



Salem, Saturday, April 18, 1874.

IMPORTANT TO WOOL-GROWERS.

Portland, April 11, 1874. Permit me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to call the attention of such of our wool-growers as take an interest in obtaining the highest market price for their wool the coming season...

We have already received returns from different parts of several counties, but not sufficient to enable us to arrive at reliable data, and hope the different Granges will attend to the matter and forward the necessary information as early a day as possible.

We would suggest the propriety, also, of information being forwarded to this office, at an early day, of the probable number of wool sacks that will be needed by members of the Grange the present year.

A. J. DUFEY, Agent Patrons of Husbandry for Oregon and Washington Territory.

Wool Prospect for 1874.

The last year opened with wool dull, woolen goods heavy, and the trade generally was spiritless. Not until July did sales of domestic fleece become large; but from that time until the middle of September, trade was brisk, although prices did not improve very much.

The total clip of 1873 was not far from 174,700,000 pounds. Of this amount 125,000,000 pounds was washed; and the rest was unwashed Southern, California, Colorado, and New Mexico.

The practical result of all this is, that our manufacturers will be obliged to stop their mills or go to Europe for three or four months' supply before the clip of 1874 can be put into market.

peculiarly interested, and there is no danger of a clash of interests in this matter. The manufacturers will be ready for the clip long before it is taken off...

INDEPENDENT NOMINATIONS.

The People's Convention has to-day (April 16th) finished its work by a conscientious discharge of public duty, and we venture to say that never before in the State of Oregon has a political assemblage been held which so honestly and disinterestedly devoted itself to the task of selecting from the people good and true men to become candidates for high official station.

Thomas E. Campbell, the nominee for Governor, is President of Monmouth College, in Polk county, and devoted to the education of the youth of our State. He is a man of culture and fine talent, and has an enviable reputation as a public speaker.

T. W. Davenport, of Marion county, is nominated for Congress, and we need only cite our readers to his past record to show that he is thoroughly identified with the interests of the people, and is indeed a man of the people.

For Secretary of State, James H. Douthitt, of Ochoe, of Democratic antecedents, an honest and capable man, formerly a resident of Linn county.

For Treasurer, Demas Beach, of Albany, lately a Republican, well-known in that vicinity as an excellent business man of unquestioned probity and character.

For State Printer, Wm. M. Hand, of Wasco, editor and proprietor of the Mountaineer, well known and popular throughout the State.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction, M. M. Oglesby, of Douglas county, a teacher and a competent and excellent man for the position.

MAN SHOT AT CHAMPOEG.

A telegram was received in this city yesterday forenoon, by Mr. Joseph Osborn third warden at the Penitentiary, stating that his brother-in-law, Thomas Hubbard, residing at Champeog, had been shot; and calling him thither by the first train.

From a gentleman who came up from Champeog this morning, we learn the following particulars concerning the shooting of Thomas Hubbard, at that place, by a half-breed named Thomas Garraud. It seems that Hubbard had been in the habit of going over to Champeog on Sunday afternoon, and it was on that day that the bloody affair occurred.

right side and passing just in front of the main artery, came out near the left shoulder. Garraud threatened to shoot him a second time, after he had fallen, but was prevented by the bystanders; though he afterward returned to the room, where the wounded man had been left alone for a few moments, and compelled him, weak and bleeding as he was, to get on his knees and beg for life.

STILL ALIVE.—A gentleman who came up from Champeog this morning reports that Hubbard, who was shot by Garraud last Sunday, is still living, and no change is visible. We learn this afternoon that the citizens of that place sent here for the Sheriff to come and arrest Garraud, who is reported to have been seen near Brooks Station.

GERRARD IN CUSTODY.

