



Salem, Friday, Feb. 4, 1876.

State Grange Deputies for 1876

Table listing State Grange Deputies for 1876, organized by county and territory. Columns include Name, Office, and Express.

In any county where the Deputy appointed is not the most eligible, and the Granges of the locality will properly indicate to me a choice, I will be pleased for in many instances I have been obliged to make appointments without knowledge.

DANIEL CLARK, Master Oregon State Grange, F. of H.

Diseased Stock Running at Large.

A reader of the FARMER wants to know what the law is in relation to diseased stock running at large. The answer is: The Legislature of 1871 passed a law forbidding the importation of diseased horses, cattle, sheep, or hogs, or permitting such stock to run where they can come in contact with other stock not diseased, but a failure to name any penalty for breaking the law makes it practically a nullity.

EASTERN OREGON.—Several correspondents wrote us from different parts of Eastern Oregon about ten days ago, saying that the weather had turned colder and ice was running in the Columbia. Their letters were kept back by the stoppage of navigation on that river, but the cold spell was of short duration, navigation is again resumed, and their letters received.

ENLARGED.—The Daily and Weekly Statesman has lately been enlarged, the weekly assuming quarto form, and being greatly improved in appearance. We wish the publishers success.

ESCAPED.—Thomas Henry and Wm. Marshall escaped from the county jail, in Salem, on Tuesday evening, by digging a hole through the wall.

That Stick of Timber.

AUMSVILLE, Jan. 27, 1876. EDITOR FARMER: Please say to Mr. H. O. Williams, of Colburg, Oregon, to cut that stick of timber in two lengths, exactly in the middle. Yours respectfully, B. Y.

MARRIED.

At Forest Grove, Jan. 31st, 1876, by Rev. Mr. Hoberg, Mr. John M. Garrison, of Salem, and Miss May E. Blank, of the former place.

At the residence of Andrew Kelly, Salem, Jan. 30th, by Elder L. L. Rowland, Mr. J. C. Halley to Miss E. J. Smith, all of this city.

\$5 REWARD

Is offered for the return of a Setter Slut, escaped from Salem, about three weeks ago. She had a rope around her neck, color white and brown. Word can be left at this office.

There is but one bed of snow on the summit of the High Mountains, the Meacham peak, and it is the fact that has attracted the attention of the public.

An Era of Economy Needed.

A prominent journal in another State, under the head of "Partisanship vs. Patriotism," discusses very freely the condition of the country with reference to taxation, claiming that the expenses of administration of government are greater than the annual savings of the people, and that as a consequence the country is poorer each year that the present excessive public expenditure continues.

To familiarize the subject, we will present the matter in another form, that will make it still plainer. In 1850, it is estimated that the average of taxes paid, of all kinds, in the United States, was \$3.57 per head. In 1860, the ratio had risen to \$4.30 per head, and in 1870, reducing currency to coin to make the parallel perfect, the taxes of all sorts in the United States, aggregated nearly \$17.00 coin to each individual, man, woman, and child, of population.

After all, the remedy lies with the people themselves, who are the makers of their law-makers, and owe it to themselves to see that their own earnings shall not be thus wasted and squandered by their representatives and servants. No nation can be prosperous when taxation exceeds the ability of the people to pay.

At the present time Congress is assembled and much talk is heard about economy, retrenchment, and reform; but we all know that the present session is a gladiatorial struggle, between the great parties, for power. It is not with our representatives an honest intention to work for the public good, but it is an effort to manufacture partisan capital for the next presidential election.

If this state of things continues, Republicanism in the United States is a failure. Soon the anarchy of the great cities will rule the country as the mob of Paris in the past has ruled France. It is a fact that cannot be denied, that the demoralization and corruption incident to free suffrage in great cities, threatens the welfare of the nation. It cannot be asserted that suffrage is safe in the hands of the venal multitude that throng our cities, who offer the opportunity for scoundrels to form rings and whose votes, soon will, if they do not already, constitute the balance of power in the nation.

There is little room for debate as to whether the population of cities is capable of fair and honest self-government. It may soon be an important question for decision, if the government of the cities shall not be taken out of the hands of the mob, which demagogues and corruptionists so easily rule, by use of money or promise of reward, and vested in the people of the States. There is vast opportunity for corruption with the incorporation of all the ignorant and vicious classes with the governing principle. Free suffrage is becoming a very synonym for corruption, and the remedies we would urge are both at hand: sufficient education of all classes to insure intelligent action, and a vigilant watch on the part of those who till the soil, and who are numerous enough to secure good government, to see that honest and capable men make our laws and fill all official positions.

Railroad Connection Needed.

