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### Marion County Schools.

Mr. H. P. Crooke, the Superintendent of Public Schools in this county, is now engaged in paying an official visit to the schools under his charge. Last week he visited the schools in the Southern portion of the county and below we give the result of his examinations:

#### DISTRICT NO. 14.

This is known as Jefferson district. The house is situated in the little village of Jefferson, and was formerly used as a college. It has an endowment fund of about \$1,000. The interest due on this fund, with the public money, enables the district to have about nine months' school during each year. The building is large and commodious, having two finished apartments on the first floor. The school is now, and has been for the last year, under the management of the very excellent teacher, Mr. W. T. Rigdon, and he is assisted by Miss M. I. Beardsley, one of the pupils. He will shortly be assisted by Miss Margaret Cosper. The school is in a flourishing condition, and number in all sixty-five, thirty-two males and thirty-three females. Average attendance, fifty-two. Last year the whole number enrolled was one hundred and five. Mr. Rigdon has introduced and successfully taught Higher Arithmetic, Higher Algebra, Rhetoric, Philosophy, Latin and Geometry. The pupils appear to be progressing rapidly, and manifest more interest than is commonly found in schools of the same grade. The little fellows are wide awake. Among those whom I observed in their recitations, that deserve merit on account of their age, are Emma Thomas, Hatie Smith, Lena Erwin, Elma Longworth, Minnie Vaughn, and a few others whose names I did not learn.

#### DISTRICT NO. 20.

Marion Station is included in this district. It is a small district and numbers but few scholars, in consequence of which the patrons are not able to have many months of school in the year. Mr. W. H. Latourette began and taught one week in this district, but owing to the scarcity of funds the school was discontinued. A teacher is wanted who will wait until the March apportionment for a part of his money. The salary will be from one hundred to one hundred and twenty dollars per term. The situation can be obtained by applying to the Directors at Marion.

#### DISTRICT NO. 61.

The school house is a neat little building, erected about one year ago, and is known as the "Condit school house," south of Aumsville. The school has been in session but a short time, and is being taught by Miss Ann McKinney. It numbers sixteen in all, nine males and ten females. Sixteen in average attendance. Miss McKinney's teachings and government are very good, considering that this is her first experience. This district has adopted the new books.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

This school, at the time of my visit, had been in session but three days, and of course had not got in working order. The teacher, Miss Sally Olinger, is too well known for me to say that she ranks among our best teachers. She has taught twelve years in this county, and all in five different districts. This alone is a good recommendation for her. The building is situated at Aumsville, is large enough to accommodate sixty or seventy pupils. There have been fifteen enrolled, six males and nine females. The new books have not been adopted. Miss Olinger tells me some of the pupils are badly in need of books, but the patrons do not know what books to buy, as it is a question whether the new books will be adopted or not. There are usually six months school here during the year.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

This school is being taught by Mr. R. D. Allen, a successful young teacher, who is now teaching his fourth term, and is not twenty years of age. He has given good satisfaction wherever he has taught. This is his second term at this place. The old books are still in use, and not much prospect of a change. Mr. Allen has a class in algebra and one in higher arithmetic. There are quite a number of pupils that ought to be in school, but it now numbers but twenty-six, eleven males and fifteen females. Average attendance eighteen. The number of pupils will probably be increased to about forty-five, that being the number enrolled last term. The school has been in session five weeks. The building was erected several years ago, for church and school purposes combined. The church finally leased it to Prof. Crawford of the Willamette University, and Prof. Beach, who used the whole building for the use of a graded school, which

they successfully taught for about five years. The first floor only is now in use, and is sadly in need of repairs and new furniture. This district includes the small village of Sublimity.

#### DISTRICT NO. 77.

Mr. L. Billeu, from Linn county, has charge of this school. It has been in session six weeks. Examination of the pupils shows that Mr. Billeu has been very strong in his instruction. The building is small, but is as well furnished as could be desired. There are thirty pupils enrolled, nine males and twenty-one females. Twenty-two in average attendance. The new books have not yet been adopted. There are, however, some of them in use. A meeting is to be held shortly for the purpose of adopting or rejecting them according to the wishes of the patrons. The citizens of Stayton patronize this school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 58.

