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IMPORTANT MEASURES.

The resolutions passed in Salem Grange last Saturday cover about all the legislation actually needed to be acted on at the present time. First—To prevent unjust discriminations by all common carriers. This is a measure that ought to be accomplished without injustice to any corporation. The O. & C. road is striving to raise means to furnish its connection with the California road and make a through line from San Francisco to Portland and fears legislation that shall have the effects to discourage capital from investing in its enterprise. The Legislature will have that matter in view and will not be apt to do anything to prevent the completion of a very important railroad connection. Mere justice to the people ought not to have that effect.

The second resolution favors taxation of all property, money mortgages, merchandise or real estate, such tax to be assessed and collected in the county where such property is located. All that can be desired in this respect is to be fair and equal taxation. To do that our method of assessment should be revised.

The third favors fish-ways on all important streams, to extend the breeding ground of the salmon, which is needed for the benefit of many portions of our State.

The fourth refers to a matter of great matter of great interest to sheep owners. To provide bounties on wild animals. It is said that wolves are greatly increased in this valley.

The fifth relates to useless and needless dogs and favors a law taxing dogs as property.

The sixth asserts that taxes levied should be restricted to the actual wants of the State, so as not to leave any considerable surplus locked up from circulation. It is satisfactory to know that the State is in good circumstances but not reasonable that the State should have hundreds of thousands of dollars locked up as is now the case.

On Saturday, January 17, an open meeting was held in the hall of Salem Grange, with many visiting friends, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That it is the sense of this Grange that the business interests of Oregon demand legislation restraining railroad corporations and all common carriers from unjust discrimination either in favor of or against persons or localities or in regard to distance hauled; and to that end we respectfully ask of our Senators and Representatives their support of a law for the State similar in its objects and spirit to the bill introduced by Senator Hout of Linn county—similar in its provisions to the Regan bill before Congress.

2. That we favor the equal taxation of all private and corporate property, whether in money, mortgages, merchandise, or real estate; and that such tax be assessed and collected in the county where such property or security is located.

3. That we favor the construction of fishways over the falls of the Willamette, and any other important streams within this State, as a means of extending the natural breeding grounds of the salmon, and thus preserve and perpetuate an important interest.

4. That, as a means of preserving game, as well as in sheep husbandry, we favor a law providing a sufficient bounty on wild animals that prey upon these interests to procure their production.

5. That, while there are dogs kept which are valuable as property, there are many both useless and needless, we ask favorable consideration for a law taxing dogs as property, as a means of destroying the needless, useless, and destructive.

6. That it be provided by law that taxes levied to support the State government should be restricted to the actual annual expenses, so as not to leave any considerable surplus in the State treasury locked up from circulation.

and their publication be respectfully solicited.

8. That John Minto be elected as a committee of one to present these resolutions to the attention of our Senators and representatives.

Immigration Matters.

Oregonian of January 30th says: It is just a month to-day since the office of the Oregon immigration board opened for the reception of immigrants. In spite of the unprecedentedly bad weather prevailing two-thirds of that time, the secretary has been kept busy. The register shows the names of about eighty immigrants. A number of these came over the road prior to the blockade, and the others came from California by steamer. There are thirty-eight immigrants now in the city. Some waiting to go to western and southern Oregon points, others going to eastern Oregon and a few having partly located, are going back to the states after their families. During the past six days eleven farming immigrants have registered at the office and two have been sent to Ashland. Six others are waiting for the snow to clear from lands they want to look at in Marion, Lane and Yamhill counties.

The board has made final arrangements for reduced rates for immigrants going to western and southern Oregon, and the special tickets will be ready to-day. The Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railways through their agents here, having proffered the free transportation of a sample car, which the board will proceed to fit out at an early date.

Half a dozen gentlemen—among them two members of the incoming legislature—have tendered their gratuitous services as correspondents at as many places in the valley to assist the board in locating immigrants. This has been an unexpected help to the board, very gratifying and highly appreciated. It enables the secretary to send these immigrants direct to those who will make personal effort in their behalf.

Since the work began the secretary has filed for references 286 farms and thirteen tracts of unimproved land. The bulk of this land lies in western Oregon; the balance in southern and eastern Oregon. A good share is in the heart of the valley.

The secretary has prepared and has published in English, German and Norwegian a goodly amount of immigration literature, which is being judiciously distributed. Although the work of the board is yielding goodly results, and promised to be very profitable to the state, when railway traffic is once more resumed.

The State Insurance Company is emphatically a Farmer's Company—a company organized and controlled in the interest of the farmer, and one which affords the cheapest and best security against loss or damage by fire. The money paid to this company is not used to pay losses on hazardous risks in towns and cities, as is the case with other companies, but while it receives its money from the farming community, it is constantly paying it back to them, thus making it emphatically a home institution devoted to the interest of the farmers and owners of private dwellings of the Northwest alone. All policies of the State Insurance Co., provide for arbitration. Do not fail to secure a policy of this reliable home company at once. Remember that nearly \$200,000 worth of farm property and dwellings have been destroyed by fire in Oregon and Washington during the last year (about one dwelling a day.) Your home may be the next to burn! Can you afford the loss? You say that "times are hard," if so, your need of the protection of an insurance policy upon your home is the greater. The best indorsement a Company can have is the patronage of the people of the State in which it is located. The State leads in Oregon, where a faithful corps of agents, assisted by prompt and liberal adjustments has placed her in advance of all competitors.

