

**GRANGE OFFICERS FOR 1879.**

On the 3d inst. the following officers elect of Marion County Pomona Grange were installed by J. W. Bachelor, State Deputy, assisted by D. H. Lafollett:

Hugh Harrison, Master; R. P. Boise, Lecturer; C. S. Hubbard, Steward; M. A. McCordle, Assistant Steward; A. Stephens, Chaplain; G. W. Hunt, Treasurer; E. Strong, Secretary; E. Kimzey, Gatekeeper; Marion Teller, Ceres; Georgia Hunt, Pomona; Alice Downing, Flora. The Overseer and Stewards elect were not present.

The following officers elect of Salem Grange, No. 17, were installed on the 4th inst. by T. L. Davidson, Past Master, assisted by Hugh Harrison:

R. P. Boise, Master; F. R. Smith, Overseer; Thomas Townsend, Steward; C. T. Purver, Assistant Steward; A. Stephens, Chaplain; L. Johnson, Treasurer; E. Strong, Secretary; L. Pettyjohn, Gatekeeper; Sarah Smith, Ceres; Phiero Strong, Pomona; Nellie Glenn, Flora; Mellicie Pettyjohn, Stewardess; T. L. Davidson, Lecturer, not installed.

At a regular meeting of Harrisburg Grange, No. 11, held January 4th, 1879, the following officers were installed by Worthy Past Master Lewis: S. S. Train, Master; E. Hault, O. M.; J. Train, Sec.; Charles Lewis, S.; T. E. Alford, A. S.; David Ely, Chap.; M. Rodgers, Treas.; J. P. Alford, Sec.; N. Alford, G. H.; Mrs. E. Ely, Ceres; Nancy McMeekens, P.; E. Edick, F.; Mary Bucy, L. A. S. After the installation dinner was served in the hall, and all present partook of the bountiful feast that was spread before them, and enjoyed themselves in social chat.

The Lebanon Grange elected officers for 1879 as follows: Master, J. M. Suttle; Overseer, David Smith; Lecturer, F. C. Hansard; Steward, J. Houck; Assistant Steward, W. W. Shirrell; Chaplain, G. H. Blodgett; Treas., J. N. McDonald; Sect., B. F. Blodgett; Gatekeeper, A. Jones; Ceres, Mrs. Hattie Suttle; Flora, Mrs. Mary Shirrell; Pomona, Mrs. S. Blodgett; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. R. Smith. Installation on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 A. M.

**Jacksonville Grange.**

At the regular meeting of Jacksonville Grange, No. 88, P. of H., held at the residence of J. N. T. Miller, D. G. M., last Saturday, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to solicit subscriptions from the fraternity to aid the preliminary survey for a narrow gauge railroad to the coast, and that this committee be instructed to confer with the citizens' committee appointed on the same date.

A committee of three to procure a suitable location for a Grange Hall and make the necessary arrangements for building was appointed.

The report of the finance committee shows the business of the Grange to be in a good condition.

Special mention was made by the finance committee of the neat, complete and correct manner in which Miss Annie Miller had discharged the duties of Secretary for the past three years, and at the same time had assisted in the treasurer's office.—Jacksonville Times.

**Beaverton Grange.**

BEAVERTON, Washington Co., January 10, 1879.

Editor Willamette Farmer: I send you the following items of Grange news:

Beaverton Grange, No. 100, P. of H., met at their hall Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1879, when the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by Past Master M. L. Nicholas, acting as installing officer: J. D. Wilmut, M.; S. Tucker, O.; William Tucker, S.; Geo. W. Tefft, A. S.; R. B. Wilmut, Sec.; M. L. Nicholas, L.; R. F. Wilmut, Treas.; Mary A. Flicker, C.; Mrs. C. Hornbuckle, Ceres; Miss D. Tucker, Flora; Mrs. Maggie J. Wilmut, Pomona; Mrs. Z. F. Wilmut, L. A. S.

