



Salem, Friday, Feb. 11, 1876.

State Grange Deputies for 1876

Table listing grange deputies for 1876, categorized by county (Douglas, Jackson, Baker, Jefferson, Marion, etc.) and including names like A. A. Mathew and J. Henry Schroeder.

Notice to Patrons. The Post Office address of S. P. Lee, Treasurer of the State Grange of Oregon, is changed from Oregon City to Portland.

Remittances. Money due the FARMER can be paid to the State Agent at Portland, Mr. S. P. Lee, if more convenient than sending the same to this office.

\$5 REWARD. Is offered for the return of a Setter Slut, escaped from Salem, about three weeks ago.

Ed. Farmer: One of your correspondents wants to cut a stick of timber 24 feet long, 12 inches square at the base, and six inches square at the top, in halves.

GLASS IN THE ROAD.—Persons living across the river, in Fork, inform us that certain parties have thrown window glass into the road, and that a number of horses have had their feet badly cut up in consequence.

The annual Vegetable and Flower Seed Catalogue of Gregory, the well-known seedman of Marlborough, Mass., is advertised in our columns.

Wm. Honkle sold his farm of 320 acres, some six or seven miles west of Corvallis, last Saturday, to Mr. P. H. Hanson of Salem, for \$11,000.

Taxation of Immorality. During two months past the people of the United States have watched with intense interest the progress of the "crooked whiskey" trials at St. Louis, where, during several years past the revenue officers of the government, in conspiracy with the distillers of that city, have robbed the revenue of millions of dollars, while a similar condition of corruption and fraud has existed throughout the west.

This week we hear of the trial and conviction of Wm. McKee, a prominent journalist of St. Louis, a man of honorable standing and great influence, a prominent politician, also, who was accused of aiding and abetting these frauds for political purposes—to raise means to be used in corrupting elections and securing partisan victories, as this system of conspiracy with distillers seems to have been the means used to acquire a political corruption fund.

We shall next hear of the trial of the private secretary of the President of the United States who is accused of abusing his official position and confidential relations in condition with these same frauds on the revenue, aiding the plans of the conspirators, and sharing their illegal profits. We have no further remarks to make upon these trials than to congratulate our readers on the fact that justice does not sleep, and that men guilty of such crimes can be thus presented and convicted, a fact that shows honest determination in high places.

Is there not something wrong in a system of government that licenses and profits by an evil it has not the courage to restrain? Is it not a cause for public and official demoralization—almost an excuse for it—when the highest national law establishes a partnership with a traffic that blights society and taxes the whole community? We do not, of course, excuse or palliate frauds thus committed, but we leave the reply to each man's conscience, for the government is the creature of the sentiment of the people, and the only remedy is a higher public morality, pure principle, legislation born of a true christian civilization, and so capable of a "higher law" than human legislation has hitherto enacted.

It may be only in the future, but it will never be reached if we have no beacons to direct our course.

Interesting Fact.

Mr. J. M. Rankin, of Polk county, informs us that he has made an interesting discovery while prospecting in the Coast mountains about fifteen miles from Dallas. In one place, in a deep canyon, where a group of large fir trees stands on a bench of land, the fragments of an acrotite are imbedded in the trunks. Philosophy explains that when a meteor, wandering through space, enters the atmosphere of the earth, the resistance and friction induce the heat that produces the light we see, and is also apt to cause the solid mass to burst into fragments.

The stones are described as of dark color, very heavy, with very sharp and brittle appearing edges, and there is no reason to doubt their origin. Quite near to this same place Rankin informs us that he discovered a large double cave, the first room of which is almost as square as if made so to be inhabited, suggesting the idea that it had been made for that purpose. A narrow passage leads to an upper room which is not so regular.

Do not defy Providence by neglecting a chronic cough or cold, when the certain antidote to these dangerous complaints—Hale's Honey of Horse-radish and Tar—is obtained at every Drug Store in America.

Articles for the Centennial.

