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Editorial Correspondence.

Salem, Sept. 15, 1874.

Salem at present presents a lively appearance, and the place is full of people. Yesterday the Legislature met, and to-day the first annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange was held. There are delegates present from nearly all parts of the State, and I notice among them some of our most prominent and wealthy farmers. They met this morning at the Grange headquarters, but I have not been able to learn what business they have transacted.

The Supreme Court is still in session, but will bring its business to a close within a week. Judge Shattuck appears to be at home on the bench. The people certainly have reason to be grateful that they have secured his services to so important a position.

THE LEGISLATURE—SENATE.

The Senate met yesterday and was temporarily organized by the election of Hon. R. B. Cochran, (Democrat) of Lane county as President, on motion of his colleague, Hon. W. W. Bristow, and S. C. Simpson as Clerk. A committee on credentials was appointed, when the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At that hour the Senate reassembled, and the committee made their report, which contained the names heretofore published in the ENTERPRISE. After the adoption of the report, the members were sworn in by Hon. S. F. Chadwick, Secretary of State. This was all that was done, when the adjournment was had till this morning at 10 o'clock, at which hour the Senate met, and after the reading of journal of yesterday, proceeded to a permanent organization. Hon. John Myers, of Clackamas, was placed in nomination for President, by Hon. Wm. Townsend of Yamhill. On the first ballot Mr. Myers received fourteen votes, being the entire Democratic strength, and Hon. Bristow of Lane, and Owens of Douglas, Independents. On the second ballot he received thirteen votes. Mr. Owens voting blank. After two or three more ballots, with substantially the same results, the Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. On the reassembling of the Senate, Mr. Myers withdrew his name, and placed in nomination Hon. R. B. Cochran who received sixteen votes on the first ballot, and was declared duly elected. A committee, consisting of Hons. Cornelius and Myers, was appointed to conduct the President to the chair, who took his seat, making a few very appropriate and timely remarks, thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him, and assuring them that he would discharge his duty faithfully and honestly to the best of his abilities. Mr. Cochran will make a good presiding officer, having had considerable legislative experience and he is an honest, upright man. In fact he is a true representative of the people, being one of the most prosperous farmers in Lane county. The Senate then proceeded to the election of the rest of officers, resulting in the election of S. C. Simpson as Chief Clerk, C. C. Boyce, Assistant Clerk; Robert Gurney, Sergeant-at-Arms, and J. C. Head, door-keeper, who were duly sworn in. After an ineffectual attempt to elect a Page, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow. The seat of T. R. Cornelius is contested by Mr. Buford.

THE HOUSE.

The House effected a temporary organization by the election of Hon. J. C. Drain (Independent), of Douglas county, who was placed in nomination by Hon. W. J. Flynn, of Jackson, and Col. W. L. White, of Clackamas, as Clerk. After appointing a committee on credentials the House adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The House was called to order at 2 o'clock when the committee reported the members entitled to seats, and the report was adopted. The House then proceeded to the election of a speaker, which has not yet been accomplished, the Democrats supporting W. W. Fidler Josephine, the Independents, Hon. J. C. Drain, and the Radicals, C. A. Reed, of Marion. At present writing, I am unable to conjecture what will be the result, but those who appear to be informed, think that an organization will be effected to-morrow morning. I trust it may, as the people desire their Representatives to go to work and do the legislation required.

Mr. Myers, of Clackamas, had received the nomination for President of the Senate at the hands of the Democratic caucus, but finding that some of the Independents objected to supporting him on that account, he generously withdrew his name, and placed in nomination Hon. R. B. Cochran, who had not been so endorsed. While we should have considered Clackamas highly honored by having the President of the Senate, we are satisfied that Mr. Myers showed a proper and commendable spirit of concession by withdrawing, and allowing an old, tried and true Democrat to be elected without further delay.

