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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now it is feared that the missionaries to Mpwapwa, Africa, have been roasted and eaten. Well, if there is no other way of getting Christianity into the natives, that is what the missionaries are there for.—Alta.

SUITS are about to be brought to recover the millions of acres of land fraudulently held by Oregon wagon road companies—which never built the roads. This is one of the results of the administration of honest Grover Cleveland.

THE Oregonian says Tanner is a "vulgar blatherskite," a "thorough demagogue," a "corporal jawsmith," etc. Yet it is to be noted that the G. A. R. Encampment "endorsed" Tanner. They degraded the honorable name and character of Union soldiers when they did it.—E. O.

WE are indebted to the managers of the North Pacific Industrial Exposition for complimentary tickets and invitation to attend. The exposition is to be held at Portland and will commence Sept. 26th and continue until October 26th. Saturday the 28th of Sept. is set aside as "Newspaper Day" at which time special attention is promised members of the press.

THE postmaster-general has given notice that the former reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of any person found guilty of making an armed attack upon any stage, coach or railway mailcar, having mails in transit, will be increased to the sum of \$1000 for each arrest and conviction of that offense occurring during the year ending June 30, 1890.

THE La Grande Gazette says: There are no flies on La Grande. La Grande is regarded as the center of trade and natural supply point for all this vast region of country. La Grande is getting there.

Probably small insects do not bother the Gazette man any, but before he gets through he will discover that Island City and Summerville are a couple of the biggest "blue-winged gads" he ever saw.

THE biggest trust scheme yet reported is that an attempt is to be made to get the sugar markets of the world under one supreme control. The plan contemplates the bonding of all the principal plantations of Cuba, the Philippine Islands, Java and Mauritius. It is calculated that the capital stock will be about \$100,000,000. These "little private affairs," as Jim Blaine calls them, are very thrifty as a rule.

THE republican associated press has trumped up an antediluvian democratic relic from Ohio, who, on being interviewed, declares that Grover Cleveland is a dead duck and no democrat, and, furthermore, will not be nominated in 1892. The mere fact of telegraphing such trumpery across the continent shows that the republicans are getting extremely nervous over the prospect of having to face Grover Cleveland again three years from now.

THE prohibitionists and grangers of Oregon will hold a convention at Salem on the 14th inst. to consider measures for a consolidation of their various interests. It is expected that the Knights of Labor and labor unions will be represented and a political compact be formed to promote their interests through legislation. It is certainly about time that something was being done to escape from the monopolistic octopus that now has us in its grasp.

THE manipulators at La Grande failed in their efforts to subsidize the M. & M. Co. of Island City and destroy that thriving little place, but their intentions were good enough, and the people around Island now know them for what they are. What do they care for the welfare of the people in Island and vicinity so long as their own selfish ends are accomplished? And this has ever been the policy of that town. Rule or ruin is their motto. They tried to give away the best portion of Union county in order that their chances for getting the county seat might be better. They tried to trade for 250 county seat votes at Summerville. Now they have tried to ruin Island City for their own aggrandizement. But they have failed in these efforts and an outraged people will see that they fail in every attempt they make.

NOT A CONVERT.

The following extract from a statement by Lieutenant Wood of the United States navy, who has had long personal experience among the natives of China, Corea and other Asiatic heathen countries, is worthy of interest. He has not a very high opinion of American missionaries in those countries, whose presumed object is to Christianize the natives. He says:

"It is not extravagant to say that the work of the missionaries in China and Corea has been absolutely without any result, except to hold them up to the ridicule of the natives. It has been before stated, and I concur in the belief, that there is not a Chinese convert to Christianity of sound mind to-day within the entire extent of China. The converts we hear of in this country are merely menials employed about the missionaries, who for a salary of \$4 per month become converts, but when they are discharged there is no further evidence of their change of mind. The missionaries do not mix with the natives to any considerable extent, and many of their meetings are not only conducted in English, but with themselves as auditors. As for a nobleman of Corea or a mandarin of China ever acknowledging the Christian faith, such a thing was never thought of. As a matter of fact, they are looked upon about as the Salvation army in America, only to a degree ten times as great."

