

OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1881.

BLESSED OREGON.

Elsewhere will be found a letter from Ohio, one of the grandest States of the Union, from which a climatic comparison can be made very favorable to Oregon. It seems hard for our eastern people to understand why, in two degrees nearer the pole, the grass is springing all over our beautiful hills; wild flowers blooming in profusion and the ungarthered fruit of last season still hanging unfrozen in the orchards, while the bosom of so prosperous a State as Ohio is still covered with snow and ice. To say to them that our moderate temperature, in latitude forty-two North, is due to being in the isothermal zone, making the conditions of our climate similar to that of Southern Europe, would be strictly true, but would be generally disbelieved. To tell our people of Ohio that here, at an altitude of fourteen hundred feet above the sea level, figs bear abundantly, yielding two crops in the year, would be true as Holy writ but would doubtless be considered a downright falsehood. To tell that bands of cattle and sheep winter well, without care, on the ranges, would be to tell the truth, but could our eastern neighbors believe such things? Let them come and see for themselves. Let them come here with the thrift that the necessities of their inclement region has developed and Oregon will indeed be a blessed commonwealth; yielding her fruits for the asking and never refusing a bountiful return for fair labor. Our friends in the east must not forget, however, that our climate has its drawbacks. It enervates and makes men too lazy; as the climate of Italy and Southern Spain does, till at last, too many, depending on climate to feed and clothe them, make a deplorable failure and become stumbling blocks in the way of thrifter and better citizens and impede the general prosperity. That is all that prevents Oregon from being better known and appreciated.

Correspondence.

Delaware, O., April 1, 1881.

EDITOR SENTINEL—I get your paper, the SENTINEL, every week. In your No. of March 12th was an item, stating that fruit was still hanging on the trees, sound and unfrozen. I handed the paper containing this statement to one of our papers and it was published. Our people could not believe the statement and many have asked me if it was true. I was able to tell them that it was true; for I had witnessed the same fact while living in Oregon. They all thought they would like to live where the old fruit hung on until the new pushed it off. The fact is that our people know but little about Oregon, and those with whom I talk can scarcely be made to believe that in a country whose south line is 120 miles north of this, flowers bloom in the open air every month in the year. The east is on a move toward the west, and very many would not step east of the Rocky mountains if they were properly educated in regard to your State.

I am writing this on the 1st day of April, with snow 20 inches deep on level, and the mercury 10 degrees below the freezing point, latitude 40 degrees north. And this is the great State of Ohio, one third the size of Oregon; but with a population 16 times as great. Leaving out eastern Oregon, the valleys between the two ranges of mountains will support comfortably not less than four or five millions of people and not be cramped for room. The population of Oregon should increase one hundred thousand per year for the next ten years, and would if its resources were known.

F. B. SPRAGUE.

Benjamin D'Israeli, (Lord Beaconsfield), died in London on the night of the 18th. Belonging to a despised race, doomed by the prophecies to be wanderers on the face of the earth; D'Israeli rose from comparative obscurity to the head of the British government, next to the Queen, and his writings will be read when his tomb in Westminster shall have crumbled to dust. His success contrasts sharply with the time, when in England a "dog of a Jew" dared not touch the hem of royalty's garment and shows that modern enlightenment is at variance with ancient prophecy.

Jackson county, we believe, is still Democratic. So are a few other counties into which the gospel of progress has not penetrated. But the leaven of Republicanism is at work, and it will soon leaven the whole lump.

The Wood River excitement is spreading. We advise our friends to go slow and not forget Skagit.

THE MAIL "SWINDLE."

