

EDITORIAL.

The following editorial appeared in the "Oregonian" of January 2d:

In filling the places vacated by Judge Stott and Hanna, Governor Moody has no doubt acted upon his information, and best judge. Mr. Smith, who succeeds Judge Stott, was the best man available. Mr. Webster, who succeeds Judge Hanna in the southern district, is, we are informed, a young man of the highest promise, but his lack of experience is a serious fault. We are informed that he has been a member of the bar scarcely the fourth of a year. There was an opportunity in Southern Oregon for Governor Moody to do a very graceful thing. Judge P. P. Prim, a veteran lawyer and judge, the choice of his democratic colleagues in the last legislature for United States senator, and several times chosen to the judgeship by his district, would probably have accepted the place; and the partisan circumstances would have made his appointment highly honorable to the governor and the state. It is only fair to say, however, that in his appointments Governor Moody has not sought politicians, but on the contrary has resisted their importunities.

For the information of the "Oregonian" we will state that the petition asking Governor Moody to appoint L. R. Webster to the place vacated by Judge Hanna was signed by nearly the entire bar of this district, also the District Attorney, Clerks and other officers of the Court, together with a large number of representative men of both political parties, including the name of Judge P. P. Prim, who says he would not have the office with the pitiful salary now offered. As regards the age, experience and qualification of Judge Webster this community is not alarmed in the least and they will be disappointed if he does not make as bright and honest a member of the judiciary as any now on the bench. Under the circumstances we cannot see how Governor Moody could well have done otherwise.

LAND GRANTS OR LAND GRABS.

There are indications of a determination on the part of some members of Congress, Republican as well as Democratic, to "disturb" the "business" of some of the railroad corporations which will hold on to enormous land grants received from the Government, on conditions they have failed to fulfill.

The enormous amount of the forfeited land grants may be conceived when it is known that a single bill introduced by that most excellent Republican, Mr. Payson, of Illinois, repeals the grant of a total of 48,453,000 acres to fourteen corporations which have defaulted.

In addition to this, Mr. Cobb, of Indiana, a Democratic Representative, has introduced a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing patents for lands granted by the United States to aid in the construction of railroads when said railroads have not been completed within the time fixed by the various acts.

Other measures have been introduced which show that the House is in earnest in its desire to put a stop to this dangerous source of public plunder.

In Kansas, Nebraska, Arizona and other States and Territories, the greater portion and the best lands have been taken from the people and bestowed on railroad corporations. In Colorado there is very little arable land left. With the rapid settlement of the West by the large foreign immigration, as well as from the older States, we shall before long have a scarcity of desirable land left for actual settlers, unless they purchase it of railroad corporations at whatever price may be demanded. The Government should, without delay, provide against this evil by reclaiming all the forfeited grants.

It is an unjust and unwise policy to thus prodigally lavish on railroad corporations the public lands, the benefit of which should be enjoyed by the people of this and future generations. It becomes a corrupt policy when the grants are made to and retained by railroads which have not fulfilled and never will fill the conditions by which they are bound. These are not land grants. They are land grabs. Several of the railroad corporations, including those which are under forfeit, have established land agencies in Europe and this country for the sale of land to emigrants. It is growing to be a vast and profitable branch of their business. The remedial legislation cannot be perfected so rapidly.

A Pennsylvania protectionist paper suggests the following ticket and platform to the Democrats of 1884.

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ROCK POINT IT: M.

The entertainment given by the Rock Point amateurs, New Years eve was a most decided success. It was far beyond the most sanguine expectations of its best wishers. The people collected from "ills, oles, ollers and igh," places, until there was scarcely standing room, every available bench was jammed full. The opening exercises was an anthem by Mrs. George King, Mrs. Ben. Haymond, Mrs. Affie Cawley and Miss Ritter. Then came the oration by Mr. the ad dress was extempore and the speaker showed considerable originality, and made some very sensible suggestions.

The next in order was a comedy entitled The Quiet Family. This was the master piece of the evening. Mrs. Cawley as Barnaby's wife, raved, stormed, scolded and lead (Henry Griffith's) poor Barnaby around by the left ear, while the poor silly subjugated calf, ran at her beck and call like a first class hen pecked husband. Finally however, Barnaby threw himself out side of some tangle foot, when he got a spirit of resistance in him, he went home and read the riot act to his brow beating wife, he broke up the dishes, kicked over the furniture and imitated a drunk man to perfection, while his frightened would-be-tyrannical wife crouched down in holy dread of her infuriated husband. Mr. James Pelton as Benjamin ruled his household with a rod of iron. His word was also law, one glance at Mrs. Benjamin (Miss Ritter) was sufficient. No one could have played the part of a meek, cowed, humble, patient half starved wife better than she, but Mrs. Barnaby whispered something in her ear, and she too rebelled, and to Mr. Benjamin's utter disgust the heretofore docile wife was transformed into a living breathing palpitating tigress. She exhibited more down square doubled distilled cussedness, than one could believe. The result was they all came to a better understanding, settled all their differences amicably, embraced each other lovingly and all was serene.

