OREGON SENTINEL

JACKSONVILLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1883.

RESIGNATION OF JUDGE HANNA.

We are sorry to say that Judge Hanna of the first judicial district has forwarded his resignation to Governor Moody, with a request that it be accepted and take effect January 1st. Judge Hanna has occupied the bench of this district most acceptably for nearly six years, and it is a matter of universal regret that the parsimonious policy of the legislature in refusing to pay the judiciary living salaries, has forced him to abandon the bench for the practice of his profession, but he takes off the ermine unsmirched by a single discreditable act, and will retire into private life with the well deserved reputation of an impartial and worthy judge. His successor will probably be L. R. Webster Esq., whose appointment is asked for by nearly a unanimous bar of the district, and, who is endorsed to the Governor by a large number of the representative men of both parties in this and adjoining counties. Hon. C. W. Kahler was hard pressed to accept the vacant place and only on his peremptory declination would Mr. Webster permit his name to be used. Mr. Webster is a young practitioner but has been for many years an industrious law student and has developed, in an extraordinary degree, all the qualities, essential for an important and clear administration of the law. He would bring to the bench a clear, quick, logical mind, untiring industry, and a character that for morality and probity has won him the public confidence. He has been more than handsomely endorsed by the party to which he has always been opposed; whose representative men recognize, in judicial positions, the greater necessity of fitness than of party allegiance. Should Governor Moody make this appointment, and we trust he will, it will be most satisfactory to the people of this district and we hope his excellency will never commit an act for which he will be held less blameless.

SKETCHES OF OREGON HISTORY.

In 1732, according to Spanish authority, a vessel under the Spanish flag sailed into the Umpqua river. In 1834 a translation [illegible] account of the expedition [illegible], and published, according to a reliable authority in one of our leading American Magazines. It appears from the account that the vessel was in need of repairs, and that put into this harbor for the purpose of making them. They give the name of the river as spoken by the Indians, (Umpqua) and appear to have explored it as far as the rapids, or to where Scottsburg now stands. This account is verified by the traditions of Indians who were on the river at the time of the first white settlement about 1850. They told of a "great canoe" with white sails, and of the white men having been there many, many moons before and showed where the whites had cut some trees which were no doubt used in making repairs on their vessels. This was the first vessel belonging to the whites that ever sailed on Oregon waters, and we should not give Capt. Gray, of the ship Columbia, who in 1792 sailed into the mighty river which bears the name of his vessel, this honor.

In 1824 a man by the name of Smith, and several others in the employ of the Hudson Bay Fur company, came down the coast as far as the Umpqua river. They encamped on a small island situated in the river, just above where Gardner now stands. They had hardly arranged their camp and got to work when the Indians, refusing to let the whites take their land and game from them, attacked them and murdered all, except the leader, Smith, who jumped into the river and escaped by swimming across. He found his way along the bank of the river which was named after him, Smith's river, and after many days of severe hardships succeeded in reaching the camp of another party of trappers under the same company in the interior.—"Coos County Journal."

One year of Butler's rule in Massachusetts was as much as the republicans could bear. The republicans who gave him victory last year to punish those who quarreled with him and drove him out of the party voted this year to punish him for allowing himself to be driven out. That makes all even and brings Massachusetts home.

The secretary of state has received from the Geographical society of France a very handsome gold medal, which is intended as a testimonial to Lieut. Frederick A. Schwatka, U. S. A., in recognition of his services in the successful expedition to King William's Land in 1878-1880.

THANKSGIVING.

Next Thursday is the day appointed for the time-honored custom of national thanksgiving. The original idea was, that the day should be set apart by a cessation of all manual labor and devoted to fasting, prayer and public services in churches, as a thank offering for the bounties and providences of the past year, with an humble supplication for their continuance in the future. As a nation the people of the United States have much for which to be thankful.

A long administration of public affairs that has been noted for its wisdom, purity and economy, has inspired for us the greatest respect abroad and resulted in unbounded prosperity at home. There has been a remarkable impetus in all enterprises and industries; and internal improvements are going forward, with a zeal and vigor that is unprecedented; the achievements of the past few years are attracting to us, the better order of immigration; not the nomadic and adventurous element, but people of enterprise that see, in the present outlook for us, a chance for safe investment of capital, with every surrounding that peace and prosperity can guarantee them for its future enjoyment.

