

HISTORY OF OREGON.

W. H. Gray, Esq., of Astoria, a Pioneer of 1835, has written and published a history of Oregon from 1792 to 1849, a copy of which Mr. Gray has placed on our table.

To say that it is wholly impartial or free from personal bias would, perhaps, be stating it too strongly; but it evidently is an honest presentation of facts as viewed from the author's standpoint.

A growing evil in American education, especially on the Pacific slope, is the want of suitable employment for children.

If the Mercury is not afraid of "impairing its standing for truth and veracity," will it inform us how it happened that the State Treasurer, on a salary of eight hundred dollars a year, received in two fiscal years, ending Sept. 1st, 1876, the sum of \$4,586 58?

If it would not be jeopardizing the Mercury's "standing for truth and veracity," the public would be glad to know how much the State paid for "clerical aid" during the years, 1873 and 1874.

MINING NEWS.

Placer mines have been struck, lately, on Myrtle Creek, in Southern Oregon. Mr. S. Thompson, the discoverer, found a high grade to the pan on "bed rock." An excited community is the result.

Capt. Ankeny, Levi Ankeny, D. P. Thompson and M. S. Burrell, of Portland, have bought up an extensive tract of "dry land" diggings, near Jacksonville, and are making arrangements to bring a ditch about twenty miles from a stream called Applegate, that will involve a large outlay of money before completion.

The "English" Hydraulic Company, on Galice Creek—deep gravel diggings—are boring with a big auger, and having taken out large sums of money since their purchase of ground of J. H. Reed, express themselves as entirely satisfied with results so far obtained.

The "English Company," as well as Capt. Ankeny, have large tracts of mineral lands, that give substantial evidence of their richness, and the future of these "placers," as indicated by the past, will throw into the circulating medium of the country vast wealth of the article that finds a premium among all nations.

The Cinnabar mines of Southern Oregon are attracting no little attention, and when properly directed efforts are put forth in their development the best of results will be reached, giving a fair return for investments.

As to "Quartz" and the interests connected therewith, proper machinery and skilled labor, put in requisition will tell a "wondrous story" in the development of the mineral wealth of the mountains of the "said lands." Recent discoveries made in the "working process" of "rebellious ores" settles the question as to returns that may reasonably be expected from judicious investments in the Quartz interest.

The future of Southern Oregon, weighed in the scale of reasonable allowance as to time, presents in the outline, a picture not founded in fancy or fiction, but based on actual facts stated, which leave no room for conjecture.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TURNER, Oregon, June 5, 1877. EDITOR STATESMAN.—At a meeting of the citizens of Turner station and vicinity, May 20th the initiatory steps were taken for the preparation for one of those enjoyable occasions, that of celebrating the 10th National Birthday at this place.

An invitation is also extended to one and all who wish to join with us in celebrating the Natal Day. The following resolution was adopted: RESOLVED, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Salem and Albany papers with a copy of the proceedings of this meeting.

Good orators and a good time is promised those wishing to come. Come one, come all, with baskets well filled. For the benefit of those who wish to engage in the amusement of "tripping the light fantastic toe," a good stage will be erected and music supplied under the management of a responsible person.

J. B. BELLEANEY, Chairman. M. A. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

"AFTER HARVEST."

This has become a household word in Western Oregon. It means much. It argues that our harvests are ever surabundant. It argues further that the farmers—the mudsills—of our country hold the purse strings. But all are not farmers here, yet the mechanics and all true operatives help to make up the sum, total of our wealth and general prosperity.

Our crops never fail, our resources are sure and boundless, and tens of thousands of substantial immigrants are arriving now among us, and they are generally highly pleased with our country and our fine prospects. There will be plenty of help this season to save all our crops; the weather has assumed all the phenomena of summer and dry, clear sky. The mechanics and all business men, here, may well look for the good time this year, "After Harvest."

