

THE OREGON SENTINEL.

SATURDAY, - - MAY 18, 1861.

EDUCATIONAL.—We are requested to state that a Convention will be held in Jacksonville, on Saturday, the 15th of June ensuing, of teachers, school trustees, and others interested in and friendly to the cause of school education. The main object of the Convention is to adopt means for the education of children throughout the county. It is also proposed to reform the present system of teaching in the district schools. At present, there is no uniformity in the school books used by the various teachers—each adopting his own individual preference, without regard to others. It is designed to select the same books for the same grades of classes in all the schools, so that if a pupil is taken from one school and placed at another, there need be no interruption made in his studies, nor any extra expense occasioned by the purchase of different class books, in the change of schools or teachers. The Convention will take under consideration the urgency of providing increased advantages for the education of youth, upon a basis clearly within the means of every parent and guardian in the Valley. The importance of reform and advancement in our school system must be apparent to all. It will be a reproach to our country if existing abuses are not remedied, and if complete opportunities for learning are not afforded. At the proposed Convention, pretty nearly everything required can be off-hand, if our people will give the subject proper attention and adequate aid.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.—A ready sale has been made away the old wooden fabric formerly occupied by Dr. Gammie, from the lot purchased by them on California street, next door to Love & Bilger's, and commenced operations for the foundation of the large brick store they propose to build. It will be twenty-five and a half feet front by twenty-five feet depth, put up in substantial, fire-proof manner. The fine two-story frame building of McLaughlin & Kippel, on Third street, is nearly completed, and is one of the most showy looking houses in town. Small improvements and additions are being built in various quarters, and the place gives daily evidence of enterprise and advancement.

Groves and Freighters.—Our town merchants have commenced receiving their summer goods. A few wagon loads have already arrived, but the great bulk of the goods is yet to come. The steamer which left San Francisco on the 13th reached Crescent City probably Wednesday, and brought nearly the whole amount so far ordered. The road over the mountain is in good condition, and teams find no difficulty in making the trip in fair average time with full loads. Freight rates are four and a half cents per pound at present, with a promised reduction to four cents in a short time.

Lake Fruits.—Sharp, living frosts within the past ten days have caused great injury and loss to tender plants and fruit trees in the Valley. Some of our largest peach growers inform us that the young fruit is entirely blighted in their orchards. Potatoes, grapes, early vegetables, and in one or two instances we are told of, even the grain crops were injured. In town, there has been very slight injury to fruit trees, and nothing else in the gardens. But the peach crop for the year in the Valley is almost entirely destroyed.

The Big Gun.—The brass pieces apportioned to Jacksonville by Uncle Sam arrived this week. It is a fine piece of ordnance. We are not aware what very serious offence it committed on the way out—as it was doubtless a gun of good report before the trip—but we do know that it has been placed under care of Mr. Yandell, the jailor in the prison yard. Perhaps it tried to "go off" whilst in charge of the persons who brought it. It has certainly not been addled to "busts."

As Liberator.—Postmaster McCully informs us that the Jacksonville postoffice ranks that of any other town in the State in the quantity of postal matter—letters particularly—received and dispatched by the Overland mail. This fact speaks well for the intelligence of this community. Beyond question Jacksonville is the most flourishing and enterprising town in Oregon, and in five years time it will be second to Portland in population and wealth.

Suicide.—A minor at Sterling named — character, shot himself through the head, some days ago. He had been very sick for several days, and was heard to declare the afternoon before the commission of the fatal act that sooner than pass another night like the one just preceding he would put an end to his existence. He was well known at the diggings, and was very generally liked.

PERSONAL.—B. J. Peoria, formerly editor of the People's Press, and Lincoln's present appointee as U. S. Surveyor General of Oregon, reached here by stage of Monday evening on his way to Eugene City. We believe he left the next morning.

T. S. Pomeroy.—Esq., editor of the Crescent City Herald, paid our town a visit during the week. Also, Mr. N. O. Arrington, of the same place.

A Good Thing.—Messrs. Ryher, Miller, and a few others owning lands near touring along the Oregon road, have commenced repairs upon the section extending from Mr. Joseph Burpee's residence to beyond the race track. The road was nearly ruined by "fixing" it last year, and these gentlemen are determined to put it in decent traveling condition.

Tay Jr.—For thirsty people who do not want to drink water, tea and coffee all the time, and who are fond of a healthful, palatable, delightful beverage, we recommend Taylor's Yerka tea. It is mild, creamy, strengthening and invigorating.

The Weather.—One or two bright, warm days during the week, but dull, rain-threatening weather has generally prevailed. The season is decidedly backward.

Bereaved.—J. H. Revd. Esq., returned by stage of Wednesday, from his recent visit to San Francisco, in fine health.

BOWEN KILLED.—From Mr. James Agnew, of Kerbyville, who arrived here on Wednesday from a journey over on Klamath river, California, that G. M. Bowen, the escaped convict and murderer, was shot dead on Monday, the 6th instant, about ten miles above Happy Camp, by Deputy Sheriff Morris, of Del Norte county. Bowen's partner, a half breed, or Mexican, was also mortally shot by the officer, at the same time. The two rascals were surprised by Mr. Morris, and both, at the instant they saw him, drew their pistols. But he was too quick for them. Armed with a double barrelled shotgun, he first killed the partner of Bowen, and with a suddenness not looked for by the convict, turned and gave him the contents of the other barrel full in the neck, killing him almost instantly. Bowen had on him a rope to strangle Chinamen, six ounces in gold dust, a silver watch, and a pair of revolvers. All Chinamen and every decent white man will rejoice to hear that the wretch has at last met his death.

