

Partiality in Appropriations.

The influence that is brought to bear on congress in matters relating to the improvement of our rivers and harbors, is of a strange character, occasionally. Let us take a retrospective glance at the commercial importance of Coos and Yaquina bays, about the year '69, and see the contrast in the amount appropriated for those harbors. Coos Bay contained three large saw-mills and two coal mines in active operation, and a large fleet of vessels were kept continually employed; yet, it was with some difficulty that an appropriation was obtained to build a lighthouse, and that is but a third class one. No buoys or beacons were procured then, but, the buoys were finally placed in position. There are no beacons yet.

On the other hand we observe Yaquina Bay with forty or fifty oystermen—a saw-mill cutting about five-thousand feet of lumber per day, and employing one small schooner, between that place and San Francisco. We know of no influence that could have been brought to bear on congress, at that time, with the exception of that possessed by Ben Simpson, the Indian agent at the Siletz. Now, whether it was that influence or not, it will make no difference in the result. The government made a survey of the harbor, built two lighthouses, and established beacons and buoys in all necessary places, and all this was done—with the exception of the light on Cape Foulweather—to enable one schooner of about eighty tons to find the harbor. There must be something wrong in a system which exhibits so much partiality. The government, finally, abolished the lighthouse on Yaquina Head. It awoke to a sense of the absurdity, of sustaining two lights within a distance of three and a half miles; one of them being stuck in a corner, out of sight of any but the inhabitants of Newport.

The continuous detention of vessels at the mouth of the Coquille, indicates the necessity of an appropriation sufficient to construct the breakwater and carry it to completion. The trifling amount that is appropriated occasionally, is insufficient for the purpose. The length of time that elapses, and the wear and tear consequent on an unfinished work, necessitates the use of a considerable portion of the latest appropriation to place the structure in the position where it was at the time when the previous appropriation was expended. Viewed in this light, and it is the only true way to look at it, the sum of \$10,000 is insignificant. There can be no substantial change made in the bar channel while congress treats the Coquille with parsimony.

There may be hopes entertained of a change in our favor at the December session. We will then have a man to represent the State of Oregon, who is fully conversant with the needs and legitimate rights of this section. It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the reason why he should do all in his power for our river; but, it becomes a duty—in view of the partiality shown to other rivers—to state that no other man has been elected heretofore, who is so well acquainted with this section as the Hon. Binger Hermann. The people of Southern Oregon have implicit faith in his knowledge; his ability to use it, and willingness to make an effort for beneficent legislation—for something like fair play in the matter of appropriations.

A considerable quantity of wool is being shipped by Mr. Ed. Bender, on the schooner Amethyst, also, a great number of deer and elk horns. The horns are fine specimens. The quality of cedar lumber to be shipped on the Amethyst is a very superior article.

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REPARTEE.

The News says: "The HERALD is a little off on Marshfield." If we measure the time that has transpired since we got "off" on that village, we find that the sum total amounts to thirty days. But, what difference does that make? The News is always "off." Being well posted on all matters pertaining to the history of Coos bay, and particularly to that portion of it which is taken up with a description of the rise and progress of Marshfield, we have always spoken of it with due regard for the feelings of that portion of the community with which there is any value in association. The bone and sinew which aids in the success of a community should be sustained; but, the element that has no aim but depletion—congregated for the purpose of living off the toil and industrious earnings of others—the blood-suckers of a community, is deserving of no other consideration but that which will circumscribe its debasing influence.

Our phlegmatic friend is away "off" when he speaks of "malarial swamps." Generally, they abound in fresh water streams of great length, flowing through low land unaffected by the influence of the tides. The Coquille is exempt from that evil. The ocean tides affect us beneficially, and we have no land that overflows except during the great freshets in winter. There is no difference between Coos bay and Coquille in that matter. Now, in concluding, we are unable to get away from this matter without drifting into our old but acknowledged propensity—that is to give him a loving, judicious dig in the ribs. Agitate the importance of placing sufficient drains to tap that malarial deposit in Marshfield, caused by filling in with ship ballast. In hot weather, the effluvia arising from that stink-pot is unbearable, and likely to create a dangerous epidemic. Drain it, by all means, if it be only to prevent its mixing with your well-water, through which it now percolates.

Wanted—a Looking-Glass.

There is something commendable in the desire to see others conform to those actions in life which society at large, approves. Now, while eager to see others act according to those views, would it not be well to inquire—just a little—into our own actions. "So and so," says "busybody" who has no faults, "is going a fishing, or he is horse racing, etc., on Sunday. That is not right, is it? No; that is not right; but, it is equally as right as it is for "busybody" to play base-ball on Sunday, or to labor throughout the day, or for us, in our unmitigated wickedness, to write this article on Sunday. We may all differ, and rightfully, too, as to the day of the week to be observed as a day of rest, still, custom makes law, and when the law is a good one—something which tends towards elevating mankind, there is a virtue in observing it. The disregard of trifles leads us on, step by step, until we become careless, and wearying of restraint, we throw of the necessary curb, pitching headlong into the pit of vices which beset our path through life.

