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FROM SMITH'S FERRY.

Lumber Cutting and Driving on the North Fork of the Santiam—A New Enterprise Inaugurated—Maine Loggers at Work in the Foot-Hills—3,000,000 Feet of Lumber being Cut for the Capital Mills Lumbering Company—An Interesting and Newsvy Letter.

LUMBER CAMP ON THE SANTIAM, }
December 15, 1875.

MR. EDITOR: As long as there are undeveloped natural riches, whether of an agricultural, mineral and commercial or any other character, just that long, and until speculation and adventure have worn the secrets of creation threadbare, will the Anglo-Saxon race tax mind and muscle to win bread, wealth and notoriety. And Oregon, although ante-dating many of the newer States and Territories in settlement and civilization, is constantly surprising herself and her people by some new enterprise or discovery; and in continuation of an article published by you on the 19th ultimo, of a trip on the "Minto route" to the summit of the Cascade mountains, will, through your courtesy, inform your readers what is already in progress on that route, or rather just across the North Fork of the Santiam, and within a Sam Patch leap of the aforementioned route. The enterprise we introduce in this communication is the cutting of lumber for your market. This business is now in "full blast," and is being carried on by Messrs. Heath & Mars. They have already 400,000 feet out, in logs ranging from 16 to 36 feet linear, and from 1 foot 8 inches to 4 feet diametrical measure. They will commence banking the first of next month, and by the first high water of the coming spring will surprise the people of the lower country with a run of not less than from two to three million feet of lumber. Most of the lumber being cut is yellow fir. The firm have a set of men outfitting on special contract 200,000 feet of oak and maple, some of which is already on the banks ready for driving. Next season they will run from another claim, cedar, which cannot be excelled for quality on the Pacific coast. Their camp will give employment to twenty-five or thirty men, which is a great assistance in these close times for men of large families, the cosmopolitan (poor devil) like myself makes bread and butter. The camp is situated in township 9, range 3 east, five miles from Smith's Ferry and thirty from Salem, with good roads and trails and accessible at all seasons of the year. Mr. Heath, senior partner is a life-time lumberman, originally from the State of Maine; familiar with the mighty rolling waters of the Kennebec and Penobscot, and with the wilder waters of Minnesota; and now, that he is to harness the Santiam to his business, we predict for him success, both operatively and financially. Mr. Mars is a young man from Iowa, full of work and business; appreciates a good meal and an excellent joke, and together with Mr. Heath, will overcome all obstacles that prudence and foresight can detect, and energy remove. And unless (in legal parlance) "by the visitation of God," some overwhelming accident by fire, wind or flood shall overtake them, the busy scenes of labor in and about this camp will culminate in about six months at the booms and wharves of the Capital Lumbering Company at Salem (from whom this lumber is being cut) with the finest lot of logs ever afloat in one drove on the waters of the Santiam or Willamette. Respecfully, FRANK U. HILL.

Harrisburg Grange No. 11.

This Grange held its annual election last Saturday with the following result: Master, Wm. McCulloch; Overseer, Enoch Holt; Lecturer, J. H. Smith; Chaplain, Charles Lewis; Treasurer, Michael Fuller; Steward, J. E. Coleman; Assistant Steward, George Alford; Secretary, J. P. Alford; Gatekeeper, —; Caretaker, Mrs. John Harris; Pomona, Miss Mary Busey; Flora, Lodi Geom; Lady Assistant Steward, Miss Barbara Scribner. There was a very large attendance, and some visitors, an elegant dinner was served and a good time was enjoyed by all present. The Harrisburg Grange numbers 120 members and is prosperous and wide awake, and hold their grain for a rise or will ship it themselves. So far it has been the largest Grange in the jurisdiction.

ROCHESTER FAIR GRANGE No. 106.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, the following persons were elected officers of this Grange for the ensuing year. Master, Wm. Hubbard; Secretary, D. H. LaBelle; O. Seidman Brooks; Lecturer, S. C. Mace; Steward, A. M. LaBelle; Assistant Steward, J. P. Reynolds; Chaplain, Wm. Collins; G. H. T. Goodrich, Jun.; Caretaker, Cynthia Ann LaBelle; Pomona, Mrs. Hubbard; Flora, Mrs. Rachel Jones; Lady Assistant Steward, Miss Jimmie Mace.

