

THE INDEPENDENT.

THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 1888

TO IMPROVE THE TUALATIN RIVER

The following telegram, dated Washington, D. C., February 21, will be read with interest by our people:

Senator Dolph presented a petition to the senate to-day from the citizens of Washington county, Oregon, asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 to improve Tualatin river.

We hope that since the senator has interested himself in this important matter, he will not allow his enthusiasm to lag until the appropriation is made. The opening of the Tualatin river to navigation would greatly benefit a large class of farmers, and facilitate the development of a considerable section of Washington county. Now that the Oswego Iron company will soon begin operations anew, it is of moment to the people of this county that the Tualatin river be made navigable that those residing in its vicinity may transport their products of hay, grain, wood, coal, vegetables, etc., to these mines, Oswego and other markets en route to Portland.

Mr. H. C. Raymond, of Gaston, was in Hillsboro last Monday, and while here, exhibited to us what appeared to be a very superior quality of coal. He had just returned from the mountains in the northwestern part of this county, and said he had located a claim of 160 acres, much of it mineral land. From his conversation, we would judge he has found a coal belt of considerable area, which in the near future will prove a source of incalculable revenue to this county. Mr. Raymond is of the opinion that it will not be longer than a few months until a railroad is built through his great country of timber and coal, with big depots at Hillsboro and Astoria. He says there is a natural route down Dairy creek to Hillsboro, and there is little doubt in his mind regarding the terminus of the railroad being at Hillsboro.

The annual school meeting in this district will be held a week from next Monday. There appears to be no hope of Hillsboro becoming possessed of a new building this year. But we would be pleased to have the people express themselves on the subject. If we cannot have a new building, we should at least do something to improve the present one by adding seats, etc., and try to make the school with its present facilities more efficient. Patrons ought to take a greater interest in the school and encourage the teachers to put forth their best efforts.

Last week we published an article on roads, contributed by "L. C. W.," of Forest Grove. The subject was treated in a masterly manner, many of the opinions expressed being original, but not less logical from that cause. Our roads are, generally considered, wretched, but not more so than the laws which relate to them. The article referred to is worthy of careful review, but for the present we leave the matter in the hands of thinking men, and shall be glad to publish their views in relation to the subject.

An Ohio girl, who, tired of hearing the farmers in her section growl about wheat growing not paying, decided she'd see about it. She rented 5 1/2 acres of land, kept strict account of every dollar expended in raising the crop, got an average yield of 35 bushels to the acre and sold it for \$142.10. The cost of production was \$98.12, including \$31.50 for fertilizers, and the gain on the investment was 44 per cent.

Rhode Island leads in the state elections this year, voting in March. Louisiana follows in April, while Oregon votes in June. While neither of these states has a large influence in national politics, any variation in their verdicts at their last elections will very certainly indicate the general drift of public opinion. We may also say there is certain to be nothing discouraging to the republicans to come from either state.—Eugene Register.

Colonel Bob Ingersoll wants the press to be an "angle soaring in the azure field of blue, grasping in its talons only the thunderbolt of justice." That is pretty good for the press, but how about the lawyers? So long as they continue to soar through the murky blue of the cloudy sky, attempting to head off justice, the papers will have missionary work to do.

Since Blaine has withdrawn from the presidential contest, it appears probable that Gen. Sheridan will be brought forward as a prominent candidate. He is believed to be the strongest man in the United States and would sweep every thing before him in a presidential campaign.

Shirts are being exported from this country, and the women of New York who make them, get thirty-five cents a dozen for doing it. Would it not be well for Great Britain to adopt a protective tariff against the pauper labor of New York?—E.

A Popular Judge.

The Marshall Illinois copies the article of Oregon to the Argus favoring the election of Judge Schofield to the supreme bench without opposition, and remarks: Clark county is proud of the man who, while he has always been a consistent democrat, can win such an unusual mark of respect even from republican sources.

