

POLK COUNTY TIMES.

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

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A SPECK OF WAR.—By reference to our telegraphic summary it will be seen that our royal transatlantic friends are somewhat alarmed at the belligerent attitude assumed by our Government in Congress—in relation to the Cuban difficulties. They have no occasion for alarm. Sumner's bombast is mere froth; the tendency of the Administration is more favorable to monarchy than to the Monroe doctrine; and if any of the American-Cuban expeditions fall into the hands of our seared neighbors our "Government" will "erawf-b" ingloriously, as has been its custom for the past eight or nine years. Sleep easy old boys; no danger from this quarter.

The *Oregonian* calls the *McMinnville Courier* an "able Democratic paper," and advises the *Herold* to take its advice. As to its Democracy, we want none of it, and know the *Herold* is as weak-stomached as itself in that respect, besides being able to get along without its assistance. We won't dispute as to Jasper's ability; but if the *Oregonian* is much in love with the *Courier* we would advise Bro. Scott to take it and its editor into camp forthwith. The first is an eyesore to the public generally, and the latter never belonged to us—was merely tolerated. Take them both, and welcome; and every Democrat in the State will say Amen!

THE WEST-SIDE RAILROAD.—Again we ask of those whose duty it is to inform the public in the premises, what is being done by the Oregon Central Railroad Company, West Side? The people of this side of the Willamette are interested peculiarly and prospectively, and they demand information as to the condition and proceedings of the Company. It is their right. It is also the duty of the officers of said company to furnish the desired information. The only means of doing this thoroughly and satisfactorily is through the press; but the late organ of the company maintains an obstinate silence on the subject. There's a screw loose somewhere.

A GOOD PAPER.—We have just received a copy of the Washington *Constitutional Union*, Vol 8, No. 38, the only Democratic paper published at the National Capital. It is an able, vigorous, high-toned, live journal, with the ring of the true metal. If the number before us is a fair specimen of its general character we want no better paper. It is far superior to Pomeroy's paper as an organ of our party, and as a family journal, and we take the responsibility of recommending it to our Democratic friends. Next week we will give a synopsis of its prospectus for the ninth volume.

CHEEKY AND SPOONY.—The *Unionist* says it favors the enterprise of a daily mail route on the west side of the Willamette, and suggests "Salen as one of the chief points to be touched on the proposed line of service," asserting further that a daily mail through the region proposed would not "satisfy the wants of the people asking such a line," unless, forsooth, it passes through Salin. For ignorance and impudence we challenge a parallel to such a proposition—Salen being on the east side of the river, and goodness only knows how many miles out of the way. Try again, Bro. *Unionist*.

MONEY OR NO MONEY.—We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that Messrs Brown & Co., at the brick store, have a very extensive stock of all sorts of merchandise which they have just received, and which they will sell for any kind of marketable produce—idea for old rags, if they are clean. See their advertisement.

WHY DON'T YOU TRADE WITH ME? said a closed-shop tradesman to a friend the other day.—The reply was characteristic. "You have never asked me. I have looked all through the papers for an invitation in the shape of an advertisement and found none—I never go where I am not invited."

GET WORKS.—Can anybody inform us of a remedy for this garden pest. Several of the gardens in this vicinity are suffering from the ravages of these insects, and if any person will communicate a sure means of destroying them he will be hailed as a public benefactor.

POLK COUNTY.

Necessity for a County Fair.

There has existed, and there still exists, a general cause of complaint among the farmers of the west side counties, to wit: that this part of the State is so isolated for want of adequate facilities for general travel and mail conveniences, that they might as well, to all practical intents and purposes, be in the middle of the Pacific ocean as on the west side of the Willamette river, so far as commercial and general intercourse with the balance of Oregon is concerned. This is true to too great an extent. But it is also true that others will not help us unless we help ourselves. Last week we offered some suggestions as to how one cause of complaint might be remedied (the daily mail arrangement), and we are glad to learn that the officials are interested and that the people are taking hold of the matter; and further—we don't intend to let the subject rest until the object is successfully accomplished.

We now wish to offer a suggestion or two as to the means of accomplishing freer commercial intercourse with the various markets of the Coast. As an agricultural county "Old Polk" is unsurpassed—barely equalled—by any on the coast. Its soil is surpassingly rich; its pastures are almost unrivalled; it possesses the best kinds of timber in abundance—oak, fir, spruce, laurel ash, cottonwood, etc.; living springs of good water abound, while the county is intersected by numerous streams that afford an abundance of water power for irrigation; the climate is remarkably salubrious, and, in fact, nothing is wanting, on nature's part, to make it a paradise indeed.

In addition to the natural advantages enumerated, Polk county can boast as numerous acquired advantages as any county in the State. We can raise as good wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, and all sorts of vegetables and fruits as any country under the sun—and we do it; we can also breed as fine horses, mules, horned cattle and sheep, ditto—and we do it. We can make as good butter, cheese, preserves, etc.—and we do it. Our wives, daughters and sweethearts know how to prepare domestic articles, for food or wear, as well or better than any body—and they do it. In fact, there is no county in Oregon at least, that is better able to do credit to itself, and at the same time meet the demands of the domestic produce and stock markets, than Polk county, Oregon.

