

THE OREGON SENTINEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 6, 1869.

Hard Times Coming—How Shall We Meet Them?

Owing to the complete failure of our mines the present winter, for want of water, and to other circumstances, the above question is becoming disagreeably pertinent. In this section of country, where the miners fail to dig out a certain amount of gold, the farmers immediately experience dull times and an uneasy and uncertain market. Heretofore the most of the disadvantages from dry winters have been borne by the mining population, but owing to the fact that the ground which is available with the present supply of water is being rapidly worked out; in future, a failure of the mines will bear heavily on all classes of the community. There is doubtless millions of dollars worth of gold in the hills and gulches of this county which can never be dug out with the present supply of water, and the only course which seems to be left to us is to take immediate steps to procure it. A ditch enterprise was once projected, to bring the waters of Applegate creek to the Sterling mines, and on to the hills and gulches in this immediate neighborhood. It fell through because the estimated cost was near sixty thousand dollars, and private parties were unwilling to risk that much money. It can be done for less now, and the miners are beginning to agitate the question as to how it shall be done. Many of them are willing to throw in several months labor if a company is organized, and one miner in Sterling will bind himself to finish one mile of ditch whenever there is a fair prospect that the work will go on in earnest. It is not thought necessary to expend much money in the enterprise—musele is money, and if it is rightly applied, and there is enough of it, we can have the flush times of ten years ago, and not be dependant on the caprices of the weather for prosperity. The magnitude of this work need not frighten anyone. From the point where the waters of Applegate will be tapped, to Sterling, the best mining camp in Oregon, it is 25 miles. A ditch can be dug to reach that camp during the coming summer, and good judges say that the mining ground can not be worked out there within the next forty years. Hundreds of our miners will be idle next summer and they propose to organize a company with 500 shares, the stock payable in labor or in anything that will support laborers, while the work is being done. They are in earnest but want to know what our farmers will do assist the enterprise.

If the farmers of this county will come forward and subscribe liberally as they should, the work will go on. There is not a single farmer in this valley who cannot well afford to give from \$100 to \$500 in farm produce taking therefor certificates of stock and if they never realize a dividend they will be reimbursed ten-fold by the increased prosperity of the county. Hard times are staring us in the face—who can deny it? It becomes our duty to see if they cannot be averted and we hope to see this subject well canvassed and active steps taken at an early day. Let every man be a committee of one and agitate the subject with his neighbor, and let us have a public meeting to see if the people of the county are willing to help themselves out of a certain state of bankruptcy.

The editor of the Auburn *Stars and Stripes* thus answers an enquiry as to composition of political rings:

"Your good sense should teach you better. Of course political "rings" are not made of gold. If you will take the trouble to investigate, you will soon be satisfied that brass forms the principal ingredients in these so-called "rings."

Sometimes they are formed entirely of steel, especially if they are whisky rings.

ANOTHER SCENE IN CONGRESS.—There was another disgraceful and disorderly scene in Congress at the election of Speaker; but this time it was owing to the ruffianly conduct of a Democrat (Brooks, of New York) aided by Jones of Kentucky, and Eldridge of Wisconsin. These gentr were exceedingly brave, as there was no Sergeant-at-Arms, and defied any attempt to arrest them.

RECONSTRUCTION.—Grant remarked to a prominent politician on Wednesday, that reconstruction could take care of itself, and that the Alabama claims should receive his first attention.

A New Book.

On or about the 1st of February, Messrs. Drake & Co., Proprietors of the celebrated PLANTATION BITTERS, will issue the first number of their new book, entitled "Morning, Noon and Night." The first edition printed will be Five Million Copies, by far the largest number of books ever printed at one printing in America. It will be done on beautiful white paper, in the most approved style, and will require ten thousand reams of paper, besides the twelve hundred and fifty reams of cover paper, which will be beautifully illuminated in the highest style of art.

