

The Weekly Enterprise. TOWN AND COUNTY.

On Tuesday last Messrs Ben Holladay Chief Engineer Brooks, S. G. Elliott, President I. R. Moore, and others were here and arranged for the commencement of work on the road, which has now begun in real earnest.

The Aurora Brass Band enlivened our citizens with some splendid airs of music, as they passed through this city on Tuesday afternoon on their way home from Portland.

We have been asked by several ladies and gentlemen who listened to the oration of Mr. Charles E. Warren at Soda Springs last week to print the same. It is a good production and we think we shall give it to the public.

The Sons of Temperance and the public generally are invited to attend the historical exercises at the Good Templars Hall this evening.

Bloody.—An Indian got drunk yesterday on Front street, and falling on his face against the asphaltum pavement, was cut tragically. He was started and taken to the calaboose.—Commercial July 6th.

A similar spectacle of a drunken Indian was prevented on the streets of this city July 6th. Where these poor creatures get their whisky is not known.

Whist our citizens generally were on a big celebration in Portland; on Monday last it was observed that the Stars and Stripes did not float from the flag mast in our own city, and as a few of the oldest residents were left here they deemed it proper to raise the flag, and a party that had formed to visit the farm of Mr. Arthur Warner, consisting of Messrs. Thomas Chapman, W. W. Buck, W. F. Highfield, Eugene Ly. Forest and Wm. Whitlock passed, the flag staff they stopped long enough to hoist the colors, a fine large flag belonging to Mr. Chapman.

The American Old Fellow for June contains the continuation of Col. Delmar's great story, "The Ocean Twins." Grand Secretary Kidgley's oration on American Old Fellowship "An Old Fellow's Story," Great men and their discoveries," San Francisco to White Pine; Old Fellers; Ladies' Department; Poetry; Choice Miscellany; Foreign and Home Correspondence; Accounts of the Memoable Jubilee of the Old Folks everywhere, &c. &c. Published by John W. Orr, No. 36, Nassau St. New York. \$2 per year.

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On Tuesday last Hon. Victor Tritt State Senator from Wasco paid us a visit, as he was in the city attending to business at the United States Land Office for the Dalles Military road Co. Mr. Tritt informs us that the Dalles Military Road is as good as the Company has ever represented it to be; that it is not a swindle nor a cheat as we had been led to suppose from the character of the attacks made upon it; he shows that the spirit of opposition to the road is centered in a group of government contractors who, like west-side railroad influences for instance, wish to retain their possession of the public domain, while the franchise of the road is determined by the fact that the company are prepared to grant titles to land to settlers, on the same terms that the government would exactly, and save the settlers the expense of coming to Oregon City to make their pre-emptions. As regards the total rate from Dalles City to Boise, \$300 miles is but \$18 per year for cattle, or \$2 per pair for horses; against \$15 per year or pair by the next best route. We have never doubted that that the most direct route to Boise from Dalles, was via Canby, and Mr. Tritt assures us that Mr. Heiler, Chief Engineer of the road, would prefer to travel the Dalles military road with his coaches—believing that he can make a saving of at least 24 hours in time. So much for the Dalles Military Road which has been accepted by the Governor.

The following from the Chicago Daily Republic, contains many truths which are a great measure, strange as it may seem, we give it a place in our columns, and commend it to the careful consideration of our readers: "What tells us so readily the standard of a town or city as the appearance of its paper? And its youth, or age can as well be defined by the observing as by personal notice. The enterprise of its citizens, its liberality by the books of the paper. Some papers show a good, solid, healthy foundation, political parties, and a well-to-do appearance generally; others show a striving to contend with the grasping thousands around them, trying hard to wrench out an existence from the close packed community around them. An occasional meteoric display in its columns of telegraphic or local, or of editorial show what it is; it had the means but cannot continue in the expensive work until support comes, which ought to be ready. A newspaper is like a church; it wants fostering at the early commencement, and for a few years, then, as a general thing it can walk alone and collect credit upon its location. Take your home paper, if gives you more news of immediate interest than the New York or other papers; it talks for you when other localities belie you; it stands up for your rights; you always have a champion in your home paper; and those who stand up for you should certainly be well sustained. You interests are kindred and equal, you must stand or fall together. Therefore it is your interest to support your home paper, not grudgingly, but in a liberal spirit, as a pleasure, not as a disagreeable duty, but as an investment that will amply pay the expenditure."

The Soda Springs Celebration.

ORIG. N. CITY, July 5th, 1893. EDITOR WEEKLY ENTERPRISE:

Having celebrated the Glorious Fourth on the 3d, at the Soda Springs in Clackamas county, owned by John Wilhoit, perhaps some account of the event will not be uninteresting. These springs are located about 23 miles south east of Oregon City, on a small stream called Rock Creek. The whole region bears unmistakable evidences of rich mineral wealth. Coal, iron, limestone, and we don't not gold and silver lie imbedded there, and thereabouts in no other earth. There were a large number of persons present at the celebration from Oregon City, Silverton, and the intervening country. The officers of the day and speakers were as follows: Presiding officer, Maj. Magone. Orator, Chas. E. Warren. Chaplain, Bonney Realer. James A. Smith.

Mr. Smith also acted as Chief Marshal. The oration was Mr. Warren's maiden speech, and it was well done. He certainly did himself and the day an honor. The reading of the Declaration of Independence had been allotted to Capt. Wm. Barlow, but he insisted upon reading by proxy, and Mr. J. A. Smith our City Recorder was delegated to fill the place, which he did with much credit. He is a fine reader, and his efforts were highly eulogized.

The Oregon City Brass Band were in attendance, according to programme, and furnished some splendid music for this occasion. The ceremonies of the day closed with a fervent, patriotic prayer by the Chaplain. There were at least 600 people on the ground, and everything passed off pleasantly, and to the satisfaction of all. In the evening the lovers of music and dancing enjoyed themselves until the wee sma' hours of the morning. Before closing this brief note I must give a few items to show your readers the wonderful effects of soda water. They may be considered incidents of the day.

Capt. B—was there with his family and carriage. On turning our faces homeward his horses started for Salem, and it was some difficulty that matters were straightened out so as to get back upon the right road. The Capt. also lost a good knife which he had been using to cut kindling with—by building his camp fire over it, another incident may be related in respect to him, but it has no connection with the soda, having taken place before he reached the springs, in the neighborhood of Upper Mollala. The party had stopped to take a lunch from the many good things prepared by the housewife, including a large fine ham, well cooked, and sliced fit for any hungry man's repast. But, upon getting the ladies out of his vehicle, and to the shape where this repast was to be spread, and returning to the carriage; lo, the ham was gone? It was devoured by a drove of the swine—and a bait of corned beef was left for the party.

Mr. F.—of Oregon City, had a horse and buggy out there, and upon preparing to return, either from the effect of soda water, or some other cause, concluded that he could get back to Oregon City without the use of a horse-collar. The plan wouldn't work, however, and thinking probably that the collar had been partaking of soda, he visited the spring again, and there found it, sticking high upon a stump, waiting for an opportunity to get back to camp.

Our fellow-townsmen, John W. was also out there, as jovial as ever. He is "a brick" on such occasions—and Mrs. L.—is not far behind her laige lord, on such occasions, for jovial times. Mrs. B.—Mrs. L.—were full of fun, and taken all in all, it was about as pleasant an occasion as was ever enjoyed in Oregon, by your

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