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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MEETING OF THE BOARD.—The Board of School Land Commissioners, were in session during the week, and disposed of a large amount of business. Among the decisions made are the following:

Hann, Colver vs. R. H. Dearbon.—Decided in favor of Colver, a settler upon the land.

J. D. Fay vs. Jesse Applegate.—Decided in favor of Fay. His application for the Swamp Land in question being first in filing, and in specific description.

John Cuhn vs. D. Blyden.—Decided in favor of Cuhn.

W. H. Miller vs. T. Reynolds.—Decided in favor of Miller.

John Glin vs. John Coughlin.—Decided in favor of Glin.

A. M. Holmes vs. M. B. Mann.—Decided in favor of Holmes.—Board decided that a claimant as a settler must reside on the specific tract filed upon.

AFTER SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Two of the members of the State Agricultural Society have been engaged for several days soliciting subscriptions for the Society. The object is a worthy one, and we are glad to say that the merchants and business men generally responded liberally to the call. There are few institutions in the State which are more beneficial to her interests; and none which the citizens of Salem will find it more to their interests to encourage. The managers propose to make the next State Fair surpass anything of the kind ever held in the State.

The Mountaineer of the 11th says: A party of gentlemen connected with the Northern Pacific R. R. surveys, arrived here from the upper country during the forepart of the week en route for Portland. From them we learn that the distance from the Columbia river to Pen d'Oreille Lake, by the route of the railroad survey, is 297 miles. This is the section that is expected will be built this year.

Capt. J. M. Gorman, agent for the Northwestern Stage Company, informs the Walla Walla Statesman that the stages of his line are now making the trip regularly through from the Dalles to Walla Walla in two days and a half. The fare through in twenty-five dollars.

A Douglas county paper says: "Over one thousand acres of grain will, it is estimated, be raised in the Missouri Bottom, in this county the present season. It is safe to estimate that 200,000 bushels of grain will be raised in the present year."

Watts was convicted of murder in one of the lower courts of Washington Territory, and the judgment has been affirmed by the supreme Court, he has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Two remonstrances against a tax levy to aid in building the State University have already been filed in the County Clerk's office in Lane County Court. They are not numerously signed.

Two men thought they could find a better country than Oregon, left Polk county a few months since to settle in Texas. They are on their way back and write that there is no place like Oregon.

The dwelling house of Harry Hall at Canyon City, took fire on the 29th ultimo and was entirely consumed, except the basement or cellar story. The contents of the building were all saved.

Forty interments were made in the Jacksonville cemetery during 1872, being ten less than in 1871. Of the number only 29 were reckoned among the actual white residents of the town.

It is believed the reported case of smallpox in Baker county was nothing more than measles, but the people fought shy of the town for awhile.

A man by the name of Peters, who resides in Coos county, was seriously, though not fatally injured, by the accidental discharge of his gun, Dec. 27th.

The Corvallis Gazette says: "It is now nearly the middle of January and farmers in this part of the valley have not yet commenced feeding their stock."

The ladies of Salt Lake carry a neat pair of stilts when out shopping and mount them on reaching the muddy street crossings. It would be a good custom for Oregon.

A prominent farmer of Benton county writes that the southern section of that county has 50,000 bushels of wheat which it is holding for the price to advance to one dollar per bushel.

Some villain placed a log on the railroad track near Harrisburg last week, evidently with intent to throw the train off, but the obstacle was discovered in time to prevent an accident.

Mr. A. Palmer, who lives on an island in the Willamette above Corvallis, recently killed two wild hogs, one of which weighed 700 pounds.

The wife of D. G. McClellan, at Roseburg gave birth to triplets last week. Two of the children have since died. The mother is doing well.

The Mormons are still petitioning Heaven to prevent the spreading of small pox in their lovely valley, unless it can be confined to the Gentiles.

The Jefferson flouring mills have, it is reported, suspended operations for the season.

A Bogus Masonic Gift Concert.

MASONIC HALL, OMAHA, NEB.,
December 27, 1872.

To Whom it may Concern:
WARNING.—The undersigned officers of the various Masonic Bodies of this city desire to warn the Fraternity and the public, both at home and abroad, against a lottery scheme under the name and style of "A Grand Gift Concert for the purpose of aiding a board of trustees to erect a Masonic Temple at Omaha," and to state that the same has been inaugurated and is now being carried on without the sanction or consent of any of the Masonic Bodies of this city or State.

That lotteries, and gift enterprises, being contrary to the principles of Masonry, are strictly forbidden by special resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and that the proprietors of the above named scheme are making use of the Masonic name for their own gain, without permission or authority of any Masonic body.

They also desire to state to the Fraternity and to the public, that there is no such thing in existence as a board of trustees for the Masonic Temple Guild; that the so-called board of trustees, if existing, is a self-constituted board, and is wholly unauthorized to receive any money on behalf of the Masonic Guild or Fraternity of this city.