Permit me to notify the people of Oregon that I have so nearly completed the collections of articles for the Centennial exhibit of this State, that I have now opened the room in the St. Charles Hotel, on a door south of the hotel office, on Front street, where people can examine the collection free, after the morning of the 24th inst. from the hours of 10 A. M. to 5 P. M., of each day, till the 17th inst., at which time the exhibit will be closed, the material packed, boxed and shipped for the Exposition in Philadelphia. A cordial invitation to our citizens, to examine the collection, is given, and while we hold all articles free to look at, we wish it understood that articles not to be handled by visitors. I have also made arrangements with the O. & C. R. R., and the Oregon Central R. R. to bring people from other parts of the State, at half fare rates, who wish to visit the exhibit in Portland on the 15th inst. A few articles for the collection, that have been promised, have not yet been received, and we hope all such will be immediately forwarded to us in this city.

Mr. Dufur is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. J. G. Randall, Jr., superintendent of the O. & C. R. R. Company, which will explain itself.

Hon. A. J. DUFUR—Dear Sir: We will run trains on the Oregon and Calif. rail road as follows, for the purpose of accommodating those who wish to visit Portland to see the articles intended for the Centennial Exhibition: Leaving Roseburg on our regular train on the 14th inst., which will bring all passengers south of Albany, only 25 half fare rates, tickets to be good to the 16th.

Letter from Lane County.

WILLAMETTE FORKS, Feb. 6, 1876. ED. FARMER: You may take the Willamette valley over, or the world over, and you will find all grades of people, wise and foolish, men and women in it, people that own great sections of land and do not know how to use it. If they are stock raisers they will overstock their land, as you can see if you look for yourselves, for the stock is much of it poor, feed scarce, no beef in country fit to eat, the fault is that too many people do not know how to farm. They will go around the country in May and tell what a big crop they put in. They are going to get rich right off. But when it comes to thresh the grain it comes out rather slim to their expectations and they say the season was not right. But I tell you they do not half put it in. They plow in the mud and sow in the mud, and they are a general bunch all around. Well! There is another class of people that are wiser than those. They have managed to have fine farms and fine houses; their land is drained; they put as much as anybody else and they frequently raise twice as much grain to the acre, compared to some of their neighbors. They ditch their land and do not work in the mud. For instance look at old —'s farm, near here. It is well drained and fixed fine. He has got every thing that is needed for the Lords and Dukes of England, and if every man was in that condition there would be more prosperous and better people in the country than there is.

The writer of the foregoing forgot to put his name to it, and next time he must not fail to do so. When he quotes other people's names, he must give his own as security that he is reliable. As he did not, we omit names he gave.

Grasses for Hay and Grazing.

MR. EDITOR: The WILLAMETTE FARMER, never without that variety so essential to an enjoyable and readable journal, always instructive and entertaining and sometimes amusing, having just enough of politics to flavor, is an ever welcome friend to my table. Not only for the short scientific articles and its valuable suggestions to the farmers do I prize it, but most as I have learned to regard it as the great sympathetic nerve of the rural Oregonians. It will not be considered obtrusive, then, for a subscriber to seek information through its columns? If not, will you, or some of your correspondents, inform me what grass is best for making hay? What will stand the drought and be the most valuable for summer pasturage? What is best adapted to winter grazing? SCOTT OSBORN, Waltherville, Feb. 8, 1876.

The bodies of John Cross, engineer of the Back Diamond, and Willis Pratt, who were drowned in Puyallup Bay three weeks ago, have been picked up by the Indians. The body of little Harry Ralston has not yet been recovered two of the boys belonging to the boys had also been picked up on the flats.

In the event of the annexation of Walla Walla county to Oregon, it is contemplated that its boundaries will be extended to Wild Horse creek, thus including the whole of the rich farming district of which Weston is the trading center. This arrangement of boundaries would make Walla Walla a prosperous county.

A party of three men recently scoured Middle Park, Colorado, in search of game. They spent three months on the trip and were very successful, having killed 100 elk, 140 antelope, 300 deer, a wagon load of ducks and any quantity of small game such as rabbits, grouse, sage hens and geese.

Notice of Final Settlement. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Marion county, State of Oregon, his final account as Administrator of the Estate of Henry McLambrin, deceased, and the said Court has fixed Friday, the 11th day of March next, at one o'clock P. M., for the hearing of objections thereto.

Varieties of Wheat.

