

OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE
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EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Oregon and California railroad has changed its name to Oregon Transcontinental railroad.

It is announced that three of the fifteen volumes of the census reports will soon be ready for distribution. At this rate, suggests the Chicago "Times," the report for 1880 will be completed in seventeen and one-half years, or by the middle of 1897.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax says he cannot approve President Arthur's course in refusing to pardon Sergeant Mason. He thinks that the man has been punished sufficiently for his rash deed, and there is no occasion to treat him as if he was a hardened and hopeless criminal.

The "Oregonian" thinks it is wrong for labor to bind itself together in Trades Union and Brotherhoods. This is a free country and there is no reason why labor may not protect itself by consolidation just as well as capital. The only question is: whether there is as much cohesion in it as there is in money. The right is indisputable.

The Portland "Mercury" has an ugly story about Congressman Budd, of California, in which he is mixed up with the ruin and death of a young girl and a doubtful will to her property in Oregon by which he is made the devise. Mr. Budd should clear the charges up or step out of the reform party and quit yelling "turn the rascals out."

Greatness has its drawbacks: for now some curious people forgetting the poets warning:

"Cursed be he who moves my bones" are about to open the grave of Shakespeare in order to get a cast of his skull. In this restless age the dead will hardly be permitted to lie still and people are so sceptical that they won't believe that Shakespeare had a skull till they see it.

Villard owns the North Pacific Coast railroad, operating in Sonoma county, and other small systems in this State. That he proposes making connection with Oregon by a railroad of his own running down the coast, is almost a certainty, and it is quite

Northern Pacific road is completed. "Times-Telephone."

A late order of the postmaster general provides that no package, parcel or letter will be forwarded upon which the postage has not been fully paid. This is an important order and ought to be fully understood. If the card of the sender is on the package, such package will be immediately returned; otherwise the addressed will be notified and requested to furnish the requisite amount of postage.

To-day Mr. Villard, president of the North Pacific is to strike the last spike that connects the rails that will bring business and population to the great Northwest. Speaking of the event a Portland paper says:

Once for each 100 miles of Northern Pacific road—the line is 1,930 miles in extent. This takes 19 blows and one light one. The driving of the last spike—that is as the blows as they are given—will be heard in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and Portland, it having been decided to connect telephone or telegraph wires to the rail which is fastened by the spike, and which will resound with the blows. The wire conveying the sounds to this city will be conveyed into the board of trade rooms, the pavilion or New Market theater. It is also intended that the address on that occasion will be conveyed to a listening world by the same means.

FINE STOCK.

It seems strange that Jackson county should be behind all other parts of Oregon in the matter of fine cattle. Much attention has been paid to the breeding of fast horses and the result has proved that there is far more profit in raising good stock than in raising scrubs. It has been demonstrated that it costs just about as much, if not more, to raise a shovel nosed pig or a long horned cow as it does to raise an animal of either kind that has been bred up into a state of animal civilization and usefulness. We feed our forage to cattle that represent the minimum yield of milk and butter when the same amount fed to stock bred in with the Jersey or Alderby would give double the yield and double the profit. There is no business more profitable than dairying and, with the best kind of stock, there is no reason why the farmers of Rogue river valley should not largely supply the Portland market. Our people seem to have been asleep for many years, and when the railroad is finished, if they do not wake up to the necessity of improving their stock and raising every species of stock they will only find themselves behind.

A FINE ORCHARD.

Following is a description of the orchard of Dr. Chapin, formerly of Jacksonville, from the "Rural Press." It is in Santa Clara county Cal., and as he is well-known here it may be of interest:

