

A STATEMENT.

EOLA, Feb. 2, 1878.

Mr. Editor:

I noticed a statement in your paper in regard to the examination of the Chinamen before me, charged with an assault upon Mr. W. C. Riggs, and who were discharged. The statement goes on to say: "From what we can learn of the affair, the Justice did very wrong in discharging the Chinamen, as it was a direct assault, and the Squire so admitted after they were discharged, but did so on the ground that he did not want to bind them over and send them to jail—as they had no money—and run the county in debt to keep them." The only truth there is in the whole statement is the statement that they were discharged. The Squire made no statement that it was a direct assault, nor anything that could be so construed. I did say after the evidence was closed, (which was all on the part of the State, the defense not deeming it necessary to offer any evidence in the absence of sufficient evidence on the part of the State to make out a case,) that there was not evidence sufficient to justify me in holding the defendants to answer, and I thought my only duty lay in the direction of ordering the Chinamen to be discharged.

I believe courts of justice are not in the habit of appearing in public print for the purpose of justifying themselves against adverse criticism, and I certainly have no desire to violate the custom; but just one thing I would like to do: I would like to look the man (?) who made the statement in the eye and tell him the truth, and I can assure you that the truth would not be very flattering to his veracity.

While Polk county does not wish men to be thrown into jail and held for months without evidence or a reasonable probability of conviction, it does not at the same time desire its Justices to discharge criminals rather than incur the expense of holding and prosecuting them, merely as a matter of economy. Justice to all is the rule, without regard to nationality or color, and the people who were present at the examination (and there were a great many present) all concur in the opinion that no other course could have been taken than to discharge the defendants. Very respectfully,

T. PEABODY.

BUENA VISTA ITEMS.

Rev. Mr. Crossman began a protracted effort at this place yesterday. He married one—some good accomplished already.

An astronomer was here last week, and ever since then things have worked like the solar system.

Mr. J. Prather hired a few Chinamen to do some grubbing for him. During the first night they camped on the place, Mr. P. heard some one shouting. The next morning when he went over he found several bullet holes through the camp. Good luck to Mr. Chinaman, that he did not lose his quack.

The river is bank full, and from the looks of the water it will run over before many days.

Mr. L. Betman says he has had three wedding dresses during the last week. The sea of matrimony is out of its banks also.

JAN. HALL.

Something Strange.

Yesterday afternoon a large cow belonging to Mr. Lewis Griffith, on Picty Hill, near the State House, took a sudden fit or something of the kind and commenced running and bellowing; after running around the block two or three times, she ran head first against the gate to Mr. G's yard and succeeded in knocking the gate off of its hinges, and went about half way through, when she dropped down dead, without even so much as a struggle. The cow seemed as well as common in the morning, and her mysterious actions and sudden death are something more than we can account for.

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Referee's Sale of Land.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Marion, made October 17th 1877, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1878, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day, and at the court-house door in Salem, in said county, the following described tract of land, late the property of A. O. Jacobs, now deceased: Commencing at the N. E. corner of the S. E. q. of Sec. 1, in T. 8 S., R. 1 W., in Marion county, Oregon, running thence N. 50.00 chs., thence S. 40.00 chs., thence W. 50.00 chs., thence S. 10.00 chs., thence W. 40.00 chs., thence N. 30.00 chs., thence W. 20.00 chs., beginning, containing 432 acres, more or less, and reserving out of the same a tract of about ten acres called the Saw-mill property.

From the Daily Record, Feb. 6 THE HOMICIDE AT BROWNSVILLE.

Last Saturday we received a special, stating that a man by the name of Fields was shot and instantly killed by one Charley Williams. The facts, as we glean them from the Albany Register, are about these: On the evening in question, deceased, commonly called Doc Fields, came into the drug store and demanded liquor, which was refused him, when he became boisterous, and put his hand into his pocket as if he intended drawing a pistol, when Williams seized a shotgun near him and fired, the contents striking Fields in the head, literally tearing the top of his head off.

We understand an inquest was held, and the jury, after examining into the facts, gave a verdict of justifiable homicide. Charley Williams is a son of Uncle Sam Williams, an old and respectable citizen of this county, probably 25 years of age; deceased was about the same age.

