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CITY AND COUNTY.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

The candidates on the Democratic ticket for Lane county will meet their fellow-citizens to discuss the issues dividing the two parties at the following times and places, to-wit:

Smithfield, Monday, May 29th.
Junction, Tuesday, " 30th.
Cottage Grove, Thursday, June 1st.
Creswell, Friday, June 2d.
Eugene, Saturday, June 3d.

The opposing candidates are invited to be present and divide time.

On consultation of the candidates of both parties it was thought the above appointments would better subserve the interests of the people than to make appointments in each precinct, on account of the very busy time among farmers. If there is any place not named above where the people would like public speaking, the candidates would be pleased to meet the people by invitation.

Freights to be Raised.

Mr. Villard, President of the newly organized Oregon and California railroad company has written to the *Oregonian* a letter in which he intimates in quite positive language that the company contemplates increasing the rates of freight on their road. After making a statement of the cost of constructing the road from Portland to Roseburg he says:

I have a particular object in placing this subject in the right light before the public at this time.

For some time past the freight rates on the road have been altogether too much in favor of shippers. The company cannot afford to carry at the low rates prevailing in 1875–'76 any longer. The net earnings of the road for 1875 were only $205,000; that is a *little* over 4 per cent. on the money actually invested, and less than 2 per cent. on the amount of outstanding bonds: No one with ordinary sense of justice can maintain that the holders of the obligations are not entitled to a better income. Such cannot be obtained, however, under the low rates heretofore charged. The company would be glad to do a larger business at lower rates, but as long as the business of the country is so limited that, except during the wheat shipping season, the road is not worked to one-fourth of its capacity, so as to return barely the operating expense, we cannot be justly expected to transport at rates yielding an income of less than one-half the usual interest in this State. Moreover, we are about incurring large extra expenditures for the construction of a new bridge across the Clackamas, and other necessary improvements.

We have comprehensive plans for the development of the transportation enterprises under our control, but we shall certainly abstain from making the large outlays incidental to their extension if we should find a disposition to dispute our right to receive what is really but a very moderate return upon the investments already made.

Beyond a doubt it is true the road does not pay over four per cent on its cost. Unfinished works of that description do not usually pay a large per cent on the money invested, and Mr. Villard has no right or reason to suppose that his road will prove an exception to the rule. Certainly if the road now pays 4 per cent on its cost, its completion to a connection with the East would insure the return of a reasonable rate of interest. But to think the people along the route of this piece of a railroad can be made to pay such rates as will give the owners the usual rates of interest is an evidence that Mr. Villard does know the people with whom he has to deal, and it is still further folly to suppose that they will pay interest on a sum of money which is charged to the construction fund, but which was really used by Mr. Holladay as a corruption fund. The freight rates are as high as the people can stand, and any addition to these rates will drive shippers back to the old plan of shipping by steamer to the highest point possible on the river and thence by wagon. And here again is a matter which shippers should take into consideration. The Willamette Falls and Locks Company are the owners of every steamboat on the Willamette river except the Ohio and City of Salem, and this company is willing to pay Messrs. Scott, Hatch & Co. their own price for these two. But those gentlemen did not build their boats to sell and are satisfied to run them so long as they can get a reasonable return on the money invested. But they cannot hold out against the other company unless they have some encouragement from shippers. The rates of freight to Eugene by rail are about $15 per ton; by steamer about half that, and by keeping these two boats where they are they can be kept at that figure. It is not difficult to make shippers see that in the long run they would make money by patronizing a company which will enter into a contract to carry freight for a term of years at a fixed rate, rather than give their favors to a combination of capital, even at a lower rate. The new company has unlimited capital and the other has not; if the stronger can starve the weaker out rates will go up to ten or twelve dollars per ton and the shippers will pay a fearful rate of interest on the few dollars loaned them by the monopoly. The difficulty lies in uniting on a plan of operations. And here we put forth our opinion that this would be a good subject for the Lane county Grangers to wrestle with; we believe it would be of much more practical benefit than is the passing of resolutions against individuals. The Ohio and Salem can reach Eugene at almost any season of the year and they seem to be about the only chance to keep freights down.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.—Mr. Charles Lauer arrived from Philadelphia on Thursday in a good state of preservation. He reports as having had "a way up" time, and is brimfull of "Centennial," having been in at the opening. From his report Oregon is but meagerly represented as compared with other States, but what it lacks in quantity is in a measure made up in quality. Among the most noticeable things of the whole array of articles are the displays of grains and wool made by George Belshaw and M. Wilkins of this county, which are said to be the best on exhibition. Salem is represented by two sacks of flour, and Astoria by a pile of cord wood.

