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EDITORIAL FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Last Saturday the writer enjoyed a very pleasant visit with State Historian Himes. Mr. Himes took a great deal of pleasure in explaining to us how the many newspapers and magazines sent to the society are preserved for the use of future generations. We are certainly glad that Beaver State Herald is to be found in the list, and we heartily wish, with Mr. Himes, that all the newspapers of Oregon, could be brought to see the necessity of keeping an unbroken file in the society's office.

While there Mr. Himes gave us a finely preserved copy of the daily Oregonian of date July 18th, 1864, Vol. 4, No. 143. It is a four-page, six-column paper, published by Henry L. Pittock, publisher and proprietor. One would imagine, if we did not see the date or name, that it was an English newspaper for all the front page is taken up with business cards, and there is not a display ad., such as we are now using, in the whole paper. The paper, however, would do credit to publishers of today for it is ably edited and very newsy. From the news columns we find that Henry Ward Beecher strongly endorses Abraham Lincoln as a candidate to succeed himself. We also find the name of Horace Greeley mentioned as repudiating the nomination of Fremont and Cochrane, and most ardently supporting Lincoln. The death of Josiah Quincy is announced as having occurred on the 7th at the age of 92 years.

In "A Word to Farmers," which occurs on the editorial page, the editor (not Harvey Scott, but a Mr. Damon, we think) wisely suggests that farmers are making mistakes in running after gold mines in the interior when they have a better and more sure thing right at home. He also intimates that a large number of the crops were liable not to be harvested because of the gold fever.

To say the least, the paper is very interesting and we are very glad indeed to have this copy of Oregon's greatest paper, both then as well as now, in our possession. We hope that the example set by Mr. Pittock, and later by Mr. Scott, may not be lost sight of by the young men of today, that the success made by them may in a measure be our lot, and that by painstaking and persistent effort, in the doing of that which we believe to be right, will be as well received by our people as has evidently been the case in that of the gentlemen mentioned.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to take Thanksgiving dinner with our valued correspondent and his good wife, at Marmot. They propose to have some things that would be worth while, but we confess that even if we were there and ate of the good things mentioned that our dreams would be troubled for some nights to come. Many thanks Brother Pike.

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APPROPOS THE ELECTION

Commencing with the first Monday in December many towns and cities in Oregon will hold municipal elections. We are glad to note that, without exception, the papers published in their centers are advocating the election of men who will enforce law, and encourage and stimulate business interests.

The citizens of Gresham have already met in common council and nominated certain persons for the offices of mayor, recorder, treasurer, marshal and councilmen. It is reported that there has been another ticket placed in the field in opposition to the one made in open council on the 19th. At this writing we have no knowledge of the names on this ticket—except one.

It is good to have competition; it stimulates interest and gives the people a choice, and a chance to select the best men. The supporters of each ticket will, of course, claim that they have the best men, and right here we may be pardoned for asking what is meant by best men. Are those men "best" who, if not openly advocating violation of law, remain passive while the law is constantly being broken? when it is within their power, and their plain and sworn duty to enforce it? As our readers well know The Herald is non-partisan. It is its privilege, however, to "assist the right and resist the wrong."

Hence we would suggest to the voters of Gresham that it might be wise before voting next Tuesday to inquire into what each of the candidates coming before the people expect to do. The candidate, who is not willing to come out frankly and say what he expects to do concerning law enforcement, securing city water, electric light and power, sewers, the encouragement of street improvement, and legitimate business interests, is a safe man to keep out of office. Every man of ordinary sense knows the town's need of these things and if he isn't willing to commit himself it is safe to assume that he intends violating his oath of office and should be acted upon accordingly. Do not be misled. There is a moral obligation resting upon every citizen of Gresham (and those not within the city limits, but who have business and other interests here,) to work for and interest their friends in the coming election. Petty jealousies and kindred evils must be swept aside. Stand shoulder to shoulder, man to man, work for, and vote for only those men whom you have reason to know will, if elected, enforce the law and encourage the towns growth in every legitimate and honorable way.

Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do, and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift. Be strong! Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?" And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame! Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name. —FARM JOURNAL

ANNUAL FRUIT FAIR PROPOSED

Mr. E. P. Smith, the wide-awake editor of our horticultural department, has suggested that the orchardists and farmers of eastern Multnomah and northern Clackamas counties hold an annual fruit fair and carnival at Gresham, offering to head the list of subscriptions toward a prize fund for the encouragement of growing better fruit in the district mentioned.

This is certainly a move in the right direction, for we believe, with many others, that as good fruit can be grown in this vicinity as any place under the sun. In fact, the truth of this statement has already been proven in Hood River, Mosier and White Salmon, and similar fruit from east and west of the Sandy, in Clackamas and several orchards in eastern Multnomah.

We defy the world to produce a cleaner, more perfect, or better tasted apple than some of the samples left on the editor's desk. Conditions, of course, can be bettered. A more thorough system of spraying, pruning and cultivation should be adopted and the business men of the country should do all possible to assist in the chance, and at the same time encourage the movement for an annual fruit fair.

As also suggested by Mr. Smith this properly comes under the head of Grange work, and we hope to hear of its discussion at the next meeting of the Pomona Grange. Let every farmer help this good work along.

It is astonishing to see the number of matrimonial differences being aired through the press. It appears to apply to both rich and poor. We are persuaded that the majority of connubial infelicities are brought around by the most trivial of circumstances.

Husband and wife cannot be too careful of their conduct toward each other. In this respect we like to ponder upon the sound advice given by Joseph Belcher, D. D., when he said, "A great portion of the wretchedness which has often embittered married life has originated in the neglect of trifles. Connubial happiness is a thing of too fine a texture to be handled roughly. It is a plant which will not even bear the touch of unkindness; a delicate flower which indifference will chill, and suspicion blast. It may be watered with the shower of tender affection, expanded with the glow of attention, and guarded with the impregnable barrier of unshaken confidence. Thus nurtured, it will bloom with fragrance in every season of life, and sweeten even the loneliness of declining years."

We would respectfully call the attention of some of our correspondents to the fact that we have to make the most of our running expenses from the advertising of goods for sale through these columns. We shall therefore take it as a favor if they will kindly cut out all semblance of goods of any kind for sale in their local items unless they are sent in, as others, with the cash in advance, at the rate of one cent per word.

Thanksgiving.

For peace and for plenty, For homes that are happy— From hillside and valley In this chosen land, Sweet incense of thankfulness We send Thee, the Giver, Of all the rich blessings From Thy lavish hand, May we enjoy these rich blessings, To those who are needy and friendless, Have sorrow and woes, Reflect Thy great love, May we banish a tear With a kind word or smile May we sympathize—cheer, —MRS. B. J.

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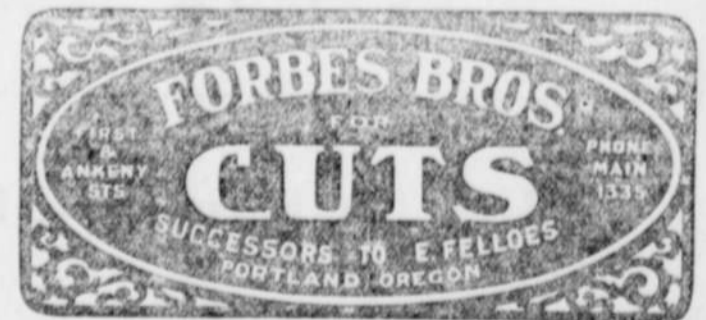
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