A visit to Dr. Chapin's fine orchard near the Infirmary just at this time will convince the most skeptical that most kinds of fruit can be grown to perfection in Santa Clara valley. His trees are all healthy and vigorous and loaded with fine fruit. Especially is this true with regard to his apples. He has several acres of Newton Pippins which are not to be beaten by any section. They are large, perfectly shaped, and the trees are, if anything, overloaded. Such apples as these will bring two dollars a box, and there ought to be three or four boxes on a tree. The trees are twenty feet apart so that there is 108 of them to the acre, and a very little calculation will show that the doctor has a bonanza in his apple crop this year. The trees are six or seven years old and still growing vigorously, so that the crop of this year is likely to be outcome for many years to come. Dr. Chapin's pears are equally fine and the trees are even more prolific. In spite of every effort to prevent it some of the branches are broken by the weight of the fruit, and all are badly bent. It is a magnificent spectacle, and although there are but about two acres of pears in the whole orchard, a very handsome sum will be realized this season. Pears are not very plentiful of any kind, and such pears as these are seldom to be seen. The doctor's favorite variety is the Winter Nelis, which yields better and brings a higher price than any other variety. He is testing several new varieties, however, which promise well, although he is not yet prepared to give his final opinion concerning them. There are six acres of Yellow Egg plums in the orchard, and these trees, though only two and three years old, present a splendid sight just at present. Looking across a row of trees one often sees only a mass of large yellow fruit, and the effect is very singular. There are also some trees which Dr. Chapin calls Silver prunes. These are covered with fine silvery white fruit of delicious flavor, and will evidently prove a valuable addition to our list of plums. Of French prunes, the doctor has 12 acres, most of them two-year old trees, with a very nice sprinkling of fruit upon them, and a magnificent growth of wood as well. Besides these, there are eighteen acres of apricots, one, two and three years old all looking splendidly. The three year old trees bore a fine crop this year and the two-year-olds brought twenty-eight cents to the tree on an average, or a little over \$100 per acre. Surely these are more profitable than such trees at two-year-olds, and with the promise of the future upon them. Four acres of fine cherry trees, Napoleon Biggareau and Black Tartarian, complete the fifty acres comprising the orchard, and these are also in splendid condition and yielded handsome returns this season. There are several new varieties of fruit not mentioned above, on which Dr. Chapin is experimenting, some of which promise the best results.

THE PIONEERS.

Next Thursday the annual reunion of the Southern Oregon pioneers will take place at Ashland. The gathering will no doubt be pleasant but, after all there will be little in it to remind us of the early days. Buckskin shirts and homespun have given place to purple and fine linen and the old and trusty full stocked rifles are hid away in garrets, ashamed to be seen in company with the nickel plated repeaters. The track of the moccasin is stamped out by the little feet of the better civilization; the trail has been broadened into the wagon road and it, too, is to be surpassed by the steel lands that are the result of a still higher type of progress. There is, indeed, little to remind us of the old free days when there was more elbow room than now; when the air was redolent with the perfume of wild flowers and seemed to fill the breast with a grand and wide sense of liberty. The old land marks are with us still. It is true. Some of those who were with us in the "early days" are only with us in memory and the vigorous young manhood that broke the virgin soil and sowed the corn where only the wild flowers blossomed is, itself, changing to the "sere and yellow" of manhood's autumn. The pioneer has fulfilled his mission. He plowed that his children might plant; sowed that they might reap and thus obeyed a natural law governing all mankind. It is most appropriate that they should gather year by year, call the roll of the "pioneers" and revive the memories of the times that were so strangely pleasant, although so full of hardship and danger. Annually there are familiar voices that no longer answer to the roll call; pleasant faces no longer seen but this, too, is only the fulfillment and need bring no sadness. Let the old people meet but if they look back with any regrets to the days of the crackling camp fire or the rude cabin let them change it for a glance at the present with its church spires and schools; its comfort and luxury; its intelligence, its youth and beauty and refinement; all the aftermath of the pluck and the sturdy blows, the plowing and the planting of those who came first; see how much better it is and thank God they have lived to see it. Let none regret the past, even if not among the pioneers, but let them take credit to themselves for having contributed so much to the more beautiful picture of the present.

A GOOD STATE.