The Senate has a number of old and experienced members in it, and if they will act in harmony, can accomplish much needed legislation. The House is composed almost entirely of new members, and it will take it a few days after its organization before it can get to work with that degree of speed as if there were more members who have had experience in such matters. They are a good looking body of men, representing mostly the farming class of our State. They will carry out, doubtless, the wishes and interests of their constituents to the best of their honest judgment. Both houses are an improvement on former Legislatures, and we predict that they will have a good record to bring home to the people that sent them here.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16, 1874.

The House met this morning and on the third ballot elected Hon. J. C. Drain, Independent, of Douglas, Speaker; Col. W. L. White, Democrat, of Clackamas, was elected Chief Clerk, on the first ballot; A. E. Brothwick, Radical, of Multnomah, Assistant Clerk; L. B. Stearns, of Douglas, Independent, Engraving Clerk; M. H. Abbott, of Umatilla, Enrolling Clerk, and E. C. Hadaway, Sergeant-at-Arms. After trying to elect a Door Keeper, the House adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon. It will be seen from the above election in the House, that the Independents were determined to mix things up, and succeeded in doing so. If they propose to do so during the remainder of the session, we apprehend that it will be rather mixed results they will get. It is doubtful whether the House will do much more than entirely organize to-day, and the vote for Governor will probably not be counted before to-morrow. There are probably a dozen candidates for Door Keeper of the House, and fully that number for Page. The Senate has not yet elected a Page, and the contest yesterday was close between Masters McConnell, Galloway and Brown, the two former receiving eleven votes each, and the latter eight. The Senate is to try again this afternoon. The Senate will take up the contest case from Washington county to-morrow. Cornelius wants to know whether he is going home or not. The State Temperance Union is in session here and with the Legislature and State Grange meeting at the same time, the town is full to its utmost capacity.

HEAVY TAXES.—From the San Jose Argus we get the following item in relation to taxation and valuation in California. It says: According to published statements the total value of property in this State is \$609,000,000—and there will have to be raised for State purposes for the present fiscal year the following amounts: General Fund, \$1,788,000; School Fund, \$1,110,000; Interest and Sink Fund, \$386,000; 18 percent, for delinquencies, \$682,120; total, \$3,866,120. This will make the State tax 62½ cents on each one hundred dollars, or one-fourth more than last year.

WE CONSIDER.—From the Albany Democrat we learn that Hon. A. H. Brown has appointed Mr. J. H. Hackleman, of Linn county, as his deputy, and speaks as follows, in all of which we most cheerfully concur: It will doubtless be exceedingly gratifying to many citizens of "Old Linn" to learn that Hon. Albert H. Brown has appointed our fellow citizen, J. H. Hackleman, as his Assistant State Treasurer. This is a most commendable appointment, and the competency of Linn as well as a just recognition of Mr. Hackleman's integrity and ability. Mr. Brown has done himself infinite credit in this selection, and has handsomely complimented the people of Linn for their loyalty and support which they gave him in the late election.

The circumstance of the killing of Cox by Johnson in Goose Lake seems to be that Cox went into the kitchen, where Johnson was, and accused him of being filthy in his cooking. The latter retorted by calling him a liar. Cox then picked up a frying pan and knocked Johnson down with it. The latter then procured a knife and told Cox not to hit him again or he would cut him. Cox, not being daunted, then picked up a piece of firewood and knocked him down on his knees, when Johnson, unintentionally or otherwise, as if to shield his head, threw out his arms, and the knife, which he still held in his hand, penetrated very deep into his chest. Johnson was acquitted at his hearing before the Justice of the Peace, it appearing he had acted in self-defense.

MORE FINE STOCK FOR OREGON.—A Chicago dispatch of the 11th says that S. G. Reed, of Portland, Oregon, sent yesterday to Portland, via San Francisco, two car loads of high bred horses, embracing representatives of Hambletonian, Membrino Chief, and George M. Patchen, crossed with the best thoroughbred blood. Among them is the Pacer Stallion "Antocrat," one of the finest stallions in the Northwest; and the Clydesdale stallion "Young Marquis," weighing 1,900 pounds and purchased by Mr. Reed in Canada.