BOLTED.—The *Bee* is responsible for this: General E. L. Applegate was surrounded this morning by a coterie of acquaintances, to whom he was descanting upon the merits of several well known Democrats, and Ben. Hayden in particular. The latter he thought a gentleman of remarkable ability, brave, proud, irreproachable, talented, in fact a veritable Crichton. A friend of the Generals, passing and overhearing the warmth of his remarks, said, "Hello, are you canvassing for the Democratic ticket?" The General responded, "By George, that is so, I had forgotten. It might be constructed that way." And amid the laughter of the crowd he "bolted."

CENTENNIAL RACES.—Messrs. Sank Owens and John Holton have leased the East Portland race track, which is to be enclosed with a high plank fence, and a portion of the brush and timber will be cut away to enable persons to obtain a clear view of the track. A large stand is being built on one side of the track opposite the judges' stand, which, when finished, will seat at least 400 persons. Underneath the stand a bar is to be fitted up, where all kinds of drinkables will be served during the continuance of the races. A long row of stalls are being fitted up adjoining the grand stand, where the horses are to be kept. In a few days the track will be harrowed up and leveled down and placed in splendid trim. Tennant and Lee the well known trainers, are now at the track and have the following horses in course of training; Oceola, Tom Merry, Mystery, John Boggs, Ophir, Dick Waldron and Minnie Lee. Several other horses are expected to arrive in the course of a few weeks and go into training.

SUICIDE.—Mrs. Maria Mathews who has been confined in the Insane Asylum since Feburary 17th, 1876, escaped from that establishment on Thursday night of last week and was found the next morning drowned in the slough near by. The Portland *Journal* says she was a widow and the mother of several children who are taken care of by a brother of the deceased, who lives at Creswell, in this county. It seems that deceased secreted herself in an outbuilding at the time when the patients are locked up, and in the evening escaped by scaling the fence. She had been much excited for several days previous and was persistent in her attempts to commit suicide. The jury returned a verdict of suicide by drowning.

HALF FARE.—The East side railroad will sell to all members of the Masonic fraternity who desire to attend the session of the Grand Lodge in Portland on the 12th inst., special tickets at one fare for the round trip, tickets to be good from the 8th to the 16th of June, inclusive. The steamboat companies will sell tickets at the usual rates and representatives will return free on certificate from the Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter meets June 9th and the Grand Lodge on the 12th.

FREETHINKERS.—The Liberals and Freethinkers of Oregon and Washington Territory are requested to meet in Convention at Portland, Oregon, July 5th, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the rooms of the Liberal Association, for the purpose of perfecting a general organization of the Liberals and Freethinkers throughout the country, and for such other business as may properly come before said Convention.

TO BE LET.—As will be seen by advertisement in another column, the contract for repairing the Springfield bridge will be let to the lowest bidder on the 17th prox.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Frank Hart, a young man about 17 years of age, fell from his seat on a wagon near Chesher postoffice on the 18th inst. upon the muzzle of a gun and was shot through the stomach and fatally wounded by the discharge of the gun. He died about seven hours after the accident.

PREMIUM LIST.—A very neatly printed pamphlet of over 150 pages from the press of E. M. Waite has just been laid on our table. It contains the premiums for the Sixteenth Annual Fair of the Oregon State Agricultural Society which will convene on Monday, October 9th, and the programme, rules, and regulations of the same; the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer and various committees, together with the premiums awarded at the Fair of 1875, and much other information interesting to members of the Society and the public generally. On the fourth page of the cover we notice several premiums offered by James Vick, the well known seedsman and florist of Rochester, New York, for collections of cut flowers amounting in all to $40. He has authorized the officers of every State and Territorial Agricultural Society to make the same offer, his object being "to encourage the culture and love of flowers."

SUMMER RESORT.—John Lenger, Esq., is fitting up the oak grove on Wm. Smith's place, just east of town, with seats, croquet grounds, etc., and on Sunday, June 4th, will be pleased to see his friends. Strawberries and cream and other refreshments will be served.

EUGENE CITY, May 23, 1875.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUARD:

