

THE COURIER-LAFAYETTE.

This number commences a new year in the history of THE COURIER, and we fancy that our readers will agree with us in the opinion that the paper is materially improved. We have, at a considerable outlay, enlarged it, and now print it on new type. And right here we will say that we are not in the habit of making complaints—indeed we have no particular occasion to—on the score of patronage; but as to Lafayette we propose to say a word, for, though many of our townspeople patronize us, some of them even, liberally, there are yet others who are largely interested in the success of the place too, who have never even invested the price of a year's subscription toward sustaining it. And this is the more curious since the paper is devoted to and identified with the interests of the place. If the town is a fit point at which to invest money in property and improvements, than it is worth while to encourage such enterprises established here as may tend to enhance the material prosperity of the place. One, and not the least one of the auxiliaries in the upbuilding of a town is the local paper. And the local paper generally amounts to just what the community or interests it serves, choose to make it; is, in other words, an index of the enterprise and ambition of its surroundings. We throw out these hints for the consideration of the Lafayette public to go just for what they are worth and will say that it only needs the reasonable co-operation of that public in enterprises which may be set on foot here to materially change the aspect of things for the better.

YAMHILL.

To the people of Yamhill county in particular and other counties in general, we commend Volume Eight of THE LAFAYETTE COURIER.

Under present mail facilities the paper is issued so as to reach nearly all the offices in the county on the day of publication, and we propose to issue and mail it promptly on time.

THE COURIER will strive to subserve the interests of the county and its citizens in all ways practicable, and will look confidently for the considerable augmentation of our subscription list.

FARMERS' LEAGUE MEETING.

A meeting of the farmers of Yamhill county was held in the Court House, in Lafayette, on Saturday, Feb. 22, to take steps looking to the organization of a County Farmers' League.

After addresses by various gentlemen the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved; That this meeting do now adjourn until the 28th of March, then to meet in mass convention of the farmers of Yamhill county, for the purpose of forming a permanent County organization, and to appoint delegates to attend a State Convention at Salem, April 10th, in compliance with the published call.

On motion the publisher of the LAFAYETTE COURIER was requested to publish proceedings and other State papers copy same.

On motion adjourned as per resolution above.

W. L. SMITH,
Secretary.

FARM PRODUCE IN EASTERN IOWA.

The following market rates for Eastern Iowa we copy from the Iowa City Press:

Wheat, \$1 00; corn, 18c.; barley, 30c.; rye, 53c.; oats, 19c.; live hogs, \$3 50; dressed, \$4 00; butter, 14c.; shipping butter, 8c.; eggs, 24c. Railroad extortions are charged with the above beggarly figures as the husbandman's reward for his care and toil.

S. C. Pomeroy, U. S. States Senator from Kansas, a leading light in the Radical party and also a devout church member, lies in jail in the State he has disgraced, charged with bribery, a Penitentiary offense. The country would be comparatively safe if a large number of our high officials were in the penitentiary.

We are pleased to note the interest being manifested by the farmers of Yamhill in measures of self-protection against the cupidity of sharks.

A. B. Meacham, defunct Indian Superintendent, went to Washington in quest of another office, or in hopes to "boost" Odeneal out. His funds having run short, he applied to Grant for a loan to get back home. Now, Grant don't loan worth a cent; but he told Meacham that the thing could be arranged. He plied Congress for authority to appoint a Modoc Commission. Congress doubtless moved by the hungry mein of Meacham, assented, and Meacham was made happy. He got on the Commission and by this means alone was enabled to return to the bosom of his family.

FROM TILLAMOOK.—A private letter bearing date Feb. 20, from Nehalem, has these items of news:

"There is a case out here which needs the attention of the Prosecuting Atty. just now. A man tried to knock another's brains out with a stool, knocking him down and then jumping onto him and beating him severely. He swore he would have killed him but for the interference of by-standers.

"We have had some snow out here, but as a general thing have enjoyed a very mild winter."

Scott, of the Bulletin, about half way denies that a collection was taken up to enable him to go to Washington in search of an office. Will he deny in unambiguous terms that such collection was taken up? We know something about this matter. Then will he deny too that he plied Holladay for a pass hither and that he prostituted the columns of the Oregonian to Holladay's service in return for the "courtesy"? We know something about that, also.

