

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, DEC. 11, 1874.

A Good Paper to Send East.

This is a splendid issue of the paper to send to your friends in the East. Extra copies can be had at the office ready for mailing, for ten cents per copy.

Articles of Incorporation—Oregon City Manufacturing Co.

The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the Clerk's office of this county. This is a move in the right direction. Now who will be the next to inaugurate another enterprise of this nature? There is plenty of room for others.

1. This corporation shall be known and designated as the Oregon City Manufacturing Company. The duration of said corporation shall be unlimited.

2. The enterprise, business, and pursuit of said corporation shall be the manufacture of office and household furniture, such as desks, chairs, tables, and articles of like nature. To purchase, hold and sell real estate; to lease water power, erect buildings and machinery.

3. The principal office or place of business shall be in Oregon City, Clackamas county, Oregon.

4. The amount of the capital stock of said corporation shall be fifty dollars (\$50,000).

5. The amount of each share of said capital stock shall be five dollars (\$5).

6. In testimony whereof we have this ninth day of December, A. D. 1874, set our hands and affixed our seals as incorporators of said company.

H. W. ROSS,
E. J. COLBERT,
J. H. HAY,
W. W. MORELAND.

The Question Settled.

In the case of the Directors of School District No. 62 (Oregon City), vs. the City Council, which was heard before Judge Shattuck last week, W. W. Thomson, of Portland, appearing in behalf of the directors, and J. Johnson, of Oregon City, appearing in behalf of the city, the case was decided in favor of the directors. The school is therefore now legally organized as a district, and the directors propose to open the school next Monday.

At the last meeting of the City Council it was voted to let the school building to the directors for seven months, and the action thus taken by that body would indicate that they were feeling in the matter that it is not to the best interests of the school. We append an extract from a communication on this subject received by the directors, from Mayor McCown, which shows "his" to be a friend to the school. It may prove a guide to our readers. It will not permit us to say all we desire on this subject this week. The Mayor says:

"You will permit me, gentlemen, to hope that you may not only be able to keep the school that has been established by the former officers of the city, but to improve and sustain it in its present condition. It is a well known fact, and it is not to be increased in its magnitude and benefits to the community, and I assure you, you shall at all times have my hearty cooperation in all matters tending to secure that end.

"I will not permit me to say that we will have a school in this city which will be the pride of our State, but I will say that we will have a school which will be the pride of our district.

Rich Discoveries.
It is now known that a considerable quantity of silver has been discovered in the vicinity of the city of Oregon City. The discovery was made by a party of men who were engaged in prospecting for silver in the mountains of the city. The discovery is of great importance, and it is believed that it will result in the establishment of a silver mine in the city.

The Lecture.—The lecture delivered by Rev. Mr. Atkinson, last Monday evening was very interesting. It was well worth reading, and it is believed that it will result in a larger audience for the next lecture of the series. The well known reputation of Prof. Simpson as a lecturer ought to be enough to draw a crowded house.

Grand Ball.—Every arrangement is being made to make the ball on Christmas night, Dec. 25th, one of the grandest affairs of the season. The Aurora string band has been secured for the occasion, and the ladies propose to have a most magnificent supper at the hall in honor of the occasion. It is believed that the ball will be a success.

A New Bell.—We are much pleased to learn that St. George Church, Hempstead, Long Island, has donated one of Mendenhall's best bells to St. Paul's Church in this city. This bell is of the best quality, and it is believed that it will result in a larger audience for the next lecture of the series.

In Town.—We have noticed the smiling countenance of our former townsmen, E. B. Colard, of Dayton, in town this week. He looks as pleasing as usual, and it is believed that he will result in a larger audience for the next lecture of the series.

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Will Not Bear Him Out.

At the meeting of our citizens last Friday evening, a gentleman presented stated that we could not compete successfully with Eastern manufacturers, because we would have to import so much of our timber and iron, and that mechanical labor was much higher here than in the Eastern States. We do not think that there is a mechanic in the State who will agree with the gentleman that made this assertion. From what we can learn, wages of mechanics in the East are fully as high as they are here, and in fact higher. If they were so much higher here than in the East, why is it that our manufacturers complain that they cannot obtain mechanics to do their work? And another strong argument against this declaration is, that we find hundreds of mechanics giving up their trades and following other pursuits, simply because the pay is not sufficient and employment scarce.

In regard to iron, if we had the necessary machinery here to prepare it, Clackamas county has enough within her county lines to supply all the demands of the State for years to come, and the Oswego Iron Works are now shipping seventy tons of pig iron to San Francisco per week. This we buy back again at an advanced cost to the consumers. As to the question of timber, we apprehend the gentleman was thoroughly convinced that he was mistaken in his assertion, before the meeting adjourned. It is a well known fact that our fir is equal to Eastern oak in every respect, and our spruce, cedar, oak, maple and other timbers are not surpassed by any section of our country. We have it from good authority, that our wagon makers in this city use only the best of Oregon oak, and send the refuse to Portland, where they realize the first cost of the lumber, and where it is often sold as Eastern oak. Besides, we are informed that a house in Portland some time ago sent quite a lot of oak lumber to San Francisco, and this same lot was returned to them as Eastern oak, and was sold for \$80 per thousand. Since that meeting we have inquired into this matter somewhat, and we have thus far failed to find a single mechanic who does not give Oregon timber the preference over the Eastern. Shipbuilders have acknowledged long since the superiority of Oregon timber.