But how is the outside world to know these facts? Simply this way: go to work and immediately organize a County Agricultural Society. Our stock raisers will do their part readily; our agriculturists will vie with each other in excellence of produce; our wives, daughters and sweethearts will be stimulated each to excel in the domestic arts, and reflect credit on themselves and those they hold most dear. Advertise the fact thoroughly. We will do our part cheerfully and know of others who will do likewise. Stock traders and produce dealers will come in droves to our fairs to see what we can do—what we have for sale. People in want of homes will come in to look at the country. Act judiciously; treat your guests courteously; show your stock and produce to the best advantage—and your market is made. Keep up the organization; strive to excel; let each annual fair be better than its predecessor, and all the blessings you crave will flow in upon you.

This is no fancy picture. It is merely the result of every enterprise of the kind suggested, when properly conducted, and in localities where the advantages were far less numerous and the necessities not half as pressing. Some of the leading farmers and stock men of this locality have been discussing this matter during the week and propose calling a meeting at the Court House some day during the first week in June for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps towards organizing a County Agricultural Society, of which full and due notice will be given in our next issue. We urge upon every farmer and manufacturer the importance and necessity of their participation.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Scarcity of Money Causes Litigation.

Whenever wheat, which is to be considered the principal, or at least one of the principal articles upon which farmers in this portion of Oregon rely, and from which they expect to derive their revenue, bears a fair price, money is plenty and business of all kinds lively, and all honest men pay their debts, and, as a matter of course, we see but little lawing. The laboring class then does well and the lawyer gets but little employment, especially in the rural districts. But whenever wheat is low in price, say down to forty-five and fifty, and not ranging above sixty cents per bushel, which is often the case, we immediately observe a scarcity of cash, and hear the cry—money is hard to get. Scores of men who quite recently appeared to be in prosperous circumstances—apparently able to meet all just demands, are soon in cramped conditions, and not unfrequently staunch farmers, and tradesmen become involved and soon find themselves unable to meet their obligations. And many go to law to collect little outstandings, of which they had hardly been thinking, or at least were taking no notice of till times got so hard. This creates a pecuniary harvest for the poor barister, and he soon becomes a warm friend to parties litigant. Your humble correspondent has had occasion to observe the verification of the caption of this article, and for some months past has again been taking notice to the fact, and could, at this writing, mention some four suits at law in Justice' courts, that are going on now within as many miles of this point. And we doubt not that a great majority of all these parties are, and will be, losers, as was the case in a suit just tried on Thursday and Friday, of last week, before Esquire Jellison, of Amity, and of which I will give your readers an account, endeavoring to be brief; James Emery, of Amity, vs. W. G. Garrison, of McMinnville. The evidence in this case developed the fact that these parties have enjoyed an intimate and familiar acquaintance of many years' duration—friends of "long syne"—had had a great amount of reciprocal dealing and interchanges, and must have had implicit confidence each in the other. The suit was predicated upon dealings had all along from 1864 to 1868 inclusive, of which the defendant especially had kept no book account, but had his items, which were numerous in the extreme, all to affirm from memory. The plaintiff's claim in this action amounted to \$150 25, and the defendant's to \$219, admitting that he had received \$60 on it. The evidence done, the case was argued by counsel and toward evening of the second day submitted to the jury, who, after considering the matter for near two hours, returned a verdict for plaintiff for \$1 and costs of suit. One dollar! Bring suit, employ counsel, spend two whole days, for one dollar and the pleasure of throwing the defendant into the costs! And who will say both these parties are not worsted, and considerably, too.

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MARRIED.

In Dallas, May 4th, by Hon. J. L. Collins, County Judge, Miss Ann Brown to Mr. W. J. Kersey.

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Guardian's Sale.

In pursuance of an order made by the County Court of Polk county, Oregon, made April Term, A. D. 1869, the undersigned, Guardian of Mary E. Lynch, minor heir of W. W. Lynch deceased, will, on Tuesday, the 8th day of JUNE, A. D. 1869, at the Court House door in Dallas, in said county, between the hours of nine o'clock, A. M., and four o'clock, P. M., of said day, expose for public sale, for gold or silver coin, to the highest bidder, the one-third interest of said ward, being her entire and undivided interest, of, in and to the following described real estate, viz: Beginning 6 1/2 chs North and 3 1/2 chs West of the South-east corner of section 16, T. 6 S., R. 6 W., of the Willamette meridian, running thence North 41.50 chs, thence West 13.36 chs, thence South 78.87, thence East 51.00 chs, thence North 37.37 chs, thence West 35.61 chs, to the place of beginning, containing 225 2/3 100 acres, more or less. Also the undivided 1/4 of the following, viz: Being a part of the donation land claim of N. T. Kennedy in T. 6 & 7, S. of R. 6 & 7, W. of Willamette meridian; Beginning at the S. E. corner of Brown's lot of land on said claim, running thence West 13.00 chs, thence South 8.00 chs, thence East 13.00 chs, thence North 8.00 chs, to the place of beginning, containing 1 1/2 acres, more or less.

All said premises being situated in said county and State. Sale to commence at one o'clock, P. M., of said day. T. J. DICKEY, Guardian. April 12th, 1869.

Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POLK County, State of Oregon: In the matter of the Estate of F. Morrow, deceased. Robert Ford Administrator of said estate, having filed his account in said court, paying a final settlement of the same; therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate that said application will be heard and determined at the Court House in Dallas, in said county, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, A. D. 1869. J. L. COLLINS, Co. Judge.

Executor's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING BEEN appointed by the County Court of Polk county, Oregon, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of John Fawk, late of said county, deceased; therefore, I persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present them to me, duly verified, at my residence, six miles northwest of Dallas, in said county, within six months from the date of this notice. JAMES FAWK, Administrator cum testamento. May 8, 1869.

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