Pioneer Association.

We have heretofore given in the FARMER a brief synopsis of the meeting of the Directors of the Pioneer Association on 3d inst. At the request of several of the Directors we publish the proceeding in full as prepared by the Secretary Mr. W. H. Rees:

PROCEEDINGS.

In pursuance to public notice, the Executive officers and Board of Directors of the Oregon Pioneer Association, convened at Aurora on the 3d inst., where the following proceeding were had.

Article 9th of the constitution makes it the duty of the Directors to select the place of holding the annual meetings of the Association. In the published call it had been stated they would accept the place on the O. & C. R. R. not farther north than Portland, nor south of Salem, whose citizens would offer the Directors the most favorable terms for the accommodation of the Pioneers at their annual re-union, June 15th, 1875.

Mr. J. Wait said he was authorized by Capt. A. P. Ankeny, of Portland, to offer the Pioneers free of charge his new hall situated over the Central Market, the most commodious one in the State, with as much more hall room in the city as might be required in carrying forward their programme; also the City Park, two bands of music with such material assistance from the members and proceeds of the Association at Portland, as the Directors should deem proper or necessary for the Association.

Mr. W. J. Herren was authorized by the State Agricultural Society to offer to the Pioneer Association for the accommodation of its approaching re-union the Fair Ground Buildings and all other conveniences belonging to the same, free of charge. The citizens of Salem would furnish a band of music and such material aid as the Directors might think necessary or proper to accept.

These very generous offers were deliberately canvassed and truly appreciated by those present, but owing to the unsurpassed facilities which the Fair Grounds offer for camping, including stabling with hall room and other buildings, it was thought quite sufficient for the occasion. The vote resulted in the acceptance of the tender made to the Pioneer Association by the State Agricultural Society.

The Constitution requires the members of the Executive Board to designate for each annual re-union, a Chaplain, Orators, Chief Marshal and such subordinate officers as the necessities of the occasion may require, but at the meeting on the 30th inst., the Executive Board extended an invitation to the Directors to participate in the important duty of selecting suitable persons to fill the above mentioned positions, which they accepted, and the result is as follows:

Rev. E. Walker, Chaplain; Hon. Jesse Applegate to deliver the annual address; followed by Judge M. P. Deady, Hon. J. W. Nesmith; Col. John McCracken, Chief Marshal, his two aids, Col. T. R. Cornelius and W. L. White. The following committees were elected: Committee on Printing, E. N. Cooke, J. B. McClane and W. H. Rees; Committee to procure the painting of banner for the Association with appropriate devices and mottoes for the same; Jos. Wait, A. P. Ankeny and John Minto, Committee of Ways and Means, also to make the necessary arrangements on the Fair Grounds, to procure banners by which the thirteen divisions of members may be known, commencing with those who arrived in the Territory of Oregon prior to and during the year 1840 and down to Jan. 1st, 1853, Messrs. W. J. Herren, Jasper Matheny and J. A. Baker.

Standard bearers, Jos. Holman, S. W. Moss and Sydney Smith.

The following resolution was passed: Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are hereby heartily tendered to the Hon. A. P. Ankeny for the generous offer which he was pleased to make through the Directors to the Pioneer Association.

After a very interesting and harmonious session the meeting at 2:40 P. M. adjourned to meet at the Pavilion on the Fair Grounds Saturday, May 15th, 1875.

W. H. REES, Sec'y.

LODGE ORGANIZED.—W. R. Duster organized Delevan Lodge of Good Templars at Junction on the 15th inst; J. W. Wells, W. C. T.; Mrs. L. J. Houston, R. H. S.; Sarah Guthrie, W. V. T.; John Calvert, W. S.; J. E. Houston, W. F. S.; Arganda Guthrie, W. T.; W. M. Houston, W. U.; James Callert, W. M.; Minerva Star, W. I. G.; James Mace, W. O. G.; J. F. Frasier, P. W. C. T.; and Rev. W. M. Houston, Lodge Deputy.

