

REMINISCENT.

In continuation of our sketch of travel down the Sacramento, we will note that we had now come to that part of the valley where the wild oats grew in luxuriant abundance. As far as the eye could reach was one vast plain of these oats, about three feet high, even, and contrasted well with any field of grain sown by the hand of man. In passing we will say that these wild oats were entirely different from the wild oats found in the fields of Oregon. The heads were large, the grain plump, and almost equal to our domestic oats. In the fall of the year the ground was literally covered with the ripened grain. The few cattle that roam in this section, ranged in the distant hills where nutritious grass was more abundant, and more agreeable to the taste of the animals than ranging.

One evening traveling leisurely along we observed in the distance, some objects moving about on the prairie just ahead of us, the nature of which, or whom, we were left in conjecture, until by a nearer approach we discovered that they were Indians down on all fours, hand and knees moving about and lapping up clover seed, the same as any other quadruped. Clover in the summer and acorns in the fall and winter was their main provender. We had seen as much as two hundred bushels of acorns gathered, and stored in little huts on the banks of the Sacramento, which the Indians had put away for winter's use. The acorns were about one-half inch in diameter and about two inches long, being somewhat different from our acorns, and had something like the taste of chestnuts in our view of them. All the Indians seen along the Sacramento were entirely naked, and we presume not having partaken of the "forbidden fruit" they had not yet become conscious of their nude condition.

We traveled on without any incident worth relating until we came to a point on the Sacramento opposite Ft. Sutter, which fort was about a mile or two from the river. Captain Sutter hearing of our arrival, came down in the evening to our camp and remained with us a couple of hours, desiring to know our destination, what was our object, and what was the news from Oregon, or California, as it was designated by all Californians. A natural surprise was in store for us. During our converse, one with the other, we soon learned that we had met with Captain Sutter in Westport, Jackson county, Missouri, and that we had formed a slight acquaintance with him whilst carrying the U. S. mail from Fort Leavenworth to Independence, in 1836. Sutter was then a practicing physician at Westport. We all enjoyed the company of Sutter that evening, and he gave us many words of counsel as to how to govern our actions with the then excited Spaniards, as also information relative to different localities in California, and our best mode of preparation for the coming winter. He kindly offered to supply our larder with any then present necessities, free of cost. Some months after this we had occasion to have almost daily intercourse with Sutter. It was about the time of the discovery of gold, as the building of his mill, of which we have some knowledge, and which we may present to the readers of the PLAINDEALER ere we conclude these sketches. The writer of these notes, has, and always will claim, that Chas. Bennett, formerly of Salem, Oregon, is entitled to the credit, or honor, whichever it may be, of having first discovered the precious metal in the mill-race at the building of Sutter's mill.

The Band Contest.

The coming band contest at Grants Pass on the 28th will be the second of its kind in which any Roseburg band has participated. In the first contest, which took place at Jacksonville in 1889, Roseburg was represented by the Junior Band. There were six contestants, namely, the Junior band of Roseburg, the Medford Cornet band, the Central Point Brass band, the Ashland Brass band, the Brickyard Brass band of Ashland and the Jacksonville Cornet band. The prize consisted of a purse of \$85. In that contest the Roseburg band was an easy winner. The band at that time was composed of 12 pieces and at the present time has 22 pieces. Of this number only about one half were formerly members of the old band. The remainder of the K. of P. band is made up of a number of experienced amateurs and a few new players, one of which latter has already shown phenomenal ability as a musician. Among the members there are no less than five who play solos with considerable credit to themselves. In addition to this the band has been in constant practice for a period of two years under the direction of an able musician, Mr. Applehoff, so that there is no comparison between the new and the old band.

It will be hard to predict what impression their style of playing will make upon the judges, and it is possible that a catchy piece played with some snap will count for more than a well rendered piece of classical music. It is safe to predict, however, that if the K. of P. band is unsuccessful they will furnish some excellent music to the people at Grants Pass while the fortunate band is walking away with the prize.

Buy your cigars at the Roseleaf.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Proceedings of the Last Regular Meeting.

