

Senator Morton on Oregon.

U. S. Senator Morton made a visit to Salem last week, and favored the people with an address, at the Opera House, on Friday evening. We give below his introductory remarks:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: It was not until a late hour last night that I determined to come to Salem, with a view to see the city and perhaps of making a short address to you. I came to Oregon on a mission of a somewhat disagreeable character. That duty has been discharged so far as it can be performed in this State. Of the character of it and the result of it, it would not be proper for me at this time, to say anything, nor do I intend to. I desire to express the surprise and gratification I have received from my visit to Oregon and Washington Territory. It has been to me something of the nature of a revelation. I need not mention the general idea entertained in the Eastern States and might say in Congress in regard to Oregon. I may say that the general impression is that Oregon is but a small amount of territory or area susceptible of cultivation; that it is composed of almost inexhaustible forest out of which they could with difficulty make farms or of rugged precipitous mountains, or board alkaline plains. It is not generally understood that there is a large part of this State susceptible of cultivation, fruitful to a high degree, and that there are great natural resources I have been surprised at what I have seen, at what I have heard. I have seen some portions of your state exceedingly fruitful and productive. I also saw that there were large areas susceptible of cultivation, and I believe that you have a future of one of the greatest States in the Union. You are already connected by rail with Puget Sound, the most beautiful sheet of water I have ever seen, and I believe the most beautiful in the world. The wild river scenery of the Columbia is unrivaled in this country. I never have been down the Rhine, but I do not think from the descriptions I have read it will compare with the Columbia river. [Applause] And you have already a large system of interior river commerce. When the obstructions of the Snake river and the Columbia have been removed, you will have a large system of river commerce. The great thing you now need, which you understand perfectly, is railroad connection with the East. Direct railroad connection across the continent, making your State easy of access, would bring a rush of population, and, I believe, an accumulation of wealth unsurpassed, and only equalled, perhaps, by that of California. This connection will come, that railroad will be built. I have no doubt of it. It may be deferred, however, for years, until your assets grow sick, perhaps until many of you have passed away; but I think it is sure to come, and in time these great improvements will be made. I have been astonished to learn the character of the country beyond the Snake river, and of the Eastern part of Washington Territory and of Oregon. There is a vast region of productive country there, which, when brought into cultivation, will make homes for millions and can almost feed the world. I have seen such wheat fields in the valley of the Walla Walla as I have never before seen, and I am told you have in Oregon what is quite equal to the valley of the Walla Walla. There is I feel a great future before you. What Oregon needs is to be well advertised, that is to say, to have her resources and character made known to the people of the United States. You are far away in the northwest corner of the Union. It is a long journey to come here and it is one that ordinarily strikes the imagination of people with dread. Those who came across the plains in the earlier or later years were men of uncommon resolution, willing to undergo all kinds of hardships and able to surmount all kinds of difficulties. But such men are rare. The great mass of the people are not willing to encounter these hardships. They do not see the inducements to make such long journeys, to endure such great difficulties. But when the character of the country is known, and when communication is made cheap and easy, and it requires but a few days from the Missouri to the Columbia, then you will have a sudden great influx of wealth and growth as rapid as that of your sister, California.

The Coming State Fair.

Portland, July 14, 1877. Permit me to announce, through your columns, that I have secured the consent of W. A. Lundell to deliver the opening address, and Hon. A. J. Dufur the annual address, at our coming State Fair, which fair begins October 8th, at Salem. The Board of Managers, in reviewing our past history—our trials, struggles, discouragements, and final success and triumphs, having expended over nineteen thousand dollars during the two years past, and are now engaged in making many substantial improvements in addition thereto for the coming Fair—feel greatly encouraged at the present and future outlook; and should present prices for wheat (of which we have such an unprecedented harvest) hold firm, we may expect the largest gathering ever known in Oregon. And now, Mr. Editor, please encourage every guardian, every friend, particularly our lady friends in Salem, also those from a distance, who came so nobly to the front, and by their presence, counsel, and by their untiring energy contributed in so large a measure to our grand success last Fair; to them we make our best bow, and hope that they will come again and assist us to make the coming Fair even better than our Centennial Fair. And just here allow me to remark that so far as kindly greeting, good will, good order, general satisfaction, moral deportment, together with all other courtesies that contribute so largely to make our annual gatherings a social, moral, and financial success. I have never seen our last Fair surpassed if equaled in any country. I know,