The people of Lane are about to fail to raise \$20,000 to secure the location of the State University in their midst. We do not know any peculiar or special reasons which may be urged against the local advantages to accrue from the location of so important an institution in Lane county, but as a general proposition it would be safe to assume that there is not another county in the State that would not gladly avail itself of such location at a much greater cost than \$20,000.

Speaker Blaine has not, as yet, been proved positively to have been "seen" with Credit Mobilier stock, and takes great credit to himself in consequence. But there is one thing which he cannot explain, to-wit: How he came possessed of such immense wealth in so short a time when it is known that when he entered Congress he was bankrupt.

PLUCKY.—During the tempest of disorder in the Temperance Alliance a vote was taken and carried, on a motion to forcibly expel Mrs. A. J. Duniway from the hall. That lady defied the mob and held her position, amidst an indescribable scene of confusion and uproar.

Some of the papers are in an advertisement upon the fact of Miss Susan B. Anthony having been confined. Our understanding had been that Susie had only been confined in jail, yet the Eugene Guard wants to know if it is a boy?

A CLOSE CALL.—On the vote to impeach Colfax for Corruption and Bribery, the vote stood 100 ayes to 109 noes. All the Republican members voted for impeachment save Farnsworth, Porter, Stephenson and Smith.

The Modoc Commission farce was gotten up to give a few chronic hangers-on a brief season of profitable employment. Meanwhile the hostile savages might have massacred a few more scores of defenseless people.

Rev. D. K. Nesbit, of Corvallis, assured his congregation the other day that there were plenty of church members, good enough in a general way at home, but who, when absent, are notorious gamblers and libertines.

PLAIN TALK.—John P. Irish, publicly, through the columns of the Iowa City Press proclaims Brainerd, Postmaster at that place and editor of the Republican, a perjurer and a thief!

It is a suggestive fact that a greater number of Credit Mobilier scoundrels hail from virtuous Massachusetts than from any other single State.

"PATENT OUTARDS."—Our neighbor, the Reporter, comes out in a new form, the outside being printed in San Francisco on the "Patent Outards" plan. The experiment of offering as a local production a paper printed in a distant city has never before been tried in Oregon. The County paper is taken for its local character. But for this consideration no local paper could be sustained. If the people want a paper printed in San Francisco they would probably think it would be as well to subscribe for the Examiner or Bulletin at once. There are other serious objections to the patent outside system which we will point out at some future time.

The City Council of Bloomington, Illinois, has passed a stringent ordinance against lotteries as also the sale of lottery tickets of all sorts and classes, on the score of the obvious immoral tendencies of all such transactions. But in this sweeping prohibition of lotteries this saving clause occurs: *Provided*, that nothing in this ordinance shall prevent any society to raise money for religious purposes.

Then churches may gamble as much as suits them, and there is nothing immoral in that.

Jesse Applegate writes an "open letter" in a strain of insolence concerning Governor Grover's protest in the Peace Commission business. Jesse Applegate is one of the Commissioners, and of course will not regard the protest. But one thing is certain, and that is the protest has met the unqualified approval of all right thinking people throughout the State.

The proposition is made in the United States Senate to declare the seat of Caldwell, of Kansas, vacant, on the ground that he obtained his election by corruption and bribery of the Kansas Legislature. If all the Senators who obtained their seats by bribery were ousted it would leave the Democrats largely in the majority in that body.

The man York, who exposed the wholesale bribery being practiced by S. C. Pomeroy, Kansas, to secure his reelection to the United Senate, has gained for himself considerable notoriety, so unusual a thing is it for any person in public life in that State to refuse a bribe.

Jo Wilson writes to the Mountaineer that if the salary of members of Congress is not increased stealing by members will continue. During Democratic times, members of Congress got only \$3,000, and yet did not steal. Now they get \$5,000 and yet the cry is more! more! or we will have to steal.

EXCELLENT TYPE.—The new type now composing the COURIER's new suit is from the foundry of Hager & Co., San Francisco. This foundry turns out some of the loveliest faces known to newspaperdom.

Our Lish is catching goss on his lecturing tour in the States. The eastern public do not appreciate his style. They say he is a poor specimen of a backwoods clown. And Lish is our "Investigation Commission," eh?

