

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, OCT. 23, 1874.

The Legislature.

The forty days allowed for the session of the Legislature expires today, and we presume that they will adjourn to-morrow. A resolution was passed to go into joint convention to elect the officers provided by law, on Wednesday at 2 o'clock, and the appropriation bill has been advanced so it will pass before Friday.

Glorious Triumph.

It appears from the Eastern news that Radicalism has run its race, and the party is dead. Ohio, which is represented by seven Democrats in the present Congress and thirteen Radicals, reverses the order of things, and now elects thirteen Democrats and seven Radicals.

HOLDS OVER.—In the drawing for the long term, Hon. Jas. W. O'Neil, of this county, was fortunate enough to draw the long term, and consequently a Democrat from this county holds over.

From the Olympia Standard we learn that Jas. O'Nara, Esq., has taken charge of the judicial department of the Council during the canvass now going on in Washington Territory.

The State Printer.

An effort was made in the present session of the Legislature to abolish the office and to provide for letting out the printing to the lowest bidder. It might with the same propriety be asked to abolish all the offices and let them out to the lowest bidder. For years past it has been a matter of contention for this office, and as but one printer is to be elected every four years, we find plenty of newspaper men who find space to abuse the successful candidate, and who advocate the doing away with that officer. They are extravagant in their assertions as to the compensation allowed the printer, and have nearly educated the public mind into the belief that all that is required to get rich off of the people is to get elected State Printer, and hence the masses think the office is an extortion on the public.

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GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.—Governor Grover and Wife gave a grand reception at their residence last Tuesday evening. We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation and regret that we were unable to attend.

Important Bills Passed.

We are pleased to announce the fact that the Legislature has passed both the Winnemucca and the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad bills, and they are now awaiting the signature of the Governor. These are two very important bills, and we trust that their passage will be the cause of commencing the building of railroads over both these routes.

Should these roads be built, we shall see Oregon's prosperity, and see property rise in value at a rate that has been unparalleled in the history of countries. Lands now worthless, will be brought under cultivation; and the value of occupied farms will increase tenfold, while city property will increase in proportion.

EXPLANATION.—We have received a letter from the Senator referred to in our last issue, explaining what he had said in regard to letting out the public printing, with a request that we publish the same.

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The State Fair.

We can truthfully say that the State Fair of 1874 was a most magnificent success. The weather was delightful, and the exhibitions far superior to those of any previous year. The stock stalls were well filled with an excellent lot of fine animals, and the pavilion showed a great variety of the products of our State, and the handiwork of the ladies of Oregon, which we believe would compare favorably to any part of the world.

We have not space to give an extensive account of the various articles, or the stock on exhibition. We cannot help mentioning, however, without any reflection on other exhibitors, the fine stock brought over from Victoriab Messrs. Wm. Daily. They had an 18 month old cow, short horned, with a calf six months old.

POOR ARGUMENT AT PRESENT.—Orange Jacobs, the Radical nominee for Delegate to Congress from Washington Territory, has commenced the campaign. In his first speech he made the old and worn out assertion that it was useless to send a Democrat to Congress because he would have no influence there, as that body was Republican.

THE JACKSONVILLE TIMES has a "regular correspondent" at Salem, who signs himself "Jeemes River," and who has become a fixture around that body every two years. Poor Q. A., or "Jeemes River," might as well go home as to hang around that institution. He is better as Quartermaster. The people of Southern Oregon came near losing the payment of the Modoc claims on account of his ugly "phiz" being displayed around the Legislature in the capacity of a lobbyist.

DISSOLVED.—The firm of Hull & Nickell, publishers of the Jacksonville Times has been dissolved, Mr. Hull withdrawing. The Times is a good paper, and we wish Mr. Nickell abundant success. We also hope that the retiring publisher may meet with prosperity in whatever calling he may engage.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—We see it stated that U. E. Hicks, Esq., present editor of the Vancouver Register, will shortly remove to California. Mr. Hicks is an old citizen of Washington Territory and of Oregon, and has many friends who will regret to hear of his proposed leaving.

The Cost of the Code.

During the late election and since, the opposition papers asserted that the State Printer was robbing the people, and that the new Code, ordered by the last Legislature, would cost the enormous sum of \$50,000. The Code has been measured, and that by a Radical, who makes the cost of it \$15,000, or \$34,400 less than these growlers have asserted that it would cost. This is for 3,000 copies, and the book has nearly 1,000 pages. While we know that there was a handsome profit to the Printer in this job, we also know that he has not received any more than a fair compensation for it. He will be compelled, owing to the fact that there is no money on hand to pay his warrants, to discount them probably ten or fifteen per cent., and consequently will receive not to exceed \$14,000 for the work performed. In order to show that this is not a very expensive investment, it should be remembered that the State sells these Codes for eight dollars apiece, and we presume that it requires one thousand copies supply the officers throughout the State. This leaves two thousand to be sold, and at eight dollars apiece, will bring \$16,000, or a little more than the entire cost of printing the Code.

