

THE LIME KILN CLUB.

Chunks of Wisdom from Brother Gardner—Our Coast Defences.

Just previous to the opening of the meeting Elder Juneberry Davis and Judge Holdback Johnson got into a dispute as to whether the crowbar belonged to the glacial epoch or the drift period, and after some hot words and passed the elder punched the judge on the nose and received a crack on the jaw in return. Brother Gardner came in and was pulled apart, but he seemed to take no notice of the affair, and nothing was said until the meeting opened. Then he looked around the hall and observed:

"If Elder Juneberry Davis and Judge Holdback Johnson are in the hall to-night I should like to speak a few remarks to 'em."

Both gentlemen turned forward to the platform with anxiety depicted on their faces, and the president continued:



BROTHER GARDNER REASONS WITH THEM. "Elder Davis, when did that glacial epoch take place?" "I dunno, sir." "Judge Holdback, what do you know 'bout the drift period?" "I reckon dar was a good deal o' driftin' 'round," said he.

"Yes, I s'pose dar was. Didn't happen to r'f'it any 'inters an' meat your way, did it?" "No, sah."

Elder Davis, did dat glacial epoch pay up any of your back rent or git new shoes fur de millen?" "No, sah."

"Dat's 'nuff; you kin boaf sot down. While blame two old members like you for settin' 'dat example befo' de club, I must at de same time acknowledge dat it am only de weakness of human natur'. Meas' of us would sooner fight over de aige of de world an to resent a straight insult. We would verry longer to convince a man about de size of Noah's ark dan to convert him to our religion of de present day. We let our chil'n be bar'f'at while we hunt fur evidence to convict de Gans of shiftnessness. We spend verry asserten' an' dromy' dat de moon am shabited, while fifteen minutes used to fix de bottom hinge on de front gait am looked upon as time frown away. While we sot an' wonder why Sodom an' Gomorrah didn't be-leave 'elves an' escape destruckshun, de de woman scrapes de bottom of de flour bar'l an' de fish goes out in de kitchen stove. Jist wat aize de crowbar belongs to, or who in-vented it, or why it was invented, am queshtuns which needn't trouble any member of dis club. De fact dat de crowbar am shabid wid us should satisfy all. Let us now proceed to attack de business which has called us together."

NOT CARRIED.

Waydown Beebe then offered the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, Medical science has demonstrated de fact dat de habit of drinkin' ice water has a tendency to bring on heart disease, lumbago, liver complaint, insomnia and Mr. Bright's disease; now, darfore,

"Resolved, Dat dis Lime Kiln Club not only abstains from ice water durin' de comin' summer, but it advises de cou'd' people of dis kentry to do de same thing."

Professor Ambidexter Smith, Giveadam Jones, Samuel Shin and Sir John Skinner opposed the resolution, while Elder Toots, Whalebone Howker, Caesar Johnson and others favored it, and upon a vote being taken a tie was the result. Brother Gardner said he did not care to take the responsibility of a decision on his shoulders, and suggested as a compromise that Sundown Davis be submitted to a series of experiments from May to October to determine the matter. The suggestion was accepted and the resolution withdrawn.

MILITARY REPORT.

Col. Ernestus White, of the committee on military affairs, reported that his committee had carefully investigated the subject of our coast defences, as required by a late resolution, and had reached the following conclusions:

1. In case of war the enemy's fleet could easily bombard any city on the coast. We would therefore suggest that all these cities be moved back fourteen miles.
2. The enemy would have no trouble in landing troops on our shores. The only trouble would be in getting any of them off alive again. The only suggestion we have to offer is that Ben Butler be notified to be on land early in the morning.
3. If a new Paradise hall be erected it should be placed at least twelve miles from any spot accessible to the gunboats.
4. We don't want a war, but if one happens to fall out of a tree and hit us we shan't run away.
5. It is better to apologize than to get licked. This advice is for such nations as may feel like knocking the chip off our shoulder.

The report was accepted and adopted, and all unfinished business being placed on a shelf to dry, the meeting adjourned.—Detroit Free Press.

State's Evidence.

