grocery store to C. B. Wells, who has already entered on his duties as a member of the firm. Grant & Wells will make a strong team and their success is certain, the former having already established a thriving business, and the latter bringing with him a personal popularity which cannot fail to materially strengthen their business. Grant & Wells are in the field for business and hope by fair and honorable dealing to merit a share of the public patronage. We join their friends in wishing them the success they deserve.

The discovery has been made that on one side of the new quarter-dollar there are thirteen separate representations of the number thirteen. It was probably the intention of the designer of the new silver piece to have the number thirteen to occur thirteen times, and thus break the thirteen superstition, but there are few people who have noticed this fact. There are thirteen stars, thirteen letters in the scroll held in the eagle's beak, thirteen marginal feathers in each wing, thirteen tail feathers, thirteen parallel lines in the shield, thirteen horizontal bars, thirteen arrow heads in one foot, thirteen leaves on the branch in the other foot, and thirteen letters in the word "quarter dollar."

DIRECT ROAD TAX.—The following from the Woodburn World tells of a matter of a good deal of importance to cities paying road taxes that are spent entirely outside the limits of the city: "Silverton is after the county court and wants its money paid out in direct road tax, about \$500, refunded to the city for use upon the streets. Woodburn should take similar action. An application should be made for the money. In all probability a test case will be made by the city of Salem, and if decided favorably to the city, then Woodburn would receive the money paid out by its citizens in direct road tax."

The excursion to Yaquina bay last Saturday by the Second Regiment band, of Salem, was the largest one which has gone over this season. Nearly 300 people went, yet Newport accommodated all of them with ease. The one going from here on the 27th ought to be and probably will be fully as large. Many who are unable to spare the time from business and professional duties eagerly embrace the opportunity to spend a day at the seaside which these excursions afford, and as the prices are quite low, almost everybody can afford to indulge in the pleasure.

FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.—A. J. Johnson, of Astoria, is visiting the Cascade and Coast ranges of mountains for the purpose of selecting ornamental trees and shrubs indigenous to this portion of the state, which are to be sent to the world's fair. Last week he visited this city, and ascended Mary's peak, where he made several selections. He expects to return in about six weeks to dig them up and ship to Chicago. They are to be planted on the roof of the women's building, which will be made to represent a miniature forest and flower garden.

The Astorian says of Prof. Shaw, chemist at the Oregon agricultural college, who has been attending the general assembly of the Chautauqua circle recently in session at Astoria: "The assembly is greatly indebted to Prof. Shaw, who shows how much instruction in the truest science can be given by a few simple tubes and reagents when a genuine teacher is behind them. Probably no man in the state has a more accurate grasp of the principles of chemistry, or a more excellent gift of setting them forth."

MARINE BAND EXCURSION.—An excursion to the bay will be given on Saturday, August 27th, by the Marine band of this city. An effort is being made to get the bands of McMinnville and Independence to participate in the affair, which the boys are determined shall not be eclipsed by any other one yet given. A grand ball will be given at Newport Saturday evening and a concert on Sunday. Turn out and give the boys a rousing crowd and do yourself good by getting a breath of the air fresh from old ocean's bosom.

Mrs. W. A. Wells and son Otto and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilson returned from their summer encampment at Big creek on Monday. A large number of Corvallis people are still there, however, so that the name "New Corvallis" is still appropriate. E. E. Wilson stopped at Chitwood for a few days' stop before coming home.

SURVEYS ACCEPTED.—Surveyor-General Byars has received notification that the surveys in township 14 and 15 south, range 8 west, in Benton county, have been accepted, and the triplicate plat will be forwarded for filing in the land office at once.—Oregonian.

A VACATION RAMBLE.

As stated last week, it was our good fortune to become a guest of David Ruble and his estimable family, during our stay in the pretty little town of Waldport. Mr. Ruble was among the first of those pioneers who braved the trials and hardships of crossing the plains with his family to build up a home for them in this great Willamette Valley, now the Eldorado of the north Pacific coast. He first settled in the town of Eola, Polk county, at one time the capital of the state. On his old homestead, now owned by O. P. Beardsley, is growing one of the finest peach orchards and most extensive hop yards in the state. Some 25 years ago, Mr. Ruble moved to Benton county, and located at Waldport, at that time a portion of the Indian reservation, and has made that, and Alsea valley his home ever since. The old Indian graves, the numerous shell mounds and curious relics, stone and flint knives, chisels, arrow and spear heads, etc., and, perhaps, by the Indians a century ago, to be found in all the country surrounding Waldport, afford a mine of pleasure for the geologist and the curiosity seeker. Some of the finest specimens of these stone tools and implements, made and used by the savages long before the advent of the white settlers, are to be found and picked up at this place.