CHURCH NOTICE.—Rev. R. H. Moss informs us that no service will be had at the Christian Church, until the first Sunday in July. Other meetings call attention until that time.

FAILURE OF JUSTICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The failure of justice which has just occurred in South Carolina through the discharge of the Ellerton bull-dozers, exhibits one of the most discouraging phases of Southern life at present. There does not seem to have been any reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused in this case, but the fact that they had bull-dozed negroes rendered it impossible to secure their conviction, and notwithstanding the lucid and admirable charge of Chief Justice Waite the jury could not be brought to an agreement.

Unfortunately this temper is very prevalent in the South, and it stands in the way of any genuine restoration of the prosperity of that region. Where there is a mixed population like that at the South there must be impartial administration of the laws, or there can be no progress, because there will be no security. In such a case it is not only the unprotected portion of the community that suffers. Tyranny and injustice are quite as harmful to those who exercise as to those who suffer them, and it is impossible for one section habitually to deny justice to another section without demoralizing itself in the process.

Although it is extremely difficult to procure any trustworthy intelligence from the Russian headquarters, there are some indications to the effect that the health of the army of the Danube is already the subject of anxious solicitude, and that grave apprehensions are felt concerning the future. It is now intimated that two, three or four weeks must elapse before the crossing of the river can be made, and this will throw the active operations of the campaign into the hottest months of the year.

Now the climate of the valley of the Danube is a very unhealthy one, and to unacclimated troops it has always proved pestilential. During the last two hundred years the Russians have buried at least two hundred and fifty thousand men in that valley.

CORRESPONDENCE.

G. KAISER—My Very Dear Sir—Feeling humbled and mortified by your rebuking epistle in the STATESMAN of June 8th, I hasten to retract my insinuation about your being an "ignorant religionist," and apologize not only for that insinuation, but for any others that I may have made, or may hereafter make through my thoughtlessness and stupidity, hereby admitting that you are very intelligent. Therefore you know just as well as I do that there is not a word in the Bible about Sunday being holy, and that the first edict establishing Sunday as a holy day was issued by Constantine, in the fourth century. Also, that this same Constantine was one of the vilest murderers that ever lived. Here is a partial list of his victims, with the date of their murders: Maximian, his father-in-law, A. D. 310; Bassianus, husband of his sister Anastasia, 314; Lucianus, his nephew by Constantina, 319; Fausta, his wife, 320; Sopater, his former friend, 321; Lucinius, his sister Constantina's husband, 325; Crispus, his own son, 326.

This author of the "Christian Sabbath" was a most exquisite villain, as you must be aware; and you must know that there is not even a shadow of proof showing that Sunday is any more sacred than Friday and, therefore, all laws that restrain the rights and liberties of the citizens on Sunday are not only oppressive and tyrannical, but contrary to the Constitution of the United States.

But, hold! I am treading on dangerous ground again, for if you are not an "ignorant religionist," then I am afraid you will rebuke me for accusing you of being dishonest. You see what a dilemma I am in, for I must not say you are ignorant, and if I admit that you are intelligent, then some fool will say that if you know all about the origin of Sunday, and yet favor the Sunday laws, that I am indirectly accusing you of being a knave.

Now, my dear sir, I am very much distressed about the awkwardness of my position, for I do not mean to charge you with being a knave at all. Indeed, I think you are a very honest, upright—but there—if I go on in that style then some other fool will say that I am indirectly accusing you of ignorance. O, dear! what shall I do! Can I find no escape from this quandary. Sadly Thine, W. H. CHANEY.

WOOL CIRCULAR.—Justice, Esteman & Co., of Philadelphia, under date of June 1st, give the following quotations for Oregon wool, and remarks "that Oregon wools are wanted," being far superior to all other wools from the Pacific Slope. "We quote Oregon wool, Fine, 25 to 27; Medium, 25 to 28; Course, 23 to 25; Coarse, 24 to 26; Delaine, 32 to 33 to 35."