The board of trustees met Thursday evening, August 22, and transacted the following business: On calling the roll the following members were found present: Trustees Wright, Strong and Rice, Recorder Zigler and Marshal Carroll. Trustees Shupe and Rapp absent at roll call, Trustee Shupe coming in before the meeting adjourned.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On the referred bill of F. W. Carroll, salary for July, the committee reported that the bill be referred back to the marshal for correction, subject to a resolution passed by the board May 2, 1895.

The committee on city improvements asked for and were granted further time on the matter of an arc light at the corner of the McGregor lot on Mosher street.

The special committee appointed for the purpose of making the necessary drainage to the city hall, were granted further time to report.

The committee on city improvements were granted further time to report on the matter of repairing sidewalks, referred at last meeting.

The committee on health and police were granted further time to report on the matter of examining chimneys and floes, referred at last meeting.

The recorder's report was read and accepted and ordered filed.

A petition was presented to the board and read, signed by D. C. McClallen and A. A. Fink, asking the board for the privilege to lay down under ground, keep and maintain water pipes, in the following named streets of the city of Roseburg, to-wit: Washington street from the east line of Aaron Rose's donation land claim, to the west terminus of said street; thereon from said Washington street, north and south through all the principal streets of the city of Roseburg, and the further privilege of distributing water to property owners on said streets, and erecting one hydrant on the southeast corner of Main and Jackson streets, as a further security against fire. The matter was referred to the committee on fire and water, to report at the next meeting.

A petition signed by Martha Perry, asking that the tract of land platted and marked as Spring street, and lying west of Short street, in the Railroad Addition to the city of Roseburg, to have that part of Spring street lying west of Short street vacated. This is asked for in order that the parties interested may remove their improvements now within the limits of the Oregon and California Railroad Company's right of way. The matter was referred to the judiciary committee for investigation, to report at the next meeting.

The following bills were allowed:
Frank Bigger, meals \$ 9 80
Z. Barker, hauling 5 00
S. Van Zile, labor 18 00
A. Wilson, labor 1 50

The committee on city election was instructed to examine into and select polling places, for the coming election, to be held October 7, 1895, and to report the same at the next regular meeting of the board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet Thursday evening, September 6th.

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LONG ISLAND LOSING ITS TAIL.

Inroads of the Sea Causing Alarm to Property Owners at Orient Point.

Long Island, which looks on the map like a big fish about to swallow New York city, is apparently being slowly swallowed by the ocean. Portions of its shores have disappeared beneath the waves, and now the northern fork of its huge tail is vanishing. About two miles of Orient point, that formed a sandy beach two years ago, is now under 15 feet of water. The lighthouse on the point was six rods from the sea a few years ago. It has since been toppled over by the sea, and only a small part of the surrounding beach is visible.

The bluffs on both the sound and the bay side of Orient point have been sinking at the rate of about 10 or 12 feet a year. The same state of affairs is true of Montank point, but there the bluffs jut up so abruptly and so high above the sea that the rising of the water is not so noticeable. A rise of a foot or two on the low shores near Peconic bay will submerge acres of land. Much of the threatened land on Orient point forms fertile farms, and the steady advance of the shore line is causing no small concern to the owners. The water has in several places found its way across a low spot on the point from the sound to the bay. The result will be to ultimately divide the peninsula into a series of small islands, similar to Plum, Little Gull and Great Gull islands, all of which were doubtless once a part of the mainland and were cut off by the rise of the sea. The village of Orient is situated in a particularly narrow and low portion of the peninsula, and the next serious inroad of the ocean will probably occur there. In that case 2,000 acres of land and a village of 1,000 people will have to be abandoned.—New York Sun.

From Every Clime.

Twenty-nine nationalities are represented in a New York public grammar school. There are in the primary and grammar departments of this school 1,800 children, and at the last census there were represented among them Hebrews, Italians, Germans, Irish, Greeks, Russians, Poles, French, Scotch, English, Welsh, Swiss, Chinese, Silesians, Assyrians, Tunisians (North Africa), Japanese, Kongo West Indians, Cubans, Norwegians, Swedes, Austrians, Hungarians, Herzegovinians, Wallachians, Moldavians, Egyptians, Danes and Armenians. Not over 10 per cent of these children speak English in their homes, the proportion in the primary being under and that in the grammar department over this estimate.

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