Mr. Martin Peterson, writing us from his home in Jackson county, under date of January 27, says: "We would be very glad to know of a surety that the German bond-holders of the O. & C. R. R. or other parties, were sure to go ahead and make the connection with the Central Pacific as soon as it can be accomplished. The public good demands that this road shall be completed with all speed, and at the same to construct a road from some point on this Oregon & California road, say near Lickville, in Lake county, by the most practicable route to Winnemucca, or near there in Nevada. This would be of much greater public utility than to start from Eugene and run the Penger route. This ought to be done within three years from next fall. Then, in time, a road will be required from some point on the O. & C. R. R. in this or Douglas county, and lead to the coast. Such railroad facilities would place us on an equal footing with some of our sister States over the rocky ridge, but so long as we have to depend on wagon roads we must expect to bring up the rear."

Death of Stukely Ellsworth.

On Friday, January 28, at his home in La Grande, S. Ellsworth, aged about 50, died of congestion of the lungs, after a short illness. In his death, our State has lost a most excellent citizen, and many of us have lost a much esteemed friend. We have known Mr. Ellsworth well since his arrival in Oregon in 1853. He was a native, if we remember right, of New York State, and graduated at Yale, where his friendship with a brother led to our future acquaintance with him. During his more than twenty years' residence in Oregon he has become widely known and widely respected as an unassuming man, a true friend, a good citizen, and an honest lawyer, in which profession he occupied a prominent place. Besides, he was a sincere Christian, whose life and example were no evil fruit. We can ill afford to lose such a man as Stukely Ellsworth, and in paying the last tribute of respect to his memory, we cannot do better than commend his life as an example for the young men of our day to follow. He left a family to whom his loss is irreparable; words cannot sooth their hearts, but the remembrance of his worth and of his affectionate care and counsel will be with them always. His death causes especial sorrow to many friends at Eugene, which was for so long a time his home—but Ellsworth had only friends everywhere.

DISTRICT TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—Hqn. L. L. Rowland, Superintendent of Common Schools, informs us that a meeting of the Institute for the Fourth Judicial District will be held at Forest Grove, commencing March 21, and the Teachers' Institute for the Third Judicial District will assemble at Albany, April 12. We know from the interest Dr. Rowland takes in the cause that the sessions will be very interesting and improving.

State Grange Executive Committee.

Mr. Daniel Clark, Master of the State Grange, informs us that a meeting of the Executive Committee is called for February 8th, 1876, to consider matters of interest to the Order.

Herman & Hirsch, the well known Salem merchants, are winning up business and selling off the remaining stock of goods at cost prices. They have a good line of staple articles, and offer great inducements for cash. You will do well to give them a call.

Obituary.

Howard G. Morris died in this city Jan. 27th, of typhoid fever, after an illness of three weeks, aged 28 years, 3 months, and 2 days. He was born in Missouri, where his father died when he was three years old. His mother came to Oregon with her family in 1833, and they have resided in this county since then. Howard was crippled when only two years old, from which he never recovered, and he owed to his widowed mother and brother (who died with consumption four years ago) a great debt—his education,—which he has been able to amply repay by being a loving brother and a kind and affectionate son. His kindness of disposition won for him the affectionate regard of his pupils in his chosen profession as teacher, and enabled him to control the most unruly by inducing them to love their studies. He was very successful in North Salem, where he has lately taught, being respected and beloved by patrons and pupils. His many friends at Silverton, and elsewhere, will deeply mourn his death, and his bereaved mother has the sympathy of all who know what a kind son she has lost.

Resolutions of Condolence.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the teachers at their meeting last evening:—Whereas, Since it has been the will of Divine Providence to call from our midst our friend and co-worker, Howard G. Morris, Principal of the North Salem School, a teacher so amiable and beloved, and whose untimely death we so deeply lament; therefore be it Resolved, That we join in expressing our deepest sorrow for the loss of one who was so highly esteemed; and that our sympathies be extended to the relatives of the deceased, in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be placed upon the records of the Salem Teachers Association, that a copy be presented to the mother of the deceased, and a copy furnished the Educational Monthly, WILLAMETTE FARMER, Mercury, and Statesman for publication. Signed by A. W. Lockhart, J. E. Eastman, Mrs. L. G. Adair, Miss Clara A. Ward, Mrs. Nellie Clark, Miss Zippa Raymond, Miss M. J. Jay, Miss Mable Smith, J. T. Gregg, Secretary of Salem Teachers' Association.

Letter from Grant County.

CANYON CITY, Jan. 25, 1876. ED. FARMER: Winter is passing away with but little snow, and no very severe weather. Stock men are beginning to breathe easy. Thus far, scarcely any forage has been used. Horses, cattle, and sheep are doing well, and in fact they present a better appearance, at this season of the year, than for several years past. Beef cattle are driven to the slaughter in the finest condition.