They therefore most earnestly condemn the entire scheme as unwarranted, and wholly unworthy of confidence or support, and they take this method of warning the members of the Fraternity and the public everywhere, against having anything to do with it, and of exonerating the Masonic Fraternity in this city and State, from the odium attached to lotteries, gift enterprises, and other like immoral and unmasonic practices.

They also most earnestly request, as a special favor to the Masonic Fraternity of this city, that every newspaper in the United States will publish the above; and that all Masters of Masonic Lodges, High Priests of Chapters, and Eminent Commanders of Knights Templar everywhere, will cause the same to be read to their respective bodies, in order that the Fraternity and the public may not be beguiled into countenancing, supporting or placing any confidence in the above named lottery scheme, as being in any manner connected with, or approved of, by the Masonic Fraternity, or any Masonic body of this city or State.

A. ATKINSON,
Master Capitol Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M.
C. F. CATLIN,
Master Covert Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M.
C. F. GOODMAN.

H. P. Omaha Chap. No. 1, R. A. M.
By order of the Eminent Commander of Mount Cavalry Commandery, No. 1, K. T.
THOMAS SWORE, Recorder.

Linn County Farmers' Club, No. 1.

The Club met in session at the Cowan school house, Saturday, Jan. 11, 1873. President, Martin Luper, in the chair.

The chairman of the committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Mr. C. P. Burkhardt, made report.

On motion of J. R. McClure, the Constitution and By-Laws as read by the Secretary were unanimously adopted.

The question for discussion was opened: "Shall the farmers build their own warehouses, or shall they store their grain with the miller and merchant as they have heretofore done?" On motion, the time allotted to each speaker was fifteen minutes. On motion, it was adopted that members of other Clubs or out-siders should have the same privilege of speaking as members.

After listening to several very interesting speeches, in which most all partook, it was voted that the farmers build their own warehouses.

The points made by the various speeches are about as follows: That by building our own warehouses, we would more than pay for them in two years, and in a great measure save the five per cent. now charged for storage; that we would save an additional five per cent. in the way of correct weighing; that it would enable us the better to have our wheat more in bulk, consequently we could sell in larger quantities and get at least from five to ten per cent. more for it. And another point made in the discussion was, that by thorough organization of the different wheat counties and the establishing of a line of warehouses from Portland to Eugene, the farmers could keep control of their wheat until it was sold; or, in other words, keep it out of the hands of the speculator, thus compelling him to come to us, instead of our going to him, as is the custom now. And as the locks are now completed, by establishing a large warehouse at Astoria as a kind of depot, we could put our wheat aboard vessels on the river and take it to our warehouse at Astoria, without unloading or reshipping at Portland, and thus we would save the expense of wharfage and drayage at that place, besides large ships cannot take a full load, but have to send part of their load on another boat; and besides that, they have to employ tug boats to take them up and down the river, which all creates a large expense. These points, and others that were made, were greatly enlarged upon by the different speakers.

Mr. Finlayson read an essay, which on motion was filed with the Secretary to be sent to the WILLAMETTE FARMER for publication with this report. [The essay will be printed next week.] He was appointed by the president to write an essay to be read at our next meeting.

Our club has a membership of twenty and meets every two weeks. Question for discussion next meeting: "Which would be the most profitable to build, warehouses on the river or railroad, or on both river and railroad?"

Club adjourned to meet on Saturday, Jan. 25, 1873, at 1 o'clock p. m., at the Cowan school house.

J. M. CHURCHILL,
Asst. Sec'y.

State Temperance Convention.

The State Temperance Alliance having adjourned to meet at Salem on Thursday at 10 a. m., February 20th, 1873, it is hereby earnestly desired that zealous and co-operative action be immediately taken by the Executive Committee of each county, and the friends of temperance throughout the State, that a full representation of the temperance element may be had at the ensuing convention.

It is recommended that communities hold mass meetings and elect representatives, and that all temperance and literary societies, all churches and Sunday schools, and all schools of learning, elect and send at least one delegate for every twenty members.

The officers elected at the last Convention are as follows: President, Elder S. C. Adams; Vice Presidents, Jacob Stitzel, Rev. J. H. D. Henderson, and C. H. Walker, Recording Secretary, Jas. A. Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Syl. C. Simpson; J. B. McClane, Treasurer; Chaplain, I. D. Driver; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. H. Lewis; Executive Committee, Mr. Wooden of Yamhill, Thos. Pearce of Polk, J. H. Lambert of Clackamas, A. G. Walling of Multnomah, David Porter of Linn, James Chambers of Benton, Wm. T. Baxter of Tillamook, Stewart Aiken of Lane, Judge Jackson of Washington, A. B. Meacham of Umatilla, Wm. Bonham of Grant, Wm. Mitchell of Wasco, D. W. Lichtenthaler of Union, F. H. Grubbs of Baker, B. F. Giltner of Columbia, Rev. J. H. Skidmore of Jackson, John Kykendall of Douglas, Isaiah Hacker of Coos, Alanson Kilman of Clatsop, Mrs. A. J. Dunaway at large.