We, the people of the Pacific coast, have seen, in the past year, the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad, which opens up to us, unlimited resources, in the thinly settled states and territories, through which it passes; and, there seems to be, everywhere present, a determination to grasp the golden opportunity, and profit by the auspicious circumstances by which we are surrounded. But, the question is, "shall we worship God or Mammon?" Shall we lay down the implements of labor, and devote one day, in the 365, to the worship of the supreme ruler of the univere, who has crowned us, as a nation, with life's choicest blessings; and at night fall, under the silvery moon-beams, rest at peace with God and all mankind? or, shall we spend the day in secular employment, with the ringing sound of the saw, the ax and the hammer, and the rush and bustle of trade, or in feasting on roast-turkey, cranberry-sauce and mince-pie, and complacently fold our hands at eventide, and thank God, that we are not as the heathen round about us; while night's sable curtains fall silently around us, the victims of gormandizing and nightmare.

Facts About Oregon.

The annual salmon catch on the Columbia river for the past eight years has maintained an average of 1,407,000, representing a value of more than $2,000,000. The exportations to Great Britain absorb five-eights of the annual yield.

In 1881, 10,560,000 feet of lumber were exported from the Columbir river mills, and nearly 21,050,000 feet from other mills, on the west coast of Oregon. San Francisco absorbed the bulk of this, but much of it was shipped to Hongkong and Australia.

The wool of the same year amounted to over 8,000,000 pounds, of which 1,500,000 pounds was consumed in the woolen mills of Oregon, and the balance exported.

Hops to the amount of 7,641 bales, and flaxseed to the amount of nearly 4,000,000 pounds (grown mostly in Eastern Oregon,) were also exported in 1881.

Oregon can scarcely be counted among the mining States, though the product of gold in 1881 amounted to $1,140,931, of silver $48,984, and pig iron 8,000 tons.

In 1882 the cattle in the State numbered 221,848 head, to horses and mules 113,384 head, the sheep 1,007,581 head. The value of all the property in the State in 1882 exceeded ninety-two million dollars. Oregon has a range of mountains the coronet caps embracing Hood, Jefferson, Diamond Peak, Three Sisters, and others. Mt. Hood is 11,025 feet high, and the view from its summit spreads a vision of all Oregon, from the Blue Mountains to the sea.

History Notes.

Mr. William M. Turner, long and favorably known throughout Oregon as an accomplished writer, has undertaken the work of writing the history of Jacksonville, for Mr. Walling's big book. By such hands the account is sure to be pleasingly and accurately written, and to possess those graces of composition for which the gentleman is noted. No better selection could have been made, and Mr. Walling and the public are to be congratulated on such an acquisition. Mr. Turner has already entered upon his literary labors and is interviewing a number of the oldest residents concerning the early records of the town.

Mr. Albert G. Rockfellow has become a member of the publisher's staff, and is busily collecting data. His work will refer more particularly to Ashland and vicinity.

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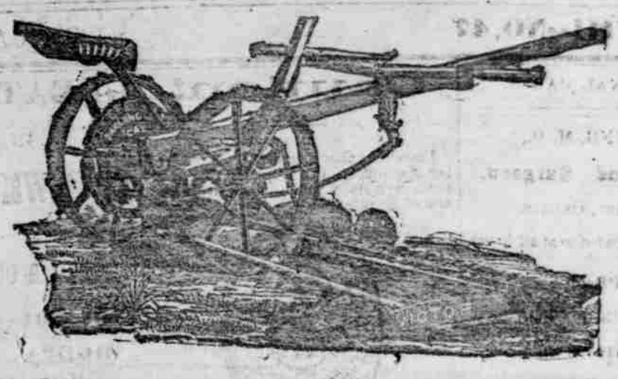

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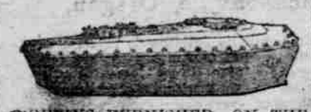

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