The Deaf-Mute school closed on last Friday evening for the holiday vacation—will reopen Jan. 5th.

Supreme Court.

Geo. W. Moore respondent vs. Packwood & Virtus. Appeal from Baker county; continued from last term; judgment from below affirmed with ten per cent. damages. Opinion by Prim, J.

State of Oregon appellant vs. Devendorf respondent; motion to dismiss appeal overruled. Opinion by Bonham, J.

S. H. Oliver appellant, vs. Jas. Havey respondent; motion to dismiss appeal argued and submitted.

F. R. Hill, plaintiff and appellant vs. J. F. Cosper, defendant and respondent; motion to dismiss appeal sustained.

State of Oregon appellant vs. Devendorf respondent; cause on trial.

Court adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Springfield Mining Co., plaintiffs, and respondents vs. Lane county, defendant and appellant; appeal from Lane county. Judgment of Court below reversed. Opinion by Shattuck, J.

State, appellant vs. Geo. Devendorf, respondent; appeal from Benton county. Judgment below affirmed. Ordered that defendant be discharged and his bail be exonerated.

State, respondent vs. Gerrard, appellant; appeal from Marion. Set for Wednesday, December 23, 7:30 P. M.

Gallatin Atkind, et al., appellants vs. Haman C. Lewis, respondent; suit in equity. Appeal from Benton county. Cause taken up.

Salem Machine Shop.

It is dull season now with B. F. Drake's machine shop, as it always is through the winter, but we found, when calling there this morning work going on for the manufacture of two first-class planers, which will be finished and ready for sale in the spring. Mr. Drake makes a business of building planers during the dull winter months, and has turned out seven that have been sold to good advantage and do excellent work. Mr. John Holman, the able foreman of the machine work is off work waiting for the healing of a finger that was badly mashed last week.

On hand and finished is all the machinery for the Stayton Flouring Mill Co., which will require fixtures for two run of burrs. Hydrants for city uses to the number of six are turned out and ready for being planted. Drake is making the irons for Davis' wheat cleaner, which seems to be in good demand; also for a separator that is being made by McIntyre, over in Polk county, the patent right for which he lately purchased. In this shop can be seen beautiful castings, for iron fence, after the style of Degroot's patent. This fence would be beautiful for cemetery purposes. The Salem Machine Shops fill an important place in the manufacturing business of Salem.

From Springfield Grange.

LANE COUNTY, Ogn.
December 12th, 1874.

MR. EDITOR: Please give space for a list of officers elected at the annual election held December 5th, of Springfield Grange No. 12, P. of H. They are as follows:

Master, John Kelley; Overseer, J. E. P. Withers; Lecturer, Philo Wilcox; Treasurer, T. D. Edwards; Chaplain, Jacob Gillespie; Steward, Henry D. Edwards; Assistant Steward, A. J. Burton; Secretary, John Stewart; Gate Keeper, R. Drinkwater; Caretaker, Elizabeth Kelley; Pomona, Juda Harlow; Flora, Elizabeth Ebert; Lady Assistant Steward, Emily F. Stevens.

PRES. COMEY, Secretary.

JEFFERSON INSTITUTE.

DECEMBER 21, 1874.

MR. EDITOR: The exercises in this institution, on the occasion of the close of the term, on Friday last, were more than usually interesting, consisting of original essays, dialogues, declamations, recitations, and charades. The original essays by Misses Cosper and Savage were excellent compositions, and would pass current in institutions professing a much higher grade than is claimed by our humble Jefferson Institute. A number of visitors were present to witness the exercises, and all appeared well pleased with the exhibition.

Mr. W. T. Rigdon, the teacher, has handed me the following statistics as to attendance: Whole number enrolled.....80
Average attendance.....57
" " last month.....73

ERROR CORRECTED.—The amount of the fine recently imposed upon Mr. Austin E. Smith of Silverton was \$113, instead of \$127, as we had it day before yesterday, and it was for selling liquor on the Sabbath instead of selling to a minor as we were erroneously informed.

