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FROM BUENA VISTA.

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MR. EDITOR: As you have no regular correspondence from this place, and thinking it would be of some interest to your numerous readers to hear from this part of the world, I will spend a few minutes in giving a few items.

We are just at present experiencing the coldest weather, I think, I have ever seen in Oregon. The thermometer has been as low as six degrees below zero. The river at this place is frozen completely over, and several parties have crossed on the ice, which is something I have never seen before, and I have lived here since 1817. There is about four or five inches of snow on the ground. The wind is still in the north, and the probabilities are it will be some little time before we have much change in the weather.

The farmers, though, as far as I know, are pretty well prepared with feed for their stock. There was about the same amount of grain sown last fall as is usually sown in this locality. It looked well before the freeze. A great deal of plowing has been done this winter, and farmers will finish putting in their crops a little earlier in the spring than usual, as a great many of them expect to use cultivators and not replot their ground. I believe it is the general opinion among farmers in this vicinity, that the broadcast sower and cultivator is much better than the drill, as I know of quite a number of drills owned by farmers for sale very cheap.

The most of the grain stored at this place has been sold. The last sale that was made was a lot in the Farmers' Warehouse, of 13,588 bushels, at 66 cents per bushel, the Oregon City Mills purchasers. There are several thousand bushels yet in the same house holding for higher figures.

Our Grange is in a prosperous condition. The new officers for the present year were installed on New Year's day by Past Master Ira F. M. Butler, of Monmouth Grange, as follows: J. B. Stump, M.; W. M. Davidson, O.; E. C. Hall, L.; E. W. McCarty, S.; J. S. Kays, A. S.; S. M. Cooke, C.; I. N. Davidson, T.; M. Foratford, Sec'y; L. M. Hall, G. K.; Mrs. M. S. Bevens, C.; Mrs. L. M. Hall, F.; Mr. L. Scraftford, L. A. S.

Our town was visited by Mr. W. R. Dunbar, G. W. C. T., on the 8th, and delivered a public lecture on the subject of temperance in Odd Fellows Hall. Mr. Dunbar is a good speaker and makes his illustrations very clear and plain, and presents in very strong and forcible language the misery and woe caused by King Alcohol.

After the lecture, the officers of Buena Vista Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., were installed by their D. G. M. as follows: A. M. Smith, N. G.; E. G. Heath, V. G.; J. R. N. Sellwood, R. G.; J. H. Fletcher, P. S.; L. M. Hall, T.; W. Holbert, W.; W. S. Linville, C.; E. C. Hare, R. S. N. G.; R. E. Walls, L. S. N. G.; E. Rowe, O. G.; W. R. Hall, I. G.; Wm. Wells, R. S. V. G.; G. D. Clark, L. S. V. G.; H. Linville, R. S. S.; D. C. Baldwin, L. S. S.

Our little village is in rather a flourishing condition considering the hard times. There has been considerable improvement going on here the last fall and during the winter; and it has been difficult to get enough carpenters to do the work. Among other improvements the M. E. Church has built a nice church building that cost fourteen hundred dollars. They expect to have it dedicated the 5th Sabbath in this month.

A great deal is very much needed at this place. It is one of the best points for one I know of in the State, and anyone who wants to go into that business I would advise to come and look at the place before locating elsewhere.

A NEW WELL DIGGER.—Mr. J. H. Robbins, of Bethel, Polk county, has secured the agency for *Pierce's Well Excavator*—a new and efficient invention for well boring—for the State of Oregon and expects in about a month to receive a machine to experiment with, and when it arrives he will endeavor to sell private rights and county leases to those who want to go into the business. It is said to be the most complete, cheap and practical machine ever invented for boring wells, prospecting for coal, etc. The principle is entirely new, and so simple and apparently so effective that we do not see why friend Robbins cannot revolutionize well digging in Oregon.

WEATHER RECORD.—We are indebted to Mr. Thos. Pearce, of Eola, for a statement of the weather during the late cold snap, as recorded by him, from which we note the following: The 13th of January was the coldest day, the thermometer standing at 7 A. M. 8°; 2 P. M. 7°; 9 P. M. 4°; mean temperature being 6° 33'. On the 17th inst. the thermometer, at 7 A. M. was 2° below zero, being the coldest morning of the "snap."

FROM MONMOUTH.

JAN. 20, 1875.

