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**A LITTLE PLAIN TALK.**

During the early part of last week we made a trip through the north-eastern precincts of Polk county, but for want of sufficient space and the necessary facilities we did not give our readers the result of our observations in our last issue. The same excuse might, with propriety, be advanced on this occasion; but we propose at present confining ourselves principally to the statement of a few facts that will lose their force if delayed, and will use the balance as the opportunity offers of the emergency demands. We have no desire to wound the sensibilities of any, neither do we propose to disguise the truth to please anybody.

We started from Dallas for Dixie; thence through Monmouth, Independence, Eola, across the hills to Lincoln, in Spring Valley; thence by way of Zena to Bethel and Salt Lake, and back to Dallas.

Between here and Dixie we observed what might be very fine farms, if properly cultivated. Nature has done everything to make them so; but the occupants, generally speaking, are either ignorant of their business or too lazy to do their part, and the visible result is, that instead of being a perfect suburban paradise—as the Almighty evidently intended it should be—it is merely a tangled mass of wildwood and weeds, surrounded by indifferent fences, and sprinkled here and there with patches of living green. There are, however, refreshing exceptions to the general rule.

Dixie is a small post office town of well, we won't venture how many inhabitants. It has a store, post office, blacksmith and wagon shop (where the celebrated "Challenge gang plows" are manufactured by Mr. T. H. Lucas), a grist mill, owned by Messrs. Dempsey & Thorpe, and several private residences. Just beyond Dixie, on the Salem road, is the farm and residence of Hon. J. W. Nesmith, the former one of the largest and best cultivated farms in the county.

From Dixie to Monmouth is a distance of about six miles, through one of the most fertile sections to be found in the valley; but the same fault we found with the country between Dallas and Dixie will hold good here—want of enterprise—want of energy—want of thrift. Mind you, we don't pretend to say that this is the case with all the settlers; but these evidences are alarmingly prevalent. This is harsh talk, we admit; but the truth must be told, however unpalatable it may be to those who feel "the shoe pinch," in the hope that it may tend to open the eyes of the culpable to the shortcomings and so lead their improvement. If you see our "fences down," or our "gates unswung," why—throw off on us—abuse us as much as you please. That's fair; ain't it?

Now, to continue, Monmouth is an old town that has seen good times and bad; we think the natural character and advantages of the surrounding country, however, and the influx of new population, is reviving its latent force considerably. It contains one store (another being fitted up), a blacksmith and wagon shop, photograph gallery, carpenter shop, and various other mercantile and mechanical establishments; an academy (the operations of which have been suspended for some time, but will recommence this Fall), a district school, and about thirty family residences, including that of the fine old style gentleman, J. B. V. Butler, Esq., whose hospitality we enjoyed during our short sojourn. Bidding our host and the town of Monmouth a temporary adieu, we left for Independence, the river-side metropolis of Polk, two miles distant.

(To be continued in our next.)

The TIMES costs only \$3 a year.

**THE DAILY MAIL.**

We are glad to see that in spite of the influences attempted to be brought to bear against our interests by the *Unionist* of Salem, the *Portland papers* are taking up our cause—primarily, it is true, because the necessities of the commercial community of Portland are interested; but they also begin to see, now the matter has been brought before them, that the people of the West Side of the Willamette have long been suffering from gross injustice in this respect. The *Commercial* says:

The proposition to establish a Daily Mail line on the West Side of the Willamette Valley is already exciting the deepest interest among the people interested. It is a matter of surprise that this has not been done long ago. The West Side of the Willamette Valley is already exciting the deepest interest among the people interested. It is a matter of surprise that this has not been done long ago. The East Side of the valley, if we mistake not, has had a daily mail for more than ten years, while the people on the West side had to do with a struggling, uncertain pack horse mail, furnished them once a week, or semi-occasionally, as the contractor saw fit. Under this arrangement the people of the West Side have been compelled to pay tribute to East Side interests, and in it, they can see one of the most effectual means used by East Side interest to oppose the Railroad interest of the West Side. The people of the West Side ought not to submit to further imposition in this shape, and they ought to unite as one man, to compel the men they support for public offices to labor for their interests as well as for other sections.

Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, and little Tillamook counties, represent the very best agricultural sections in the State, and their people are among the most intelligent and enterprising of the population of Oregon. The West Side of the valley contains nearly a half million acres more agricultural land, according to the Government survey, than the East Side; and it is better land, and has a better climate. It is better land because it is not so flat and destitute of natural drainage as the East Side; and it has a better climate because, being near the ocean, with but a low range of hills intervening, it is more reasonable in rains and dews. There is no section of country in Oregon or elsewhere equal to this portion of the valley.

With Daily mail facilities, soon followed with Railroad facilities, this valuable section of the country will be cultivated like a garden, and quadruple its population, wealth and business. The city of Portland is vitally interested in this movement. Let our business men take hold of the matter and urge it upon our representatives in Congress in every possible way, personally, and by petitions, and by correspondence. Every new farm that is opened, every movement of improvement in the valley is reflected back, in some way or other, on the trade of this City, and all are benefited. The West Side Railroad Company are doing all they can to secure the establishment of this new Daily Mail route and as the Postal Agent is one of their Directors, we sincerely believe it will be a success. It is demanded by the interests of the State, and it will do no injustice to any section. Notwithstanding all this, we are not surprised to see the Salem papers demanding that we must not go to such expense—unless, to wit, the mail comes to and goes from Salem. That would kill the proposition at the Post Office Department, and this is the reason Salem advocates it. If there is anything in the State which Salem does not want, we would like to know what it is. They will be demanding the Astoria Custom House next.

The *Unionist* is somewhat exasperated at the few homely truths told and the advice given it in our last issue, and vents itself by calling the TIMES "the vile little paper at Dallas." Now, we have just this to say: We are a bigger, better paper than the *Unionist* is or ever was; we mind our own business and don't interfere where we have no right—which the *Unionist* has yet to learn; and lastly, we don't propose to enlist the interest either of the *Unionist* or the Oregon Stage Company in our Daily Mail project, even if it should fall to the ground for the want of it. Polk county has long enough been a tributary of Salem, and we propose to "throw the tea overboard," even if we get drowned or blown up in the attempt. *Comtz*, Mr. *Unionist*?

With regard to expense of the proposed daily mail service, all the papers that allude to the subject seem to be at fault. At the present time three subsidies or contracts are filled by the Government for mail facilities through the section in question. First, the mail contractor between Portland and Lafayette receives (as near as we have

been able to learn) \$2,200 for a semi-weekly service; the contractor from Lafayette to Corvallis, for a continuance of the service to the latter point, receives \$1,900; the weekly mail service between Portland and Corvallis direct, by the river route (to commence July 1st, 1869), receives about \$3,000. These sums aggregate \$7,100—a sum, we believe, equal to the establishment of one very necessary daily mail service. But our space is limited and we must close for this week. We will close, however, by saying, that nothing our Portland contemporaries can say or do to favor this project will offend the citizens of the West Side or injure themselves.

**THE INDIAN BUREAU.**

By last night's mail we learn that, practically, all the Indian Superintendents, Agents Sub Agents, etc., throughout the United States have been removed, and military officers appointed in their stead. This was not entirely unlooked for, but it was not expected to take effect in this locality quite so soon. Yesterday morning Capt. Lafollet, who had only received his commission about a week ago, removed his family out to the Agency; also Mr. Crawford, who had been appointed as Clerk. We sincerely condole with our friends Lafollet and Crawford, and hope they will, from henceforward, eschew military rule, with all its arbitrary and presumptuous edicts; and join us in clamoring for civil government and the re-establishment of constitutional law.

Following are the appointments for Oregon: For Superintendent, for Oregon, Brevet Lt. Col. E. McK. Hudson; Agent at Warm Springs, Brevet Capt. W. W. Mitchell; Grand Ronde Reservation, Brevet Capt. Maige; for Siltz, Lt. W. B. Boyle; Klamath Reservation, Brevet Lt. Col. Edmund Rice; Alsea, Lieut. F. A. Batley.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY ELECTION.—Our newspaper dates are only to Thursday morning, at which time the result was involved in doubt, both parties claiming the victory. Mr. W. C. Brown, who left Portland yesterday morning has just informed us that the *Herald* of that date claimed that Moore was elected by 36 majority, while the *Oregonian* claimed a small majority for Garfield. Several counties east of the mountains were to hear from, however. Walla Walla county is said to have given Moore 406 majority. Garfield's majorities were in the Sound counties. Next week we hope to be able to assert definitely that Moore is elected.