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Later information says that young Fields was under the influence of liquor; that he came into the drug store and demanded liquor, and when refused swore he would have it; that he started for Williams who retreated until he reached his bed room in the rear of the store; that he reached into the room and secured a shot-gun and warned Fields not to come nearer; that Fields still approaching, placed one hand in the back pocket of his pants, as if to take therefrom a pistol, a weapon he was presumed to always carry; that upon making this demonstration, Williams fired, resulting as stated above. The universal opinion is that Williams acted only in self defense. Fields had a bottle of whisky in his pocket when killed, and from this fact it would seem that he went into the store not so much to obtain liquor, as to raise a fuss.

RICH MEN.

The four richest men in the world are the Duke of Westminster, £16,000,000; Senator Jones, of Nevada, £20,000,000; Rothschild, £40,000,000, and J. W. Mackay, £55,000,000. Thirty years ago Mackay was a penniless boy in Ireland. Twenty years ago he was a speculative salesman in the United States; sixteen years ago he was a bankrupt. He afterwards purchased into a silver mine in Nevada, and is now the richest man in the world, and is only 45 years of age. His yearly income is £2,750,000, and his fortune increases £5 every minute. What an immense amount of good this man could do with his fortune, and in that proportion add to his own happiness. But alas! few of our millionaires seek for happiness by making others happy.

CENSUS REPORT.

School District No. 24, for the Year Ending First Monday in March, 1878.

Table with columns: Boys, Girls, Total. Rows: Whole No. children in district, Whole No. attending public schools, Whole No. attending no school.

At the University Chapel.

The entertainment given at the Willamette University Chapel, by Prof. Jas. Walton's class in elocution, last Saturday evening, was largely attended by our citizens. The programme was made up of recitations and compositions by the Professor's class, while Mrs. W. B. Allen's class furnished the musical part of the programme. Each pupil as his or her turn came, stepped forward and recited their portion with a spirit and a will that showed that the pupil had been thoroughly trained, and at the close of each piece was heartily encored. We do not believe that there was a single person in the room but what pronounced the entertainment good and would go again, should the Professor repeat the entertainment. The pupils all acquitted themselves with great credit and the Professor may well feel proud of his scholars and the advancement they have made during the term. We hope again soon to be able to announce that the Professor and his class will give another entertainment of like character.

Attempted Highway Robbery.

A daring attempt at highway robbery was made last Sunday evening, on the roadway at Astoria. From Capt. Whitecomb, who was one of the principal actors in the scene, the Astorian glean the following: About half-past ten o'clock Capt. W. and Mr. Preston were coming down the roadway, and as it was raining quite hard, Mr. Preston was sharing the half of Capt. W's cloak, to shield him from the rain. The robber, not noticing that there were two men, stepped out from behind a barrel and commanded Capt. W. to halt and deliver. Mr. Preston, jumping from under the cloak, convinced the fellow that he had made a mistake, and he took to his heels with both men in pursuit, and being closely pressed, he jumped from the roadway to the mud flat below, and made his escape. This is certainly one of the most daring attempts at robbery that has ever occurred in our city.

Ball at Lincoln.

We have received an invitation to attend a grand ball to be given at Lincoln on the evening of February 14th. In looking over the list of gentlemen that have the management of the affair, we notice the names of several persons that we are intimately acquainted with, and from their personal experience in managing affairs of this kind we feel confident that the ball at Lincoln will be "way up." Tickets, including supper, \$2. First-class musicians have been engaged.

Important Decision.

It was decided yesterday by the Supreme Court, in the case of Stevens vs. School District No. 21, Multnomah county, that indebtedness within the State shall be deducted by clerks making assessments for the purpose of levying school taxes.

AT THE DELIVERY WINDOW.