A committee was appointed to prepare a programme for a Grange Fair to be held some time the coming fall. Beaverton Grange held a Fair the 20th of last September, the first, we think, managed by a subordinate Grange, ever held in the State, and although gotten up on short notice, it proved a very gratifying success.

**Wheat Case.**

The Statesman says: Doty Brothers, of Eola, who lately failed, have a warehouse, and have been receiving wheat from the farmers in the vicinity to the amount of 16,000 bushels, as per receipts given. Messrs. George Marshall & Co., of Oregon City, claim to have bought of Doty Brothers 5,000 bushels, for which payment has been made. The farmers, however, claim the wheat, they not having sold or received payment thereon, and in order to protect their rights, sued out a writ of replevin. Mr. Marshall, we understand, has commenced a counter action, which will test the rights of property. The farmers are in possession, and it seems that the amount does not tally with outstanding receipts, there being a difference unaccounted for of near 4,000 bushels.

**Valuable Land for Sale.**

Mr. Clarke, of the Farmer, having removed from Marion County, offers to sell 640 acres of land situated at a point where the Minto Pass Road leaves the valley, in the midst of a thickly-settled and very healthy region, most of the land being under fence, and at least half of it can be made good wheat land at a cost of four or five dollars an acre for clearing. It is well wooded and watered, and is a region unexcelled for health. The improvements are of value to a new settler. Price \$5.00 an acre. \$2.00 an acre can be left on annual payments for a term of years at low interest. This is one of the best land tracts to be made in the State. It is a favorite region for Germans, and several German families could divide it among them. It would make an excellent ranch for sheep and Angora goats, with which it is now stocked.

**Letter From Albany.**

"The gambling propensities of the youth of Albany is something astonishing. While we are glad to say that very little card-playing for money indulged in, there is scarcely a boy in the town who don't play for drinks, and shove the cue in billiards or pool. Your correspondent hadn't been in town an hour and a half before he was tackled by a boy about half his size with: 'Say, you follow with the red hair, want to play a game of freeze-out for the Tom-an-Jerry?' We obliged the young man, and he stole cards so adroitly and managed his points so well, that we lost our last chip on the second deal, and had to get up."

The above effusion of calumny and falsehood appears in the Oregon Statesman of Dec. 26, 1-7, under the head of Albany Local. The fertile production emanates from the pen of one C., a Capital blood, who has been assuming in our city a short time, and whose business seems to be playing freeze-out and concocting skeleton reports for the Statesman.

Almost every person unconsistently carries about his person and character a mysterious something that, pervading his personal atmosphere, seldom fails to attract to him a bird of congenial feather. This knight of the quill, according to his own statement must have had this mysterious something very strong about his person, for he had not been in Albany an hour and a half before the carter was scented, and he was the eagle's meat.

Fit specimen he is to sit in judgment upon the characters of Albany young men. Ignorance and stupidity form no sufficient excuse for his base attempt to blacken their reputation. Upon our streets, and in all our honorable business places, may be found plenty of young men whose frank, open faces daily belie his foul imputation.

We suggest that he give his yellow mustache an extra touch, open his eyes, and quit for a few moments his game of freeze-out for Tom-and-Jerry," and step into one or more of our eight or nine churches, or on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon into the Young Men's Christian Association, where he will find a welcome. Also several young men who will decline to play a game of freeze-out, but will give him an example and good advice free of charge. TWELVE YEARS' RESIDENT.

ALBANY, Jan. 7, 1879.

**The Silver Prune.**

Our Oregon nurserymen disagree very radically about the silver prune, and while we believe they are honest in their various convictions, we give what they say with perfect impartiality.