A Helena divine who has spent the best part of the summer in Christianizing a Chinaman, thought he was getting along nicely until John made a proposition to him the other day to "put in with him" and start a faro bank. Bro. — has now quit the Chinese missionary business.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—The Wisconsin State Fair opened at Milwaukee yesterday. President Stillson, in his address, speaking of railroads, said that the consolidation of railroads, had resulted in such an immense combination of capital that the people had become alarmed at the centralization of such immense wealth. Railroads guilty of several acts of bad faith, and by listening to unwise counsel, have done much to provoke and bring on the present difficulty, which could and should be avoided. Yet we are not unmindful of the aid they have rendered the state in its development. While people should ever be tenacious of their rights, they should ever be just. All we should ask is the fair line as between producer, consumer and carrier, and let us endeavor to solve this question of cheap transportation wisely, dispassionately and in strict justice to all.

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 9.—The Democratic State convention organized last night, and on reassembling this morning adopted resolutions endorsing the Constitution just passed by the Constitutional convention, and appealing to the people of the State, and to secure the equality of all men before the law; honest and capable in the administration of every public trust, and the speedy punishment of public crime. The convention then nominated Eliza Baxter Governor by a vote of 5 to 4 for all other candidates. A committee was appointed to inform the Governor of his nomination, and they returned with a written message that while he endorsed the convention and platform, he deemed it best for the interests of the State to decline the nomination. Thereupon great excitement resulted, and those who at first opposed him now changed their votes to him and the nomination was made unanimous. After appointing another committee to wait upon Governor Baxter, the convention adjourned until to-morrow.

BUFFALO, Sept. 10.—At the running races at Buffalo Park to-day, the race for the Buffalo Cup, valued at \$1,000, two and a half miles, was won by "Maiden," owned by J. L. Case, seconded, "Wanderer," third, "Time"—428½, the fastest time on record by six seconds.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Wm. M. Evans for President and Newton Booth for Vice President, is the last ticket being discussed in the Eastern press.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 14.—At 3 p. m. armed men were stationed at the intersection of all streets on the south side of Canal street from the river to the city hall, and a body of Metropolitan 500 strong, with cavalry and artillery, appeared at the head of Canal street and took position. Gen. Longstreet, commanding, accompanied by an orderly then rode up and down Canal street and the city hall, and the Metropolitan are reported to have broken at the first fire. The citizens are now building barricades along Pryor street, having already captured the City Hall and the Metropolitan, which are worked from a battery in the City Hall, have been detached and are now useless. One company of U. S. troops are here, but they remain at the Custom House.

A sharp fight occurred at the river end, Canal street, at 4 o'clock. The number of killed is estimated as high as 50. Mr. West, a printer, and well-known correspondent, and E. A. Talladega, were killed on the citizens' side. A number of the Metropolitan are reported killed. General Badger is reported wounded. The colored militia, who were with the regulars, are largely composed, broke and ran at the first fire leaving their comrades, a number of whom were killed or wounded.

NEW ORLEANS, September 15.—The State House was surrendered at 9 A. M. to the Federal militia, without firing a gun. Penn's militia are about 10,000 strong. The entire metropolitan force and Kellogg's militia, are without arms. The arsenals were surrendered at 9 A. M. to the citizens, or the Penn militia. Kellogg's militia, who were with the regulars, are largely composed, broke and ran at the first fire leaving their comrades, a number of whom were killed or wounded.

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Andrew Dimont, member of the Kellogg Legislature and of the School Board, who surrendered to the citizens, says Kellogg fled at the first fire and has not been seen or heard of since.

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SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS.

This State has over 160 Granges of the P. of H.

The Salem Record will hereafter appear as a morning paper.

Mar. Brown, the new state printer, has taken possession of the office.

Walter S. Moss, the reporter of the Mercury, has resigned that position.

Wheat is coming into Salem quite rapidly, though but few sales are reported.

Douglas county has two shepherd dogs valued at \$250 and 4,000 curs valued at \$9,000.