An old negro, much alarmed, went to a judge and said: "Jedge, dar's er lot er haungs been stoid down in my neighborhood lately an' fust thing yer knows somebody's gwine er be errated. I knows who tuck 'em an' if yer'll let me turn state's evidence I'll tell yer." "You were concerned, eh?" "Yas, sah, an' ef yer'll let me turn de evidence I'll tell yer zackly who took dem haungs." "All right." "Won't no nobin' wid me." "Not a thing." "Will yer s'war it?" "Yas, ef necessary." "But will yer put it in writin'?" "Yas." The judge drew up an agreement and when he had read it the old negro said: "Dat soun's sorter like it. Sho' dis docky-mint'll stan' 'O'f course it will. Now tell me who stole de hog." "Won't no nobin' wid me." "No." "Wall, jedge, I stoid dem haungs by mersef. Good day, sah. I thanks yer fur yer kinness."—Arkansas Traveler.

The Artful Buffalo Hackman.

"Some of the hackmen of this city are a really set," grumbled a traveler at the Central depot. "My wife and I got in from Chicago late last night, and I asked one of the fellows outside the depot where we could find a good hotel. 'Try the Continental. It isn't far off. Take you there for a dollar,' said he. I jewed him down to seventy-five cents, and we got in. He drove about ten minutes, turned seventeen corners, and finally left us alone in the street. 'Where's the hotel?' I asked. 'I found out this morning that the hotel is next to the depot.'—Buffalo Courier.

WATTS OF THE WORLD.

The first cantelope of the season at Los Angeles sold for \$1.50.

A Colusa county Californian proposes to raise foxes for their pelts.

The aggregate population of Brooklyn and New York is nearly 2,300,000.

The first synagogue in New Mexico is now in course of erection at Las Vegas.

Since 1879 Pennsylvania has had sixteen governors, eight of whom were Germans.

The mortality among the children in New Orleans has been remarkable this summer.

The average yearly expense of this year's graduating class at Yale college was \$960.

The late war is estimated to have cost the government \$6,189,929,908 by General Rosecrans.

The Mexican consulate at Tucson, Arizona has been abandoned and removed to Los Angeles.

The sheep raisers of Maine are gradually being crowded out by the influence of cheap prices for wool.

At San Francisco floral decorations at funerals are becoming quite unpopular. The expense in the cause.

Mrs. Mary Colby, of Vienna, Me., at though 74 years old, has just personally worked out her road tax of \$4.

One factory in New Jersey employs two hundred men in steady employment the year round making Peman candles.

The hens at Los Angeles, Cal., are evidently playing out, as eggs are daily shipped from New York to that city.

The state capitol at Albany, N. Y., is advertised to be sold at auction because somebody neglected to pay a \$1 water tax.

A babe was seriously poisoned at Santa Barbara, Cal., by sucking a green veil that was used for the purpose of screening the cradle.

A \$50 mortgage has been on a house at Norfolk, Va., for eighty-one years. The interest has been paid annually with due regularity.

Two hundred and thirty-five members graduated at Harvard this year. It was the largest graduation class in the history of the institution.

Two men in Tallapoosa county, Alabama, cut each other's throats and died simultaneously one day last week during a political quarrel.

Weston, the pedestrian, has traveled sixty thousand miles during the past twenty years. A London physician pronounced him the healthiest person he ever met.

The *Pioche* (Nevada) *Record* says that the mockingbirds are so numerous in Dry valley this season that during the night they drown the yelp of the coyotes with their songs.

A Providence, R. I., paper warns reputable women not to frequent drug-shops which advertise rest and refreshment, such shops being only bar rooms in sheep's clothing.

In this country three newspapers are devoted to the silk-worm, six to the honey bee, thirty-two to poultry. Gastronomy is represented by three papers and candy making by three.

A New York patent medicine manufacturer has contracted with a Philadelphia printer for 400,000,000 32-page advertising circulars, and 400,000,000 4-page circulars, at a cost of \$800,000.

A Marshall Neil rose tree at London, Ont., is a peculiar one. On one side the roses are crimson and on the other lily white. The tree has not been grafted, "budded" or tampered with in any manner.

The water in Lake Tulare, California, has risen so rapidly during the past two weeks that many of the squatters' cabins which were built on dry land are now far out in the lake and are in danger of being washed away.

Two women, aged 104 and 77 years, respectively, were recently arrested at Louisville, Ky., for fighting. The eldest one held her own for some time, but the youth of the other finally triumphed and 104 was knocked flat.