John Schofield has been twice elected to the supreme bench, both times making the race on his merits, regardless of politics. He is an honest man, whose politics would form no bias in any decision he should be called upon to make, and republicans recognizing this fact, as well as his eminent qualifications and purity of character, care nothing for his personal political views.—Illinois Argus.

The gentleman referred to is a brother of Mr. Benj. Schofield and Mrs. W. D. Hare, of this county, and their many friends will be glad to know of Judge Schofield's popularity.

Real Estate Transactions. Frederick Kuhn to Minnie Kuhn, 48.47 acres in sec 4, T. 1 S., R. 1 W., \$1. Thomas Dolson and wife to George Wann, 169 acres in sec 16, T. 3 N., R. 3 W. Jerome Howe and wife to Alfred Nichols and Martha Nichols, 169 acres in sec 26, T. 3 N., R. 3 W., \$600. Chas W Cornelius and wife to Tillie P Cornelius, and 1/2 interest in 300 acres in sec 18, T. 1 S., R. 3 W., \$1000.

There has been a fine point raised that newspapers known as "patent outsiders" or "patent insiders" are not legal publications in Oregon; that legal notices of execution, etc., printed in such sheets are not published according to law, for a paper of this class is not published within the county, but only half there and half at some other city outside. Now that almost too fine a point to make capital of, and would no doubt be overruled. But there is now a movement on foot to have the legislature to declare such "newspapers" as illegitimate, so far as the publication of legal notices are concerned. Such a law should be passed for the good of journalism in Oregon. The man who is not willing to go into the newspaper business, or any other business, through the front door should not receive the same consideration as the man who is willing. Machine newspapers, as other brands on the public, should be discouraged and the law suggested will be a very good starter. It will no doubt be passed.—Statesman.

Miss Dolph, a Connecticut mailen, recently brought suit against a young man named Hillard for damages for breach of promise. The defendant claimed that Miss Dolph was already engaged to marry another man. The plaintiff demurred to this on the ground that a previous contract had no effect on the agreement made between herself and defendant. Judge Fenn, of the Connecticut supreme court, sustained the plaintiff in this position. The ruling of the judge on this point is a matter of importance. It serves as a warning to all men who are inclined to flirt with young women who already are engaged.

Hard coal is worth \$40 a ton in Los Angeles, and if it were not for the warm and glowing imagination of the men who are arleying off suburban lots on the outskirts of the city and supplying the east with fables pertaining to the climate of southern California, many a poor family in that place would suffer from cold.—Chicago Tribune.

The time for holding the national democratic convention, for the purpose of nominating a president and vice-president, will be held on July 3rd. In the balloting for place, San Francisco is far in the lead, and there is little doubt that the convention will be held in that city. Hurrah for the west!

The Hibernian Saving bank, of San Francisco, has deposits to the sum of \$23,267,382. Pixley's idea of the improwdence of the "Pope's Irish" will be shattered by this show of savings.

James G. Blaine refuses to allow his name to go before the national republican convention in connection with the presidency.

Grange Dedication Postponed. Owing to the death of Mattie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shute, last Monday morning, the dedication of the new brick Grange hall, for Tuesday, was indefinitely postponed. Mr. Shute has so closely identified himself with the Grange in Oregon, and more especially in this county, that this action was nothing more than a just tribute of respect. And, too, he has personally superintended the construction of the elegant Grange brick from the beginning of work, and supplied money to carry the work forward from his own private funds. Mr. Shute is also, in a great measure, responsible for the two splendid brick buildings that now adorn our town. Telegrams were sent to different parts of the state Monday notifying the public of the postponement. To be sure, many came who had not received notification, owing to the absence of telegraphic lines in their localities. Mr. Shute and family have the sympathy of this journal and many friends in their bereavement.

Dental Notice. Dr. J. HEMSTED has located permanently at Forest Grove, Oregon, and is prepared to do all kinds of plate work, both Gold and Rubber. A specialty is made of Bridge Work and First Teeth. Also, Gold Crowns. Teeth by the latest improved methods. All work warranted. Administrator of the Estate of John Kurnath, Deceased. 27-54

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