HAPPY TO LEARN IT.—We are glad to learn from the *Commercial* that the West Side railroad company is not dead. We hope it ain't even sick; but merely taking a good sleep preparatory to starting afresh and vigorously with the work they initiated. Don't fret, Mr. *Commercial*, about the small material aid furnished the enterprise by Polk county thus far. Old Polk is alive to her own wants—her own interests; and when satisfied that fair play is meant, will enter the lists with full purse, strong hands and willing hearts. Push it ahead!

NEW BOOK.—We have received advance sheets of the "Secret History of the Southern Confederacy" with the "Life of Jefferson Davis," by Edward A. Pollard of Richmond, Va. We have not had time to glance over more than the announcement, and if we had, we should be loth to judge of the general character of the work by the perusal of a dozen or so of pages. It is well known that Mr. Pollard had ample facilities to inform himself of the private workings of the Confederate Government at Richmond; and it is also well known that for certain reasons the best of feeling did not exist between himself and ex-President Davis. However that may be, the work cannot be other than of thrilling interest to every man, whatever his politics or his nationality, and we hunger for it, whatever its contents may prove to be. The work will soon be issued by the "National Publishing Co.," of Philadelphia, and agents are wanted in every county to sell the work. All communications by parties wishing to act as such must be addressed "National Publishing Committee, 26 South Seventh Street Philadelphia, Pa."

DIED.—This, Saturday afternoon, Mr. E. Kennedy, one of the earliest settlers of Oregon, departed this life, aged about 81 years.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

AMITY, June 6th, 1869.

Editor Polk County Times:—We have a health association now in Amity—we have. They met on the 3d inst., organized, came to order, "cussed" and discussed the beauties of cleanliness, godliness, temperance and sobriety. I was there, but I kept cool. It wasn't the day that the masculine gender, generally speaking, were delivering their pregnant ideas to the public. Well, I heard the ladies say their say. Two of them spoke—one on dress, the other on "tobacco." Well, it was all good, but it was neither better or best. As to the lady "on tobacco" I bid her God speed; but as to the lady "on dress" I have one very serious objection to her deliberate suggestions: I fear the system of dressing will be too costly—for to all visible appearances, with the illustrations of their system before that convention, their dresses were too high—I mean expensive. I must confess my admiration of many wise and useful suggestions made by this "health association" as to the observance of the physiological laws governing our being. It would be well for old and young everywhere to understand and obey these laws; it would be the means of preventing many of the ills that human flesh is heir to; but as to their *modus operandi* of correcting diseases, it won't do when a person is very sick. Water is a valuable agent, in sickness and in health, but it can never deluge the scientific world as the grand panacea for all the ills incident to human flesh.

Something of a political character exists in our county—how, why, or in whose interest, are questions frequently asked. It would be well for us as a great and time-honored party in the history of the building up of a great government, to take heed as to who is permitted to promulgate Democratic doctrine. Will may say as you will, "Yamhillians! how we do pity you!" But if Ephraim, or any other man, is joined to his idols, why, let him alone—it is useless to cast away pearls. I am a member of the "phale" family you can't reconstruct him. That's all on that hitch.

As to our little village, we are progressing wonderfully as the railroad approaches. We still live on expectations; and perhaps we won't be disappointed. To convince you how sanguine we are, I will state that the Missionary Baptist denomination are erecting a very fine church in this place, and will have it completed for service this Summer. And as a further evidence of our hope for the future, a union has been perfected between the Dayton and Amity brass bands, and the boys are fully armed and equipped for all occasions, and are ever ready and willing. Allow me now to congratulate "Old Polk" on having good TIMES, politically and otherwise. May prosperity crown the efforts of him who makes the TIMES interesting by battling error and holding no fellowship with the powers of darkness. Yours Democratically, VAN.