A German engineer wishes to secure a contract for making a high and dry bridge connection between Europe and America. He proposes to hang a cable from one side of the Atlantic to the other, and to suspend from this traveling cars.

Boston has 83 miles of streets, and pays \$450,000 a year to keep them clean. New York has 350 miles of thoroughfare, and pays \$1,200,000 for cleaning them. Philadelphia claims to have 300 miles of streets, and yet only allows \$200,000 a year for cleaning them.

Surveyors in Ohio seem to be a pretty bad crowd. At a recent prohibition convention at Columbus, when the members were called upon to nominate some one for surveyor, it was discovered that there was no prohibitionist in the community who could fulfill the duties of a surveyor, and in consequence the nomination was postponed.

An interesting sight was witnessed one day recently at Monterey, Cal. A large school of porpoises, probably half a mile long, crossed and recrossed the bay several times, each fish jumping clear of the water every little while and dropping back in a volume of spray. The noise occasioned by their sports resembled that of a storm.

Washington Notes.

Yakima is to have a new \$2,000 jail.

Pullman is to have a Congregational church.

Dr. Boyd has been re-elected mayor of Walla Walla.

Eastern Washington clamors for cheaper freight rates.

Puyallup valley is rejoicing over the hop prospect.

"Sitwell," the famous Puyallup Indian chief, is said to be dying.

Government supplies are now shipped from Sprague to Fort Spokane.

The clerk of the North Yakima school district finds 174 scholars of school age in the district.

At Walla Walla a Chinaman voted in the local option election, having proven that he was a native-born American citizen.

A ranch woman living near Ellensburg has 1000 hens. The egg product has averaged her \$10 a week for some time. That is better than raising wheat at 40 cents a bushel.

Sheriff Bowles, of Walla Walla, pocketed \$500 reward money, earned by his capture of H. X. Shultz, wanted at Shawano, Wisconsin, as the murderer of a man named Corcoran.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

Baker City enjoys a building boom.

A steamboat is promised on the Siuslaw.

Summerville has an excellent cornet band.

Yaquina is booming as a summer resort.

There are 417 patients in the insane asylum.

Lewisville, Polk county, now has a daily mail.

The hops around Polk county are in fine condition.

Wool shipments on the Oregon Pacific are said to be large.

Judge Olmsted has taken up his residence at Baker City.

Douglas county owes \$9000 and has \$7790 in the treasury.

A new school house to cost \$975 will be erected at Sheridan.

H. E. Baker is building a large new grain warehouse at Medford.

Marion county has seven vacant scholarships in the state university.

The Brownsville woolen mills are again in operation on full time.

The Umatilla county wool clip of the season is nearly all in the market.

The reward for the arrest of W. W. Saunders has been increased to \$1500.

A public reception was given Bishop Morris on his recent visit to Canyon City.

Mortgages recorded in Yamhill county for the month of June amounted to \$8100.

The hop raisers in the valley are very happy. The price is going up steadily.

Dr. E. J. Thompson, of Salem, has declined the presidency of the Albany college.

The annual conference of the M. E. church meets at Forest Grove about the last week in August.

The daily mail from Perrydale to Salem has been discontinued and will go twice a week instead.

J. J. Bowles is under \$300 bonds on a charge of stealing five horses from J. K. Sears in Polk county.

Several Quaker families arrived in La Grande last week and went to look over the Wallawa country.

The retiring officers in Lane turn over to their successors the county out of debt and \$12,545 in the treasury.

Several Japanese have arrived in Eugene for the purpose of attending the university during the next year.

Work on the new Rogue river bridge at Grant's Pass has been commenced and it will not take long to complete it.

Up to July of the present year, there has been as much freight shipped to Linkville as during the entire year of 1887.

It is reported that all the fish wheels on the upper Columbia will cease operations in a few days, owing to the low water.

The Douglas county jail has not had a single boarder since early in May, except a little boy who is a United States prisoner.

Reports from the various parts of the valley would indicate a fair crop, the want of rain not having materially affected the grain.

The contract has been let for the construction of the O. P. R. R. from Corvallis to Albany to G. W. Hunt, and work has commenced.

E. L. Bristow has been appointed state adjutant of the Indian war veterans, and he will receive the reports of the various camps.

A Wool Growers' Commission company will soon be organized in Pendleton for the purpose of making advances on wool and storing.

The report from the Crater lake road survey is to the effect, that in the first twenty miles, the ascent does not exceed eight inches to the rod.