Mr. Editor, you are a true friend of the ladies, and but for lack of space I would like to mention many of the names who so nobly and faithfully assisted us to make our last Fair a grand success. From their generous efforts in the past, I can but believe that they will not desert us in the future. Yours truly, W. P. WATSON, Pres't.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEHAMA, July 29, 1877.

Away from the cares and fluctuations of town life, your humble servant finds repose beneath the beautiful summer foliage of the maple, cherry and alder trees; thinking of the vast beauties of nature in the formation of this country, with its wild yet inviting places for the habitation of man. And by the way, those who would seek ranches must come early before the rush to the various mines, which are being pushed forward with great activity, and of course in time will prove to be the "big bonanza" of the west. Every day parties are coming and going to the mines, some to prospect, others to look after the various leads on which their men are working. The favorite up here seems to be the Capital, of which Salem has a large number of stockholders.

THE WHITE HILL.

Is a good mine, but there seems to be a good deal of work done which will not amount to much. However, this is nearly always the case where an incorporated company has a chief boss, an unexperienced miner, and that Company needs the experience of scientific miners, and then maybe, \$2,800 would go a great deal farther than it has, to pay one man a large salary to keep two other men at work.

THE ELLEN MINE.

Near the Capital, is also very rich in silver, and promises to bring good returns for the owners, but all these mines are only waiting development and capital which, as the country grows older, will no doubt be properly and profitably worked.

Too much could scarcely be said of this region of country, its beautiful scenery, and its healthful summer air, which a great many pleasure seekers are now taking advantage of. Among them, we notice Adams is well represented. Geo. H. Jones and family, J. H. Albert and family, John C. Booth and family, J. W. Weatherford and family, Col. N. B. Knight and family, J. T. Byron and family, Dr. H. Smith and Dr. J. W. McAfee, are among the number, and above all I must not forget our efficient school marms, T. J. Blake. I could give you a great many more names, but don't suppose you want a passenger list where no steamers or railroads run. To-day it has poured down rain and we have been playing solitario, under the tent. I think if the gypsies would come up here they would make good wages during the summer season.

MEHAMA.

Is going to be the "Queen City" in a few years, and is already assuming quite a business aspect. There are two scores, both of which are doing a good business. To-morrow work will be commenced on the dam for the great mill, which Mr. Beatty is going to build this summer. There is also a good saw mill site, but am not aware of any one that is going to build. Here is a good chance for someone to make a fortune. Town lots are worth from \$25 to \$50. I will "wind up" on this and give some one else a chance to see their effusions in print. JOHNNY.

Reduced Rates.

The steamer Oriana, of the new line between Portland and San Francisco, leaves the latter place to-morrow. Cabin passage has been reduced to \$10, steerage \$5, and freight \$2 per ton. These rates will bring lots of people to Oregon to "look around," if not to stay. A man can leave San Francisco and make a general tour of the Willamette valley and Columbia river, for \$50 and a steamer passenger can take the same trip for half the money. It is cheaper than staying at home. People will travel and prosper around when they can do so at little expense. Should these rates be maintained during the fall, hundreds of Californians can attend our State Fair at a small cost.

County Clerk's Doings.

Geo. A. Edes, County Clerk during the month of July, issued 7 marriage licenses, recorded 75 deeds, 37 mortgages, and 9 chattel mortgages—a fair amount of business for that month as compared with former years.

We learn by a private letter received to-day, that W. H. N. Styles was arrested last evening in Portland. No particulars, but we suppose the Grand Jury of the U. S. District Court now in session found a true bill against him for perjury in the late investigation matter, and in default of bail was committed.