Oregon, while one of the youngest States of the Union, is one of the most prosperous, and her wealth is of a character which is only in its infancy of development. She is one of the most productive agricultural States in the Union, offering superior inducements to the tiller of the soil as well as ample range to the stock raiser. She is rich in mineral resources, gold, silver, iron and coal, and her forests unsurpassed. Her State government is based on the most rigid economy, and she owes not a dollar she is not ready to pay. There is no bonded debt against the State except such as is payable out of a specified fund, not subject to being raised by general taxation. While it would seem that her taxation is high, in truth it is very low. Property of every description is rated at such low figures that it is only high in consequence of the valuation of property. The real as well as personal property of Oregon is not valued for taxation at more than one-third its actual cash value, and on this valuation the rate has averaged about 18 mills on the dollar. Were property valued at its real price, the tax for State, schools and city purposes would not reach one per cent. This undervaluation is in a measure becoming corrected and in time a better state of affairs will undoubtedly exist. There is no danger or need of a higher tax, from the fact that our public buildings are really all erected, and this was done under the past low valuation as well as low taxes. The penitentiary and insane buildings, at an expense of a half million dollars, have been completed, while the capital building is so far advanced that no extra tax will be required for its completion. A State so rich in resources as this and its government being of the most economical character, is one in which the capitalists as well as the farmer need have no hesitancy in investing their money. Besides this, there is probably less of the communal element in this State than any in the Union. The people are of an industrial and economical character and have little time to devote to anything that tends to disorganize business or to endanger the general progress of the State. What we say of Oregon is applicable to the entire Northwest. With the opening of travel across the Northern Pacific, we expect a great influx of population. This we need. We want an industrious and enterprising people, and a class which will come here to build up homes and add to the prosperity of the people. The State offers to that sort of population all that other States can. Our school system both private and public, is as good as any could wish. The permanent fund for public school purposes is large and constantly increasing; our people are liberal in their support of all the religious denominations, and our facilities for travel and transportation are fully up to the demands of the people. Our climate is of a varied kind. Within our borders we can furnish almost any climate desired. It is neither too hot nor too cold, while the valley may be a little too moist, which, by the way it has not been for the past two months, the objector can go south or east of the mountains. There is no State in the Union which offers the same inducements to an industrious person, and there is nothing such a one needs in order to make him contented and prosperous. The climate is healthy and the mortality of the State rates about the lowest in the Union. There is ample opportunity for investment of large or small sums, and there is no danger of a depreciation of values. These facts will become more understood as the country becomes better known, and we think the future of the Northwest is the brightest of any State in the Union. We have presented no overdrawn picture. Oregon and the Northwest only need to be represented in their true character. We do not hesitate in saying that this vast empire of the Northwest is destined to become one of the richest and most prosperous portion of the territory of the Union.—"Standard."

HAUL DOWN YOUR SIGN.

We have a respectful request to make of the "Democratic Times" and it is to haul down the announcement that that paper is the "official" paper for Jackson Josephine and Lake counties. To keep it up is to deceive the public for there is no such thing as an "official" paper for any county and any paper may legally publish anything required by law to be published. If the "Times" does not desire to stand convicted of obtaining money on false pretences it will haul down that flag and not impose on the public as it is a scandalous imposition that has forced many innocent persons to pay double rates for legal advertising because they were told that it would be illegal to publish in any other paper. The "Times" continues to do it.

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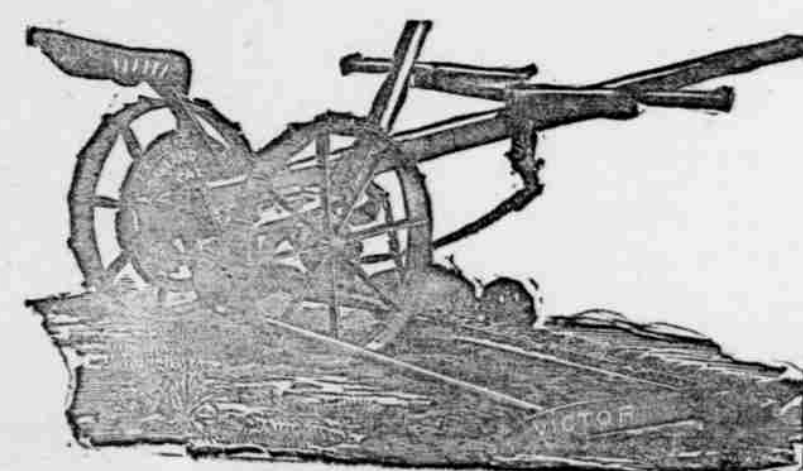
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