The school house in this district is known as "Pleasant View School House," (on Parish gap road) derived from the pleasant location in which it is built. Miss N. C. Cornelius, a young teacher of no experience, is doing what she can here to build up a reputation. Her teaching compares favorably with that of other young teachers. Her practice of requiring the older pupils to devote a few minutes each day in writing a short essay on any subject that the teacher may designate, is commendable. The pupils number twenty-three, eight males and fifteen females. Fifteen in average attendance. The new books are partly in use.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

Turner is the place where the school building is located. Mr. Lewis Bleakney is the successful teacher. He has had seven terms of experience, and owes his good success, probably to his original modes of conducting recitations. He has been teaching here but one week, and the school already assumes a progressive appearance. There have been thirty-one pupils enrolled, eighteen males and thirteen females. Average attendance, twenty-eight. The new books are partly in use.

H. P. CROOKE, School Supt. of Marion Co.

### CRACKED BELLS.

Device for Mending Broken Bells—Mr. Daniel L. Riggs, of Salem, the Inventor—The Old Liberty Bell on Independence Hall can be Made to Ring out at the Centennial, as of Yore—Etc., Etc.

Mr. Daniel L. Riggs, of this city, has recently invented a process for mending cracked or broken bells, which is rather ingenious. The fracture in the bell is mended in such a manner that the brass is homogenous throughout, and the tone of the bell is preserved. Metals have heretofore been soldered or turned together in mending bells, but these means have failed to make the brass homogenous, and the tone of the bell is destroyed.



The arrangement by which the bell may be mended may be seen by referring to the above engraving.

A is the cracked bell, to the outside of which the inventor molds from plumbago and fire-clay, or any suitable substance, a furnace, C, which passes around each side of the bell, and has a chamber, the center of which is contiguous to the crack. Inside of the bell is constructed a combined furnace and mold, C and B, which has a diaphragm passing across the bell, and making the furnace-chamber. Commencing at the top of the crack, and extending to its bottom is made a mold, B, in the curved side of the furnace, the opposite side of the mold being formed by the convex side of furnace, C, which bears against the outside of the bell. E are clamps which fasten the two parts of the mold to the cracked bell.

The operation is as follows: The furnace-chamber, C, being supplied with fuel and ignited, a blast is thrown on them until the edges of the crack are fused and united, the deficient metal being supplied by other metal already melted and prepared, poured into the mold, B.

This method is simple, while at the same time it is ingenious. By this process the old cracked Liberty bell, on Independence Hall, Philadelphia, can be made as good as new, so that it may be made to ring again in 1876, as it did in 1776.

THE NEW YORK GRANGER.—New York, October 30.—Agents have been selected here for the sale of the produce of the New York State Grange, of the Patrons of Husbandry, and have given bonds in \$19,000 each for the faithful performance of their duties.

DIED.—At Dixie, Folk county, November 4th, 1874, Mrs. L. C. Boyle, daughter of the late Nathaniel Ford, of consumption. Deceased was aged 62, and leaves five children—four boys and one girl.

### Marion County Circuit Court.

Docket for November Term as far as made up:

