



Salem, Friday, Mar. 9, 1877.

THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION.

It is wonderful that with all the bitterness of partisan feeling manifested of late, our nation has passed through the crisis and settled the Presidential succession without bloodshed or violation of law by any outbreak, and with so little ill feeling engendered. It speaks well for American institutions and satisfies the outside world of the permanency of our government, when so important a question, one that so enlists the partisan prejudices and sympathies, can be disposed of in so sensible and amicable a manner.

In the settlement of this great question, it is to be regretted that in the disputed States, and especially in Louisiana, the facts could not have been established so conclusively as to the actual and honest popular vote as to place the matter beyond a doubt and satisfy the minds of the entire nation. We have given our readers the most important facts and statements received by telegraph and they can judge for themselves. We have no desire to impugn the motives of the members of the High Commission, nor of those leading partisans who were conspicuous on either side.

The crisis is past; the legitimate authority of Congress has declared Hayes and Wheeler elected, and they now fill the high and responsible positions at the head of the nation.

It is pleasing to see that this result has elicited the warmest commendation from the European press as to the character of the American people. They express surprise that we have met and settled the issue peacefully, and remark upon the great qualities and forbearance of a nation capable of exercising such reason and control under such temptations and difficulties. That we possess such stable and permanent qualities is a matter for great self gratulation, and it is to be hoped they will compensate in part, for the abuses and corruption that hinder the proper administration of government.

Rutherford B. Hayes assumes the Presidency at a time when the country expects and hopes much from its Executive. He brings to the office an unsullied reputation earned in public life and he has an opportunity to add greatly thereto if he can administer the government kindly and fairly so as to secure the rights of every section, race and class, and restore harmony and prosperity in all social, political and business relations. In respect to all these the President can do much. He is, of course, only human and fallible, but it is to be hoped that he will be animated by high motives and true aspirations that can alone make the exercise of power beneficent.

Need of a State Horticultural Society.

A writer in the Oregonian of Tuesday very pertinently suggests the need of a State Horticultural Society, in view of the increasing interest felt in pomology, and the attention that is being paid to the cultivation of fruits. The importance of some movement of this kind can hardly be overestimated, and its necessities will be more and more felt as the new growth of orchards come into bearing, and Oregon commences to supply the world with a superior article of dried fruits. Our State excels in producing superior fruits of certain varieties, and the United States offers an extensive market for such fruits that now have to be imported from foreign countries. Our climate and soils seem to be the very best for apples, pears, cherries plums and prunes, and there is no reason why we should not in time produce millions of dollars worth of dried fruits, since we have the perfect methods and machinery for making the most superior dried product. We believe the destiny of Oregon includes this as one of our most important branches of production. With so much in our favor we now need critical knowledge of the fruits to be so cultivated, to determine the varieties that succeed best with us and the nature of the soils and methods of cultivation to secure best results in all the different varieties. The planting of an orchard is as yet a good deal guess work with most of us, but we are accumulating experience very fast and need some way to crystallize that experience into the best shape for use. Those who have read the Farmer for a year past will recognize by that with the aid of well correspondents we have done much in the direction, but we recognize that organized and perfected effort must be made through the medium of a well sustained State Horticultural Society.

March has started in with a fair share of rain, but the weather is warm and pleasant and not very stormy. We have no reason to fear a drought, or to doubt that rains will be prolonged through the spring months.

"YOU WANT A LADY" is the attractive heading of an advertisement of Mr. G. W. Campbell, in another column, to which we invite the attention of our readers.

WHAT WAS THE DESTROYER?

A LESSON FROM REAL LIFE.

On Tuesday afternoon, happening to be at Portland, we heard of the death of a young man, long a townsman of ours here in Salem; one against whom no one had any unkindness and who was a competent and skillful druggist and apothecary. His skill stood him in bad stead at the last, for finding himself out of business, and in a measure friendless, he sought death and knew what poison would effect it. He was found dead in his bed and after the solemn inquest all that his old friends in Salem could do was to have his body returned for burial.

With tenderness for the dead and kindness for the memory of one who had no enemies and whose life was blighted in its prime, let us draw a lesson for the living from his untimely fate, and inquire how it came that he was out of business and that his young wife was obliged to leave him in order to provide for herself?

He was the unfortunate victim of an appetite for strong drink. Every drug store has alcoholic liquors in abundant supply, and with temptation always before him this young man yielded and fell. As the appetite grew upon him with years his reliability as a business man decreased, so that time after time he was thrown out of employment but found it again as he attempted reformation. He fell once too often. His home was broken up and he a wanderer. Discouraged and with no hope left and no courage to live, he laid down to die.