The next in order was a song by Miss Della Pennebaker of Ashland. Miss Pennebaker has a most thoroughly cultivated voice and is a charming singer. Her amiable sweet disposition makes her a favorite wherever she goes. Then came a recitation by Miss Nellie Barlow aged four years. She fairly captured the audience by her cunning child-like simplicity. Professor Donaldson and Gardner then sang the Baccant's Bride. These gentlemen are accomplished musicians. The next in order was a play entitled Stage Struck. Mr. Griffith was cranky on Shakespeare, Byron, Burns and other authors for he gave snarling remarks on everything. Then came a recitation, "The Bridal cup," by Miss Ritter. If Mrs. Cawley was the star actress in the quiet family, and if Miss Pennebaker excelled in singing, all will admit that Miss Ritter was the white feather as a declaimer; this is evidently her forte. She has perfect control of her voice, she threw her very soul into the piece and brought down round after round of applause. As an elocutionist, she will rank among the best. There were several other characters and pieces that merit notice, but we have not the space to mention all, suffice to say that the performance was a most enjoyable affair.

Engineer Dolsen didn't exactly understand why he got a complimentary pass to the entertainment New Year's eve, and had to pay fifty cents to get inside the house. He wanted to know why this was so much thusly. Mrs. Hunt Magruder is lying dangerously ill with consumption.

Kelly and forty armed men as a Sheriff's posse, passed through Rock Point Monday with blood in their eyes. They go to take possession of the disputed mining claim on Cayote creek.

A. J. Barlow says he has lost no R. R.'s hence does not intend to build any. He went to work with the track layers, and the foreman, a son of old Ireland, sang out, "Misther Barlow yes kin load that ty care." B. said King's excuse, and struck a straight bee line for Rock Point.

Mrs. Nort Edings is stopping at White's Hotel and Nort drives in smiling every evening.

Mr. Hassett contemplates trying the Couer d'Alene mines a rattle in the spring.

We unintentionally omitted to mention that little Ada Hassett played the part of the little flower girl to perfection at the entertainment. She was also in a tableaux representing a winged angel. The scene was beautiful. A. J. B.

A single feature of this country is the absence of nut bearing trees. We see the fruit dealers in towns have all sorts of nuts for sale, hickory nuts, chestnuts, pecan nuts, filberts, walnuts, that are grown east of the Rocky Mountains and we wonder why people here do not plant them and drive the foreign produce from the market. It is with nuts as with fruit, people cannot wait so long for a crop. But the nut tree can be put along the road, or in the door yard and not take up much space. In time it will be handsome shade trees and bear its fruit. The whole of the treeless interior offers a good field for nut bearing trees as there is thousands of timber culture taken up there and in planting their timber groves the owners can experiment with such trees. Both the chestnut and the hickory make good timber. The chestnut is very enduring for posts. Those trees grow large and are handsome and will answer for timber culture planting. The value of nut bearing trees is not a matter of doubt and we hope to see the experiment of growing them in this country made successful. "Farmer."

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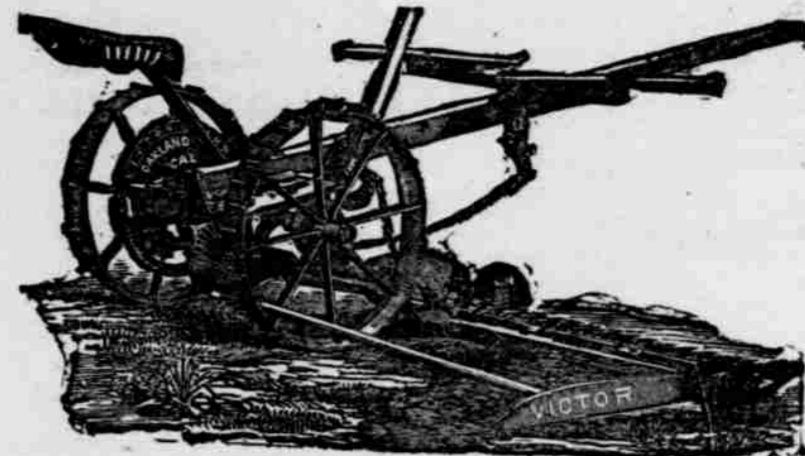
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