Vice is a creature of such frightful men. That to be slurred, needs only to be seen; but, seen too oft, familiar with its face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

Empire City is commencing to show signs of prosperity. Property has advanced in price very materially there in the past few weeks, and everything foretells a good future for the town. It is possible that Marshfield will be outstripped by her neighbor at no distant day. Empire is naturally a beautiful place for a town, and a reasonable amount of business there will make property valuable, as well as ornamental. That the business will be there, it is well understood. The work already begun, will make the place more than it ever was in its balmy days, and we sincerely congratulate the people who have borne the brunt of dull times and staid with it. The building of the Oregon Southern railway which terminates there, will make it one of Oregon's best towns; and the completion of the road to this place next summer is an acknowledged certainty. Empire and Coquille City against the world!

GENERAL NEWS.

Senator Slater is at home.

Rust in the wheat near Eugene city.

Lane county has a cash balance of \$3691.27.

The hay crop of Union Co. is pronounced good.

The debt of Douglas county amounts to \$6679.26.

Farmers about Roseburg have lost considerable hay.

The crops of grain about Roseburg are promising.

The jail at Sage Brush has been emptied by an escape.

Hector McMillan a teamster on Ebey slough, W. T., met with a terrible death by falling under the wheels of a car.

William Cushman has turned up all right, and the mystery of a drowned horse with a saddle on, floating down Rogue river, remains unsolved.

Indian John was found dead in his cabin on Elk creek, near Canyonville, with a bullet hole in his head. No clue to the perpetrator.

For the first time in twelve months boys are beginning to have clean faces. They don't wash them. They unavoidably come in contact with clean water while they are in swimming.

"Every man is the maker of his own fortune, and must be, in some measure, the trumpet of his fame." Glad to know it. The instruments for a new band will soon be here. It is an ill wind, etc. Being too poor to buy an instrument, we will borrow one, and tout our trumpet.

Two ladies moving in the highest circles of Washington society, during a friendly meeting on the street, got to quarreling about their age, and used very strong language toward each other. At last, as if to end the dispute, one of them turned away, and said in a very conciliatory tone of voice: "Let us not quarrel over the matter any more. I, at least, have not the heart to do it. I never knew who my mother was; she deserted me when a baby, and who knows but that you may have been the heartless parent."

Arrested at last. On the 19th, Marion D. Lockwood, alias Charles Bassett, was arrested at Grainland, Butte county, Cal., in a saloon. It will be remembered that he is the man who was concerned in the stage robbery at Grants Pass, last January, and who was indicted by the last grand jury of Jackson county for the offense of robbing Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express on the south bound stage. At the time of his arrest he gave his name as Russell, and claimed to have come from Humboldt county, Cal., one month ago. He has, however, been recognized as the right man. He is also wanted for stage robbery at Sweet Briar ranch in Shasta county, Cal., on the night of April 24th. There was a reward of \$600 out for him. He was brought to Chico on the night of the 19th and will now have an opportunity to answer for his several crimes with which he stands charged.

Charles Hamilton, well known in Portland, lies in jail in the city of Mexico waiting execution for the cold blooded murder of a Mexican soldier. For the past seven years Hamilton has been virtually an outlaw. After drifting around the territory he turned up in this city three years ago, where he was wanted for complicity in the murder of an unsuspecting granger in a bagnic kept by Carrie Bradley. Hamilton fled to Mexico after the murder, where he soon became a fugitive from Mexican justice for shooting a gambler. His last act of crime was the murder of a soldier, for which he would have been lynched had not some Americans interfered to secure him the luxury of a trial. He was found guilty and sentenced to be shot, and has but few days to live unless this government should interfere, which is not likely. The details of the affair are but meager, but sufficient to show that a cold blooded villain is about to meet his long delayed deserts.

There are 206,394 persons holding licenses to sell liquor in the United States. Counting all persons engaged in the business, there are not less than 500,000 people. Eighty-one million dollars is paid into the treasury as revenue, but the traffic costs the consumers over \$813,000,000. This would build four continental railroads from New York to San Francisco, equipping them with cars and telegraph wires, and all needed paraphernalia. If all these people were usefully employed and this money wisely spent, what a rich and prosperous nation we would be!—Signs of the Times.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, July 25, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of Coos county, at Empire City, Oregon, on Saturday, August 30, 1884, viz: Ernest Wright, D. S. No. 4281, for the S. W. quarter of N. E. quarter, S. E. quarter of N. W. quarter, N. E. quarter of S. W. quarter and S. W. quarter of S. E. quarter, Sec. 27 South of Range 13 West, Will. Mer. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: John Appleton, William Robinson, Larkin Robinson, E. J. Moyer, all of Coquille City, Oregon. W. F. Benjamin, Register. July 29

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, July 7, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of Coos county Oregon, at Empire City, Oregon, on Saturday, August 16, 1884, viz: Charles E. Phillips, pre-emption D. S. No. 4093, for the S. E. 1/4 Sec. 35, township 30, south of range 12 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: W. H. Harris, Fredell Bray, R. J. Robinson, E. B. Robinson, all of Myrtle Point, Oregon. W. F. Benjamin, Register. July 15

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, July 21, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the judge or clerk of Coos county, at Empire City, Oregon, on Saturday, August 30, 1884, viz: Benjamin F. Moyer, Homestead No. 3796 for the N. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 section 27, N. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4, and S. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 section 28, township 30 S R 11 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Ernest Wright, Larkin Robinson, Wm. Robinson, J. R. Robinson, all of Coquille City, Oregon. Wm. F. Benjamin, Register. July 29 1884

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