We were informed this morning that Garraud, the half-breed who shot Thomas Hubbard at Champeog last Sunday, had been arrested and brought to this city last evening, and delivered into the custody of Sheriff Scott. In conversation with Mr. P. K. Murphy, Deputy Sheriff for the lower end of the county, and Mr. Daniel McCann, Special Constable appointed by the Justice of the Peace at Champeog, to assist in the capture of Garraud, and afterwards with the prisoner himself, we learned the following particulars concerning the wanderings and pursuit of the fugitive, from the time of the shooting on Sunday afternoon until he voluntarily gave himself up to justice.

SHOT AT.—Shortly after four o'clock p.m. Monday, Commercial street was thrown into commotion by the report of a pistol, in the vicinity of Ferry street; followed in a few seconds by the furious blowing of police whistles.

HELD TO ANSWER.—Benj. Blanton was brought before Recorder Coffey yesterday afternoon, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, upon the person of John Foy. He waived examination and was bound over to appear at the next sitting of the Grand Jury, his bail being fixed at \$500.

REGD'S PANORAMA.—Our townsman E. D. Twine is exhibiting Reed's panorama to full house in Iowa.

OREGON MANUFACTURE.—We take pleasure in announcing the success of any permanent manufacturing establishment in our State, because each one so successful lays the foundation for other enterprises and makes success more easily attainable.

FREE SCHOOLS.—There was quite a good attendance at the old Court House last evening to test the question of levying a sufficient tax to maintain free public schools the ensuing year.

SEAMLESS SACKS.—The advertisement of Bradley Marsh & Co., calls attention of the farmers of Oregon to a new grain sack for sale by that firm at very low rates and woven after the plan of a recent English invention.

GRAY'S MUSIC STORE.—This establishment at Portland, J. F. Bentz Manager, is the largest one of the kind on the North-west coast.

A CHAPTER ON DOUGLAS COUNTY TOLL ROADS.

Mr. Editor: When I received the nomination of the Independent Convention for County Judge, I partially concluded not to have anything to say in regard to the lies and slanders that might be circulated about me, but there is a point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue.

bee able to do better with the truth than I could do with any others in this vicinity; but to my knowledge he has never said a word to me about politics or conventions; he is a business man and he has enough to do without asking politics.

From the best information I can obtain, the above originated with James F. Gazley, or man of his ilk. I now propose to put a few facts for the benefit of the people of Douglas county, showing in plain detail our County Treasury has been depleted of its funds for the benefit of rings and cliques, and the way our county affairs are managed.

Our County Court is composed of Judge Fitzhugh and Commissioners Kent and Jackson—the Judge a Democrat and the Commissioners both Republicans. Some time in the year 1873 there was an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars made out of the county funds for the purpose of making a road through the black mud district, a distance of about thirteen miles.

April 10th, the County Court finding that sufficient time had elapsed for the supervisors to operate, and having fully made up their minds the day previous, in their secret council room (which is supposed to be Fink's saloon), they received an agreement from Gazley, Fink and others, without mentioning the matter in court at all.

By leasing the roads, lays the foundation for half a score of law suits; two or three of which are already commenced, and the County Court has been so ingeniously handled by the two corporate companies, that the tax-payers will be compelled to pay the expense of both sides of the suit.

Now, these same unprincipled managers have the nerve to accuse honest men—men that have never mixed up with any ring or clique—with dishonesty. These same parties are two and two of the old political parties—Fitzhugh and Fink of the old Democratic party, and Gazley and Jackson of the Republican party.

Since writing the article dated April 11, which was mailed to your address, I ascertained that the Canyonville and Galesville Road Company offered to give up all interest they held in said road to the county and have a free road established, on condition that the other Company, composed of Gazley, Fink, and others, would do the same, which the latter refused, as you will see by referring to the Plaindealer of February 27th, 1874, where you will find an inquiry by a farm correspondent of Myrtle creek, who asks: Will you please tell me through the columns of the Plaindealer, whether or not either of the contestants for the Canyon toll road, offered to give up what interests his Company possessed in the same, to the county, if the other Company would do likewise?

THOS. SMITH.