Here was one who possessed good abilities and a kindly nature; was guilty of no crime except that he was his own enemy, and instead of filling a useful position and possessing a happy home has become his own destroyer. For him Nature was beautiful as to us. The sunshine and the flowers were as much his as ours. The charms of music, the beauties of Nature, and the grace of Art wrought their impressions on his soul, and only some terrible curse could have torn him from all these and blighted his home and made him glad to lay down and die in his degradation and despair. The question needs no answer and the warning comes to all. All around us are victims of vicious appetite, and their recurring fate is a terrible lesson men find hard to learn. Well may the fervent heart offer the constant petition "Deliver us from Temptation."

THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT.—We call especial attention to the advertisement of the railroad company, stating that that company has taken charge of the permanent Centennial Exhibit at Philadelphia, and requesting contributions to aid in it. If any articles persons may choose to contribute. The railroad company is much interested in making the advantages of Oregon known and shows great energy and enterprise in putting facts relating to our country before the world. It has published pamphlets and circulars and maintained agents of immigration at great expense, spending tens of thousands of dollars for these purposes and now proposes to establish in connection with the permanent centennial exhibit as good a collection of Oregon products and of all things that tend to establish the extent and variety of our resources. We can all afford to do what we can to help this collection, as well from personal pride as from patriotic motives.

Marion Co. Pomona Grange.

Wednesday morning the steamer Occident took a large company of Marion county Patrons down to Butteville to attend the meeting of the Pomona Grange. The day was inclement but our friends had the proper vim and disposition to enjoy themselves together, and when they reached Butteville the good Grangers thereabouts made them forget it was stormy March by display of hospitality and good cheer.

Among the excursionists was our fellow townsman W. J. Heron, who has been for a month past confined to the house by illness but we are glad to learn is in improved health again. He is too valuable a man to be long spared from active business.

We publish this week an advertisement that offers to supply at low rates, silver-plated spoons to our subscribers, and we wish them to understand that we wish them to understand that we are in no way responsible that the spoons will be furnished, though we have no reason to doubt that they will be. Similar advertisements have been published with respect to pictures that have been ordered, and when received have given great satisfaction.

NOTICE

is hereby given to the Masters of the different Subordinate Granges of Linn County, that it is their duty to elect three delegates from each Grange to attend a convention in Albany on the second Monday in April, 1877, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing representatives to the State Grange, which meets in Salem, on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1877. R. A. IRVING, Dep.

SHEPDS, Feb. 23, 1877.

ED. FARMER: I was requested by our Grange to send to you for insertion in your paper this enclosed resolution passed by said Grange:

Resolved, That we, the Sisters of Shedd's Grange, No. 9, P. of H., agree that we will adopt as becoming us as farmers' wives and daughters a plain, neat calico dress, of solid colors, and ask our Sisters of the jurisdiction to do likewise, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the WILLAMETTE FARMER for publication.

S. M. H. Seeley.

CANBY, March 1st, 1877. ED. FARMER: On the 31st day of January, at Oregon City a Pomona Grange was organized for Cheek county, with the following officers: N. W. Randall, M. S. H. Carter, O. A. Warner, L. John Kruse, S. J. W. Blackwell, A. S. P. S. Noyes, Chas. W. W. Jesso, Treas.; P. R. Eves, S. Robt. Irvine, G. K.; Mrs. A. Warner, Ceres; Mrs. Mary Short, Pomona; Mrs. Ellen Irvine, Flora; Mrs. Mary V. Eves, L. A. S.; 47 charter members. P. R. Eves, Sec.

The WILLAMETTE FARMER needs eight full years, and enters upon its ninth a better paper and better prospects than ever before. It asks, and justly claims, the united support of the farmers.—Oregonian.

Butte Grange, at Beaverton, will publicly dedicate their new hall April 21st, and they invite grangers of other sections to be present.

Mr. M. Meyer, the well known Salem merchant, goes this morning to San Francisco to lay in a stock of goods for the coming season.

ROSE CABBAGE PLANTS, TOMATO, CAULIFLOWER AND... By the 100 or 1000. CABBAGE PLANTS, 50c per 100; CAULIFLOWER \$1 per 100; Tomato plants, 1/2c each, or \$1.50 per 100. GROWN AT MY GREEN HOUSES, TWO AND A HALF MILES EAST FROM SALEM. DISCOUNT ALLOWED TO DEALERS. DEXTER FIELD.