Waldport is situated on the south side of Alsea bay, near its entrance, and is the trading point for all that section of the country south along the coast to the Siuslaw, some 40 miles, and from the settlements along the Alsea river and its tributaries, from Alsea valley to Tidewater.

On the north side of the bay are two stores, owned by Mr. Lutgens and Mr. Sheppard respectively, which catch the trade from this section. The postoffice of Lutgens, and two canneries are also located here. One of the canneries being the property of Henry Nice, well known in Corvallis. The fishing season had just commenced and the cannerymen and fishermen were busily engaged in preparing and curing for the season's catch. The returns from this industry alone, has brought in to the people of this section more than \$40,000 during a single season.

Alsea bay, before many years, is destined to become one of the important harbors of the Pacific coast. It is about the same size as Yaquina bay, and could be made a safe harbor for large vessels, at a conservative cost for government improvements; as it is, vessels drawing from twelve to fifteen feet of water can come in and out with perfect safety. No vessel has ever yet been wrecked while crossing in or out over the bar. Urgent steps have been taken by the residents and those interested, to secure an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor, and have succeeded, through the efforts of our Oregon representatives, in having an item inserted in the river and harbor bill, which became a law during the session of congress just closed, providing funds for a survey of the harbor, and an estimate of the cost of such permanent improvements as may be necessary.

Two steamers, the Chance and W. H. Harrison, make regular trips from San Francisco to Waldport and other coast points, the latter vessel being built at Waldport some two years ago, by Harrison Bros., who own a large saw mill there, and carry on an extensive trade in spruce and cedar lumber.

The development of the vast natural resources of this section of Benton county, has been greatly retarded for want of good wagon roads, and better means of access to the surrounding settlements. The people living along the upper river, rely altogether upon mules and small row boats as a means of travel and transportation of their freight and provisions. During the present summer, Mr. Sheppard has fitted up a trim little steamer, which carries passengers and freight to and from the head of tide, a great convenience to the settlers. The entire produce of the country is either shipped by steamer to San Francisco, or hauled by teams 14 miles up the beach to Newport. Through the tireless efforts of the citizens of Waldport and the settlers of Alsea valley, they have secured an appropriation for a wagon road from upper Alsea to Waldport. All this road has been built, with the exception of about six or seven miles, from the head of tide to Waldport, this will be completed and opened to the public by next summer, thus affording a direct route to the markets of Corvallis. This road will be the means of developing a large amount of country in Benton county, heretofore almost inaccessible. Another road of great importance to the bay district, is being opened from Toledo to the mouth of the bay, on the north side. While the people of Waldport and Alsea bay are not favored with many of the convenient improvements, such as railroads, communications, etc., as we of the older settled districts of the Willamette valley, they seem, as a class, to lead an easy life and to be contented with their lot; and why not? The bay furnishes them with an abundance of clams, oysters and fish, and the hills and mountains, with plenty of game, bear, deer and elk; and the flowers with the finest honey produced in the world, of which thousands of pounds are exported annually.

The writer claims to be an expert judge of honey and can truthfully say that he has yet to see the honey from any other locality that can begin to equal the article produced in the coast district.

The growth of vegetation is almost phenomenal; the even temperature, and mild climate throughout the year, and the rich soil, produces a prolific growth of vegetation almost without cultivation. We have enjoyed for our Christmas dinner some of the finest roast-ears ever tasted which were the production of the soil of Waldport.

Although the raising of hops has never been tested in the bay district, it is our opinion that there is a fortune to be made in hop raising here, especially yielding, free from the hop louse and insect pest, which greatly reduces the profits on this product in other sections, could be produced. Fruit also does well here and is free from the troublesome pests.

Waldport has improved wonderfully since our visit there four years ago. The people are not behind in educational matters, and are erecting a fine school building to cost about \$3000, which will be completed for the fall term of school. Besides two new hotels, many new residences have been built during the past three or four years.