Jose D. Carr has nearly completed his stone fence in the vicinity of Clear Lake, in Lake county. He will have about 75,000 acres inclosed.

In the river valleys of Puget sound the potato crop is greatly damaged by a worm or bug, and in many places there will be a failure.

Contractors are pushing to complete the work on the state university building at Eugene.

During the past year there have been eighteen cases of smallpox in Seattle and vicinity. Eight died.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Postoffice, Salem, at this date persons calling for these letters must give the date on which they are advertised:

- Bally, Miss Alice
Barrett, John
Boebe, G. H.
Robison, E. A.
Barron, Thomas
Boland, Mary A.
Brown, Wm
Barrington, Martin
Davis, Thos S.
Down, Amos
Dunne, John C.
Eddy, Mary E.
Emmett, Mrs S M
Emberthorn, Martin
English, F. B.
Eckhart, Mrs Mary
Karras, James
Painhorn, W C
Grannold, Y
Grimesley, Jas M
Grayson, J H
Hawkins, H A
Hamel, Conrad
daight, Elizabeth
Holmes, Josephine
Hekmad, Henry
Hunt, G W
Jackson, J W.
Jones, Alexander
Jones, Helen
Jones, A T
Knapp, (2) G A
Lous, Louis
Lowery, Ross
Lyons, Thos
McNary, Sarah
Murphy, Anna
Miller, A J
Murphy, W H
Moore, W E
Myers, Zeno K
Newby, Martha
Reed, Be J P
Rennels, Mollie
Ryess, E A
Roberts, Wm
Robertson, Amanda
Ryerson, I F
Redgate, Hony
Soback, J S
Sno-Bell, G. W.
Snortridge, E. W. (4)
Stinson, Sallis W
Stine, Wm or M A
Tucker, Geo
Tuckson, Mrs K A
Thompson, Daniel
Watson, W P
Wells, Edgar
Willard, Joseph R
Wise, Mrs Nancy J
Williams, G. W.
Willard, A R
Worley, Thos P
Young, Jennie
Young, Josie
Young, Pille
Yocum, M F
Yocum, Reta

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Deputy Coroner Hartigan yesterday made an autopsy of Jackson Pollard, pastry cook at the Johnson House, who died very suddenly, and found more than a quart of orange peel in his stomach, which caused his death. The deceased was fifty-six years old and toothless, and swallowed the orange peel in large pieces, being unable to masticate it.

Josephine county is out of debt and has \$1,500 in the treasury. It took a levy of five per cent. to bring her out.

In Jackson county on the 20th lightning struck a tree killing ten sheep under it. They belonged to Amy & McKee's.

The Markets.

Wool is weaker at the East, and the decline here is sustained.

Wheat suffered a slight decline this week both at San Francisco and in Liverpool. Buyers through this valley still offer a dollar a bushel, and to make advances on contracts, but some have withdrawn or modified the offer to buy.

No man living can tell what wheat will be a fortnight hence. All is speculation and uncertainty, with prospect of a large crop and a fair price for it, and nothing more. Those who sell for a dollar have a safe thing, and that is all we know for certain.

California Markets.

We copy the following from the San Francisco Commercial Herald, July 26th:

Tonnage continues to accumulate in our harbor, and the apparent indifference manifested by wheat exporters to charter ships at current low freights to the United Kingdom is somewhat surprising. Even the farmers are silent lookers on, not willing to accept the situation, nor free sellers of their grain at present high prices, nor will they avail themselves of low freights to ship. From the best information at our disposal, there appears to be very few, if any, English orders here for wheat, certainly not at limits that will allow of the orders being executed at present. This "dead lock" in freights is certainly very discouraging to ship-owners who have scores of vessels now at anchor in our harbor seeking business, and this is the more annoying when we consider the large surplus stock of wheat and flour here and in Oregon that is to go forward within the next two or three months.