Mr. H. W. Prettymann, of East Portland, answers G. W. Walling's assault on his "Silver Prune" by the following rejoinder:

Just here I step in, and emphatically deny ever clipping scions from any tree standing in A. L. Alderman's orchard. I received the scions cut from five trees standing in Alderman's yard, and I further deny that these trees were bought for Coe's Golden Drop at all. These trees came to Mr. Alderman, marked "Columbia Plum." Mr. Walling says that I have told the rest of the history, myself. I have told only a part of the history, but will now tell the rest, so that the public may see who is in the right. Only a few days ago Mr. Walling called at the residence of Mr. A. L. Alderman, and demanded that Alderman give him a written statement that the trees that I clipped scions from for Silver Prune were the same identical trees that he (Alderman) bought of Walling for Coe's Golden Drop Plum. Mr. Alderman told Walling that he could not do that for it would be a false statement. Alderman there and then told Walling that the trees called Silver Prune came to him marked Columbia Plum. Walling then told Alderman that he could tell the trees of the Silver Prune as soon as he set eyes on them, and being familiar with Coe's Golden Drop, he could tell it wherever he saw it. Mr. Alderman took Walling out into the garden among the Silver Prune trees and Walling took hold of one of the Silver Prune trees and said: "This is a Peach Plum, and it is a beautiful growth." If it had been Coe's Golden Drop Plum, why did not Mr. Walling recognize the tree at once? The same day that Walling was at Alderman's, a man by the name of Daniel Holman came to Mr. Alderman's with some of the dried fruit of Coe's Golden Drop Plum (five trees he had bought of Walling, and dried on a Plummer drier). They compared them with the Silver Prune, and Mr. Holman said that he was satisfied that they were entirely a different variety. Now, I appeal to Mr. G. W. Walling or any other fruit grower in Oregon, if Coe's Golden Drop Plum is the same identical fruit as the Silver Prune, why does not Mr. Walling or Mr. "Enquirer" come forward with samples of dried Coe's Golden Drop Plum and prove to the public that they are one and the same identical fruit? I here challenge and defy Mr. Walling or "Enquirer" to produce any dried Coe's Golden Drop Plum that will compare with the Silver Prune in flavor, and any one who desires to test this new fruit can do so by addressing me at East Portland.

**Returned Home.**

We have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. W. H. Shipley, who looks in fine health since his return from attending the National Grange at Richmond, Va. His return was welcomed by a host of friends.

**High Class Poultry.**

Mr. A. F. Miller, of East Portland, calls attention to his stock of High Class Poultry. He is devoting much time and no small expense to breeding fowls of the best and most improved families, and will be prepared to fill orders for eggs after February 1. Read his ad.

**MARRIED.**

Near Sublimity, Dec. 31st, 1878, by George S. Downing, J. P., W. H. Tate and Miss Mary Lambert, all of Marion County.

We learn that Mr. A. B. Henry, who lives near Lafayette, was quite ill last week, and are glad to hear he is better again.

**Doubled Its Rates.**

Since the reception of the news detailing the loss of or injury to vessels recently at the mouth of the Columbia river, the Underwriters Insurance Company, of Boston, has doubled the rates of insurance for wooden ships crossing the Columbia river bar. This measure will virtually confine the trade from this port to British bottoms, which are mostly iron, whereas American ships are yet principally wooden. What effect it will have remains to be seen.

**Unfortunate.**

Mrs. Ann Mullins, of Canemah, who dislocated her ankle some six weeks ago, met with another mishap on the 1st inst. She was moving about on crutches when she again fell and sustained injuries to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to take her to the hospital at Portland.

**Navigation Impossible.**

Engineer Easturek is said to be of the opinion that Rogue river cannot be rendered navigable by the expenditure of any sum of money Congress may see fit to appropriate for the purpose. His recent experience in the premises seems to be evidence enough of this, and he will report accordingly. This fact is to be deplored, for it cuts off one hope Southern Oregon may have entertained for an outlet to the sea.

**Extra Service.**

The additional tri-weekly service for the transportation of third class matter on the Roseburg and Reading route is now being performed, says the Jacksonville Times. An extra stage runs from Roseburg to Canyonville three times a week. From the latter place to Yreka the regular stages afford ample accommodations for the carrying of all kinds of mail matter, and from Yreka to Reading the extra stage is again brought into use. This plan is said to work successfully.