MR. EDITOR: I saw in the last number of the FARMER a request for farmers to spend some of the cold evenings of the winter in writing up some filling for the FARMER. I therefore thought I would forward a few thoughts. The call of the Directors to disband the Home Manufacturing Company, on the 21 of February, will get my eye either in person or proxy. Reason, I have known corporate companies to get to pulling and get up jealousies and accomplish nothing, an instance: McMinnville Ditch Company. Disband and Marion county can and will start a factory with \$90,000 stock, Linn county will do the same, instead of the two counties contending for the location with only \$30,000. This looks too much like the quarrelling of school districts for the last twenty years, and because the district disagrees they have no school house, in many districts. If any one doubts the necessity of these manufacturing let him but pass over the Union and Central Pacific Railroad, as I did a year ago, and see the long trains loaded, westward bound, with all kinds of machinery, farm implements from an axe helve to a ten horse thrasher, such one will not say. I wonder why money's so "scarce." I saw the report of the State Board of Immigration recommending among other things that "we the people" shell out a few to publish some circulars to send East. Now I don't think that will take. There has a little too much coloring gone off in those papers. I will state a few things in the way of immigrant's getting here from the Western States as I was there not long since and heard those objections very many times.

First—Let us not get up any quarrel about whether it is farther from Winnemucca to Portland than from Salt Lake to Portland and give all the encouragement to one or both roads direct to Oregon, so that persons who never saw in all their lives the deep blue sea, could get a through ticket and check their baggage direct to Portland or Eugene, and spend a few greenbacks worth the same as gold in this State, and you will see immigrants pouring into Oregon as thick as quails in the Israelitish camp. I was 600 miles from San Francisco to Portland 612 miles. How do you go? By ocean. I want to go but I never got on the ocean. The query is often propounded, gold coin. But how'll we get gold? Sell your greenbacks at from 87 to 90 cts. Well I'll never go. Greenbacks is the best money in the world. There are no sentiments Mr. FARMER. If you think this will help all up any set it up, otherwise—well you know that.

UNION GAS MACHINE—WARRANT.

Sixteen years have now elapsed since the first attempts were made to introduce this kind of gas. The first machines were almost total failures, as the first sewing machines were. Thousands of ingenious minds have been studying and perfecting them ever since; and, literally millions of dollars have been spent and lost. These first failures, and the later imperfections of those in active use, have almost convinced many persons that the experience of actual, reliable safe gas machines would never be realized. Such persons have only to see one of our machines in operation.

They have now been summoned and witnessed and the best evidence of their merit is their popularity and the increasing demand. Only in the last few years have they been advertised or any public testimonials given. We did not employ these means as our facilities for manufacturing were not sufficient to supply the demand. Our machines were sold as fast as made.

We not only guarantee the performance of every machine, but whenever desired, we enter into a written agreement that the machine is not to be paid for until the buyer himself is satisfied with its performance. If he believes there is any doubt in trying this machine, he has only to make such terms as will insure satisfaction, and make us assume the risk.

We invite any form of written contract which will protect him and place the responsibility or failure upon us. We are aware that a bold claim to superiority can easily be made by other gas companies, and that it is often devoted to the ignorance and presumption of quackery as it does to my genuine claims to excellence. In procuring the buyer of our machine, therefore, we hope to inspire confidence enough to induce him to test the machine. If it should not satisfy him on trial, the loss is ours and not his.

UNION GAS MACHINE Co.
By W. E. HOWELL,
Agent.

THOMAS GERRAND.

The following earnest protest against the banking of Thomas Gerrand, signed by nearly all of the pastors in the city, a number of influential members of the bar, and several of our principal citizens was handed to his Excellency Governor Grover this morning:

STATE OF OREGON,
vs.
THOMAS GERRAND, } Sentence of Death.

To His Excellency, L. F. Grover, Governor of the State of Oregon:
The undersigned, attorneys at law of said State, beg leave respectfully to represent to your Excellency, on behalf of said defendant, that we have heard the facts in said cause, and believe that the same do not constitute murder in the first degree according to our Criminal Code.

1st. That the said facts do not show that Gerrand had any malice against the life of Hubbard, or he would have killed him in the woods, before going to the store in the town.
2d. That the killing was suddenly provoked, by the words of Hubbard when at the store; he told Gerrand to shoot and be damned, he would never pay him a cent.

RUFUS MALLORY, G. W. LAWSON,
E. B. WILLIAMS, W. W. THAYER,
E. B. WILLIAMS, J. F. WATSON,
R. WILLIAMS, N. B. KNIGHT,
W. E. LORD, J. J. SHAW,
P. C. SULLIVAN.

Other gentlemen join in asking commutation as follows:
J. G. WRIGHT, R. C. KINNEY,
J. B. EBLE, W. R. BILYEU.

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To Hon. L. F. Grover, Governor:
The undersigned, Ministers of Churches in Salem, on behalf of themselves and their congregations, respectfully pray your Excellency to extend to Thomas Gerrand the clemency of the State by commuting his sentence to imprisonment for life.

We assure your Excellency that there is among all the people a deep protest against the sacrifice of his life, owing partly to his youth, and other extenuating circumstances. Very respectfully yours, &c.
P. M. STARR,
Pastor M. E. Church.
C. W. SHAW,
Agent W. U.