Going Back.

The Oregonian is taking a very active part in behalf of the election of Orange Jacobs to Congress from Washington Territory. This looks to us as though that paper is trying to capture the Radical party again, and proposes to "go back" on the Independents. If there is any issue between the Radicals and those who have joined hands with the Independents, it is opposition to the National Administration. Jacobs belongs to the Administration party, and his success will be regarded as a victory by them.

PASSED THE HOUSE.—House bill No. 37, known as the Civil Damage Act, has passed the House, by a vote of 36 to 19. This bill cannot be of any earthly benefit to the cause of Temperance, as the friends of the measure refused to allow any amendments to be made which would have perfected the act. Whether the Governor will sign it or not, we are not informed, but the very first test that shall be made of the bill, it will be decided unconstitutional. Mr. Gearin, of Multnomah, on the passage of the bill, said, "I wish to protest against this bill, and I wish my protest to go upon the record on the ground that it is unconstitutional, inoperative, and void." This, undoubtedly, is a correct view of the matter, and in order to avoid unnecessary litigation and trouble, we trust that should it pass the Senate, it will be vetoed by the Governor, as it is clearly unconstitutional and void.

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During the solemnization of the Nuptial Mass, he wore over a purple cassock with a flowing trail, a beautiful rochete of rich lace with silk tulle, a heavy gold pectoral cross studded with diamonds, a stole richly embroidered in gold, and, outside of all, a chasuble, which is the principal vestment, made of heavily embroidered cloth of gold. Added to this his sandals were golden, his stockings white silk, while in his hand he bore a massive gold crozier, and on his head a mitre resplendent with precious stones. The clergy in attendance also appeared "in full canonicals," and this, in connection with the flowers upon the altars, the many tall wax candles, with their soft light, and the grand music from the organ, rendered it an occasion that will never be forgotten. Before I proceed further in this article, it will be well, doubtless, to refer, though briefly, to the bride and groom, and their antecedents. Miss Minnie Sherman, the bride, is the eldest daughter of General W. T. Sherman, U. S. A. She is a person who has been much admired by those who know her, through her delicate health has prevented her from being a frequenter of balls and entertainments, and the many other scenes of festivity which are characteristic of Washington, especially in the Winter. The groom is a Lieutenant in the engineer corps, U. S. A., and is considered to be possessed of superior ability and talent in the exercise of the duties of his profession. The engagement, which has resulted so pleasantly to all concerned in it, has been of nearly a year's standing, the first meeting having occurred in London, during the last visit of Miss Sherman to Europe, and on the eve of her return to this country, Lieut. Fitch took passage on the same steamer which brought her home, and commenced his courtship immediately on their arrival. The success crowned his pursuit, and he secured his marriage at so recent a date. But to return to the Church. Delicate white ribbons divided it into three sections, in the first of which were the guests of honor, for the more intimate friends and relatives of the family. Prominent among the occupants of these seats were the President and Mrs. Grant, the Supreme Court Judges, and members of the Diplomatic Corps. The latter of whom appeared in the full uniform of their respective nations, adorned with badges of honor and tokens of royal favor. On the entrance of the bridal party the organ pealed forth the grand and sublime Wedding March of Mendelssohn, though soon a hushed silence ensued as the wedding party passed up the aisle and placed themselves before the altar. After the performance of the marriage service, High Mass followed with many fine selections of music, the ceremonies lastly ascending to the choir, the bridesmaids and groomsmen remaining standing or kneeling throughout the whole service. As for any description of the toilets, dresses, or bride's trousseau, I beg to be excused from attempting a task, which, after I had finished, I am confident your lady readers could not refrain from at least mentally remarking as to my total inaccuracy for any such style of description. Yet, before I dismiss the subject I shall state that the dresses, as far as I can now remember, struck me as being not only costly and handsome, but also suggested from their many laces, colors and trimmings, how great a diversity of dress may be conceived by the fertile brain of some of Eve's fair daughters of the nineteenth century. On the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party left the church, returning to the General's residence, where the wedding breakfast was served, and soon after the reception began. The decorations of the Sherman mansion were extremely beautiful, and called down on the florid who had them in charge, many encomiums. The walls of the house were festooned with evergreens and wreaths, while the stairway was entirely concealed by a mass of greens and flowers. From every doorway hung baskets of great beauty, while in the back parlor there rose an arch of moss thickly studded with choice flowers, from the centre of which was suspended the marriage bell, a work of art from Boston, and a present from the groom. Immediately on the conclusion of the reception, the newly made man and wife left for New York, accompanied by many well-wishes of their friends, and an innumerable shower of divers kinds of shoe-leather, which, as I understand it, is a more practical good thing than the host and hostess had thoughtfully provided. The presents were both numerous and expensive, consisting of both silver and china ware and such other objects of value as brides are supposed to have a great predilection for.

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