**A Fiendish Outrage.**

From the Walla Walla Watchman we clip the following: Pellissier, a Frenchman and old settler, living at the Four Lakes, in Stevens county, returned last week from a trip to Colville, and found his little girl, about 10 years old, left to take care of the house, stark dead, her body fiendishly outraged and mutilated, and her tongue split in three different places. No clue as yet to the perpetrator of this fearful deed. Some suspect an Indian, others a white man, but may the guilty wretch find a speedy doom.

**Road Supervisors.**

The following appointments of road supervisors were yesterday made by the County Commissioners:

District No. 1, Dennis Kelly; 2, Pembroke Gault; 3, John Mock; 4, Henry Holtgrieve; 5, A. L. Rumsey; 6, Gilmer Kelly; 7, Martin Gilman; and have created two new road districts—No. 8, comprising all that part of Multnomah county lying east of the Sandy river, Frederick Emmery, supervisor; district No. 9, comprising all of sections 14, 18, 23 and 24, and all of sections 15 and 22, lying east of the Willamette river, Edward Long, supervisor.

**Commissions.**

The following persons have been appointed by Governor Thayer as commissioned officers: S. Thomas Turner, Commissioner of Deeds, Washington, D. C.; Owen Cox, Captain Emmet Guards, company B, 2d Brigade, O. S. M.; L. C. Webber, 1st Lieutenant Emmet Guards, company B, 2d Brigade, O. S. M.; J. Cusick, 2d Lieutenant Emmet Guards, company B 2d Brigade, O. S. M.; T. Mountain, Captain Portland Light Battery, 2d Brigade, O. S. M.; B. Barry, 1st Lieutenant Portland Light Battery, 2d Brigade, O. S. M.; W. J. Blackwell, Highland, and Alex. Meac' an, Astoria, Notaries Public.

**U. S. vs W. C. Griswold.**

Saturday, after his motion for a new trial was denied by Judge Deady, Mr. Griswold surrendered himself to the Marshal for the purpose of releasing his sureties—Messrs. A. Bush and John F. Miller, of Salem. The Marshal surrendered the defendant to Sheriff Norden, and he, no doubt, gave him the privilege of the jail limits where he can remain 30 days and then make oath of his inability to pay the judgment of \$35,000, rendered against him, if he chooses to do so. We understand that Griswold intends to have the motion for a new trial argued again before Judge Sawyer when he holds the spring term of the U. S. Circuit court in this city.

**Merited Testimonial.**

Very recently Mr. H. N. Mosely of London published a book entitled, "Oregon; its Resources, Productions and People," a work which has commended itself to the general public of Europe and America. Grateful for the manner in which the author has handled the subject, Mr. W. S. James, professor of penmanship of this city, has copied in a beautiful and remarkably skilful manner, "concurrent resolution No. 1," thanking Mr. Mosely for his efforts to benefit the State of Oregon and attract attention to its inexhaustible resources. The card has been handsomely framed, and will be forwarded to that gentleman as a testimonial of respect and esteem.

**Executive Appointments.**

The following commissions were issued yesterday from the office of Secretary of State: Notaries Public, O. F. Paxton, R. M. Dement, Chas. A. Petrain and Ira O. Shattuck of this city; Geo. H. Reed, Col. Second Regiment Third Brigade; A. S. Lawrence, Lieutenant, Third Regiment Third Brigade; J. W. Norvill, Third Regiment Third Brigade; H. N. Crapper, Assistant Surgeon on the staff of Col. F. M. Ish, with rank of First Lieutenant; J. H. Hutchinson Captain, John Dairs First Lieutenant, James R. Haines Second Lieutenant, Company D, Third Regiment Third Brigade; E. C. Lindsey Captain, H. H. Loned First Lieutenant, Robert Shinn Second Lieutenant, Company C, Second Regiment Third Brigade, Oregon State militia.

**Gathering them In.**

Deputy United States Marshal Burns is gathering in quite a number of persons who persist in disposing of liquor to Indians against the laws of the Commonwealth. The latest recruits were brought from Salem to Portland yesterday. They are Tom Raines and Bob Hargrave, the former having been arrested at Dallas and the latter at the capitol.