We learn that a lodge of the Order of Odd Fellows will be organized at Hillsboro soon.

The harvest in Eastern Oregon is entirely over. The yield in that section is less than last year.

Twenty-five Indians have gone from the Silette to Lane county to pull hops for 50 cents a day.

The Albany Record has been enlarged. It has six pages printed in Chicago and two in this country.

The Odd Fellows of Albany enjoyed a cruise on the Red Jacket on the Lebanon Canal, a few days since.

It takes 8 dozen spittons to furnish the Senate Chamber and the Hall of Representatives this season.

Hop-picking has commenced in Lane county. Quite a large number of laborers and young hoodlums are employed.

The Lebanon Mills are crowded with wheat, but 30,000 bushels stored there are to be removed to Albany immediately.

Salem is having a lively time this week—Supreme Court, legislators, woman suffragists, Grangers all have to board and lodge.

The cities of Albany, Forest Grove and perhaps some other cities want their charters amended by the Legislature this session.

The fine new church which has just been completed at Tangent will be dedicated on the 20th inst., Bishop Pierce, of Georgia officiating.

There is an exhibition at the museum a mammoth twig of pines—the "Benue Cargoon"—48 pines weighing 30 pounds, from Seth Inellings.

Present arrangements indicate the finest display of stock at the coming State Fair that has ever been on exhibition in the history of the Society.

The payment of the claim of the Pacific Bridge company for the construction of the Springfield bridge across Lane county about \$1,000 in debt.

The Albany Democrat says: If this rain lasts much longer, \$100,000 will not cover the loss in this county. Fully one-third of the grain is yet standing in the fields.

It is a strange fact to record that snow fell on the night of August 30th, in the hills at Mr. Ruble's place, five miles from Salem, of sufficient depth for a rabbit to be easily tracked.

The main building of the Episcopal Church office at Baker City is up and being inclosed. It presents quite a commanding appearance, and the fine building will be an ornament to the city.

Rev. Myron Eels has a call to preach at the Congregational Church in Albany in the place of Rev. Mr. Butcher, who resigned to accept the pastorate of the Congregational Church, at the Dalles.

The Institute for the Blind at Salem will be open for the reception of pupils on the 1st inst. All pupils desiring to enter at that time are urged to do so, as the term is now closed.

Oregon flour shipped from this port on the Middlesex last year is being used on that vessel as ship stores. It has been the rounds to England and Australia, passed through the tropics several times, and is yet sweet and pure.

Col. Newman has conferred an honor on Mr. Edward Davis by presenting him with a beneficiary scholarship to the medical school in St. Louis, which he has accepted and will start on his journey to that place in a short time.

During the past week Judge Baker, of Linn county, has completed the sale of his 100 acre farm to Geo. Luper, the latter paying the sum of \$9,000 for it—\$50 25 per acre. This is the largest price ever paid in that county for farming land.

Col. James Kinney, of Benton Co., proposes to make a preliminary survey of the Yaquina railroad, commencing it next week; provided others interested will assist sufficiently to furnish the necessary cash hands necessary for the undertaking.

The bridge over the Willamette at Springfield has been completed. It was accepted from the contractors last week. This is one of the finest bridges in the State, having cost over \$10,000, one-half of which is paid by Lane county, and one-half by subscription.

The story comes to us via Umatilla, and the reader is at liberty to believe or disbelieve, just as he pleases: A Umatilla county cat's two kittens were taken from her, and she adopted two pups as her family; after a while these were taken from her, and she at once appropriated a chicken, of which she has taken the most motherly care ever since.

Mr. Wallace Post, who lives about nine miles south of Corvallis, set fire to some straw, which he wished to get rid of. After some time, supposing the fire was entirely out, he started to town with a load of wheat, and during his absence the straw, which was still smoldering, caught fire and consumed a lot of threshed grain, burning up about 300 bushels of wheat.