1. State of Oregon vs Patrick Flynn; for larceny.
2. State of Oregon vs Wm Clarke; for perjury.
3. State of Oregon vs Frank Hibler; for arson.
10. Susan Whitley vs T H Glaze; action at law.
11. Darby & Whitney vs Frank Maupin; action at law. Til Ford attorney for plaintiff.
12. Olive E Gregory vs G H Vandewalker; suit in equity. G W Lawson attorney for plaintiff; Knight & Lord for defendants.
13. Wm Clingan vs Susan Whitley; action at law to recover money. Ben Hayden for plaintiff; Sullivan and Lawson for defendant.
14. Ben Hayden vs Susan Whitley, executrix; action at law. Sullivan and Lawson for defendant.
15. S G Elliott vs O C R R Co; appeal for clerk's allowance of costs. Dolph, Bronaugh, et al for defendants.
16. Susan Whitley, executrix, vs D H Murphy, J J Whitney, et al.
17. John Martin vs B Halley; writ of review. Boise & Willis for plaintiff.
18. D H Murphy, clerk, vs Wm C Pettijohn; foreclosure of mortgage. Wm Waldo for plaintiff.
19. Elizabeth Beaumont vs Richard Beaumont; divorce. G W Lawson for plaintiff.
20. Susan Whitley, executrix, vs A M Miller; action at law. Sullivan and Lawson for plaintiff, and Hayden and Myers for defendant.
21. J J Whitney, District Attorney, vs Wm Dawson, et al; action upon forfeiture of bail bonds.
22. Margaret Foster vs Stephen Foster; divorce.
23. Alice E Canon vs Aug L Canon; divorce.
24. Joseph Bernier vs Louis Bernier; divorce.
25. Leroy Hill vs Ben Simpson et al; foreclosure of mortgage.
26. C G Neal vs Susan Whitley, action at law. Knight and Lord for plaintiff.
27. William T Hall vs Alice M Mellen et al.
28. George Perrin vs A and P Mathiot, action for damage. Boise and Willis for plaintiff; and Mallory and Shaw for defendants.
29. O M and E M Pringle vs J N Matheny, action at law. Knight and Lord for plaintiff.
30. H W Corbett vs J M Johns action at law. Powell and Flynn for plaintiff.
31. Thomas Farley et al vs P C Parker et al, action at law. To recover possession of real property, etc.
32. Elizabeth Hancock vs Wm Hancock; divorce.
33. J T Apperson vs E Cartwright et al, foreclosure of mortgage. Johnson and McCown for plaintiff.
34. John O'Brien vs John Kennedy, suit in equity. Mallory and Shaw for plaintiff.
35. John Proctor vs A Myers, action at law. W W Page for plaintiff.
36. Ladd and Tilton et al vs Brooke Steele et al. Confirmation of Sheriff sale.
37. Ladd & Tilton et al vs Brooke, Steele et al; confirmation of Sheriff sale.
38. Francis Stauvie vs James Colman; action at law and ejectment. W W Page and N H Gates for plaintiff.
39. Edwards and Link vs Joseph Bruet et al; confirmation of Sheriff sale.
40. David McCully vs J H Moores and E K Miller; action at law. Tilman Ford for plaintiff.
41. Wells, Fargo & Co appellants vs B F Brown defendant; appeal from County Court. E A Cronin for plaintiffs and Knight & Lord for defendant.
45. Butler, Smith & Co vs T J Baxter; confirmation. Boise & Willis for plaintiffs.
48. State of Oregon vs Meyer Hirsch; action at law. Boise & Willis for plaintiff.

Upon the meeting of the Grand Jury there will doubtless be other cases presented.

The case of Thomas Gerrand does not yet appear on the bar docket as the mandate of the Supreme Court in this case has not yet been filed.

### River News.

River 4 feet 11 inches by mark and slowly falling.

The first big boat of the season, the Governor Grover, came up from below last evening at five o'clock. After putting off a small lot of freight, she went on up to Albany, and returned about 2 o'clock this P. M. and will leave in the morning for Portland and way points.

The Willamette Chief of the W. R. T. Co., is expected up this evening.

### CIRCUIT COURT.

B. F. Bonham, Judge.

NOVEMBER 9th, 1874.