The article in last week's COURIER headed "The railroad despotism and the hard times," was clipped from the Oregonian and the proper credit omitted.

The Catholic Sentinel has been enlarged and improved. It is now printed in 8-page form and is a credit to the typographic art.

The vote was to be taken yesterday in Congress on the expulsion of Ames and Brooks.

We did not have time to reset all of our advertisements, hence some of them appear in their old costume.

From W. R. Baker, who recently returned from Willow Creek, Wasco county, the Corvallis Democrat learns that, owing to large importations, last season from Texas, beef cattle will be quite low in Eastern Oregon next summer. Good stock sheep are in good demand at \$4 per head. Mutton sheep are selling in that vicinity for \$3. Mr. B. thinks sheep raisers will continue to realize good prices for the next year, large numbers of persons embarking in that business having a tendency to keep prices up.

REV. J. W. WATTS IN THE ALLIANCE.

The following is the concluding exploit of our fellow citizen whose name stands above. The Bulletin report tells it thus:

Rev. Dr. Watts, of Yamhill county, was the next speaker. The hour was late and the audience wearied by their constant attention. Had the gentleman realized this as he should, he would, no doubt, have finished his remarks much sooner than he did. As it was, however, he considered himself entertaining enough to hold his audience; and so occupied was he in reading his little piece from his pocket diary that he did not notice the growing uneasiness of his hearers. They began retiring one at a time, and then two, until finally, when it became apparent that the gentleman was utterly oblivious of all surrounding circumstances, the audience poured out of the hall in a perfect stream, and by the time the speaker had read his book through but a few faithful followers remained, and a number of them were quietly reposing in the arms of Morpheus. He gravely bowed to the array of empty benches, and the President, awaking from pleasant dreams, declared the Alliance adjourned sine die.

The Tenth District Court has decided that it is imperative upon magistrates to examine persons accused of felony, though they enter a plea of guilty. It looks absurd, but the Code requires it. It was long since decided that there was no justification for the very common practice of allowing accused persons to waive an examination and let their cases go direct before a grand jury. Magistrates must hold an examination in every case, though there be no earthly reason for it.—Oakland (Cal.) News.

The same apparently absurd practice is held to, we believe, in this State.

STATE NEWS.

Oregon City has 350 children of school age.

Lane county has 200,000 acres of improved lands.

La Grande District, Union county, has 116 school children.

Some of the people of Corvallis are getting excited about a fire bell.

The Odd Fellows are now preparing a hall in Union, Union county, in which to organize and establish a lodge.

Already nearly 1,000 head of stock of all kinds have been shipped east of the mountains, and more is coming to go.

Marion Gale, formerly of Eugene City, will shortly commence the publication of a Democratic paper at Weston, Oregon.

The Albany and Santiam Canal will be a fraction over 11 miles long. The deepest cut is seven feet. The cost of the whole will be 25,000.

Oregon is estimated to contain about 61,000,000 acres of land, of which the Government had surveyed, up to June 30, 1872, only 10, 140, 241 acres, or a little over one-sixth of the entire area.

The Bulletin says: "Colonel W. W. Chapman, President of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, is preparing to put the bonds of the company on the market. Another step in the right direction.

Rev. John Heinrich, heretofore teacher at St. Michael's College, has been appointed missionary priest for the counties of Douglas, Coos and Curry, to reside at Roseburg, Oregon. Father Heinrich will leave for his mission next Monday morning, and will officiate at Roseburg on Ash Wednesday.

The following are the entries of land made at the United States Land Office at La Grande from December 10, 1867, to February 1, 1873: Homestead entries—acres, 82,412; final proof Homesteads, 9,630; entered with A. C. S., 14,500; sold for cash, 21,109; pre-emption filings, 100,000. Total, 228,509.

The population of Oregon City is 956, classified: Number of males between 4 and 20, 170; number of females between 4 and 20, 180; number of males under 4, 68; number of females under 4, 56; number of males over 20, 196; number of voters, 242; number of Chinamen, 31; number of Indians, 11; number of Kanakas, 2.