Two of Hoe's Presses have already been constantly at work for four months, and yet the whole number is not more than half printed. It promises to be one of the most complete and interesting books of the kind that has ever come from the press, and will contain a full and complete history and origin of the celebrated PLANTATION BITTERS—the meaning of the mysterious Trade Mark, S. T. 1860—X, etc. It will also treat fully of the medicinal properties and virtues of the well known Tonics, and will also contain a correct and comprehensive Calendar, with Astronomical Observations of the Sun, the Moon and the Stars for 1869, with full Astrological Predictions by one of the most scientific and celebrated Astrologers in the world. The reading matter will be both interesting and instructive to all classes of people. It will be beautifully illustrated by the well-known artists, Knapp & Co., and will abound in anecdote, wit and humor, the whole expense attending the publication will not be less than one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, and private parties were unwilling to risk that much money. It can be done for less now, and the miners are beginning to agitate the question as to how it shall be done. Many of them are willing to throw in several months labor if a company is organized, and one miner in Sterling will bind himself to finish one mile of ditch whenever there is a fair prospect that the work will go on in earnest. It is not thought necessary to expend much money in the enterprise—musele is money, and if it is rightly applied, and there is enough of it, we can have the flush times of ten years ago, and not be dependant on the caprices of the weather for prosperity. The magnitude of this work need not frighten anyone. From the point where the waters of Applegate will be tapped, to Sterling, the best mining camp in Oregon, it is 25 miles. A ditch can be dug to reach that camp during the coming summer, and good judges say that the mining ground can not be worked out there within the next forty years. Hundreds of our miners will be idle next summer and they propose to organize a company with 500 shares, the stock payable in labor or in anything that will support laborers, while the work is being done. They are in earnest but want to know what our farmers will do assist the enterprise.

Board of Trustees.

MARCH 2D, 1869.

The Board convened at the Town Hall, at 7 p. m. Present, D. Linn, President, O. Jacobs, John Orth, A. Martin, and John Duck—a full board. The minutes of last meeting being read and approved, the Recorder laid before the board the returns of the election, which were examined and declared as follows: Whole number of votes cast 123; D. Linn, O. Jacobs, John Orth, James R. Neil and A. Martin were elected Trustees, W. W. Fidler Recorder, Henry Pape Treasurer, A. F. Wall Marshal, and P. Feheley Street Commissioner. Certificates of election were ordered to be issued to each officer elect. The vote for tax was declared as follows: 134 votes for tax, and one against tax. Whenupon the Recorder was ordered to prepare a tax list assessing two mills on the dollar, to be collected by the Marshal.

Letters from Klamath Agency. written on the 25th report all quiet.

Ashland, March 3d, 1869.

From Pilot Rock.

Advices from Klamath are almost up to the 20th inst. Health and harmony reigns among both whites and Indians. Lately there was a slight fall of snow, and the Lake and ground froze tolerably hard. Stock, with the exception of swine, yet fare well on the range. The cold weather has made it a hard matter to root.

The weather continues favorable. Messrs. L. Colver and P. W. Caris left this place for Klamath, on Sunday. They are meritorious young men, and their absence will be much felt here, while their coming will be gratifying to Klamath people.

The School clerk has made his annual canvass of Ashland District, and gives the following information: There are 84 legal voters, 122 persons drawing school funds, 60 families, 25 children under four, 30 single gentlemen over 21, and 19 single ladies over 18. Whole population of the District 303, of the town proper, 200 even. The school District was organized in April, 1857, when there were 22 scholars in it, 14 of whom yet remain. Since that time 20 quarters of school have been taught by eight different teachers.

One ingenious friend of the forge, M. Mickelson, has invented a gang plow, one or two of which he manufactured and tested. It works admirably, and seems decided success. I understand he intends applying for a patent.

Mr. O. Coolidge, the other day, brought in eight fine deer, as the result of a days hunt, up near the snow. Mr. C. hunts with skill, and seldom fails to kill.