FARMERS continued their plowing unobstructed to the New Year; while many have their stubble entirely turned under and ready for spring sowing. With all the favorable weather of autumn and winter,

CONTRACTORS of grain and flour, for the Malheur agency have had rather a difficult time to fill their contracts. Before they were fully under way with the delivery, the snow fall on the mountains to the depth of from three to five feet, and greatly obstructed the passage for loaded teams, so that it was difficult to get teamsters even at double the usual rates, to undertake the trip. S. B. Parrish, agent of this Reserve, with his pluck and indomitable energy, made his way across the mountains to this place, and informed the contractors that he had only enough flour on hand to last his tillerons for fifteen days longer, and that if they (contractors) could not secure transportation, that he could, and would at their expense. This simple declaration had the desired effect. Over one half the flour has already been delivered, and the remainder is on the way. "Brave boys are they," contractors included, who left their comfortable firesides, faced the biting storms, and plowed the crested snow-fields on that mountain route.

THE WEATHER for the last few days has been uncomfortably cold; mercury at one time going down to two deg. below zero.

OUR MAILS Arrive regularly from Camp Harney, Boise, Baker and Dallas City, while all the trails leading across the mountains to the different mining camps, have thus far been kept open by travel; something not common this season of the year.

To day, we interviewed Mr. Webster, who has just arrived direct from the Cabel mine on Elk Creek. He reports mill operations suspended, for the want of quicksilver but not for the want of native silver. That this mine, opened less than two years ago, worked with imperfect facilities, and yet so successfully, has turned out nearly 100,000 dollars gold and silver bullion—principally silver. That Mr. Cabel is improving his machinery as fast as possible for working and saving the precious metals; and proposes, the coming season, to employ sixty or seventy laborers in the different operations about the mine.

Mr. Webster further informs us that the Cabel ledge is by no means the only prolific one in this vicinity. The following are some of the lodes now being prospect, viz. The Elk Creek owned by Cabel, Webster and Spaulding; the National by Dr. F. C. Horsley; the Princess by McQuade; and chief among these, the North Star owned by Cresup, Spaulding & Co. We predict that whenever sufficient capital is brought to bear upon these mines that they will yield "gold for lead" and Elk Creek become the most prosperous camp in the county.

THE GRANT COUNTY EXPRESS

Has not yet turned a wheel, nor blew a gale; save in prospect, but will no doubt carry its first news on the wings of the March winds,—just in time to "blow up" or blow down political candidates who may aspire for office at the coming June election. All of which is respectfully submitted. D. B. R.

Marion County Letter.

BUTTEVILLE, Jan. 31, 1876. ED. FARMER: And still it rains! In the northern portion of French Prairie and Marion county the damp spell we have had for three or four months has moistened the ground so as to render the practical part of the science of farming quite difficult and disagreeable. Nevertheless, we seem to have slipped through what we call our winter, thus far, with comparative ease. In fact the range is good and stock of all kinds does quite well for this time of year, and yet some farmers in this district are quite nervous on account of the way the superintendent of the weather manages things, making it necessary for them to do, in addition to their regular spring work what they think they ought to have had a chance to do last fall.

No great excitement here at present. The general health seems to be good. Potatoes seem to be shading down a little more to the satisfaction of those who have to buy, than those who have to sell. Many acres of land, in this part of the county, which for years have been devoted exclusively to growing of grubs, are being prepared for cultivation and the raising of crops by the labor of Chinamen, who, by the by, are good workers.

The political skillet is beginning to simmer just a little around the edges. Universal education and opposition to imposition, of whatever kind or nature, is the watchword of the party to rule this country the coming century. NORMAL X.

The Unsubilla river raised more suddenly last week than ever before known; from a fording stage it raised to almost high-water mark in one day. Rain in the mountains was the supposed cause.

C. Hilman, register of the United States land office at Vancouver, W. T. died at his residence in that place Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock of that all destroyer—quick consumption.

When you visit Portland do not fail to go and see Wood's Museum, with its 70,000 specimens. Admission only 25 cents.

GREAT WINTER BARGAINS

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Final Settlement. NOTICE is hereby given that R. P. Barhart, administrator of the estate of J. W. P. Huntington, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Marion county, Oregon, his final account as such administrator, and the 6th day of March, 1876, at 11 o'clock a. m., has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing and settling objections to said account. J. C. PEEBLES, County Judge. Jan. 21, 1876.

Administrator's Sale. NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to an order of the County Court of Marion county, Oregon, I will offer for sale at public auction on FRIDAY, the 30 DAY OF MARCH, 1876, at 11 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the Court House door in Salem, in said county of Marion, for gold coin in hand, the following described house and lot, belonging to the estate of Joseph A. Wright deceased, to wit: A portion of Lot No. 2, south, low occupied by a bookstore, and being twenty-five feet in front, and running back the entire depth of said Lot No. 2, and situated in Silverton, Marion county, Oregon. J. M. BROWN, Administrator. Jan. 14, 1876.

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