Taking into consideration these facts, from high authority, would it not be well for our "foreign mission societies" to more thoroughly inquire into this matter and not needlessly "throw away" time and money in keeping up a useless crusade? When we come to look the matter squarely in the face, is it not as reasonable for a Chinaman to send missionaries to America to convert the wicked masses of this country, from a Chinaman's religious standpoint, to their mode of religion as for Christians of this country to endeavor to convert a Chinaman to our Christian religion? Is it not true all Chinamen who profess religion and become regular attendants at our Chinese missions in Portland, San Francisco and other large cities, only become such from a pecuniary motive—really taking no genuine interest in our religion? Would it not be as reasonable to attempt to convert a sane, reasonable Christian person to worship the Chinese idol? The Vindicator is of the opinion there is sufficient food for reflection contained in the above extract to put our Christian leaders to thinking. The millions of dollars annually collected by all our denominations for foreign missionary purposes, to enlighten the heathens of those benighted worlds could be judiciously used in America, to clothe and educate our home street arabs, who are annually growing up to fill a prison's pen or swing from the end of a rope, thereby multiplying crime in the land. This is not all. There are thousands upon thousands of dollars collected for the foreign heathen, but the heathen never sees it. It goes into the coffers of the great army of officers whom a Christian world delights to entitle "our board of foreign missions." The ways of this world are many, but for real profitable speculation there is only one scheme in this country that trumps the Salvation army, and that is the foreign mission racket. It holds the "joker."—Vindicator.

THE Portland Welcome is an old-spoken sheet and says: "The Oregonian lies knowingly when it states as it does in Friday's issue that Portland is as good a wheat market as Tacoma. On account of charges imposed by the U. P. R. R. between Portland and the sea, as well as the extra cost of removal of ballast as compared with the expense in Tacoma, there is now a sheer difference against us of fifty cents per ton. The shipowner adds another fifty cents for the probability of there being more, and charts his ship for one dollar per short ton less to Tacoma than he will to Portland. This is three cents per bushel in favor of Tacoma and until the U. P. system stand squarely on the proposition Henry Villard favors, of adjusting charges to the ocean equally by each route, we will continue to 'lag superfluous on the stage' as a shipping port."

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COUNTY COURT.

A Synopsis of the Business Transacted at the Recent Term.

Ordered that a citation issue to M. S. Warren, road Supt., ordering him to appear before the court and show cause why he disregarded the order to close up certain water ditches in his district.

In the matter of the proposed county road petitioned for by J. H. Irwin et al, James McNutt claiming damage, it was ordered that I. N. Young, W. W. Kirby and E. P. Lee be appointed appraisers to meet at Pindell's store on Sept. 18th and report to the court how much less valuable the premises of said James McNutt would be by reason of the construction of said road.

In the matter of road petitioned for by H. Robbs et al; motion of John Predmore to dismiss petition and report of viewers, overruled. Ordered that J. A. Childers, John Peebler and Jas. Halley be appointed appraisers to view the premises of John Predmore and report in writing to the court the amount of damages he would sustain by reason of the construction of the road. Appraisers to meet at the Oro Dell bridge on Sept. 21st.

In the matter of the proposed change in county road petitioned for by Mary Nessly; ordered that R. M. Oliver, Ed. Game and Jap Rinehart be appointed appraisers to meet at the house of R. M. Oliver on Sept. 21st and view the premises of J. Q. A. Richardson and determine the damage that would be sustained by him by the construction of said road.

In the matter of road petitioned for by H. N. Aubey et al; ordered that P. H. Miles, Justus Wright and Isaac Spear be appointed appraisers to meet at the house of Thos. Keating Sept. 21st and view the premises of Thos. Keating and Mrs. E. A. Peirce and report the damage that would be sustained by them by reason of the construction of said road.

Petition for road by A. Good et al. Dismissed.

In the matter of the petition of citizens of road district No. 25 asking that a special order issue to T. F. Guoch requiring him to open up the road heretofore declared a public highway as petitioned for by John Stoddard et al; the supervisor was ordered to forthwith put said road in good condition for travel, and if the road work due in his district is not sufficient for such purposes he is ordered to assess and call out such an amount of work as is necessary to place the roads in his district in good repair, as provided in section 28 of the Road Laws.