The Salem Statesman has, of late, been very persistent in its attacks on the Overland Stage Company, alleging failure of contract and fraud. We pointed out some time since that the Statesman was in error, and that no additional subsidies were given, nor the contract increased, after the letting. This is affirmed by the statement of Second Asst. P. M. General, Brady but still that paper will not be appeased, although it has met with no encouragement from any paper published along the Stage line. It still harps on the fact that tri-weekly service is not put on along the whole line but only for a day's drive at both ends and blindly asserts that per consequence, the government is being defrauded of \$30,000 per year. There are none so blind as those who won't see and when it is understood that the lack of through tri-weekly service has been compensated by putting on six horse, instead of four horse teams and double the number of horses at every station; it will be hard to see how the charge of fraud can be well founded. Instead of doubling the number of coaches, the company add a third to their stock and by sacrificing their passenger facilities take the mails through on schedule time—no matter what quantity offers—as they have contracted to do. If the editor of the Statesman knows what a "star route" is, he knows the contractors have a right to carry the mail sacks on their backs, if they choose, "security" and "celerity" being the only conditions imposed and if there is no detention, blameable to the contractors, he is wasting his time in trying to charge fraud. Another charge is that mail, even for points as far south as Jacksonville, has been brought by the Portland steamers. Suppose it has; what of it? Put on the steamer on the day of sailing it arrives at Salem or Roseburg earlier; and at Jacksonville in about the same time as it would via Redding and there ought to be no complaint about sending mails by the nearest route. Whipping the Postal Agent over the Stage company's shoulders will turn out, for the Statesman, to be love's labor lost; as the population along its route are very well satisfied with its performance of service. As the Statesman is not a sufferer by reason of any failure and is one hundred and fifty miles from the Stage road it is some far out of its way to complain.

TEXT BOOKS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

We have received from the Board of education a statement of the result of the official canvass of votes of County School Superintendents of the State on text books to be used in the public schools of Oregon for four years ending October 1, 1885:

FOR PRIMARY AND COMMON GRADES.

Orthography—Watson's Independent series, viz: Child's, Youth's and Complete Spellers.

Reading—The Independent series, consisting of Primary, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth.

Pennmanship—W. L. White's system and copy books.

Arithmetics—Brooks' series, consisting of New Primary, Elementary and New Written.

Geography—Monteith's Independent Elementary and Monteith's Comprehensive (both Pacific Coasted.)

Grammar—Sill's Practical Lessons in English, and Clark's Normal Grammar.

United States History—Barnes' Brief History.

General History (for beginners)—Peter Parley's Universal.

Science—Monteith's Popular Science.

Literature—Westlake's Common School.

Citizenship—Young's Government Class Book.

FOR ADVANCED GRADES.

Arithmetics—Brooks' Normal Mental and Brooks' Higher.

Algebra—Brooks' Normal Elementary.

Geometry—Brooks' Normal.

General History (advanced)—Anderson's.

Composition—Swinton's.

Physiology—Steele's "Fourteen Weeks."

Natural Philosophy—Steele's "Fourteen Weeks."

Chemistry—Steele's "Fourteen Weeks."

Botany—Steele's "Fourteen Weeks."

Book Keeping—Lyte's.

McClatchy of the Sacramento Bee says the apple is the queen of fruits. Owen of the San Jose Mercury contends on the contrary that the orange is. Which is right? San Francisco Merchant. Neither. It is the Oregon potato, which is the queen of roots. Portland Standard. Correct—put it to a vote and the potato will have the "eyes" every time.

Justice to Mr. Gasquet.

Mr. H. Gasquet writes us in relation to the Crescent City road and places himself right on the subject. We now suspect there has been some wholesale lying about Mr. Gasquet, by which we have been misled but as we published the source of our information we are not responsible for it. In justice to the gentleman we now give his letter which shows that he has been entirely misrepresented. He says:

HAPPY CAMP, April 17, 1881.

ED. SENTINEL—I read in your issue of the 9th inst., a letter from Waldo where my name was mentioned in relation with Mr. P. W. Olwell. If Mr. Olwell or any enterprising man, wishes to build the road, they are welcome to do so. My donation is at their disposal, also the San Francisco subscription list, as far as my claim is concerned. Be it understood that the money must be applied toward making some showing in the carrying on of work. The enterprise is too big for my means. I promised to donate \$1,000; but since nobody seems to be desirous to build it, I will this summer apply my donation toward improving the survey, and the work will be free gratis to the company or the individual who will push the enterprise through.

H. GASQUET.

Railroad Surveying.