Beef Roll.—Chop two pounds of lean beef very fine; chop and pound in a mortar half a pound of bacon and mix it with the beef. Season it with pepper and salt, a small nutmeg, the grated rind of a lemon, the juice of a quarter of it, a heaping teaspoonful of parsley, minced fine; or it can be seasoned with an additional teaspoonful of onion; or if no onion or parsley is at hand, with summer savory and thyme. Bind all these together with two eggs, and form them into a roll; surround the roll with buttered paper, which tie securely around it; then cover it with a paste made of flour and water; bake two hours; remove the paper and crust; serve it hot with tomato sauce or brown gravy. This may be made with raw or under-dressed meat. If the meat is not raw, but under-dressed, surround the roll with pie crust; bake and serve with tomato sauce, or any of the brown sauces.

The small white onions used by those who manufacture pickles are grown for that special purpose. The same seed is used as for large onions, but it is sown very thickly—about forty pounds or more to the acre—while to produce the large ones but five or six pound are required. A rich black mold is best for them.

Henry Ward Beecher, in the February number of the North American Review, is to discuss the question whether clergymen should meddle with politics.

CLEVELAND'S CABINET.

Probable Effect of the Change on Office Holders—Views of an Old Timer.

Correspondence Rochester Sunday Herald. "Yes, the principal topic of conversation here at present is the probable action of the in-coming administration.

The speaker was Mr. William M. Ashley, of 606 Maine avenue, a man whose large and intimate acquaintance with prominent public men here in Washington, renders his opinion of unusual weight.

"The all important question among the clerks of the various departments is, who is to go. In my opinion there will be very few changes among the old-time employes who have been here year in and year out through several administrations. The removals will occur among the heads of departments."

"The sense of mistrust which must necessarily pervade the departments is, I suppose, detrimental to the proper transaction of business?"

"Well, rather, I reckon. It unfits the clerks for business. Some get very blue, for they have purchased little homes which they must sacrifice."

"Last summer it was reported they were ill of malaria. How is it?"

"More likely ill of a fear of a change. I don't think Washington is so very malarious. At the same time I admit that since residing here, I have not always felt first-rate. At times I have been greatly troubled with sharp shooting pains. One day my right arm and leg would torture me with pain, there would be great redness, heat and swelling of the parts, and perhaps the next day the left arm and leg would be similarly affected. Then again it would locate in some particular part of my body and produce a tenderness which would well nigh drive me frantic. There would be weeks at a time that I would be afflicted with an intermitting kind of pain that would come on every afternoon and leave me comparatively free from suffering during the balance of the twenty-four hours."

"Of course you consulted the doctors regarding your difficulty?"

"Consulted them? Well I should say I did. Some told me I had neuralgia; others that I had inflammatory rheumatism, for which there was no cure."

"But didn't they try to relieve your miseries?"

"Yes, they vomited and physiced me, blistered and bled me, plastered and oiled me, sweated, steamed and everything but froze me, but without avail."

"But how did you finally recover?"

"I had a friend living in Michigan who had been afflicted in a similar way and had been cured. He wrote me regarding his recovery and advised me to try the remedy which cured him. I procured a bottle and commenced its use, taking a tablespoonful after each meal and at bed time. I had used it about a week when I noticed a decrease of the soreness of the joints and a general feeling of relief. I persevered in its use and finally got so I could move around without limping, when I told my friends that it was warmer's sore rheumatic cure that had put me on my feet."

"And do you regard your cure as permanent?"

"This was more than a year ago, the trouble has not returned and I haven't been so well in years as I am now."

"Speaking of President-elect Cleveland, who, in your opinion will comprise his cabinet?"

"That is as difficult to determine as it is to say what office holders will go. Many good men have been named for the position. Bayard, Thurman, Bragg, McClellan, not to mention a lot of lesser lights. Every prominent politician, has a slate made up which he is backing to win, but then, as is always the case, some one will get left."

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"What party?"

"Why, I thought everybody knew—My father-in-law, of course.—[Ex.]

Advice to Wool Growers.

At the meeting of the American Merino Sheep Register Association, held December 14, 1884, the president, Mr. C. S. Miller, said that "what is considered the unnecessary accumulation of waste matter in your fleeces is critically examined by the purchaser, and in our present depressed condition is made the subject of arbitrary rulings by which much valuable wool suffers. I would, therefore, advise a more careful selection for the standard of excellence; avoid excessive wrinkles, a short staple, and the yellow complexion of fibre so common among many stock rams. There are three necessary qualifications which should ever form the basis of our ideal of perfection. First: Constitution—the stimulus of development. Second: Dairy qualities—the origin of vitality. Third: The fleece—the great object desired.

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