**C. & Y. B. R. R.**

An engine and a sufficient number of cars have been purchased in New York for the C. & Y. B. R. R., and will be here as soon as they can be sent out. Cash was paid for the material and was thereby obtained 2 1/2 per cent. cheaper than on the credit plan. The required ten miles will be completed at an early day, which will insure the construction of the road from Corvallis to tide water on Yaquina bay.

**Found at Last.**

Over two years ago search was unavailingly made for a registered letter sent from Myrtle Creek, Douglas county, to some place in Coos county. The postmaster at the former place has been all this time under surveillance, though really not supposed guilty by the department. A few days ago, while an old mail pouch was being repaired in Chicago, this registered package was found stowed away in it, probably having slipped within the worn lining.

**Some Questionable Transactions.**

From a reliable source the Statesman has obtained the following facts: R. Doty received on storage about 65,000 bushels of wheat; upon closing up he comes out 8,000 bushels short to the farmers, while Geo. Marshall claims a balance of 7,000 bushels, making a difference of 15,000 bushels unaccounted for. Doty did all his shipping to Geo. Marshall without weighing it, trusting that to Marshall. From the above facts it appears that there is something radically wrong in this business, and that someone has been playing the rascal quite boldly. Either Doty has sold the farmers' wheat and taken pay for it, or Marshall still owes him for wheat received, or else they have with intent defrauded, together got away with the farmers' wheat. Where is the wrong? To say the least it was very careless in Doty to ship without weighing the wheat, and the question of criminal wrong lies between the two men—one or both are guilty.

**The Hudson Bay Company.**

A general court of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's bay has been held at the City Terminus Hotel in Victoria, under the presidency of the Right Hon. G. J. Goshen, M. P., Governor. The committee reported that the result of the fur sale held in September last exhibited an improvement in prices which amounted to about £5,000 on the total of £38,000 when compared with the corresponding prices of last year. On the beaver and some other kind of furs the prices had improved from ten to fifteen per cent. The sales of the bulk of the outfit of 1877 had still to be effected, and that while the committee were glad that some improvement had taken place in the demand for furs, they found it impossible to forecast the probable issue of the Spring sales. Under the present circumstances they would not be justified in recommending the payment of an interim dividend.

**Cook's Sentence.**

Following is the sentence of Cook, at The Dalles, pronounced by Judge McArthur: After bidding the prisoner to stand up, Cook rose slowly and Judge McArthur said: "You were indicted by the grand jury of this county and were charged with the crime of murder in the first degree. After a very careful trial, in which you were ably defended by a talented and accomplished attorney appointed by the court at your request, you are found guilty as charged in the indictment. The time appointed by the court for passing sentence and judgment of law has arrived. If you have anything to say the court will hear you." The prisoner responded: "I have nothing to say." The court then resumed: "I shall not, by dwelling on the facts of the case, add to the pain which every man must feel who finds himself in a situation similar to that which you now occupy. Before I appoint the day which must, under the law, terminate your career on this earth let me here admonish you to banish all thoughts of the things of this life and, looking to the Almighty, prepare your soul for His final judgment. The judgment of this court is that you be taken hence and securely confined in the jail of this county until the seventh day of February, 1879, and that on said day of February, 1879, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, you be taken thence to the enclosure of the jail of this county in which you are to be confined, and then and there, in the presence of twelve bona fide electors of Wasco county, you be hanged by the neck until you are dead." During all the time the court was passing sentence the prisoner seemed stolidly indifferent to what was taking place. When sent back to jail he sat down quietly. For some time prior to his arrest he lived with a bloodthirster who is known as "Cloudy's wife." Perhaps long assimilation with a squalid savage has infused into his coarse nature some of the Indian stoicism regarding death.

**Sent to Albany.**

A. Blanchard, accused of horse stealing in Linn county, was arrested last Saturday in this city, and Zed Wilson, the notorious, charged with being an accomplice, was taken into custody yesterday, and this morning both prisoners were forwarded to Albany for trial.