J. P. R. ORE,
P. S. KNIGHT,
L. DIEBEMER,
Pastor Catholic C.
JOHN H. BABCOCK,
J. BOWERSOX.

DIED.—At Independence, Oregon, January 18, 1875, Sarah E., daughter of John and Martha Richardson, aged 1 year and 7 months.

Weep not, dear brother and sister,
Your loved one is safely at rest.
A little while longer live faithful
'Till you meet in the house of the blest.
She has done with earth and its sorrow,
Has gone to be happy always,
Where those she has loved can yet meet
her
In the realms of un fading day.
She has gone where Jesus, our Savior
Has builded a mansion of rest.
Where dear little ones like our Sarah
Are crowned with the joys of the blest.
SARAH C. RICHMOND.

MOHAR MANUFACTURE.—Wm. M. Landrum, writing us of date Jan. 13th, says: "I send you by this mail samples of the first mohar dress goods made by Hall & Turner, at their new factory in Jamestown, N. Y. You will please show it to the breeders of that locality, and let them see how it compares with wool and silk, and also how it compares with the improved mohar goods. We think it a success on the east." Not long since Mr. Landrum sent us samples of plush and velvet made by Hall & Turner, and these samples just received are beautiful goods, equal to the best in the world, and interest us as showing that an American demand is springing up for mohar, which will tend to make it more profitable to raise Angora goats. The samples can be found displayed in the show windows of Messrs. Breyman Bros., where they can be seen to better advantage than at this office.

THE GARDEN CITY PLOWS.—This make of plows, imported direct from the manufactory at Chicago by T. Cunningham & Co., of this city, have grown very popular in the short while since they were first introduced. The agents here have disposed of a great many, both of the sulky and walking plows, and are expecting large arrivals as soon as navigation opens. Hon. M. Wilkins, President of Agricultural Society, who has given the walking plow of this make a thorough trial, assures us very emphatically that they are the best plow he ever turned a furrow with and give him perfect satisfaction.

DIED.—This morning the 25th day of January, 1875, George Allen Panny, aged six months, son of James A. Panny.

SUPREME COURT.

Douglas county Road Company respondents, vs. Sol Abrahams, et al, appellants, appeal from Douglas; judgment below reversed and ordered that bill be dismissed without prejudice—opinion by McArthur, J.; dissenting opinion by Shattuck and Prim, J. J. Canyonville & Galesville Road Company, appellants, vs. the county of Douglas, respondent, appeal from Douglas; judgment below affirmed—opinion by Prim—opinion by McArthur, J. concurring in the decision, but dissenting from the view laid down in the opinion of the court. Opinions by Burnett, J. and by Bonham, C. J., dissenting from the decision of the court.

State, vs. Gerrand, Marion county. Petition for rehearing denied; opinion by Burnett, J. James P. Campbell appellant, vs. James Bidwell, respondent, Polk county. Judgment below affirmed; opinion by Burnett, J. J. W. Ladd and S. G. Reed, respondents, vs. Harvey Higley, appellant. Judgment below affirmed; opinion by Burnett, J. J. R. Bailey, respondent, vs. Clark and Chambers, appellants, Benton county. Judgment below reversed and new trial ordered; opinion by Bonham, C. J. City of Portland, respondent, vs. Chas. T. Kamm, applicant. Motion to dismiss appeal overruled, and case argued and submitted.

FATTENING HOGS ON WHEAT.

LAKE FARM, Lion county,
January 23, 1874.

MR. EDITOR: I have seen the discussion of the Rock Point Farmers' Club in regard to the profits of pork raising and they all seem to agree that feeding hogs clear grain will not pay. My experience contradicts them. This year I fattened fifteen head of hogs which weighed 2,500 lbs and would have brought me \$143 75 at 5 1/2 cts per pound which was the highest offer I could obtain here when I killed them, though I am baconing the hogs myself and expect to realize more for them in that way. I fed those hogs about 100 bushels clean wheat while they were fattening and about 40 bushels while raising them. My stock was Essex crossed with Chester White, though my neighbor had what I think a more profitable breed, the China crossed with Berkshires.

ANOTHER APPEAL.

The following touching and earnest appeal by the adult male pupils of the Deaf-Mute school, for the commutation of Thomas Gerrand was laid before his Excellency, Governor Grover, this morning:

OREGON MUTE SCHOOL,
January 27th, 1875.

To Hon. L. F. Grover, Governor of Oregon:
We, the undersigned, Deaf-Mutes, hope your Excellency will pardon the liberty we take. We have all been once ignorant of law, and so think Thomas Gerrand would not have killed Thomas Hubbard if he had not been a neglected and ignorant boy. We shall all feel sad if Gerrand is hung so near our school; and we humbly ask you to change his sentence and send him to the Penitentiary for life. Accept assurance of our respect and prayers.