The La Grande Sentinel has the following: We fear another Indian scare is about to transpire, and we hope without any foundation whatever. It is known to our readers that a band of the Nez Percés tribe of Indians, of which the sons of the deceased Chief Joseph claim to be head, have from the first objected to the settlement of the Wallows on the ground that the title of these Indians (whom we designate a Wallows) had not been extinguished.

The buildings of the Agricultural College will accommodate 300 pupils. Whooping-cough prevails nearly all over the State. It is very prevalent in Portland.

A limestone quarry has been discovered in Douglas county about six miles from Roseburg.

Chas. Denton of Wasco county has received a lot of apple grafts from St. Petersburg, Russia.

Stephen Maybell, the laborer-poet of Oregon, is expected soon to leave for the East, it is said.

The Eugene Journal claims that Lane county is ahead of any other for cheese-making.

Tuesday, the 12th inst., the hotel belonging to J. S. Macnamara, in Marshfield, Coos county, was consumed by fire.

Crops in Benton county are said to look better than usual for this season of the year. A greater breadth of land is sown than usual.

The Mountaineer boasts that flowers are blooming among the rocks at the Dalles. Where else could they bloom?

Mart. V. Brown is now the Champion of the Red Cross—Champion of Diamond Encampment, Albany, which was organized last week.

Last week, Gen. Saxton issued to the Warm Spring Indians enlisted as scouts against the Modocs, full suits of cavalry fatigue uniforms.

The bark Garibaldi, from Portland, Oregon, arrived at Hong Kong Dec. 19th, fifty-three days out. The bark is expected back about July 1st.

Jesse Applegate is Chairman of the Modoc Peace Commission, O. C. Applegate is Secretary.

The Upper Columbia is said to be lower at this time than at a corresponding period in the season for several years past.

A lot of retorts, blow pipes, a battery, and quantity of chemicals arrived last week for use in the laboratory of Corvallis College.

Potato planting has begun in Benton county. We guess they had better plant them deep, or this weather will beat the planters at "freeze out."

A gentleman down from Salem on Monday says since the Supreme Court and Temperance Alliance left, the town wears the appearance of supreme quietness.

Rev. J. M. Lovell, of Dallas, met with a painful accident last week, by the bursting of a gun in his hands. One of his eyes was injured, but to what extent we are unable to learn.

The Oregonian says: "The Calliope, now plying between Portland and McMinnville, is doing a good business, bringing down full freights every trip. She came through the locks last Thursday in just 23 minutes, with one man and a boy to work the gates."

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FROM THE MODOC COUNTRY.

Yreka, February 25.—The Yreka Journal of to-morrow morning, will contain the following from the front: The Commissioners met on Sunday morning last and received Whittle's report in substance, as follows: He met or saw at first the Indians, some twenty in number, on foot, one and a half miles from their camp. The parties advanced within one hundred yards of each other and dismounted. The Indians laid down their arms and came up and shook hands. Captain Jack and Scenchin, with seventeen mounted followers, also came up and shook hands. Whittle told his mission. Jack said he was willing to talk, but wanted Steele, Roseborough and Fairchild present. If his friends felt afraid to come, he also was afraid. They would meet them on this flat on Tuesday, as they could go no further; their families being there and all their horses lame. Whittle says, so we are informed, that the Indians positively refuse to talk with the Commissioners, because they don't know them, and say, "Their hearts may be good, but we don't know them; we won't talk with them unless we can get Roseborough, Steele and Fairchild or some of our friends to come with them."

The Commissioners refused to allow the reporters of the press to go with Fairchild and Whittle on another visit to Jack's camp, although Whittle says the Indians wanted them to come and get their report for the papers.

The Indians were all armed with needle guns and some had at least two hundred cartridges on their person, which they picked up after the fight of the 17th ult. They say they don't want to fight, but can fire a dozen shots now where they fired one on the day of the battle. The Peace Commission business seems to be a perfect farce, from the fact that the General in command could have made terms of peace, if desired, just as well as to pick out some Oregonians interested in the difficulties, to be sent here as is the case of Meacham.

The Indians probably anticipate that the murderers will be cleared by the Peace Commission for the murders committed, otherwise the Indians will probably fight it out, so that the guilty and their abettors will suffer alike in their extermination or submit to unconditional surrender—the only terms that ought, by right, to be extended. Judge Roseborough and Steele started for the front to-day,

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