



Salem, Friday, Jan. 22, 1875.

State Grange Deputies for 1875

Farmers of Oregon, and Washington and Idaho Territories: Organize for self-protection and for the enlightenment of the industrial pursuits...

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Walla Walla County—Wm. M. Shelton and O. Hill, Walla Walla.

IDaho TERRITORY.

Nez Perce County—S. S. Howard, Paradise Valley; and W. C. Pearson, Mt. Idaho.

DANIEL CLARK.

Master Oregon State Grange, P. of H., Salem, Jan. 4, 1875.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Clackamas County Council meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 11 o'clock a. m. place of meeting, at J. G. Trullinger's mill, near the center of the county.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: A. Warner, President, P. O. Oregon City; J. G. Trullinger, Vice President; W. H. Hanson, Secy., P. O. Seedy; H. B. May, Treasurer; David Welch, Gatekeeper.

THE POSTAGE LAW.

Weekly subscribers will hereafter be relieved of all charge for postage, and that burden will have to be borne by publishers...

NOT SO BAD AS REPRESENTED.

One of our citizens hands us the following taken from a late Paris, Illinois paper, with the request to publish: "S. W. Calvin, who was selected to take the car load of provisions raised here to the Kansas sufferers, returned on last Thursday."

LONGER ORGANIZED.

W. R. Dunbar, G. W. C. T., organized a Lodge of Good Templars at Jefferson, on the 18th inst., with twenty six members: S. T. Johnson, W. C. T.; Mary E. Roland, W. V. T.; C. B. Roland, W. S.; W. W. Johnson, W. F. S.; J. B. Flora, W. T.; Jane Elliott, W. C.; G. W. Conser, W. M.; M. A. Longworth, W. L. G.; Owen Bowen, W. O. G.; Mary Elliott, R. H. S.; Fannie Holt, L. H. S.; Esther Eckerman, W. A. S.; Dilly Elliott, W. D. M.; E. N. Thomas, P. W. C. T.; L. C. Conser, L. D.

The thermometer at Weatherford & Co.'s stood Jan. 19th, at 7 A. M., 20°, 12 M., 40°, 6 P. M., 36°.

Crossing the river in a small boat is still a matter of difficulty.

OUR COLD WINTERS.

During a residence in Oregon that includes twenty-five winters we have a remembrance of a few that have been delightful, with no severe weather to complain of...

The winter of 1855-6 was colder, but did not show as great a snow-fall. The Willamette river was frozen over below Oregon City.

In 1859 there was a sharp touch of frost, but the severest winter in all the quarter of a century of our residence was that of 1861-2, when a deep snow-fall occurred...

In the winter of 1865-6 there was cold enough to freeze the Columbia and the Willamette below the falls.

In January, 1868, for several weeks the Willamette and Columbia were both closed and ocean steamers could not connect with Portland. We recollect that three times, besides the present year, the rivers have been closed to passenger navigation...

The Oregonian of the 16th suras up the past six winters as follows: The winters of 1868-69, 1869-70, 1870-71, were not marked by any severe weather, the mercury not going below 20° above zero.

The lowest point reached by the mercury in the next winter was, Dec. 25, 1871, 16° below the freezing point. The coldest weather in the winter of 1872-73, brought the mercury down to 22° above zero, while the lowest point reached in 1873 was (Dec. 3) 25° above zero.

In 1874, the lowest temperature was (Jan. 22) 31° above zero. The thermometer on Jan. 13th, 1874, stood as follows: At 7 a. m., 40°; at 2 p. m., 43°; at 9 p. m., 41°.

On the same date this year: At 7 a. m., 8°; at 2 p. m., 6°; at 9 p. m., 5°.

One year ago to-day, at 7 o'clock in the morning, the thermometer stood at 32° above zero. Yesterday morning, at 12°.

As to the duration of the present cold snap, we venture a prediction that it will last the present week, and is likely to continue through the next. We hope we may be mistaken.

IMMIGRATION.

The Commissioners of Immigration for the State of Oregon are Messrs. H. W. Corbett, B. Goldsmith, and Wm. Ried, men of earnest character and excellent business qualities...

How to raise the needed means and how to prosecute the work to best advantage, are the questions to be decided, and of course the means must be first found before they can be expended.

Ten thousand dollars would not be a dime apiece for our population. We can raise a great portion of it among the citizens of Portland, Salem, and Albany...

Is Knowledge Power?

That knowledge is power, we have no reason to doubt, and that being the case, and all other circumstances being equal, a nation must be powerful in proportion as its people are well informed.

Education is compulsory in Germany. Children aged from six to fourteen are required to attend school ten months in each year, and in our own land the average attendance is over one-fourth less than in Germany...

We have none to war with on our continent, and need no great standing army to hold neighboring nations in awe. We have an advantage over European powers in that single respect that should make us richer and more powerful than they...

To insist on compulsory education in our country, would be to arouse a fierce clamor against a despotism that would interfere with personal freedom, but, at the same time, it is true that many families are incapable of proper government.

FROM TRANSPORTATION STUDENT.

SALEM, Jan. 19th, 1875. MR. EDITOR: The advantage of storing a quantity of wheat at Astoria, before the blockading of the river is liable to occur, must certainly be admitted by every farmer now.

A few sacks or a few bushels of wheat at Astoria would not suffice. There should be stored there at least several full cargoes by the first of December every year.

TRANSPORTATION STUDENT.

ROUGH ON STOCK—We learn that during the present cold snap quite a number head of stock have perished in Polk county. A Mr. Brown living on the Luckimute has lost several and Mr. Glaze near Dallas had a yearling frozen stiff while in a standing position.

The Supreme Court on Treasury Warrants.

The Supreme Court this morning rendered a decision on the case of Simon vs. State Treasurer, appealed from Circuit Court of Marion county.

The position of the Treasurer, plainly stated is that the legislature last fall appropriated \$87,157.66 for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the State Government for the next two years; that warrants then issued and unpaid, over and above the means on hand to liquidate them, constitute a deficiency not contemplated by the wording of the law passed last fall...

The decision of the Court below is affirmed, as follows: The act passed appropriating \$1,000 per annum for the travelling expenses of the Centennial Commissioner required that the amount should be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The State Treasurer and the State Debt.

We publish to-day the opinion of the Supreme Court as rendered by Justice McArthur, in the case of Simon vs. State Treasurer, the matter being one of general interest and importance.

By this decision we gather that no appropriation was made at the last session to pay off the outstanding warrants, issued for the current expenses of former years, and the Treasurer is virtually sustained in his position...

The amount of warrants that were outstanding and unpaid, with no means in hand to pay them, at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly last fall was not less than \$300,000, which amount is drawing interest at ten per cent per annum, so adding \$30,000 per annum to the expenses of the State.

It is well enough for the citizens of Oregon to know and understand that the State is \$300,000 in debt and paying interest on that amount. We have to avoid reckless legislation and extravagant expenditure in the future and the next legislature must not only avoid incurring debt, but must make provision for what we already owe by additional taxation.

NOTICE TO LITIGANTS.

All legal advertisements will be published in the Salem Daily Record and WILLAMETTE FARMER, for two dollars per month for each inch of space they require.

The Mind Dependent on the Body.

Hypochondria is a far more common malady than is generally supposed. It has its degrees, it is true, progressing from mental depression, or the "blues," to mental hallucination; but they are all forms of the same malady.

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