

CITY AND COUNTY.

BRIEF MENTION.

For good dentistry go to Clark. Bring your chickens to Bettman's. See legal advertisements under "new to-day."

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A History of Lane County to be Written.

We are pleased to note in this issue that A G Walling, the well known pioneer publisher of Portland, has begun the labor of compiling the history of Lane county.

Irving Items. Hoop la! we got to hear the speaker first. Wm Yates has been getting himself a new spring bed. This looks suspicious. How is this Wm?

Mr Simpson is still at work on John Maxwell's house. He is giving it a second or third coat of paint and we predict its outshining any house of its size in the county.

January has past and gone with most people, but with W B Yates it is not the case. He has January at his house thought to be the middle of May.

Harris Hoff, brother of O P Hoff, who came here two years ago, has purchased a first floor and started to school to learn to read and write English. He is well educated in his own language. We say go in Hans.

Hallett War-house Co had a meeting on Monday and elected the officers, N J Pittor, President; Wm Miller D doctor, and Allen Bond Treasurer, who is higher elated than James or Gray will be in June.

John A Fuchs has come back from Missouri, where he went last September. He has gone to work for Uncle Diskey Robinson, and says Oregon is good enough for him. He is a good solid Democrat out a little too slow to vote. So wait for the 4th of July in June; they will be too slow to elect them.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL ROOMS, EUGENE CITY, May 12, 1884. Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present—Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Dorris, Campbell, Sloan, Church and McCung.

Report of Finance Committee on Recorder's and Treasurer's report and books, received and placed on file. The following bills were read, approved and warrants ordered drawn on the Treasurer for the several amounts:

The following bills were presented and referred to the Finance Committee: J T Witter, \$12 50; J E Attberry, \$10 75; J B Stowell, \$4 50; S A Ogden, \$7 00; C Miller, \$4 00; Roberts, \$4 00; G W Kinsey, \$8 10.

On motion the Recorder was ordered to assess the city. Councillor McCung introduced an ordinance granting to J G Gray, A S Patterson, Samuel Swift, George Swift and William Morris, the right to construct, maintain and operate water works in the City of Eugene.

Our long felt want, with our petitions to the Court for bridges, yet prove unavailing. The roads are getting good, and last Sunday quite a number of persons were out enjoying them.

Time has brought many new inventions, yet the old are not all discarded, in the other day we saw a "roller," an agricultural implement which reminded us of days of yore.

Messrs W L and B C Campbell start this week to Florence to locate stock ranches. Mr Benton Kent, late of California, is here visiting relatives. He has been in California about fourteen years.

Binger Herman the Kicker.

Hon Binger Herman, candidate for Congress, spoke here last Monday evening to a fair-sized audience. Hon J H D Henderson, the Nestor of the Republican party of Lane, made a neat little speech, introducing the Republican candidate, who without explaining the reason that he had been by turn a bolter, an Independent and a kicker, (after being turned out of the Roseburg Land Office, for cause) expressed the deepest regret that he could not canvass with Hon. John Myers.