Mr. Holden, of Ashland, returned from Goose Lake today. His description of that valley is flattering. He thinks the soil is fertile, and the climate not at all severe. The snow was only remaining in patches in the shaded localities. Mr. Miller, and some other gentlemen with whom Mr. Holden went out, remained and set their stakes. They could not be whit more satisfied than they are.

The Entigrant road is in good condition. In the valley of Jennie Creek there is no snow; on the high ridge east of that valley it is apparently not over two feet, and west, on the Ken-Creek ridge, it will not average more than a foot. Your correspondent crossed that ridge from Jennie Creek to-day.

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Report of Jacksonville School District for the Year Ending February, 1869.

No. of legal voters 224; persons over four and under twenty years of age 241; male scholars 129; female scholars 121; quarters of school taught three; kind of books used, Wilson's speller and readers, Davis's Mathematics, Quackenbos' grammar, Philosophy and History, Spence's Copy Books, and Cornell's Geography.

Whole number of scholars in attendance at school 149; males 86; females 63; scholars in average attendance 81. Whole amount paid teachers as salary \$1,560; balance on hand from 1868, \$141.85; amount received from D. Linn, apportionment for 1868, \$535.32; amount received from patrons to Dec. 1st, 1868, \$804; total \$1481.17; amount overpaid by clerk \$78.83; incidental expenses \$177.88. Names of teachers employed, D. C. DeWitt, Principal, and Miss E. Clayton Assistant, two first quarters, and W. J. Stanley Principal, and Miss Mary Wall Assistant for third quarter.

SILAS J. Day, Clerk.

The velocipede mania has become general. In Chicago they have a "rink" where the celebrities exercise themselves at the expence of four falls to a circle. In New York, Boston and Philadelphia the velocipedes have made their appearance on the streets, and no longer attract unusual attention. There are no less than forty new patents granted and under way, and the new and fashionable mode of locomotion bids fair in some quarters to revolutionize the livery business. It will be strange indeed if the American people permit themselves to be led captive by a wooden horse, and stranger still if the wooden horse distances the high-stepping thoroughbreds.

The Committee on Military Affairs of the House, have agreed to report favorably on Mr. Mallory's bill authorizing the Secretary of War to settle the expenses of the Oregon War Claims of 1854. This makes it more than probable that it will pass both houses before the end of March.

INAUGURATION DAY.—Thursday, the 1st inst., was the occasion of much rejoicing throughout the country. In San Francisco and Virginia City there was a general jubilee, signalized by a liberal display of bunting, firing of guns, ringing of bells, etc. The day was regarded as the dawning of a new era of peace—may it be so.

Tribute to Merit.

We cheerfully give place to the following tribute to worth, freely offered by the gentlemen whose names are attached, to a worthy gentleman who has long been connected with the *Herald* as special collector and business agent in Portland.—The certificate states no more than is strictly true in praise of his valuable and untiring services and able business capacity. It is simply due to the recipient, and was instigated by voluntary desire to place on public record a fitting testimony to well earned merit:

PORTLAND, Jan. 1st, 1869.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—Having learned that you propose to withdraw from the *Herald*, to engage in other business on your own account in this city, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors and stockholders of the "Oregon Herald Publishing Association," take this occasion to express our high appreciation of your invaluable services, untiring industry, indomitable energy, and strict integrity in the important financial trust confided to your charge by the said Association; and we hereby cordially and earnestly commend you as a reliable business man, justly entitled to the high estimation in which you are held by your numerous friends and the public generally. With best wishes for your success in any business which you may undertake,

Very respectfully your friends,

J. C. Hawthorne, W. Weatherford,

J. H. Hayden, James K. Kelly,

A. E. White, John F. Miller,

H. F. Blach, Beriah Brown.

Railroad Items.