**Dwelling Destroyed.**

The dwelling house of Mr. William Ruddle, whose place is about one mile east of Mr. Eaton's, on the road to Yelm, Thurston county, W. T., was burned on the night of the 6th inst. Mr. Ruddle and family had gone to attend a lyceum in the school house of that district, and when they returned found their home and all its contents destroyed. The loss falls very heavily upon him as he is a poor man and has a large family depending upon him for support. Mr. Ruddle is a brother-in-law of Mr. George Himes of this city.

**Grange Installation.**

Saturday last Eastern Star and Multnomah Granges met at Good Templar's Hall, Mount Tabor, two miles east of Portland, for installation of newly elected officers. At 11 A. M. there was a lecture from Mr. Plympton Kelly. The installation then took place. The dinner that followed was a triumph of culinary art, and enjoyed by all with excellent appetites. Afterwards Mr. Alfred Luelling, President of the North Western Industrial Association, addressed the assembly, and a general discussion of matters relating to that association took place, many present expressing intention to take membership whenever the books should be opened. The occasion was a pleasant one to all who participated, and we regret not being able to accept an invitation to be present.

**Gaston in Trouble.**

Mr. J. G. Gaston, president of the Dayton & Sheridan narrow gauge railroad, was arrested at Dayton on Monday night, on a charge of larceny preferred by one D. W. Ralston. It seems that one J. B. Syron, deceased, had, not long before his death, subscribed \$500 toward the railroad. On his decease Ralston was appointed executor of the estate, and refused to pay the \$500 until an order was made by the court. A short time ago he sold \$700 worth of wheat belonging to the estate, taking the notes of parties at Dallas for the amount. Monday the notes became due, and the money was entrusted to Gaston, who went to Ralston and paid over \$200, but refused to pay the remainder, on the ground that it belonged to the railroad company for the subscription of Syron. Ralston, becoming angry, instructed his wife to lock the doors, and informed Gaston that he could not leave the house until the money was paid over, and at the same time his wife put herself in the way. At this Mr. Gaston drew a pistol and expressed a determination to make things unusually lively for a few minutes if he was detained in the house, whereupon he was allowed to depart. Ralston swore out a warrant against him for larceny, and he was arrested that night at Dayton and taken at once to Dallas, where he was furnished bonds in the sum of \$500 to make his appearance next Tuesday. This is the story in brief as told by the complaining witness, but the accused denounces it as a blackmailing scheme, and feels confident that he will be released when the facts become known.—Statesman.

**Indians Executed.**

The execution of White Owl and Quit-atumps, for the murder of George Coggan near Cayuse Station last July, took place Friday afternoon. Both were reservation Indians, who took part in the war against the whites last summer. Wednesday and Thursday nights were passed by the Indians in chanting death songs and bidding their friends good bye. The ceremonies at the gallows were conducted according to the rites of the Indian religion. Both White Owl and Quit-atumps refused to have anything to do with the Catholic priests, or to receive other spiritual consolation. They were attired in clothes given them by the whites, and their faces were gaudily painted. Both made short speeches from the scaffold confessing they did the shooting, but refused to acknowledge the justice of their fate. They continued singing death chants until the drop fell at 2:45 P. M. The fall dislocated their necks and both died without hardly a struggle. After hanging for seven minutes they were pronounced dead. The bodies were cut down and delivered to the Indians for disposition. Considerable demonstration was made over the body of Quit-atumps.

A detachment of the First Cavalry, under Major Jackson, and a number of citizen volunteers were stationed outside the jail enclosure during the execution. The military will remain at the agency until after the hanging of Aps, which will take place next Friday. Considerable uneasiness is felt as to the result of the execution, and it is not known but that the Indians may attempt to revenge the deaths next summer. Indians profess great friendship, but many believe it only assumed.

The execution was witnessed by about 100 persons, including 110 Indians. A great crowd collected on the outside of the jail enclosure and on surrounding house-tops. Everything passed off quietly. It is hoped the hanging will prove a salutary lesson to the Indians.