PROGRAMME OF THE 4th OF JULY AT TURNER.

The procession will form at Turner, at 10 o'clock A. M., under the direction of the Chief Marshal, and march to the grove in the following order:

- 1. Band.
2. Stand bearers.
3. Orators.
4. Reader of Declaration and Chaplain.
5. Choir.
6. Young ladies representing the several States.
7. Patrons of Husbandry in regalia, with banners.
8. Good Templars in regalia, with banners.
9. Citizens.
EXERCISES AT THE GROVE.
1. Opening address by the President.
2. Song by the Choir.
3. Invocation by the Chaplain.
4. Music by Band.
5. Reading of Declaration.
6. Song by Choir.
7. Oration.
8. Music by Band.
9. Dinner (picnic), at 12 M.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY.
1. Amusements of the day.
2. Call to order at 3 P. M.
3. Addresses under the auspices of the Patrons of Husbandry and Good Templars, with such music as the President may direct between speeches.
4. Song by Choir.
5. Closing music by Band.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR STATESMAN.—I understand that at the last session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Oregon, authority was granted to move Fidelity Lodge No. 36 I. O. O. F., from Astoria to Turner. Messrs. E. E. McKinney and Foutz Wilcox, of Union Lodge, No. 166, I. O. G. T., located at Turner, have been elected representatives to the Grand Lodge I. O. G. T., to be held at Albany this week. J. G. Bledinck has opened a photograph gallery in Turner. Notification has been received by Turner Grange P. of H., that Salem Grange, has accepted an invitation to participate in the 4th of July celebration to be held at this place, and that Judge R. P. Boise will represent the Salem Grange as speaker on that occasion.

NEW TO-DAY.

NOTICE.

OREGON & CALIFORNIA RAILROAD CO.

THE FOLLOWING RATES OF FREIGHT ON Grain, Flour and Mill Stuffs, in car loads, as per published tariff of the Company under date of January 9th, 1877, will be maintained as the maximum rates until May 31st, 1878, viz:

Table with columns for destination (e.g., Milwaukee, Cheakamus, Oregon City, Hood Island, Canby, Aurora, Hubbard, Woodburn, Gervais, Brooks, Salem, Turner, Marion, Jefferson, Miller's, Albany, Tangent, Shields, Halsey, Muddy, Harrisburg, Junction, Luper's, Irving, Eugene, Springfield, Goshen, Crowell, Lathrop, Conestoga, Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Umpqua, Roseburg) and rates per 100 lbs.

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AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Acton, Editor of the P. C. Advocate, preached to a fair audience at the M. E. Church, Sabbath evening. Text—Jeremiah 13th:23d: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." The speaker forcibly illustrated the power and influence of habit; its wonderful development when long directed in one channel; how it so fastens its fangs upon the life of a person; that in time it takes control to such a fearful extent as to cut off all claims to free agency, and that the most that could be expected from a long life in wickedness would be a maimed, halting, stumbling soul, saved by the mercies of God. Hence, the importance of sowing good seed in early life, by which course grand lives and noble characters can be developed.

Mr. Acton is eloquent and forcible speaker, deeply in earnest, and one calculated to accomplish a great deal of good. SALEM'S GAZA WEEK. On account of the interesting events of the week, connected with the Commencement Exercises of the Willamette University, State Medical Society and the Pioneer Associations, etc., we surrender the greater portion of our editorial columns to local news.

Last Saturday was "Grange Decoration Day," and appropriate ceremonies were had at the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, in memory of the departed members of the Grange Order.

SALEM'S GAZA WEEK.

We regret to learn that Miss Emma Williams, aged fifteen years, daughter of James and Julia Williams, of North Howell Prairie, is nearing the Usseum world. Her disease is consumption. Within about two years her sister, aged twenty years, and her brother, aged twenty-two, have passed away with the same disease.

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