But the one question, the important question, according to Herman is the tariff question. He has found a panacea for all ills. It is taxes; tax is happy, tax is prosperous, we have grown grown rich by taxing ourselves, was his speech on this question; He reviewed the successive tariff acts, and aimed that the great financial panic of 1857 was caused by low tariffs, but Mr Herman made no attempt to prove this assertion; there was some wild speculating done in those days, the speaker drew a doubtful picture of what would have happened in the thirteen years that the revenue tariff of 1847 was in force, if it—the gold of California had not come to the rescue. We say, and the census returns will bear out in the assertions, that the most prosperous decade in the history of the U S, was that of 1840; that wages were higher proportionally, that manufacturers made prodigious strides, and that the well paid American sailor drove the ill paid and poorly fed foreign sailor from the seas. During the decade under a tariff of nineteen per cent, we increased our exports of manufactured articles in the ratio of 171 per cent. From 1860 to 1880, was that of 2400; that wages were expected to increase in a ratio of only 80 per cent. Our manufactures increased in the ratio of 85 per cent; had this per cent increase been maintained from 60 to 80 the capital invested would have amounted to \$6,800,000, 300, instead of \$5,100,000,000 as shown by the census of 1880. After 1842 the tariff was only 38 per cent, and yet exports increased to \$20,000,000 to \$64,000,000,000, when the tariff was made more distinctly marine in 1854. In 1860 our mercantile marine was greater than that of all other nations combined, and we drew millions of dollars from foreign nations for freight; now we pay \$120,000,000 per annum freight money to foreigners \$1,000,000 of such gold to British ship owners. If Edward F. Hayes ex-U S Minister to France made a report to our Government in 1880, to the effect that the American shipping in that section had declined that an American vessel regarded with curiosity at ports, whether as late as 1870 40 vessels had called. What a crash of stability to resign the highway and a trade of the world to the British! Mr Herman was so disingenuous and unbecomingly so to refer to the financial panic of 1857, from which the country recovered in a year and to make no reference to the panic of 1873-74, which was the severest known. The distress of the pop was so great that the work of America rose to its base, and made the summer of 1877 memorable. The rioting begun in Pittsburg, a manufacturing center. It is useless to examine further Mr Herman's feeble, commonplace and misrepresentations; the allusion to unfortunate Canada, a high tariff country; the "cooked" tubular statements of wages; the sole assumption that the tariff had lowered the price of wool, which is alone due to inventions, and in that matter as well as all others the decline has occurred first in Great Britain, where the price of goods is 70 per cent lower than in the U S; and finally the astounding statement that the National Grange had endorsed the manufacturers' tariff, which Mr C G George voted for, and which the Grange opposed.

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Personal.

Wm Renshaw is at Salem having his eyes doctored. Julia Bean has been in Roseburg this week holding court. Dr John Gray returned home from Montevideo, W T, last Tuesday.

Mr A J Butterfield has been in town several days this week visiting friends. I, Hullin and wife started East last Wednesday, on a visit to relatives and friends.

Chas Lauer has arrived in New York City. His family is at present at Saratoga, Penn. A G Hovey, Republican delegate to the National Convention, left last Wednesday for Chicago.

Bishop Morris will preach at the Episcopal church of this city to-morrow, morning and evening. Mr Jos Hill is in Eugene visiting relatives and friends. Joe has grown quite handsome since his last visit here.

Mr Fred Flood, of Roseburg, is registered at the St Charles Hotel. He gave this office a pleasant call yesterday. Mr R M Day, accompanied by his sister Betty, will leave for Astoria this morning, to attend the Grand Lodge I O O F, which meets in that city Monday.

John Kelly, Jr, was in town several days this week visiting relatives and friends. He has gone to Ashland to accept a position in H B Miller's hardware store. A brother of Mr F B Dunn, accompanied by his family, arrived in town one day this week from Kansas. The two brothers had not met for twenty years.

Senator Geo B Dorris left last Wednesday to pay his aged parents a visit at Nashville, Tennessee. He will return in about six weeks. We wish him a pleasant visit and a safe return to the land of his adoption. Our old friend, Mr A G Walling of Portland, who is the proprietor of the intended Lane County History, was in town several days this week making necessary arrangements for its publication. We can recommend him as being perfectly reliable.

Public Speaking.

Hon John Myers, Democratic candidate for Congress, will speak at Eugene City, Tuesday, May 20, at 8 p m; Cottage Grove, Wednesday, May 21, at 1 p m.

Married.

At the residence of the bride's mother in Junction City, May 14, 1884, by Elder Geo M Whitney, Wm A Ware and Miss Mae Guthrie. Compliments extended.

Row River Items.

Straw hats have come in season. Strawberries have begun to ripen. Farmers are busy planting gardens.

Smithfield Items.

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Suslaw Picnic.

EDITOR GUARD.—The picnic held under the auspices of the Suslaw Grange, was a success. There was a large crowd present.

PLEASANT HILL Saw Mill.

J. Pittman, Prop. THE BEST OF ALL KINDS OF LUMBER on hand, both dressed & undressed. Parties wishing lumber in Eugene or vicinity, can learn prices by calling on M. J. LOCK BRIDGES, Eugene, Ore.