**Handsome Donation.**

The committee appointed to take action in the matter of constructing a narrow gauge railroad from Salem to Springfield, in Lane county, has commenced taking subscriptions and the Salem Flouring mill company has headed the list with a subscription of four thousand dollars.

**Temperance Alliance.**

The eighth annual session of the Oregon State Temperance Alliance will meet in the city of Albany on Wednesday, February 19. The O. & C. R. R. Co. have agreed to carry delegates as follows: Delegates will pay full fare to Albany and be returned free, upon certificates furnished by the Secretary of the Alliance.

**An Old Timer.**

Last week the Oregon and California Stage Co. sold to an Oakland farmer an old stage horse, known as Quimby, and named after the old Portland hotel keeper. This horse proved to pull the first stage that left Portland on the overland, and since then has been constant service in the traces. He must be at least 27 years old.

**Almost a Riot.**

Nearly a riot occurred in Astoria yesterday, says the Astorian of the 4th inst., incident to the practice of snow-balling, which is in itself an innocent amusement if not abused. The attacking of defenseless celestials by a large class of boys and boy-men, led to troubles which should have been nipped in the bud by prompt interference on the part of the police, and thus saved the city a disgrace which we are pleased to say: It was no worse.

**Fully Exonerated.**

Following is the verdict of the corner's jury in the case of Thomas Spain, killed at Kalama recently:

We find that the said Thomas Spain, being at the time a prisoner of the United States, and while endeavoring to escape from the custody of one Alonzo Cole, a Deputy Marshal of the United States at Kalama, Washington Territory, came to his death from the effects of a pistol shot fired by said Deputy Marshal Alonzo Cole, on the evening of January 7, 1879, and that he died on the evening of January 8, 1879, at Kalama, W. T., and we find that said Alonzo Cole caused said death in the discharge of his duty, and we fully exonerate him from all blame in the premises.

C. C. BOZARTH, Foreman, SOL. STRONG, SAMUEL GATTON, P. C. HAYBIRD, W. S. LYSON, S. J. BOZARTH.

**Fair Grounds of the Future.**

ED. BEE:—Some writer in a morning paper tries to oppose locating Fair Grounds on the east side of the river, as is talked of by the Northwestern Industrial Association, and he claims that as the bulk of visitors and exhibits must come from the west side the grounds should be located on this side. This person may be merely trying to throw cold water on the enterprise and tries to discourage subscriptions from Portland people. His objections are weak, for as sure as Portland is a central point, so certain any place within three miles and a half of this city, that can be reached by boat or cars in a few minutes, will be convenient on whichever side located. The site of the grounds is very beautiful by nature and a living stream of water runs through it—while the wide river bounds it on the west. In no respect can this place be objected to with any force, and as Portland wants such grounds convenient, and has no east or west side prejudice, our citizens can well afford to respect the enterprise shown by the projectors of this association and be liberal in aiding it—that is, if they want a District Fair held near this city.

**NOT ONE SIDED.**

**Grand Jury Report.**

To the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah.

The Grand Jury for the current October term, 1878-79, of said court, do make to your Honor the following report:

A very large amount of business has been presented to us during the term, necessitating our remaining in session for 31 days.

We have found and presented to the court since the beginning of the term, 62 indictments for felony, many of them for offenses of the gravest character, and in noting the verdicts of trial juries we have observed that a large proportion of the indictments thus found by us have been sustained.

We have examined also and ignored a considerable number of complaints coming before us. We have visited the county hospital, the city and county jail and the lunatic asylum, and find them all well kept, and so far as we have been able to observe, proper discipline therein maintained.

We have examined the books and records of each of the county offices, and find the same kept in an orderly and intelligent manner, and the offices conducted in such a way as to reflect credit on the present occupants thereof.

We think it but just to say that in our deliberations and labors we have been greatly assisted by the tireless, intelligent and efficient labors of J. F. Caples, Esq., District Attorney for this Judicial District. J. L. BARBARD, Foreman. Portland, January 11, 1878.