



Salem, Friday, Jan. 26, 1877.

The Compromise on the Presidential Question.

We publish this week the bill reported to the two Houses of Congress by the joint committee that has considered the matter of canvassing the Presidential vote with a view to providing some plan for settlement of the disputed questions arising out of the Presidential Election.

It seems probable that the bill will pass and afford the needed solution of this difficult matter. Politicians may object according as they may fear that it will lessen their chances for polls, but the mass of the people, who are not spoilsmen, will welcome any plan of adjustment that will offer an honorable settlement of a difficulty that threatens the peace and prosperity of the country.

Obstruction of the Canal and Locks.

We have received from a friend at Oregon City some severe strictures on the fact that passage through the locks was lately obstructed by the sinking of the hull of the Bonanza in the upper canal.

The Minto Pass Road.

We have a very interesting communication as to the character and importance of this road, from the pen of Mr. Minto, written in view of the effort making to procure subscriptions for the purpose of constructing the road by the company in which Mr. Geo. W. Hunt is actively interested.

The stockholders of the Washington County Agricultural Society met at the court house in Hillsboro on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1877, and were called to order by the President, R. Inbrie.

Mrs. Udin, a German immigrant, died of smallpox at Bridgeport, last week. Her husband is sick with the same disease, but will probably recover.

Mrs. Kinney and her mother, Mrs. Brown, of Hillsboro, were thrown from a wagon near that place, last week, and both were seriously but not fatally injured.

Barr, the man charged with passing counterfeit half dollars at Roseburg, after having an examination before U. S. Commissioner Gaddis, was discharged.

Mr. Sand's little boy, when at Seattle, a few days ago, in playing with other boys, had one of his eyes put out with a stick.

Geo. A. Steel, chairman of the Republican central committee, has been appointed postal agent for Oregon, vice Underwood.

Jerry Lukeoy, of Lane county, recently purchased eighteen head of fine merino sheep in California.

Mr. Brown, of the Albany Democrat has been seriously ill, but is recovering.

The State University has eighty students in the collegiate department.

FANCY CHICKENS—Read the advertisement of Luther Myers, in another column, and then give him a call, if you want fine quality.

THE TRANSPORTATION WAR.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S PROTECTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, McMinnville, Jan. 22, 1877.

ED. FARMER: It seems that we are on the verge of the most bitter transportation war that Oregon has ever seen, and as regards individual enterprise, the battle will finally be to the strong.

Just before the meeting of the last legislature, '75," in an article to the Oregonian, (from Albany if I mistake not) made the statement that "it would take \$105,000 more to carry off the wheat crop of 1876 than it did the year before, from Linn county alone."

Estimates have been made on other counties, and the amount more that it took to carry off the crop of last year than the year previous, reaches the snug little sum of \$300,000 on wheat alone, and the present indications are that the crop of 1877 will go far beyond any previous year, and the "more" that will be required to carry off this crop would build a fleet of twelve or fifteen boats.

Under the present circumstances it behooves the farmers to patronize Capt. Cochran in his effort to reduce freight, and sustain him, and in case he is driven to the wall to take it off his hands and build more. But says "70" of Albany, "it is not your business to build and run steamboats, for farmers are not steamboat men."

Combined organization is the only safe and permanent plan, in which every farmer that raises wheat for shipment should be interested.

Our boat will be at work in a few days and our company has stock enough not yet taken to build more boats. Should farmers in other sections see fit to subscribe this stock for that purpose, they have only to notify us and we will send them stock books; or, better still, to call meetings and take the matter into consideration and appoint responsible agents in each neighborhood; and we will furnish them with stock books.

If the farmers of the valley prefer to organize other companies, it is now time to do so, for they cannot get ready too soon for the next crop. But it is better to combine and work in unison, besides avoiding the consequent delay and wrangling in organizing such companies. Some said at first that our company was destined to share the fate of the Agricultural company of a few years ago. But we are fast dispelling that illusion for it is a vast financial necessity and must succeed.

We expect opposition of the most determined character; but with a few thousand of the principal wheat-growers of the Willamette valley directly interested owning both boats and freight, we are all right.

J. C. COOPER, SEC'Y.

SUDDEN DEATH—On Thursday Jan. 12, while driving home from Dayton with her son, a sad accident happened that resulted in the death of Mrs. E. C. Hadaway. The wheels of the vehicle plunged suddenly into a mud hole and Mrs. H. was thrown out, and when helped into the carriage complained of injury. She walked into the house when reaching home, swooned away, and died the same evening, between 8 and 9 o'clock. This is a severe affliction to the family of our old friend E. C. Hadaway.

HOW TO PLANT POTATOES.—Mr. A. H. Kellogg, of Coupeville, W. T. says: "I should like to see something in the FARMER in regard to planting potatoes; whether it is best to furrow out the land, or plow them in, and also regarding the depth to plant in different soils. I am about to commence raising them in place of grain, and more particularly as a summer fallow, and anything practical in regard to their culture or preservation will be of interest to many here."

GARDEN AND HOUSE PLANTS.—We receive from Henry Miller, Florist of Portland, a catalogue of his shade trees and garden and house plants, for sale, and as many must be desirous to improve their premises by setting out nice trees for ornamental purposes, and many ladies would like to have beautiful beds of flowers, we give notice that one of these catalogues will be sent free to all persons sending him their address. The address can be sent on a postal card.

Mr. N. Olsen, an esteemed citizen of Pacific county, W. T., was drowned on Wednesday last week as he was leaving Gray's river in a fishing boat for Astoria. The boat and his hat were found near the mouth of Deep creek—the body has not been recovered. Mr. Olsen was aged about 40 years, and leaves a family in the Gray's river settlement.

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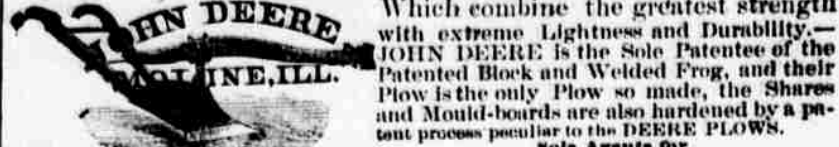
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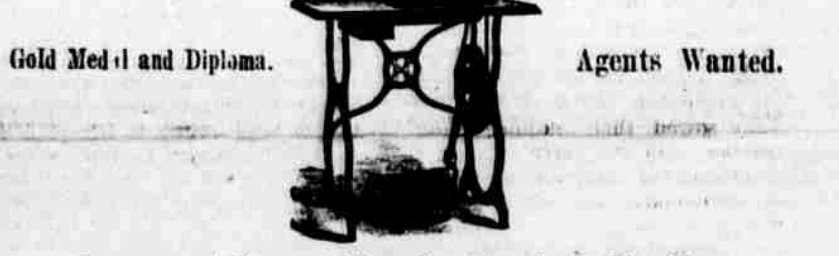
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