Farmers in Umatilla county are harvesting their grain, which will make a little over half a crop. The hot winds cut short the yield fully one-third.

Work has been commenced in removing the trees and opening the roadway for the Oregon Pacific bridge site at Albany, and the work will be vigorously prosecuted.

Mattie Allison has been granted a change of venue to Marion county on the ground of prejudice existing in Linn county. Her trial will come off on the 11th of October.

T. P. Lee, a truck farmer on Rogue river, four or five miles below Grant's Pass, expects to ship forty carloads of melons to Portland and points farther east this summer.

The track of the California & Oregon railroad will be completed in August as far north as Uncle Dick's Soda springs, which will leave a gap of only ninety miles stinging to Ashland.

A fellow named Hoover skipped from Umatilla county with a team and wagon belonging to J. R. Means. Hoover was seen in Baker City going east, and a deputy sheriff went after him.

It is reported in San Francisco that the entire pack of the Karluck (Alaska) salmon, estimated this year at between 35,000 and 40,000 cases has been sold at \$1.12½ per dozen delivered there.

Work on the O. R. & N. Co.'s bridges over the DesChutes, Umatilla, John Day's and Wallula rivers is progressing satisfactorily. The stone piers have already been finished. The iron bridges are being built in the east and will soon be shipped.

Harney Items: Todhunter's recent sale of cattle from this range embraced 3000 yearlings, 3000 2-year-olds, and 2500 3-year-olds. Price \$16, \$23 and \$26 respectively. The cattle were sold to eastern buyers, and were shipped or will be shipped from Ontario.

Marion county commissioners have granted \$15,000 towards the construction of the bridge. The commissioners of Polk county refused to appropriate \$7500 for which there was presented a petition signed by 620 taxpayers. There is now \$45,000 raised, and the extra \$5000 required will be subscribed, no doubt, by private individuals.

Hot lake, which is situated about six miles northwest of Union, is a remarkable body of water. The water comes boiling from the earth, and forms a lake several hundred yards in circumference, highly impregnated with mineral of various kinds, and possessing medicinal and healing properties to a remarkable degree, as is attested by many who have tested it. This spring is a wonderful freak of nature, and in time will acquire quite a reputation.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Portland.

FLOUR—Per bbl. standard brands, \$3.75; others, \$2.25 to \$3.25.

WHEAT—Per cwt. valley, \$1.15 to \$1.17½; Walla Walla, \$1.05 to \$1.07½.

BARLEY—Whole, per cental, \$1.07½ to \$1.10; ground, per ton, \$22.50 to \$24.

OATS—Choice milling, \$7½ to \$8; choice feed, \$6 to \$8.

EYE—Per cwt. \$1.00 to \$1.10.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Per cwt. \$3.75.

CORN MEAL—Per cwt. yellow, \$2.00 to \$2.75; white, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

CRACKED WHEAT—Per cwt. \$2.75.

BOMBYX—Per cwt. \$4.00.

OATMEAL—Per lb. \$3.50.

PEARL BARLEY—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4½c; No. 3, 4c.

SPLIT PEAS—Per lb. 5c.

PEARL TAPIOCA—In boxes, 6½c.

SAGO—Per lb. 6c.

VERMICELLI—Per lb. No. 1, \$1.25; No. 2, 90c.

BRAN—Per ton, \$13.50 to \$15.

SHORTS—Per ton, \$17.

CORN—Per ton, \$30 to \$35.

CHOY—Per ton, \$25.00.

HAY—Per ton, loaded, \$7 to \$8.

OIL CAKE MEAL—Per ton, \$30 to \$35.

HOOPS—Per lb. Oregon, \$18 to \$20; Wagon, 20 to 22c.

EGGS—Per doz. 20c.

BUTTER—Per lb. fancy roll, 16c; inferior grade, 12c; picked, 10 to 12c.

CHEESE—Per lb. Oregon, 6 to 11c; California, 8 to 10c.