It seems to me that the farmers and business men are neglecting a very material interest to the prosperity and wealth of the county. The farmers should have all their grain made into flour at home and ship the flour instead of wheat. Flour can be shipped cheaper and in less bulk than wheat, and by having the wheat made into flour at home, the producers have the benefit of the bran and shorts with which to fatten their cattle and hogs, and they are concentrating wealth at home in the way of factories which very materially aid in building up the country. The farmers and business men should lend an aiding hand to the milling companies of the county whenever and wherever they can. Let each farmer have his wheat made into flour, good flour, and he will find he can realize one dollar per bushel for every bushel of wheat he can raise, and by so doing he not only realizes a fair price for his grain, but he aids the milling companies, who have their money invested, to build up the county. There are a few farmers in the county, I am informed, who have their wheat made into flour, and they never fail to realize a dollar a bushel for their wheat. Suppose the farmers in the vicinity of Eugene should store their wheat and have it floured here; say two or three hundred thousand bushels, the milling company would have constant employment, could increase the capacity of their mill, and both farmer and miller would make a handsome profit over the present way of doing business. I am informed that the mill company here is somewhat involved and at present cramped for money, and hence must of necessity be crippled in their business. It seems to me that the business men of this place should lend a helping hand under the circumstances to relieve the company which has invested so much money to build up the place. It is certainly no benefit to any one in the community to see a man or company embarrassed and perhaps crushed for want of a little timely aid. The great interest of every business, of every mechanic and of every farmer and laboring man in the community demands that the mill companies and factories should be supported and maintained. Why not make Eugene a shipping point for flour, like Salem and Portland? The wealth of the county would be materially increased, business of every kind would be better. Other points, like Salem, Albany and Portland, are being built up because their factories are encouraged and patronized, and why not Eugene? It would be a grevious wrong to see our mill company's property which has cost them from fifty to sixty thousand dollars, sacrificed for the want of a little timely aid from the business men and farmers.

I have no interest in any milling company, but I have an interest in the county, and I desire to see it prosper, and hence I desire to call the attention of the people to the matter suggested. Next week, if you will allow me space, I will again notice this subject.

CITIZEN.

CLOSED OUT.—Not having met with the success he anticipated Mr. Wm. Killingsworth has removed his stock of groceries from the Masonic building back to the store on Ninth street.

HASH.

Gov. Grover will speak at Junction at 2 o'clock to-day.

A camp meeting will be held at Pleasant Hill to-morrow.

H. H. Gilfry, Esq., will leave on Monday June 5th, for St. Louis.

A Centennial Medal was what Mr. Lauer brought us from Phiadelphia.

$4.162.020 was the actual cost of constructing the Eastside railroad.

Wild strawberries are coming in. There are "doodles of em" this season.

Dr. Alverson has moved his stock of drugs into the store room vacated by Mr. Killingsworth.

The engineers will next Monday begin the survey of the Corvallis and Long Tom canal route.

The reduction in fares from San Francisco to Philadelphia and return amounts to $19. The fare for the round trip is $256, currency.

Zamloch, a slight of hand performer who was here last winter, eloped with a married woman from Virginia City last week. The injured husband was pumped out and will recover.

It is said that the O. & C. R. R. Co. will issue at an early day, a new freight tariff on the line for next season's crop. It is generally understood that the new schedule will show the maximum tariff, but not the minimum.

An exchange says Charles Vivian is being sued for a divorce by a lady "ten thousand miles away." The rest of the story is that the lady who is not a thousand miles away from Vivian is also being sued for a divorce. Her husband says she don't put up for the children.

Mr. Chamness, formerly of this place had a narrow escape at Sloper's Mill, near Dallas, last week. The iron dog that holds the log in position fell before the saw, and was cut in twain, while every tooth in the saw but one, was broken, and the saw itself badly bent. A piece of the dog struck Mr. Chamness, but did not hurt him seriously.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Wm. Preston has just received from San Francisco a complete stock of goods in his line, and horsemen will find many useful articles not heretofore brought here.

For Sale.

830 acres of land; an excellent stock ranch; over 100 acres good plow land, will be sold cheap. Enquire of
J. A. WINTER, Photographer.

Oranges, Lemons and Limes received today by STEINHEISER.

NOTICE.—All persons having business unsettled with the estate of S. Ellsworth, deceased, or are indebted to the same, will save time and trouble by meeting the undersigned at Eugene City between the 3d and 15th of June, 1876.
R. EAKIN,
Att'y for Adm'x.

Florence sewing machines—a variety of styles and prices, for sale by D. B. Gray at Ellsworth's Drug Store.

PIANO TUNING.—Prof. Sinchemier will be in Eugene in a few days to attend to the repairing and tuning of pianos and organs. All work warranted. Leave orders at
CRAIN BROS.'

Buy your wall paper already trimmed at F. B. DUNN'S.

Agency for WEBBER, COTTAGE GEM, SHERMAN & HYDE and other varieties of Pianos—Standard Organs, and general musical merchandise—D. B. Gray, at Ellsworth's Drug Store.

Notice to the P. of H.

There will be a meeting of the Lane County Council P. of H. at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Eugene City on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, 1876.
JOHN KELLY,
President.

Becker & Boyd have reduced the prices on fresh meats in accordance with the times, and will sell cheaper than any shop in town for cash.

FARM FOR SALE.—A good farm for sale on easy terms, within two miles of Creswell; 550 acres of land, all fenced, good house on the same, and 400 acres can be cultivated. If you want a bargain call and see J. J. Walton, Jr.