From Yerka.—An obliging correspondent at Yerka, in a letter dated May 15th, gives us the following items:

Last Saturday night there was a Union meeting at the Court House, which was attended by upwards of a thousand persons. Speeches were made by Wm. S. Moses, J. D. Cosby, L. N. Ketchum and others. Two six-pounder cannon have been purchased by the Club to be used in celebrating the Fourth of July.

Last night Gen. J. D. Cosby and Chas. Madden were thrown from a buggy near town. Mr. Madden escaped with a sprained ankle. Gen. Cosby was struck senseless, and died of his injuries. He leaves a wife and family.

A train of seventy-five mules in charge of W. H. Albright leave here tomorrow for Fort Walla Walla and the mines.

A couple of Indians had a fight to day. One was killed by a pistol shot. The defunct Sioux had a brace of bullets in his heart.

LOCAL REBELLION.—Dissidence to the laws and rebellion seems to be rife throughout the land. While the people of the States East are engaged in preparing for civil war abroad over the land, our sister State of California is threatened with civil war within her own borders. For some time past the legal authorities have endeavored to place in possession the decreed legal owners of a large and very valuable tract of land in Santa Clara county, known as the Chabot grant. The land is occupied by a large number of settlers, who steadily refuse to yield possession, and assert that they are prepared to resist the authorities and defend their homes by force of arms. The Governor has called out a military force to assist the officers of the law in the performance of their duty. At last accounts a collision was dreaded.

A RETIRED MAN.—A small band of low ruffians at Dallas, in Polk county, long Gen. Lane in a fury as he passed through that place on his way west recently. The citizens of Dallas did not countenance the disgraceful act. When the citizens of Rosburg threatened to hang Senator Nesmith of Polk county in effigy last Fall, for his treachery to party and perfidy to principles, he appealed to the relatives and devoted friends of Gen. Lane to intercede in his behalf and prevent the execution of the threat. They did intercede with the increased multitude, and saved Nesmith from the mortification and disgrace about to inflict. An appeal from any other source would have been fruitless. The mob at Dallas have added ingratitude to infamy. But that is neither strange nor unexpected.

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DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—The stage of Wednesday from the North brought sad intelligence concerning Gen. Lane. From a passenger we learned that the distinguished gentleman was in the act of getting out of his waggon when about four miles above his own residence, on the road, and a pistol he had about him, catching by the hammer, accidentally discharged. The ball entered the lower part of the right breast and came out near the top of the shoulder. The wound was not considered mortal. Word of the terrible accident was instantly conveyed to Gen. Lane's family, who were hastening to the spot when our informant passed in the stage.

A CAUTION.—Early in the week a well known merchant of Crescent City passed through this town on his way to the Nez Perce mines, where he has sent a train of pack mules for sale. We caution our local contemporaries not to herald the arrival of this gentleman and his mules as "another dash of miners from Southern Oregon for the Northern mines!" It would be in perfect keeping with previous reports given by one or two of them, and equally truthful. As we have said before, positively not one mule has left here for the upper country, and we have yet to hear of the first one who intends to go.

DENIAL.—A gentleman of this town, who recently returned from a trip to the Atlantic States, and who was upon the same steamer with G. N. Lane, denies that any disreputable or ruffianly demonstration was offered agaist the crowd by the crowd, or any portion of it, at the wharf at San Francisco, as has been reported by the papers. The gentleman referred to is opposed to Gen. Lane in spirit.

UNION DEMONSTRATION.—A huge Union celebration was held at San Francisco on the 11th. Speeches were made by Senators Latham and McDougal, Gen. Sumner, Gen. Shad, and others. The British Consul refused to hoist his flag, and replied to a request that he would, that "it was his duty not to participate in the political affairs of the country."

COSTAINE.—G. P. Johnson, the mail contractor between this place and Crescent City, will hereafter make his weekly trips over the route with his line of stages. They will be a great accommodation to merchants and correspondents, and a convenience to those who may wish to travel over the route. Johnson has energy and an obliging spirit. He deserves success.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Mr. Alex. McClure, mail carrier between this and Crescent City, brought intelligence on Wednesday, of the death of Mr. H. R. Frame, of Smith river Valley. He was crushed by a felled tree near his residence a few days ago.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

WARREN LODGE No. 10, A. F. & A. M.

HOLD their regular communications the Wednesday Evening on or preceding the full moon in

JACKSONVILLE, ORE.

G. W. GREER, W. M.

H. BLOOM, Sec'y.

W. C. RANSOM, N. G.

HENRY DENLINGER, R. Sec'y. [326-6]

PHOENIX LODGE No. 23, A. F. & A. M.

Hold their regular communications the

Saturday Evening on or preceding the

full moon, in Oregon, Oregon.

S. M. WAIT, W. M.

S. REILLY, Sec'y.

[June 26-2]

OREGON CHAPTER NO. 4,

—OF—

ROYAL ARCH MASON,

JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

Will hold its regular communications the

First Saturday Evening of Every Month.

All sojourning Companions in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

W. W. FOWLER, H. P.

JAS. T. GREEN, Sec'y.

[december 17]

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GOODS!!

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