Advices from the Department at Washington are anticipated in about two weeks, relative to the improvement of the Upper Columbia. Papers were forwarded by Gen. Michler several weeks ago, when an official response is received, proposals will be advertised for. Twenty thousand dollars was the amount of the appropriation, but the contract will probably be for about \$18,000, the remainder of the sum—\$2,000—will be reserved for the salaries of those who shall superintend the improvement, and for incidental expenses.

POLITICAL NEWS.

WORCESTER, Mass., September 8.—The delegates to the State Convention to-morrow have united upon Wm. Gaston, of Boston, for the first place on the ticket, but there is considerable canvassing for the other places.

WESTCHESTER, Mass., September 9.—The Democratic State Convention met here to-day. Hon. L. Everett Saltonstall was chosen President. After an organization was completed the convention nominated William Gaston, of Boston, for Governor, and William L. Smith, of Springfield, for Lieutenant Governor.

ALBANY, September 8.—The city is full of Democrats and Liberal politicians, in attendance upon to-morrow's convention. Senator Fenton was serenaded to-night. He made a brief speech, but did not discuss any important topic.

ALBANY, Sept. 9.—September 9.—The Liberal State Convention met at Twelfth Hall, to-day, and was called to order by General John Cochran, who made a long speech, criticizing the Republican management of public affairs, and argued that Democrats, affiliated with corrupt Republicans in Congress to carry out disreputable measures. He claimed that a new party was demanded. After a temporary organization was effected and committees appointed the Convention took a recess.

LITTLE ROCK, September 8.—The Democratic State Convention to-day appointed a committee on President, who, up to 4 p. m., were not ready to report, and a recess was taken till 8 p. m. If they then report, it is not likely that they will interfere with more than effect a permanent organization to-night. The Constitutional Convention adjourned until October 20th.

COLUMBIA, September 8.—The Republican State Convention met here to-day. Postmaster M. C. Wilder presided, and Mr. J. C. Elliott, defeating Congressman Elliott. This is regarded as a break of the Chamberlain-Patterson-Elliott ring. Great excitement was manifested among the members.

ST. LOUIS, September 8.—The Republican State Convention met here to-day, and after declaring that the Republican party stands pledged to support any movement in this State looking to peace, prosperity and good government for all, the delegates proceeded to elect a non-partisan ticket in the field, without interference with National or local questions, and adopted a resolution calling the State Convention for September 22d, at Jefferson City, to readjust the principles of the party and perpetuate its organization.

OMAHA, September 8.—The Independent State Convention met at Lincoln this afternoon. The attendance was small.

RUTLAND, Vt., September 10.—Judge Poland publishes a letter in the Rutland Herald, this morning, withdrawing his name from the Congressional contest in the Second District.

The Independent Convention at Lincoln, to-day, nominated J. W. Davis, of Douglas, for Congress; J. F. Gardner, for Governor; Henry Webb, for Secretary of State; and J. C. Elliott, for Lieutenant Governor.

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The Inalienable Rights of Man.

In a recent argument by Hon. J. B. Felton, one of the ablest lawyers on this coast, before the Supreme Court of California, on the question of the constitutionality of the Local Option law, and as this question is likely to come before the Legislature we hope every member will read that gentleman's remarks. He said:

The law in direct opposition to the natural rights of man as laid down in the declaration of rights in the Constitution of California.

The Constitution of California declares these rights to be inalienable. By consequence the Constitution has not attempted to restrict the power of the Legislature over these rights. It declares in substance that Government has no power over them, and that therefore the people, the source of Government cannot delegate what they themselves never had. The rights of property, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness precede government, and the only limitation of these rights is the rule that they shall not be used to the injury of others. A man has a right to abuse his own property, but not in so doing does no injury to another.

In other words, his natural rights can only be bound, limited or restricted by the natural rights of others. The acts which a man can be prohibited from exercising over his own property, property, land, directly or indirectly injurious to others. He cannot be prevented from using or abusing his own property merely because other individuals or the community are indirectly injured thereby.

The Legislature has delegated to the people all the civil rights which the people