DRIED FRUITS—Per lb. apples, quarters, sacks and boxes, 3½c; apricots, 17c; blackberries, 13 to 15c; nectarines, 16 to 17c; peaches, halves unpeeled, 7 to 8c; pears, quarters, 7 to 8c; pitted cherries, 16c; pitted plums, California, 8 to 10c; do Oregon, 6 to 7c; currants, 8 to 9c; dates, 6 to 7c; figs, Smyrna, 17 to 18c; California, 6 to 7c; oranges, California, 5 to 6c; French, 10 to 12c; Turkish, 6 to 7c; raisins, California, London layers, \$2.15 to \$2.25; box; loose Muscates, \$2 to \$2.10; Seedless, \$1 to 12c; Sultan, 12 to 14c.

RICE—China, No. 1, \$5.50; do No. 2, \$5.25. Sandwich Islands, No. 1, \$5.25.

TEAS—Young hyson, 25 to 30c; Japan, 20 to 25c; Oolong, 15 to 20c; Gunpowder and Imperial, 20 to 30c.

SYRUP—California refinery is quoted at 30c in bbls; in kegs and 1-gal. tins 35 to 45c.

BEANS—Per lb. pea, 2c; small whites, 2c; bayo, 2½c; lima, 3c; pink, 2½c.

VEGETABLES—Beets, 1½ to 1½c; cabbage, \$1 to 2c; carrots, \$1 to 1½c; cauliflower, \$1 to 2c; green corn, \$1 to 1½c; green peas, \$1 to 1½c; lettuce, \$1 to 1½c; onions, 1½c; turnips, \$1 to 1½c; spinach, \$1 to 1½c; celery, \$1 to 1½c; parsnips, \$1 to 1½c; tomatoes, \$1 to 1½c; string beans, \$1 to 1½c; cucumbers, \$1 to 1½c; 25c.

POTATOES—Patatoes, now, 14c; per sack, old, \$1.00.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$1 to 2c; spring, \$1 to 2c; old, \$1 to 2c; ducks, \$1 to 2c; geese, \$1 to 2c; turkeys, \$1 to 2c; nominal, 10 to 12c.

EGGS—Per lb. Eastern, 6 to 7c; Oregon, 5 to 6c.

BACON—Per lb. Oregon sides, 6 to 7c; do shoulders, 5 to 6c.

FRESH FRUIT—Apples, Oregon, new, \$1 to 2c; bananas, \$1 to 2c; bunch, \$4 to 5c; Lemons, California, \$1 to 2c; California, \$1 to 2c; limes, \$1 to 2c; pineapples, \$1 to 2c; \$7 to \$8; Los Angeles oranges, \$1 to 2c; \$3 to \$4; pears, \$1 to 2c; \$1 to 2c; peaches, \$1 to 2c; \$1 to 2c; plums, \$1 to 2c; \$1 to 2c; grapes, \$1 to 2c; \$1 to 2c.

HIDES—Dry, 14 to 15c; wet salted, 6 to 7c.

SEEDS—Per lb. timothy, 5 to 6c; red clover, 14 to 16c; orchard grass, 17 to 18c; rye grass, 11 to 12c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, spring clip, 18 to 20c; \$1 to 2c; fall clip, 18 to 20c; Valley Oregon, spring clip, 20 to 22c; lambs' and fall, 18 to 20c.

LARD—Per lb. Oregon, 6 to 7c; Eastern, 7 to 8c.

PICKLES—Per 5-gal. keg, 90c; bbls, \$1 to 2c.

NUTS—California almonds, \$1 to 2c; Brazil, 150 lb. sack, \$1 to 2c; chestnuts, 18 to 20c; coconuts, 20 to 25c; hickory, Sicily, 175 lb. sack, \$1 to 2c; hickory, 100 lb. sack, 10c; peanuts, 6 to 7c; pecans, Texas, 100 lb. sack, 14c; California walnuts, \$1 to 2c, 10c.

SUGARS—Quote bbls: Cube, 6½c; dry granulated, 6½c; fine crushed, 6½c; golden C, 5½c.

CANNED GOODS—Salmon, 1-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 2-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 5-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 10-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 15-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 20-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 25-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 30-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 35-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 40-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 45-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 50-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 55-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 60-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 65-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 70-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 75-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 80-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 85-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 90-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 95-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 100-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 105-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 110-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 115-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 120-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 125-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 130-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 135-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 140-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 145-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 150-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 155-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 160-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 165-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 170-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 175-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 180-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 185-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 190-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 195-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 200-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 205-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 210-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 215-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 220-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 225-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 230-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 235-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 240-lb. tins, \$1 to 2c; 245-lb. tins, \$1 to