LANE CO., Jan. 31st, 1876. ED. FARMER: In the last number of your valuable paper I gave to the farmers of Oregon my practical experience, as an agriculturist, on what depth to plow for wheat, and the size of plows to do it with. In this I will give them my long experience and observations of the best varieties of wheat to raise in Oregon and the quality of soil best adapted for each variety. This is best found out by close observation while growing, until ripe and thrashed; for I really believe that no farmer can be a very successful one without he is a good observer, not of cereals alone, but of all the best kinds of machinery, wagons, plows, drills, cultivators, and seed sowers, and also of all the kinds of stock he raises on the farm.

The best variety of spring wheat I have observed, to raise in Oregon, is the white Chile club, and I consider it to be the finest spring wheat that has ever been raised in this State. It thrashes easier, yields as much or more per acre, and makes better flour than any other variety grown. If drilled in which I consider the best method, use one bushel and three pecks per acre; if sowed broadcast, two bushels; but it should never be sown on wet or very damp land, as on such it will not fill as well as other varieties; but does much better on fern lands than any other, and in every instance should be sown on high dry land; and should if possible be sown or put in between New Years and the middle of March; later than that it does not fill as well as some others.

The next best variety of spring wheat I would recommend to raise is called red chaff, known by the name of little club, this does not grow as tall as the Chile, neither is the grain as white and large, but weighs a little heavier to the bushel, makes good flour and yields well, and will fill better on low, damp ground than Chile, and if possible should be put in from the middle of February to the tenth of April. If drilled, one and a half bushels per acre; broadcast, one and three pecks. At the present these two varieties should be the only two raised on dry land. They yield more to the acre, and make better flour than any other spring wheat in Oregon.

There is another variety called the Sonora; the chaff is red, but the grain is white; this is the best and only variety under my notice that will fill on wet land. I have raised it on low, wet land, side by side with the other varieties, where it would be well filled and the others would not have a single grain in the heads. It grinds more flinty, and does not make as good flour as the other two varieties; the straw is softer and falls down sooner when ripe. Drill a bushel and a half per acre. There are several other kinds of spring wheat I could mention, that I have tried, sent from Washington, but they will not do in Oregon as well as those above mentioned.

At present there are only three varieties of winter wheat in Oregon, under my notice, that are worth raising. The best variety for all purposes is named the old common white; it yields more to the acre than any other, and is well adapted to the climate and to all dry soils, and makes very good flour. This variety will do well put in from the middle of October to the middle of February.

The second variety is the white velvet, and at the present time is the finest wheat in Oregon. The writer took the first premium with this at the last State Fair. It is the largest white wheat in Oregon, makes splendid flour but does not yield so well to the acre as common. This variety should be drilled in from the first of October to the first of December.

My third variety is called the white horse. It is a beautiful wheat, grinds soft and makes excellent flour, but does not yield per acre with the other two. It was first brought into Lane county by two young men from England and for ten years was raised quite extensively, but on account of its rather light yield was finally dispensed with. It required two bushels per acre, broadcast and with the drill one bushel and three pecks.

Now, Mr. Editor, as no one has ever written in your paper on the subject of raising wheat, and it being the main thing for export, and at present is bringing more money or wealth into Oregon than all other productions together, I thought the subject a good one, and one that would interest some of the farmers of Oregon and might be the means of adding a few dollars in their pockets in the future, and if so, I should be highly pleased and well paid. I think I have given a plain and full description of the best varieties, and the quantity to the acre, &c. My next will be on the best varieties of barley, oats, and grass, to raise in Oregon. GEORGE BELSHAW.



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Citation.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion. In the matter of the Estate of James E. Hall deceased. Wm. J. Fugh, administrator. To Mary E. With James C. Hall and all unknown heirs of said decedent: You and each of you are hereby cited and required to appear before the above named court at the Court House in Salem in said Marion county at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 11th day of March a. d. 1876; to then and there show cause if any exist why an order should not be made by said court authorizing said administrator to sell the real estate of said decedent for payment of the expenses of administration and claims against said estate, as partitioned by said administrator. Said real estate is described as follows to-wit:

One-half of the donation land claim of said James E. Hall and wife, said claim being No. 47 and being in sections 7, 18 and 19 in T. 4 S. E. 1 W., of Willamette meridian, in Wm. Lee county, Oregon, said claim containing 252-100 a. rec'd. JOHN C. FREDLES, County Jud'.

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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 20th 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, now 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 Silvertown, Marion county, Oregon. J. M. BROWN, Administrator. Jan. 14, 1876.

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