Court met at 1 o'clock P. M. and was called to order.  
Present—B F Bonham, Judge; J J Whitney, District Attorney; D H Murphy, Clerk, and T C Shaw, Sheriff.  
The following named persons were drawn to serve as Grand Jurors for the present term: W P Pugh, foreman; Peter Bowen, Isaac Wilberite, B F McKee, T B Waite, John Newsome and G A Manning.  
State of Oregon vs Wm Clarke; defendant duly arraigned and given until to-morrow to plead.  
Susan Whitley vs T H Glaze; case dismissed at plaintiff's cost.  
Whitley and Darby vs Frank Morgan; judgment by default for plaintiff.  
Polly V. Gregory vs G H Vandewalker, et al; default taken against N J Vandewalker. Appearance of Knight & Lord for G H Vandewalker, Mary A Smith and P D Smith, entered, who filed motion to strike out body of complaint, which was submitted to the Court without argument. M G Egan appointed guardian ad litem for Augustus and Rena J Vandewalker, minor defendants, who on the part of said wards, filed a demurrer to plaintiff's complaint.  
Wm Clingan vs Susan Whitley, executrix; cause dismissed at plaintiff's cost without prejudice.  
D H Murphy, Clerk, vs W C Pettijohn; decree of foreclosure rendered for plaintiff by default.  
Susan Whitley, executrix, vs A M Miller; dismissed at plaintiff's cost on plaintiff's motion.  
C G Curl vs Susan Whitley, executrix; leave granted defendant to withdraw demurrer and answer to-morrow morning.  
Wm T Hall vs Alice M Miller, et al; Stephen Statts appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.  
Geo Perrin vs A and T Mathia; demurrer withdrawn and answer filed.  
O N and A M Pringle vs J N Matheny; judgment for plaintiffs by default.  
G T Apperson vs E Cartwright; cost settled and case dismissed.  
John O'Brien vs John Kennedy; cost settled and case dismissed.  
Butler, Smith & Co. vs T J Baxter; Sheriff sale confirmed.  
Hewitt, Wilson & Co. vs J M Johns; Sheriff sale confirmed.

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State vs Patrick Flynn for larceny; cause continued.  
State vs Frank Hiller, for arson; cause continued.  
State vs Thomas Gerrand, for murder; ordered that mandate from the Supreme Court be entered in journal and the case be placed upon the docket.  
Olive E. Gregory vs G. H. Vandewalker, et al; motion to strike part of complain, overruled.  
Elizabeth Beaumont vs Richard Beaumont, divorce.  
Default of defendant taken and cause referred by agreement to J. J. Daly to take and report testimony.  
Margaret Foster vs Stephen Foster, divorce; motion for leave to answer, argued and allowed on payment of \$10.  
Alice E Canon vs Augustus L Canon; divorce; same as in Beaumont case.  
Leroy Hill vs Ben Simpson et al; foreclosure of mortgage; decree by default.  
A W Corbett & Co vs J M Johns; action at law; judgment for plaintiff by default.  
Elizabeth Hancock vs Wm Hancock; same as in Beaumont and Canon cases.  
B F Brown vs Wells, Fargo & Co; motion to dismiss; appeal argued and taken under advisement by the Court.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11.

Grand Jury reported as follows:  
State of Oregon vs L L Judson; assault with a dangerous weapon; not a true bill.  
State of Oregon vs John Humphrey; assault with a dangerous weapon; not a true bill.  
State of Oregon vs John Murray; larceny; a true bill. N B Humphrey, Esq, was appointed by the Court as counsel for the defendant, who was duly arraigned and given until to-morrow to plead.  
State of Oregon vs Wm Clarke; perjury; verdict not guilty.  
Joseph Bernier vs Louis Bernier; divorce; default taken by defendant and cause referred to J J Daly, Esq, to take and report testimony.  
C G Curl vs Susan Whitley, executrix; motion to strike out part of answer, argued and taken under advisement by the Court.

The thermometer at Weatherword & Co's stood Nov. 10th, at 7 A. M., 46°. 12 M., 46°. 6 P. M., 45°.

### Oregon State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

The following articles of Incorporation have been filed in the Secretary of States office this date.