John Hurlbut, one of the engineers of the O. & C. R. R. Co. is at the summit of the pass in the canyon, south of Canyonville with a party of ten assistants. He will run trial lines north to ascertain if the heavy grade can be overcome. There is 1360 feet of altitude to overcome in a distance of nine miles, without any possibility of reducing the grade by a tunnel, but it is thought by leaving Canyonville to the west a sufficient approach can be obtained over which to reach the summit on the maximum grade. This canyon seems to be the serious obstacle on the line, as the approach is so short, and a detour by way of Cow creek is hardly to be thought of, as it increases the distance about thirty miles. This new movement looks very significant, in connection with the general railroad activity in every other direction, and seems to indicate the intention to complete the road, at least to this valley, as the surveyors are not in the field for the fun of it. We hope it may result in giving us a connection with the rest of Oregon at least.

The Senatorial dead-lock still continues at Washington. The Republicans are determined to fight down the Democratic obstructionists who are attempting to prevent the choice of officers of the Senate. Meantime executive appointments are accumulating, and no action is being taken on them. We presume there is no way to end the quarrel except by allowing the Democrats to talk themselves tired, when they will probably consent to a vote on the Republican resolution to proceed to the election of officers.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—The following deeds have been recorded since our last issue:

Theo. Cameron and Wm. Hoffman, executors of the estate of U. S. Hayden, deceased, to Chas. Nickell, real estate in Jacksonville. Consideration, \$900.

J. A. Anderson to Joel Smith, 83.40 acres in Eden precinct. Consideration, \$760.

Wm. Bybee, Sheriff, to August Wolf, real estate on Applegate. Consideration, \$550.

Lena Elliott, guardian, to Geo. Schump, three-eighths interest in the old Fowler quartz ledge. Consideration, \$200.

A. G. Fordyce to W. E. Dean, land in Ashland precinct. Consideration, \$250.

Harriet E. Chambers to Alice J. Smith, property in Jacksonville. Consideration, \$200.

J. H. Mayfield to Wm. Myer, land in Ashland precinct. Consideration, \$200.

Ladies button shoes worth \$2.50 for \$1.25 at the New York Store.

MARRIED.

NEATHAMER—JACKSON—At the residence of S. W. Jackson, (Benton county) April 13, 1881, by Rev. J. Bowersox, Mr. George W. Neathamer and Miss Mary C. Jackson. The groom is formerly of Jacksonville.

HOSMER—MATTHEWS—In Jacksonville, April 16, 1881, at the residence of Mrs. Sarah McKnight, by Judge H. K. Hanna, Mr. Nelson Hosmer and Mrs. Martha J. Matthews, both of Foot's creek.

JUSTUS—WILKINSON—At the U. S. Hotel, April 16, 1881, by J. H. Huffer, J. P. W. W. Justus and Miss Sadie Wilkenson.

DIED.

ELMORE—At Etna, Cal., March 22, 1881, Fred L. son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Elmore; aged 2 years and 10 months.

MURPHY—In Jacksonville, April 20, 1881, Michael Murphy aged 55 years.

DAILY—Near Kerbyville, April 17, 1881, John Daily; aged about 20 years.

SILVA—On Rich Gulch, April 18, 1881, A. J. Silva, aged six months.

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Spring Meeting.

RACES! RACES!

Cardwell's New Race Track, JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 26, 27 and 28, 1881.

FIRST DAY.

No. 1—Single dash of a mile for 3 year-olds and under. Purse \$40; entrance, \$5.

2—Trotting Race, half-mile heats. Purse, \$40; entrance, \$5.

3—Running Race, half-mile heats. Purse, \$30; entrance, \$5.

4—Half-mile dash. Purse, \$35; entrance, \$5.

THIRD DAY.

5—Running Race, dash of a mile and a half. Purse, \$40; entrance, \$10.

6—Foot Race, 80 yards and repeat. Purse, \$35; entrance, \$5.

7—Trotting Race, mile heats, 2 in 3. Purse, \$70; entrance, \$10.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All the above races are free for all, except purse No. 1.

All the above races to be run to rule.

National Trotting Association Rules to govern trotting races, and California State Agricultural Society Running Rules to govern running races.

All entries to close at 8 o'clock p. m. preceding each day's racing.

Entrance fee added to purses.

In all the above races, three to enter and three to go.

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NOTICE.

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G. KAREWSKI.

LAST CALL.

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