The *Oregonian* says:

Yesterday the bark *Osage* was discharging rails shipped hither for the west side road. The rails are each twenty-eight feet in length, and four of them weigh one ton. One ton of iron is therefore sufficient to lay fifty-six feet of track, and the one hundred tons brought by the *Osage* will reach something over a mile. We know not whether the Company will lay the rails down at once or not; but it strikes us that they would do well to lay this one mile of track and use it to fill in lots at the lower end of the city.

The following is from the Oregon City *Advertiser*:

"Whilst so much is being said about that one hundred tons of railroad iron from Danville, Pa., purchased by the West Side, and with which, we understand, they will be able to complete one mile and a quarter of their road, we venture to state that we have seen a letter from official sources which says that Ben Holliday & Co. have purchased fourteen thousand tons of heavy T rail, and will begin shipping it speedily. A hundred men searched in vain for hours to find him when Mr. Miller put a dog belonging to Mr. Westcott on the seat. Following the dog they found the lost one about 2 o'clock Saturday morning in a ditch near Father Smith's place,五百英里之外, and almost perished with cold.

The *Bulletin* says that the Town Council of Albany have appropriated \$2000 for the purchase of a fire engine.

THE CABINET.—The following is the Cabinet selected by President Grant:

Secretary of State, Elihu B. Washburne.

Secretary of the Treasury, A. T. Stewart.

Secretary of the Navy, Adolphus Borie.

Secretary of the Interior, J. D. Cox.

Att'y. Gen., E. B. Howard.

Post Master General, A. J. Cresswell.

No. Secretary of War is named.

The *Bulletin* says that the Nevada Gazette says:

The Democratic press of this State affects great indignation that Mongolian should be admitted to the constitutional right of suffrage. We suspect this indignation is all "put on," as these papers know very well that it will be just as natural for a Chinaman to vote the Democratic ticket as it is for him to rob a house.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS.—We have received No. 3, of this paper published at Salem, by Beriah Brown. It is a well got up paper, quite as Democratic as we expected to find it, but sadly deficient in local intelligence.

In the Republican caucus Blaine was nominated for Speaker of the House of Representatives, by acclamation. McPherson was nominated for Clerk by a large majority.

TAKING LEAVE.—On Wednesday, the heads of the various Departments took leave of their subordinates, and the different diplomatic corps paid their farewell visits to the Secretary of State.

STATE JOURNAL.—Our Union temporary, published at Eugene City has entered on its sixth volume. It is one of the best papers in Oregon, and is established on a substantial basis.

WANTED.

AT THE CITY DRUGSTORE:

DEODORANT, SEED PEAS AND ONION SOUP CURE.

To the Reading Public.

WE have fitted up a comfortable reading room and circulation library, which will give everyone who wishes to read a chance for particular enjoyment at the City Drug Store.

SUTTON & STEPHENS.

Teams Wanted, for Farm Work.

ON, and after the first day of October, 1869,

the undersigned have determined to sell

for cash exclusively—except upon special con-

tract. Those indebted to us for sums paid

to us, will be paid up to the date of October 1st.

GLENN DRUM & CO.

January 18th, 1869.

DRS. BUSH & MCALISTER

DENTISTS,

NO. 104, Market Street, San Francisco Cal.

Dr. McAlister, of the above named firm, will

be at Jacksonville in a short time, and remain

there a few days. To any person who happens to

have a set of teeth or a loose tooth, or

any tooth or teeth to be sent to me within the

specified time, I will make

them in a natural form and give them

them back again.

For Sale,

Dr. Gruber offers his house and lot situated in Jacksonville, the most beautiful location in the city.

The lot is one of the best and best located in

the city, and the improvements are of the

most substantial kind. Any person

wishes to inspect the premises may do so.

WILLIAM KAHLER,

Executor.

January 18th, 1869.

W. J. COOPER,

State Treasurer.

STATE OF OREGON, Treasurers Office,

Salem, February 1st, 1869.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, at his office, until 12 o'clock, P.

March 13, 1869, for the surrender of State bonds,

to volunteers of this State, in