This instrument executed in triplicate, witnessed that Daniel Clark, E. Forbes, H. N. Hill and M. Fisk, do hereby associate themselves together and make these articles of incorporation under and in pursuance to the general laws of the State of Oregon, relating to the formation of private corporations.

First—The said Daniel Clark, E Forbes, H. N. Hill and M. Fisk, their associates, successors and assigns, do hereby form an incorporation, and adopt as the name assumed by said corporation, and by which it shall be known: "The Oregon State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry."

Second—The duration of this incorporation shall be perpetual.

Third—The business enterprise and occupation in which said corporation is to engage, is the acquiring by gift, donation, purchase or otherwise, of real estate and personal property, and the holding, using, selling, disposing of and conveying the same; the chartering of ships; the shipment of wheat and other grain and produce, and goods, wares and merchandise generally, and the carrying on of a general merchandising business; the borrowing and loaning of money on mortgage and personal security, and the carrying on of a general banking business; and disposing of stock in other corporations, whether home or foreign.

Fourth—The principal office and place of business of this corporation shall be in the city of Portland, Oregon.

Fifth—The amount of stock of this corporation shall be \$50,000, United States gold coin, divided into shares of \$100, like gold coin, each with power to increase.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and seals in triplicate, this seventh day of November, A. D. 1874.

DANIEL CLARK,  
E. FORBES,  
H. N. HILL,  
M. FISK,

### COMMISSIONERS COURT.

J. C. Feedles, Judge. J. A. Huffman Commissioner.

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An adjourned meeting was held this forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Report of sale of property in South Salem of Mrs. Emily Potter, guardian, not confirmed and a new sale ordered.  
Geo. Neal vs. A. Layson; action on contract for rent; judgment for plaintiff by default.  
Court adjourned until 2 P. M.

AUTUMN LEAVES.—Col. T. B. Riekey, postmaster recently received a handsomely written note from Miss Ida Cole, Brewster Station, Putnam county, New York, requesting him to send her a leaf. This is only one letter of several we have seen recently making the same request. It is said that the "exquisite tint" to be found in an Oregon autumn leaf are not excelled by any country in the world. Col. Riekey forwarded a beautiful sample of the "maple leaf" and an "Oregon grape leaf." If any of our readers should come across a prettily tinted leaf, if they would forward one to Miss Cole perhaps they would get one from the "Empire State" in return, and could then make a comparison between the two extreme portions of our continent.

CAPITAL LIBRARY.—The Directors of the Capital Library and Historical Association are to meet next Thursday the 12th inst., at the Library rooms in Griswold's block, at 2 o'clock P. M. We learn that the Association financially, is on a sound basis, and that steps are to be taken to have the Reading room and Library thrown open to subscribers. It may be that a course of lectures will also be inaugurated for the approaching winter. We are confident that it will take but little management and effort to give the citizens a library that will compare favorably with the Portland Institution.

NEW GRANGERS' HALL.—Charity Grange No. 76, Willamette Forks, Lane county, Oregon, has a new hall which will be completed and dedicated Nov. 20th, exercises to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. The Grange is in a prosperous condition and will be very comfortably fixed when the new hall is ready for use. There will be quite a Grange gathering on that occasion and the members of Charity Grange will be ready to entertain their visiting friends handsomely, a bountiful dinner will be served on that occasion.

POSTPONED.—The Harvest Feast and Ball of the Butteville Grange, that was to have taken place to-morrow evening, has been postponed until December 4th, owing to the recent death of a member of the Grange.

THE POOR FARM.—The county farm has been sold to Mr. N. Haas for \$1,920. Negotiations are pending for the purchase of a tract of land on the river bank three miles below the city. Should the purchase be made the county will be the gainer in many respects.

NEW POSTOFFICE BOXES.—The Yale lock will be put on all the new Postoffice boxes, each having two and three keys. One peculiarity of these boxes is that no two keys are alike, and the key cannot be substituted without securely locking the box.

We note in the San Jose Patriot of late date that Judge C. N. Terry, formerly of this city, is successfully engaged in his profession of law in that city.