Dr. Divens, who with his son keeps the postoffice and carries on a heavy general merchandise business, informed us that two and one-half years ago only two mails per week were received at Waldport, while now the mail routes have been increased and Waldport postoffice is made the distributing point for sixteen mails each week, which shows that many new people are settling in the country surrounding. Mails are distributed at this office for Florence, Alsea, Newport, Ocean View, Astell, Tidewater, Yaquina, Ous, Lutgens, and Hecla.

The principal exports of Waldport is spruce and cedar lumber, live stock, salmon, butter, hides, potatoes, honey and cranberries.

The country surrounding Waldport differs from that of the Yaquina country from the fact that it is more level and much of it is covered with a dense growth of green timber—spruce, fir, cedar and hemlock, which some day when manufactured into lumber will add thousands of dollars to the wealth of Benton county.

At present the only saw mill on the bay is that owned by Harrison Bros., at Waldport. At the time of our visit they were busy getting out the timbers for a bridge, the contract for which was recently let by the county court to Gileon & Ruble, to be built across the Slough at Waldport, and in turning out 4000 salmon cases for Henry Nice's cannery, also lumber for several new dwelling houses, among which was that of James Doty.

After a two days' visit at Waldport we concluded to continue our journey down the coast. But just before leaving we ran across Uncle Jimmy Collins, the old war veteran and politician. Uncle Jimmy, although not hale and hearty as he used to be, is still the leading authority on all political issues of the day. He feels confident that Harrison will be elected by a handsome majority, and thinks that Cleveland should be dropped out of the political arena for his actions and gross insults against the old soldiers during his administration.

(Continued next week.)

OREGON STATE WEATHER REPORT.

For the week ending Tuesday, August 16, Henry F. Alciatore, assistant, in charge weather bureau.

WESTERN OREGON.

The past week was attended by favorable weather for all crops. The rainfall, though light and confined principally to the northern counties, was well distributed and proved beneficial to vegetation.

The temperature was a trifle below the normal; the extremes ranging between 43 and 48 degrees. In most sections there was an average amount of sunshine.

Late spring wheat is doing well. Fall grain is nearly all threshed in most sections. The hay crop is nearly secured; in some localities a clover is in need of rain.

Hops are doing well. Corn is ripening slowly owing to the absence of intense heat during the week.

Oats and barley are being harvested; the indications are for a short yield.

The potato crop shows no improvement and farmers are looking for a very short yield.

Fruits of all kinds have ripened fast and large quantities are being shipped to the different markets.

EASTERN OREGON. During the week just closed the weather has been exceptionally propitious to all kinds of farm work. With the exception of a few scattered showers in Morrow and Gilliam counties the rainfall has been rather less than the average and in some localities is greatly needed.

The temperature has been quite high generally; the extremes ranging between 55 and 101 degrees. Generally speaking such crops as could be improved by favorable weather have shown a decided improvement.

The wheat crop harvesting is progressing nicely. No change in the condition of the spring wheat is noted. In Grant county fall wheat is said to be yielding from 22 to 32 bushels per acre.

Spring oats are yielding poorly in some localities, while fall oats are heavy and well filled.

The hay crop is being harvested rapidly. In portions of Sherman county it is the last crop in many years.

Corn and potatoes would be improved by more rain.

The fruit crop shows some improvement. In Sherman county grapes are plentiful.

J. E. LaForce, D. D. S., has located in this city for the practice of dentistry, having opened rooms over the post-office, where he will be pleased to serve any who may require such work. Mr. LaForce comes among us with an experience of twelve years and his recommendations are of the best. He hopes by close attention to business and first-class work to merit a share of the public patronage. Give him a trial.

A PIONEER SAWMILL MAN.—It is not generally known, but nevertheless is a fact, that the late Henry Page, Sr., who was one of the principal contractors and architects of Yreka, Cal., in pioneer days built one of the first sawmills ever put up in Oregon—in Polk county—in 1852. It was a substantial structure and stood many years.—Jacksonville Times.

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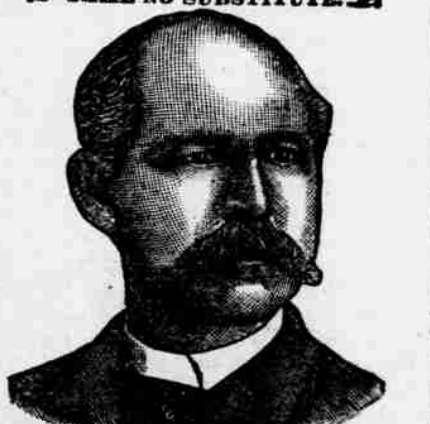
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