Wheat in Pork.

Mr. I. T. Day, of Turner, in this county, furnishes us his experience last season in fattening pigs on wheat, by which means he made good pay for his stock hogs and realized one dollar a bushel for his wheat, though working at a disadvantage. He fattened a sow and her eight pigs, crossed Chester and Berkshire, which he purchased at the Dan Delany sale last spring. He fed them chopped wheat all summer to keep them thrifty, they were put up in close pens about the first of November and fed dry chop for five weeks and then killed, the pigs that were killed averaged 240 pounds and the sow netted 380 pounds. He sold at 6 cts. and was paid back the cost of his pigs and one dollar per bushel for all the wheat fed from the start. He had also thirteen dollars over for his trouble. He is confident that he could have made a greater profit on the wheat by cooking the feed. This experience is valuable to our farmers. We can supply the whole Pacific Coast with pork products, if we choose to do so by raising root crops and by feeding the waste of our orchards we can make wheat go twice as far, especially if cooked food is fed to the hogs. It is important to have a good stock and that can easily be secured by patronizing those who raise them and have taken the trouble to import them.

Is She an Heiress?

A young lady at Hartford, Connecticut, is anxious to know if she is an heiress. The circumstances are peculiar and a matter of doubt. She has received a letter from one B. F. Phelps giving her the sad information that her uncle, Geo. F. Tryon, of Salem, Oregon, was deceased, relieved somewhat of its sadness by the further information that he remembered her in his last moments and made a will in her favor. This young man Phelps dates his letter "75 Franklin street, Salem, Oregon," and what involves the matter in doubt, to our mind, is that we have no Franklin street in our city, and furthermore, our streets are not numbered. No such person as Geo. F. Tryon is known to have lived or died here and we cannot find any person who has the pleasure of the acquaintance of the young gentleman who signs himself B. F. Phelps. It may be all right and the young lady may be an heiress, but we fear not. Mr. B. F. Phelps is invited to come forward and explain or else the young lady will have to take the will for the deed. Any man who would attempt to deceive a young woman under such circumstances deserves to be rewarded in kind.

Prof. A. L. Francis' Benefit.

The entertainment given last evening at the Opera House, drew out a fine audience and was really one of the best amateur performances ever given in this city, which has deservedly the credit of possessing great home talent. All of the performers were well versed in their parts, and each one rendered their part well. The programme was delightfully varied and interesting. Such singing, declamation and recitation shows much cultivation and refinement, and individual praise could be accorded to all. Miss Epsie Cox sang with such acceptance as to call forth an encore, and the other young ladies received much applause, as indeed did all who took part. Oliver Applegate made much amusement by reciting his humorous native legend, and Mr. Meacham's story of Onesta was well received in spite of interruption from some of "Southern Oregon's" terrible hoodlums. Prof. Francis should be proud of the entertainment he so successfully offered to his friends and of the kindly manner in which they received it.

SCHOOL EXERCISES.—Last Friday afternoon being the close of the term the pupils of Miss Emma F. Gilbert's school gave an exhibition. There were quite a number present to witness the exercises which were interesting both to the children of the school and the visitors. The following scholars gave recitations, Misses Addie Lacy and Ida Swegle. Declamations were made by Master Harvey Ogle, Charlie Hawley, Charles Ogle, Arthur Lacy and Curtis Ogle. A paper with the pretty and appropriate name of "The Prairie Flower" was read by Mary Lacy, a song by Nellie Gilbert and in conclusion a valedictory by Miss Mary Lacy.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The following officer of Willamette Encampment, No. 2, I. O. O. F. were elected last night for the ensuing term: H. H. Gilroy, C. P.; F. G. Schwinn, H. P.; J. A. Baker, S. W.; F. O. Barker, J. W.; Edward Hirsch, Scribe; G. W. Jordan, Treas.

Cox & Bell have a good stock of toilet articles well calculated for the holiday trade.

STATE NEWS.