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YOU WANT A "LADY" to make you happy! The finest large, extra early, WHITE GRAPE known. Bunches middle of August. Very healthy, productive and every where reliable. Nine years tested, and approved by the best Horticulturists in the Union. Strong year plants, \$1.50 single; \$5.00 doz.; \$100 per 100 2-year plants, \$2.00 single; \$10.00 doz.; \$150 per 100, prepaid, by mail or express. Circulars and price list of 60 varieties of grapes free. GEO. W. CAMPBELL, Delaware, Ohio.

SILVERWARE AS PREMIUMS. IMPORTANT NOTICE. A \$4 Set of Extra Plated SILVER SPOONS

Given away as a Special Premium to the subscribers of this paper. Silver Goods furnished under this Premium Proposition are from the well known and reliable Union Silver Plating Co. Cincinnati, O.

Under a very favorable proposition from the above well known house, all regular patrons of this paper can secure a useful and beautiful, as well as a very valuable Premium, in the shape of a handsome set of Extra Plated Silver Spoons, warranted equal to the best article of the kind sold in this country for \$4 per set. And in addition, each spoon will be handsomely engraved with your monogram initial.

All who are entitled to receive this elegant and useful Premium can do so on compliance with the following conditions:—Send your name and post-office address, together with your express office, to the Union Silver Plating Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, together with the following Premium Coupon, and inclose with your order 75 cts., to pay cost of engraving your initials, express charges, boxing, and packing, and you will receive by return express (or mail, if you have no express office) a full set of extra plated Silver Spoons, free of any charge. All express and packing charges are covered by the 75 cts., and the Spoons will be delivered to you free. If you do not desire to have the spoons engraved, you are only required to send 60 cts., to pay expressage and boxing. The coupon must in all cases be sent, to indicate that you are entitled to this premium, as this very liberal offer is not extended to any one who is not a patron of this paper. The retail price of this set of spoons is \$4.00, as the following letter will show:

OFFICE OF UNION SILVER PLATING CO., CINCINNATI, OHIO. We assure all subscribers that the goods contracted for are first-class in every respect, and that the usual retail price for them is \$4.00 per set. Our lowest price to jobbers is \$30.00 per dozen sets, and we will in no case retail them at any price, or send them in single sets to any one who does not send the required "Coupon," showing that the sender is a patron of this paper.

Premium Silver Spoon Coupon. PREMIUM Silverware Warranted Extra SILVER PLATE. To the Union Silver Plating Co., Cincinnati, O.: This is to certify that I am a subscriber of the paper from which I have cut this Coupon, and am entitled, under your premium arrangement, to a full set of extra plated Silver Spoons, with my initials engraved thereon. I inclose herewith 75 cts., to pay express, packing, boxing, and engraving charges.

As soon as the necessary stock can be manufactured, all who secure the above useful and valuable premiums will be permitted to secure a full set of silver plated knives and forks, on the same liberal basis.

Great Reduction RUBBER BOOTS AND SHOES! Men's Long Rubber Boots, \$1.00 " " " " " " 3.50 " " " " " " 2.50 Men's Articles, " " 1.75 Women's Over-Shoes, " " .50 JOHN W. GILBERT. Salem, March 2.

Stray. TWO work horses; one black with white star in forehead; the other sorrel mare with blazed face. Information sent to J. P. RYAN, near Butteville, will be liberally rewarded. March 9.

HAWLEY, DODD & CO., OREGON, PORTLAND, OFFER FOR SALE A FULL LINE OF AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS. SOLE AGENTS FOR THE JOHN DEERE MOLINE PLOWS,

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RAY, FRIEDMAN & CO., While they are selling General Merchandise cheap, yet they will sell their present stock of Boots and shoes, on hand, at cost prices. Also, Trade or Cash paid for Hides. DARK BRAITMAN.

I HAVE JUST IMPORTED FROM H. A. MANSFIELD, Waltham, Mass., the Best Bird he has ever raised, and sold only to remove from competition. WALTHAM PRINCE Was sired by old Waltham, and sold for \$100 in his third year, with solid black breast, and scarce 1/2 point—weight, 1 1/2 pounds. Mixed with nine fine large sized grey Hens. Hatched—\$5 for 10, and \$9 for 25. C. H. WHEELER, Shedd, Linn Co., Oregon.

HOP BOOTS. Fabulous Reduction. Only \$5 per Thousand! Orders Promptly Filled. H. B. ROUNDS, Irving, Lane Co.

Dr. H. SMITH, DENTIST. SALEM, OREGON. Office moved over BREYMAN BROS.' NEW STORE. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Notice I hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed administrator of the estate of A. F. Waller, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them to me at my office in Salem, Marion county, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice. J. A. STRATTON, March 2, 1877. Administrator of said estate.

855 & 877 P. O. VICKERY, Augusta, Maine.