Wheat—Thus far in July only two ships have cleared for the United Kingdom, to eleven cargoes same time last year. These two ships are the Oracle and the Indiana, the latter carrying 48,450 cwt, valued at \$107,000. The daily receipts at tide water are very light, yet the accumulation in warehouses at Stockton and other interior shipping points is large and steadily increasing. Farmers, for the most part, are unwilling to sell at present, nor do they show any disposition to export their grain even at present low rates of freight of \$2 to Liverpool. The St. Kluckton Independent says: "From the amount of wheat that is constantly pouring into this market, one would not imagine that we have had a very dry year. Over six hundred thousand sacks have already been sold in this country, which is sufficient to stock up 42,000 tons. The wheat is unusually heavy this year, and averages 160 pounds to the sack, plump. North and east of the San Joaquin river there will be more wheat raised in the county than we had last year."

Prices at San Francisco, good milling \$2 45; choice \$2 50, per cental.

Flour—Especially in demand at present is light for all kinds. Superfine, \$5 15; extra superfine, \$5 50.

Barley—Arrivals are light and the daily offerings small, all tending to keep up prices. Rye—But little doing, price \$1.00 per cental.

Hops—Demand confined mainly to small jobbing lots, at 20¢ or less; stock light. Wool—Market firm, holders not caring to forego matters. The railroads decline to take freight east of Chicago, which of course discourages shippers. Stocks are light, and confined almost exclusively to Humboldt and Eastern Oregon wool. Humboldt, 28 to 30¢; Eastern Oregon, 27 to 29¢.

Potatoes—Receipts for the week have been about equal to the consumption and prices been quite steady. Present range, from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.

Onions—Receipts are largely in excess of the demand; 75¢ per 100 lbs. for choice Shiverskins.

San Francisco Market.

[BY TELEGRAPH.] San Francisco, July 31. Wheat—Decline of 3¢ in Liverpool market; unsettled market; ranges from \$2 35 to \$2 38, outside figure the asking price for choice milling.

Oats—\$2 35. Barley—Feed, \$1 00; \$1 05; \$1 10 to \$1 15. Gold—100¢; Greenbacks, 94 1/2¢; Silver, 60 1/2¢ discount.

Legal Tenders in Portland—buying 94; selling, 95. Silver coin—4 1/2¢ per cent. discount.

SALEM MARKET.

MONETARY. Local Tenders, buying, 90 1/2¢; selling, 90 1/2¢.

FLOUR, GRAIN &c.

Wheat, best white \$ bushel..... 85 50
Oats, do..... 50 50
Corn Meal, do..... 4 50
Rye, do..... 5 50
Buckwheat Flour, do..... 5 50
Bran, do..... 15 00
Shorts, do..... 20 00
Oat Meal, do..... 30 00
Flax Seed, per bushel..... 14 00
Hay, do, new..... 12 00
do, old..... 10 00

GROCERIES.

Sugar, San Francisco refined, per cwt..... 13 1/2
Island, do..... 12 1/2
Cracked, do..... 11 1/2
Granulated, do..... 10 1/2
Rice, Japan, do..... 10 00
Tea, Imperial, do..... 1 25
Coffee, Costa Rica, do..... 20 00
do, Rio, do..... 15 00
do, Java, do..... 15 00
Salt, Carmen Island, per cwt..... 10 00
Liverpool, coarse, do..... 10 00
Bag, do..... 10 00

FRUITS, VEGETABLES &c.

Apples, do..... 50 00
Peaches, dried, do..... 15 00
Plums, do..... 10 00
Pears, do, per bushel..... 5 00
Beans, do..... 10 00
Potatoes, do..... 50 00
Onions, do..... 40 00
Cabbage, do..... 10 00

BUTTER, EGGS, &c.

Butter, fresh rolls, do..... 18 00
packed, do..... 20 00
Eggs, do..... 16 00
Cheese, do..... 14 00
Lard, do..... 14 00

OILS, &c.

Lined Oil, boiled, do..... 1 00
Lard Oil, do..... 1 00
Safflower Oil, do..... 1 00
Tallow, do..... 1 00

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