A large area of land has been sown to grain in and about Oak Grove, Wasco county, this season, and the crops look very promising at this time.

The bursting of a copper boiler in a stove in a ball-room at Junction, created a good deal of excitement, and scalded a man who was standing near quite seriously.

Wright Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Eugene, has issued invitations to a grand ball to be given by its members at Lane's Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 31st.

One day last week Mrs. Suits, who lives near Lewisville, Polk county, killed a deer near her residence. The deer caught it and then Mrs. S. cut its throat with a penknife.

Lane county advertises for bids for the contract for medical treatment of her paupers for the coming year. It seems to us there is something wrong in allowing the lowest bidder to have such jobs under all circumstances.

The people of Shedd and vicinity will open the festivities of the approaching holidays by distributing gifts from a Christmas tree, which is being prepared by a joint committee of Grangers, Good Templars and Sunday school teachers.

During the absence of Mr. Wm. Millhollen and family at Orleans Precinct, Linn county, some party or parties broke into the house, and after ransacking around, departed, taking 37½ cents of the clock, and a pair of beaver pantaloons.

The estimated cost of constructing a good road from Jacksonville to Chetco, on the coast, in the extreme southwestern corner of Oregon, will be \$55,865.

E. S. K. Buick, Esq., deputy for Southern Oregon, will organize a Grange at Kerbyville on the 5th of January, and one at Vannoy's ferry on the 8th.

The Messenger says: Christian College, at Monmouth, will be adjourned on Thursday, 24th December, and resume business on Monday January 4, 1875.

Hon. Henry Kilpelt left for San Francisco last week to purchase a mill for the quartz mine of Kilpelt, Beckman & Johnson, on Rogue river. This ledge promises well.

The academy at Ashland has an attendance of about 120 pupils, and is getting along finely. Some are from the border counties of California and various sections of Oregon.

THE TERRITORIES.

A lodge of A. F. & A. M. was recently organized at Yakima City, W. T.

The Lewiston, Idaho, Northern has a patent outside, and has been enlarged.

Some of the members of the Idaho Legislature draw mileage for over 2,000 miles.

Three fights in a single day at Vancouver, says the Register, and still envious outsiders says the place is dead.

Within the past few weeks \$100,000 have been invested in the mines of Bingham, Utah, by California parties.

The Daily Independent, at Helena, is none of your \$1.50 sheets, but every bona fide subscriber has to pungle the sum of \$30 per annum.

The body of J. C. Davis, who was drowned some two weeks since in Skookumobuck, was found on Friday of last week a few rods below the place of drowning.

A boy, a horse and a cow were found piled up near Vancouver the other day, the boy at the bottom. The horse had run away with the lad and stumbled over the cow. No bones broken.

The Owyhee Avalanche says, in all good earnestness, "the Northwestern States produce annually a thousand million bushels of grain," which is within 700,000,000 bushels of the right figure.

PRISONER STABBED.—Yesterday at the hour when the cells are opened for salutary purposes, one of the prisoners known as Crazy Smith, sprang from his cell and grasped Dr. Glass (another prisoner), who was passing, around the neck stabbed him slightly in the abdomen with one of the short knives which are furnished the convicts to eat with. Smith had sharpened the knife which is a dull instrument, by rubbing it on the iron bars. The man has once been in the Insane Asylum, and has crazy spells in which he imagines some one is trying to mesmerize and kill him. The wound is not considered dangerous.

THE VICK PREMIUM.—Mr. E. M. Waite, the Secretary of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, has received from Mr. James Vick, of Rochester, N. Y., seedman, \$50, that being the amount offered by him at the last State Fair, for the best exhibition of flowers and plants raised from seed furnished by him. Mr. Waite will notify the persons to whom the money belongs the fact that it is ready to be paid over.

If you want to make yourself and some body else both a Christmas present at the same time, subscribe for the WILLAMETTE FARMER for one year from the 1st of January next.

Walter Jackson's elegant assortment of Christmas pretties including away "like dew before the morning sun."

Captain W. W. Martin is fully prepared for the "holidays," an "silver," and "gold," wedding.