Last Saturday we took our station near the general delivery window at the Postoffice and watched the surging mass of humanity as they came and went. Soon an old lady came rushing in, almost out of breath, and asked: "Is there a 'Reporter' here?" Thinking that she wanted a pencil shaver, we at once sprang forward and drew our note book, and offered our services to write up any case she wanted; but with supreme contempt on every feature, she informed us that she wanted her paper by that name. Then we felt like giving Snyder a benefit. We had hardly got our angry passions cooled off, when in bounced a fleshy matron and said she would be pleased to have a "Weekly Oregonian." The clerk excused himself, and said he would call the boss and see about it. Soon a tall, orthodox looking lady came in and said, "Is there a 'Christian at Work' in here for me?" The clerk informed her that working Christians were rather scarce in this halliwick; "Guess you've mistaken the door; Rev. Van Horn's church is just around the corner; guess he's the man you're after." You should have seen the withering look of utter disgust that spread over the countenance of that irate female, as she turned her back upon us with her newspaper in her hand. The next visitor was a dapper little lady, who asked, "Any 'Cricket on the Hearth' in there?" This time we knew we had her, for there was no hearth or fire place, and they were using a base brand of a wood-stove, as we told her so, and the dent in the window casing shows with what force the ink bottle was thrown, and which we escaped by dodging. The next was a man, and he stammered in his speech. We understood him to say, "I want to R-R-Register," and we directed him to the school clerk. This piece of information came near costing us a black eye. The next was a man of the Jeffersonian type, and said: "I want a Democrat." We referred him to Judge Lawson, as the latest convert. A nice little duck of a "Sweet Sixteen," just a good armful, next came, with, "I want a 'Fireside Visitor!'" Our reply goes down to history as follows: "My dear, we are here to accommodate the public, and nothing would give us greater pleasure than to offer you a model man, were it not for the fact that 'Pap' is a married man, and should his better half hear of it there would not be a grease spot left of him." Oh, my! You'd never believe there was half so much mad in as little a mite as she was, for she jumped up, kicked her heels together, opened her mouth and let her tongue loose, and it rained nine parts of speech for about ten minutes, and the people across the street thought she was a book agent. The next wanted a "Woman's Friend," and when we offered to console her, she got very indignant and left the room. The next wanted a "Boston Investigator," and we referred her to the Democratic House of Representatives. Sparks of sulphur and lightning flew out of her eyes, as she slammed the door. The next lady said: "I want my 'Sun.'" We politely told her that we sympathized with her, but our name was not Henry Ward Beecher. The lady was on her hands, and attempted to harpoon us with an umbrella, when "Pap" came in and saved us from being assassinated. We cannot be hired to stand at that window any more.

Pacific Threshing Machine Company.

Last Saturday afternoon the Pacific Threshing Machine Company, at the foundry in East Salem, made the first blast and did the first casting since the removal from Gervais. Everything worked well, notwithstanding the fact that all of the works were put up in the dead of winter. The moulding room is a fine one, being 60x60 feet in the clear, and lighted from the side and from the top. To the North is the engine house, which is 25x50 feet; a part of this used for fitting and setting up castings. Fronting on State street and beyond the moulding room, is the finishing room, 50x120 feet in size. The latter building is not yet completed, but carpenters are as busy as bees and if the rain only stops for a few days it will be enclosed. The company at present are at work on stoves and hollow ware, such as teakettles, pots, cauldrons, etc. Six moulders will be employed from the first. The company hope to command the trade of the State in the matter of hollow ware, and from present appearances the hope will be realized. Skilled workmen have been employed and the goods turned out from this foundry will rank with any from older establishments.

The Town Site of Lafayette.

The title to the town site of Lafayette, the county seat of Yamhill county, is again in dispute. Lemuel Scott, one of the early settlers of the county, having commenced suit in the United States Circuit Court to establish the fact that it belongs to him. He claims the town site as his property, acquired under the Donation Claim Law; avers that he filed on the same and fulfilled the requirements of the law as to the residence upon the land, but never "proved up" on his claim and received no patent for it. At the same time it appears that Mr. Perkins, now deceased, had filed upon the land, and in due time proved his claim valid and received his patent for the same from the land office. It was with the heirs of the Perkins estate that the town has recently disputed for titles and finally brought the contest to a satisfactory settlement.

Over at Dallas.

Last Sunday evening some of the light fingered gentry that have been infesting the different towns in this State within the last few months, broke into the express office of Wells, Fargo & Co., at Dallas, and took therefrom about \$60 in coin.

Will Adjourn.

The Supreme Court has heard all the arguments on the docket but six, and the chances are that about the last of this or first of next week the court will adjourn.

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INDEPENDENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

DALLAS, Feb. 24, 1878. The Independent Central Committee of Polk county, Oregon, met at Dallas, February 24, 1878.

Motion made and carried that the Polk county Independent Convention meet at Dallas on Thursday, March 7th, 1878.

Motion made and carried that the precinct meetings be held on Wednesday March 6th, 1878, at one o'clock p. m., at the usual places of voting.

Motion made and carried that each precinct be allowed one delegate to each ten votes, and one for each fraction of five, based on the Independent vote of 1876.

Table showing delegates allowed for various precincts: Douglas, Salt Lake, Eola, Dallas, Buena Vista, Bridgeport, Jackson, Bethel, LaCreole, Monmouth, Luckiamute.

On motion, the committee adjourned. W. A. HENRY, Secretary. W. C. BROWN, Chairman.

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