Wm. Arnold appointed road supervisor of road district No. 32 to fill the vacancy made by the removal of Robt. Young.

Leonard Couch, Ida Brooks and May Miller granted scholarships to the State University.

Road petitioned for by Mary Nessly; reports of viewers and surveyors approved and road declared a public highway.

Road petitioned for by J. J. Turner et al; reports of viewers and surveyor approved and road declared a public highway.

Road petitioned for by I. N. Pentecost and others; ordered opened.

Road petitioned for by Wm. C. Cusick; ordered opened.

Road petitioned for by A. J. Nicholson et al; ordered opened.

Road petitioned for by Rudolph Hung et al; ordered opened.

Road petitioned for by S. L. McKenzie et al; ordered opened.

Road petitioned for by J. H. Irwin et al; ordered opened.

Clerk ordered to render bill again against Tillamook county for \$288.97, costs incurred in keeping John N. Lockwood, a pauper of Tillamook kept by Union county.

Ordered that the county Treasurer liquidate entirely the debt of the county to the State as soon as he may have money in his hands sufficient to do so. Court settled with Geo. W. Thompson for balance due on contract for bridges at the Peach and Parker crossings of Grande Ronde river, paying him \$750, \$1,045 having already been paid.

Court settled with G. W. Thompson for building five other bridges in the Peach lane, paying him therefor \$700.

County Warrants in hands of Treasurer cancelled.

M. S. Warren removed as road supervisor of district No. 5 and A. C. Craig appointed to fill the vacancy. Order issued to Craig to carry out general and special orders issued by the court heretofore.

An appropriation of \$250 made to clear away brush and timber on the line of the A. J. Nicholson road, to be expended under the supervision of

Nels. Schoonover.

Warrants ordered to issue in favor of T. E. Jones, of Island City, being the appropriation heretofore made to be applied on the road leading north from Island City.

Ordered that the county Judge have a new fence and sidewalk put in front of the court house property and have some new outhouses built.

Scott Goodall, Arthur Rinehart and Miss Lois Stewart granted scholarships to the State Agricultural College at Corvallis.

Contract let to Dr. C. H. Day for medical attendance on county paupers and prisoners for one year for \$450.

Road petitioned for by A. Keefer et al; T. J. Chandler, J. W. White and R. E. Stevenson appointed viewers to meet at Wallowa bridge Sept. 17th.

Clerk ordered to issue warrants to pay for wood, on wood contract of John Bates, as soon as the wood is all delivered.

Ordered that the supervisor of road district No. 7 remove the fence of J. Q. A. Richardson from the road and also remove any other obstruction that may be placed in the roads of his district.

Application made by the Grande Ronde Lumber Co. to have the Grande Ronde river declared navigable for logs, in accordance with the act of the legislature of 1889. Argued before the court by E. W. Bartlett, attorney for the company, and taken under advisement by the court till Sept. 21st, when it will again come up for consideration, and opportunity offered for any person interested to resist the same.

Scholarship to the State University granted to Chas. McDaniel.

Reward of \$100 was offered for the arrest and conviction of the parties setting fire to the premises of Jasper Mitchell for the arrest and conviction of any other person guilty of arson.

SAND RIDGE.

Recent Happenings—Notes of the Farm and Field—Personals.

Everybody harvesting. Mr. Swinehart, of Elgin, paid a visit to the ridge recently.

The new school house in the old sand ridge district will soon be ready for use.

J. L. Roe is having a house built, which, when completed, will be one of the prettiest residences on the ridge.

Rev. Moore will commence a term of school in the Fairview district next Monday.

Miss Hattie Cramblit will return to her home in Baker City in a few days.

Quite a number of the young folks went to La Grande to see the whale, Sunday before last. The young men returned with beaming faces thinking they had taken their girls to see the whale—not the "elephant."

Mrs. Delong fainted a few days ago and since then she has been very sick.

Crops on the ridge are better than some think them. Imbler & Ruckman threshed 1,500 bushels of oats on Geo. Ruckman's farm in half a day, which was very good for the first afternoon's work.

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