It is hoped that the members of the Executive Committee, and all others interested, will take such prompt and energetic action, in their several counties and localities, that such a representation of indefatigable temperance workers of sound judgment may constitute the ensuing Convention, that we may be able to place ourselves in such a position that our influence may be felt and recognized.
S. C. ADAMS,
Salem, Jan. 8, 1873. President.

INSTALLATION.—Olive Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., celebrated the fifth anniversary of its institution by a public installation, supper, &c. C. N. Terry, G. S., was the installing officer. The following named are the officers for the ensuing term: G. W. Rhodes, N. G.; H. H. Gilfrey, V. G.; A. N. Gilbert, Recording Secretary; E. M. Waite, Per. Secretary; J. H. Howell, Treas.; Robt. Hawley, R. S. N. G.; John Holman, L. S. N. G.; J. R. Hardie, R. S. V. G.; A. Henderson; L. S. N. G.; John Minto, Jr., R. S. S.; C. Churchill, L. S. S.; Thos. Hiron, Warden; J. G. Davidson, Conductor; James Lyons, P. G.; F. G. Schwatka, O. G.

POISONED.—A serious case of poisoning occurred near Jacksonville, on the 14th, by which three men nearly lost their lives. An investigation showed that strychnine had been put into the food by a man, who is believed to be crazy. He is an Austrian. The affair created quite an excitement.

The Japanese Government is about taking the remarkably progressive step of establishing a Parliament of two houses and 600 members, who will be elected, at least in part, by the people.

A gentleman from Yamhill states that the fall sown grain looks more flourishing than usual at this season of the year.

A locomotive boiler will run about 350,000 miles before it is completely worn out.

THE MODOC WAR.—A dispatch from Yreka, Jan. 15th says:

Sam Watson came in from General Wheaton's camp at Van Brumer's last night, having left there day before yesterday. He reports that the howlitzers had arrived and would be in position Thursday night. It was expected that an attack would be made on Friday morning. The troops will assault Captain Jack's camp from the north and south simultaneously, under cover of shells from the howlitzers. Last Saturday morning a scouting party was out. The interpreter saw Captain Jack's sister, who asked them if they had their big guns with them. Upon leaving they were fired upon by an Indian on a hill. They returned the fire and saw the Indian tumble over. Upon going to the spot they found the Indian's gun, all bloody, but could find no trace of the Indian. Gen. Wheaton will have about 200 men in the fight.

OREGON CITY.—From a gentleman just from Oregon City we learn of several cases of house-breaking at that place. On Friday night last the store of Mr. Fields was entered by the burglars removing the back window. The safe was tampered with but nothing was taken. The same night the blacksmith shop of David Smith was robbed of all the tools. On Saturday, about four o'clock in the afternoon, the store of Hon. J. Myers was entered and the safe robbed of \$50 in gold coin and \$80 in currency. No clue has been obtained as to who the perpetrators were.—Herald.

GRANT COUNTY.—The motive power of the grist mill at Prairie City, Grant county, is water from a hot spring, which prevents any stoppage from a freeze up.

The dwelling house of Harry Hall, at Canyon City, took fire on the 29th ultimo and was entirely consumed, except the basement or cellar story.

Major W. V. Rinehart, Postmaster at Canyon City, Grant county, issued during the year 1872, orders to the amount of \$21,300, being an average of \$83.23 for each money order.

WILLAMETTE WOOLEN MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—At the annual election of the stockholders of the Willamette Woolen Manufacturing Company, held at Salem, Tuesday, January 7th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. F. Miller, President; Daniel Waldo, Vice President; Joseph Hoyt, Secretary, and William S. Ladd, Treasurer. Messrs. W. S. Ladd, J. Hoyt, John F. Miller, and Daniel Waldo were elected Directors. Joseph Hoyt was elected by the Board of Directors to act as managing agent of the company.

The Surveyor General has fixed upon Tuesday, the 21st, as the time to examine the several lists of lands selected by the State authorities, as swamp and overflowed. Any parties interested who desire to be heard relative thereto will be granted a hearing.

COMPLETED.—The printing of the laws passed at the last session of the Legislature, has been finished by the State Printer, and the volume can be had on application to the Secretary of State.

The value of the gold at present in existence in the world is estimated at upward of \$5,000,000,000. Silver is cheaper in Europe now than it has been for twenty years past.

A dispatch from Washington, dated Jan. 9th, says information is received, and will be sent into the Senate showing that the Modoc Indians have been unjustly treated.

S. B. Briggs, aged 67, a resident of Canyonville since 1851, died at that place a few days ago.

R. C. Geer delivered at Salem on Tuesday a lot of hogs, 22 in number, whose weight was 4,315 lbs.