**Special Notices.**

SUPPORT THE PRESS.—A great statesman has said, and truthfully too, "that the individual who never reads the public press, was at least a half citizen in the rear of the present age." Newspapers, says an exchange, are the elevators, refiners and moulders of public taste. Their influence pervades all the avenues of life, and as arbiters, their decisions are universally heeded in the great arena of the political, social and religious world. As such, do they not deserve the favor and patronage of that public to whose interests they have devoted their energies? Newspapers, by enhancing the value of property in their neighborhood, and giving the locality in which they are published a reputation abroad, benefit all, particularly if they are merchants or real estate owners, thrice the amount yearly of the sum they pay for their support. Besides, every spirited citizen has a laudable pride of having a paper of which he is not ashamed, even though he should pick it up in New York or Washington. A good-looking, thriving, live newspaper helps to sell property, gives character to the locality, and in all respects is a desirable public convenience. If, from any cause, the matter in the local or editorial columns should not be quite up to your standard, do not cast it aside and pronounce it of no account, until you are satisfied that there has been no more labor bestowed upon it than is paid for. If you want a good readable sheet, it must be supported. The local press is the "power that moves the people."

READ AND LEARN.—Some say that it is no use for them to advertise, says an exchange, that they have been in the place in business all their lives, and everybody knows them. Such people seem to forget to take in consideration that our country is increasing in population nearly 40 per cent. every ten years, and no matter how old the place may be, there are constant changes taking place; some move to other parts, and strangers fill their places. In this age of the world, unless the name of a business firm is kept constantly before the public, some new firm may start up, and by liberally advertising, in a very short time take the place of the older ones, and the latter run out, as it were, and be forgotten. No man ever lost money by judicious advertising.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**PREMIUM GANG PLOWS!**

**THE BEST KNOWN TO MAN!**

**MASON'S GANG PLOW "CHALLENGE."**

THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING PURCHASED the exclusive right from Wm. Mason, for the District comprising the counties of POLK and MARION, is manufacturing these celebrated Plows, and is ready to fill orders for the same on short notice.

Come, Farmers, and encourage Webfoot Ingenuity & Enterprise! And enable yourselves to raise Large Crops.

**T. H. LUCAS,** Dixie, Polk county, Tenn.

**NEW DRUG STORE.**

I WISH EVERYBODY COULD KNOW that I have just completed my new Store Room

**At Independence,**

Now don't rush. If there is anything I dislike, it's a rush. But come along, say six, eight or ten at a time, and you will find a good assortment of DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, PAINT BRUSHES, DYE STUFFS, PURE WINES AND LIQUORS, Expressly for Medical and Mechanical purposes.

Physicians prescriptions carefully and neatly filled.

Owing to my purse being empty, and my credit not good, customers will please bring "the one thing needful." I keep no book accounts.

Since man to man is an unjust I hardly know what man to trust. I've trusted many, in my sorrow; (So pay to-day and trust to-morrow.)

**L. A. ROBB,** Independence, Polk Co., Oregon.

**FOR SALE!**

**GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

**ARC All Right Side TP: VANDAN & SOMMERVILLE**

**Wool! Wool! Wool!**

22 CENTS CASH WILL BE PAID BY the undersigned for Wool delivered at their warehouse in Independence. A lit in advance on the above price will be given if taken out in trade.

**CRONE & WOLF,**

**Educational Notice.**

Public examination of Teachers will take place on the second Saturday of March, June, September and December.

**Sheriff's Sale.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT BY virtue of an Execution issued the 15th day of May, 1869, out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk, in favor of R. W. Hill and against the personal and real property of A. A. Miller, for the sum of \$184, gold coin, and interest from date of said judgment, and the further sum of \$46 23, costs of suit and accruing costs, to me directed: for want of personal property, I have levied upon the following described real estate, as the property of A. A. Miller: Lot No. 8 in Block No. 3, south of Main street, and No. 3 east of Main street, in the town of Buena Vista; also all the right, title and shares owned by said A. A. Miller in the Home Vista Mill Company. And by virtue of the execution aforesaid I will, on Wednesday, June 30th, 1869, at the Court House door in Dallas, Polk county, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the aforesaid described property.