JOHN T. ELKINS, JOSEPH A. BOND,
ARTHUR M. WALKER, JAMES L. ELKINS,
WM. S. SMITH, JOHN H. LARSEN.

THOMAS GERRAND.

Sentence Commuted to Imprisonment for Life—How he Received the Intelligence—He is Taken to the Penitentiary—What he has to Say.

At ten minutes before 12 o'clock this morning Hon. H. H. Giffey the Governor's Private Secretary placed in the hands of Sheriff T. C. Shaw the following document which we give together with the communication received by the Governor from the Justices of the Supreme Court now in session.

PETITION FROM SUPREME COURT.
SUPREME COURT ROOM,
Salem, Jan. 23, 1875.

His Excellency, L. F. Grover, Governor of Oregon, Executive Department, Salem, Oregon.

SIR: With full knowledge of all the facts in the case of Thomas Gerrand now under sentence of death and awaiting execution, I take the liberty of addressing you in relation thereto. I am aware of the delicate nature of the subject arising from the fact that the case has passed beyond the control of the department of which I am a constituent member, and from the further fact that if anything can be done in the prisoner's behalf it must be done by your Excellency in virtue of your constitutional prerogative.

I hope, sir, that under the circumstances you will not think I touch too much upon matters exclusively within the Executive Department, when I take the liberty to add

my request to the voices already raised and ask you to exercise such a degree of mercy toward the doomed boy as will lead to the commutation of his death sentence to imprisonment for life.

The law has been vindicated and upheld by the recent decision of the Supreme Court and its decision cannot be any more or less the law of this State than if the sentence of death shall be carried into execution.

It is far from my purpose to attempt to arouse sympathy by any allusion to the age, race, ignorance of Gerrand, being satisfied that you are fully advised of all matters relating thereto and that proper weight will be given to those circumstances.

Hoping that you may find it entirely consistent with the safety of the people and the welfare of the State to commute the sentence from death to imprisonment for life. I remain your Excellency's obedient servant,
(Signed,) L. L. McARTHUR.

We unite in the request contained in the above letter.
(Signed,) P. P. PRIM,
JOHN BURNETT,
E. D. SHATTUCK.

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE.

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Whereas, upon indictment, trial and conviction for murder in the first degree of the said Thomas Gerrand, in the Circuit Court of Marion county, in said State of Oregon, judgment and sentence of death were passed upon him by said Court, and upon appeal the proceedings in said case were affirmed by the Supreme Court, and said Gerrand is now in the custody of the Sheriff of said Marion county, awaiting execution under said sentence; and

Whereas, the Justices of the said Supreme Court, who heard the said appeal, in view of the whole case, have requested the Executive to commute said sentence of death to imprisonment for life; and numerous petitions of the citizens of said Marion county to the same effect have been presented;

Now, therefore, I, L. F. Grover, Governor of Oregon, do hereby commute the said judgment and sentence of death, and the writ of execution thereon issued, to imprisonment in the Penitentiary of said State of Oregon, during the life of the said Thomas Gerrand; and the Sheriff of the said county of Marion will forthwith deliver the said prisoner into the custody of the Superintendent of said Penitentiary, to be by him received and kept as the law directs.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed, at the City of Salem, Oregon, this 27th day of January, A. D. 1875.

(Signed,) L. F. GROVER,
Governor.

S. F. CHADWICK,
Secretary of State.

After reading the above order, commencing the sentence of Thomas Gerrand, the Sheriff in company with Mr. Giffey, J. C. Booth and one or two others proceeded to the cell of the prisoner. He was found in earnest consultation with his spiritual adviser. Being called to the cell door, Mr. J. C. Booth read to him, at the request of the Sheriff, a change to his destiny.

For full five minutes the boy could hardly speak or realize the change. When he did he could not find words to express his feelings.

A Reporter of the DAILY RECORD visited him a few moments later and found him enjoying, as he said, the "happiest hour of his life."

After some little chat he requested the Reporter to thank, for him, through the Record, the Governor, Supreme Court, and all of those who had interested themselves in his behalf. He expressed himself grateful for many acts of kindness received from Sheriff Shaw, Deputy Sheriff Wm. Barker and wife, Mr. J. C. Booth, Mrs. Thornton, and many others, who called upon him during his long confinement.

At two o'clock he was taken to the Penitentiary and placed in charge of the Superintendent.

WHAT A JUROR SAID.

Hon. Warren Cranston one of the Jurors at the last trial of Thomas Gerrand recently stated in the presence of Hon. L. R. Moore and T. B. Reedy, Esq., that it was never clear in his mind and that of two other jurors that the killing of Thomas Hubbard was premeditated.

Elegant samples of alpaca made from the California Angora goats, are displayed in Breyman Bros. window.

Farmers get bargains at Herman & Hirsch's.