**J. W. SMITH,** Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon, Dallas, May 29th, A. D. 1869.

**SALT—CARMEN ISLAND AND LIVE POOL Salt,** in quantities to suit, at COX & BARRIART'S, Salem.

**WATSON & GRISWELL,** Architects and Practical

**HOUSE CARPENTERS,** INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

Will take Contracts for Building Houses of any description or size in town or country. Satisfaction guaranteed.

**ALL SORTS OF GOODS SOLD FOR** Cash or Marketable Produce at J. H. LEWIS'S.

**FARMERS' STORE!**

**Money Saved!**

**IMPORTANT TO EVERYBODY!**

**THE LARGEST AND BEST STOCK OF** Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, and Crockery.

That has ever been offered in Polk Co., is just received at

**CRONE & WOLF'S**

New two story building at INDEPENDENCE, which we will sell CHEAPER than the CHEAPEST.

We are prepared through recent arrangements made in San Francisco, to find constant sale for all kinds of Produce, and paying the highest market price for WHEAT.

We also have in connection with our store, A LARGE WAREHOUSE, where we offer storage on good terms.

We also keep **MOLINE and BOSTON CLIPPER PLOWS.**

**CRONE & WOLF,** QUEENSWARE IN ABUNDANCE, At J. H. LEWIS'S.

**NEW FIRM!**

**NEW GOODS!**

**AND REDUCED PRICES**

AT THE OLD HEADQUARTERS OF **W. C. BROWN & CO,** Brick Store, Main street, opposite the Court House, Dallas, Ogn.

**WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE** Largest and most Complete stock of **GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

Ever brought into Polk county, including Spring and Summer goods of the Latest Styles, which we are determined to sell as Cheap, or Cheaper than those of less inducement.

We have a very fine assortment of **LADIES' TRIMMED HATS!** To which we invite the attention of the Ladies. Also, to our full stock of DRESS GOODS, consisting of Silks, Irish and French Poplins, French Merinos, all-wool Empees and half and all-wool Delaines; and especially to our complete assortment of Brass Buttons, Fringes, Gimps and Velvets of all colors, our Gingham, Lawns, Cambrics, Swisses, etc., in great variety.

We call the attention of GENTS and HEADS OF FAMILIES to our fine assortment of **CLOTHING and HARDWARE, GROCERIES and CROCKERY,** all of which we will exchange for Wool, Wheat, Bacon, Butter, Eggs, Flaxseed or washed Cotton Bags.

Call and see us. You will always find us happy to see you, happier when we show you our goods, and happier when we sell to you.

**W. C. BROWN & CO,** Dallas, Polk county, April 30, 1869.

**DRUG STORE.**

Northwest Corner Main and Mill Sts., DALLAS, OGN.

HAVING PURCHASED THE OLD STAND formerly belonging to W. S. Robb, and wishing to live and let live, I will sell at low rates, FOR CASH, everything in my line:

**Drugs, Patent Medicines,** And all kinds of PURE LIQUORS, put up expressly for Medicinal use.

**PERFUMERIES OF ALL KINDS,** Also, Soda, Cream Tartar, Saleratus, Sago, Bird Seed,

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Brushes, Domestic Dyes, Washing Powders,

And everything else that is kept in a FIRST CLASS DRUG STORE.

**R. F. NICHOLS,** Druggist.

**GILBERT BROS.,** IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF

**BOOTS AND SHOES,** AND DEALERS IN **Shoe Findings!**

**French and American Calf Skins,** UPPER AND SOLE LEATHER, MOROCCOS, LININGS, Etc., **Salem - - - Oregon.**

Highest Cash Price Paid for Hides and Furs.

**GEO. A. EDES,** DEALERS IN **Drugs, Medicines,** PAINTS, OILS and DYE-STUFFS,

At the old stand formerly occupied by M. R. Cox & Co., Union Block, Commercial Street, Salem.

A Liberal discount made to Country Traders. **GEO. A. EDES, SAM'L HEADRICK,** CALL AND SEE THOSE FINE LADIES' Hats at **J. H. LEWIS'S.**