The question of competition is another matter in which the gentleman referred to is sadly in error. We will take the matter of making wagons. In this branch we have a mechanic in our own town who has had experience in the business, and we speak upon his authority. He informs us that he can make a better wagon here than the imported ones for less money. The \$90 wagons brought here are very inferior, and not worth buying. That he can make a similar wagon for the same amount of money, but he would consider it an outrage to turn that kind of work out, and regards it but little better than money thrown away. For \$110 he will make a wagon which is graded the same as the \$110 Eastern wagons, while he will oblige himself to keep the wagons in repair for two years. He states that he has made within the past four years one hundred wagons, and that the cost of keeping them all in repairs during that time has not exceeded two dollars and a half. He further assures us that it will cost over \$20 per year to keep the \$90 Eastern wagons in order. This looks as though the manufacturers could successfully compete with Eastern importations. But the truth of the matter is, that the dealers in these and many other articles which should be made here, are connected with Eastern factories, and they try to discourage home industry. There is no man who has any knowledge of the facts in these matters but will sustain us when we say that Oregon can compete in every respect with the East, and make better and more durable work. The only trouble is to create a demand for the manufactured articles, and if the Eastern trash is once supplanted our manufacturers and mechanics will make it pay, and retain hundreds of thousands of dollars in our State which now go to enrich some other locality.

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The Home Manufacturer.

In order that our readers may understand the present status of the Home Manufacturing Company, we publish the following reports taken from the Salem Statesman:

From the Statesman of Dec. 3.

It will be remembered that some time since the Home Manufacturing Company advertised for proposals to fill two o'clock yesterday for the permanent location of the contemplated works. The Board of Directors met at the Court House in this city yesterday, a full Board being present. Four proposals were received, two from Polk and one from Marion. After transacting some preliminary business the Board proceeded to examine the bids offered, Albany and Salem being the only competing points. The Board examined the Albany proposals, which contained the sum of \$2,680 in coin, two acres of land and one lot within the city limits, the whole probably being somewhere near the value of \$4,000. This was then laid to one side and the containing Salem proposal, pending the examination of these papers he read the printed list of the subscribers lists, which contained a proviso to the effect that the Company shall increase their capital stock from \$30,000, the present sum, to \$60,000, the sum necessary to put an enterprise of this kind into successful operation. The printed slip circulated by canvassers in Linn county stated that the subscriptions should be paid whenever the works were located in that city, and \$25,000 of the capital stock paid in and the works in operation. The delegates from Linn and Polk counties at once protested against receiving the Salem bid on the ground that they called for an increase of capital stock; although it is evident to any person of the slightest experience in such matters, that should the works be located in Albany or any other point, more than \$60,000 will be needed to put them into running operation. A lively discussion then took place between Mr. Bowie, of this city, and Mr. Bowie, of Albany, the latter, manifestly against the balance of the Board in favor of giving the company the benefit of the splendid donation given by the citizens of Salem and its vicinity, amounting, as we are reliably informed, to over \$18,000. Mr. Bowie had previously handed Mr. Hackleman, of Albany, a copy of the head of the subscription list circulated in this county, in order that the subscriptions might be made.

It seems, however, that the Albany delegates and their somewhat different, although the tendencies are precisely the same. This was done without apprising us of the change.

A motion was finally made to adjourn until this morning at eight o'clock, and it still remains to be seen whether or not the Directors, who are sworn to honestly perform their duties, will locate these works in Albany, and thus deprive the company of about \$14,000, or whether they will carry out the instructions of the company and locate where the greatest amount in dollars and cents, or really, is offered. Mr. Bowie has assured the citizens of Marion county that the Board would certainly locate these works wherever the greatest donation was given, and now it will be seen whether or not his estimate of the members of the Board was correct.

From the Statesman of Dec. 5.

The Board of Directors of the above company met again yesterday at 2 p. m. The afternoon session adjourned until the 31st inst. The Board's action. It met again in the evening, and the matter of location was finally settled by accepting of the Albany bid and thereby totally ignoring the magnificent proposal submitted by the citizens of Salem to about \$14,000 more than the Albanyans contributed. The Board, with the exception of Mr. Bowie, the President, voted in favor of the Linn Co. proposition. A resolution was adopted calling a meeting of the stockholders to be held in this city on the 5th of January next, to take such action as they may see fit by either increasing the capital stock enough to set the enterprise moving, or to dissolve the company. There is a strong feeling of indignation existing over the action of the Board in this matter, which will, we fear bring about disastrous results to that which might have been made a magnificent enterprise.

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Grangers Wide Awake.
SPRINGWATER, Dec. 5, 1874.
Harding and Springwater Grangers met at Norton on the 3rd and joined in celebrating the birthday of the order. The party numbered about one hundred. No doubt the rain deterred many from coming. A fraternal feeling and a stern opposition to monopolies, both financial and political, were manifested in all the proceedings. After the labors of the day were completed, we were invited to partake of a delicious feast which was highly ornamented by the presence of grangers' wives and daughters. The dinner was simply "hard to beat." It was surprising to find the oneness of feeling that prevailed in this exercise. The scene closed with music and dancing.

BORN.
In this city, Dec. 1, 1874, to the wife of Mr. John Hutton, a daughter.

For the very best Photographs, go to BRADLEY & RULIFSON'S Gallery, with an ELEVATOR, 429 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

AT COST! AT COST!!
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Highest Cash Price Paid for County Orders.

OREGON STEAMSHIP CO.'S
STEAMBOAT NOTICE!
Str. E. N. COOKE,
Will leave OREGON CITY for PORTLAND every day (except Sunday) at 7 o'clock, A. M. Returning, will leave Portland for Oregon City at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Str. ALICE,
Will leave OREGON CITY for CORVALLIS every Monday and Thursday of each week.

Str. DAYTON,
Will leave OREGON CITY for McMinnville every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Leaves Oregon City at 8 o'clock, A. M., and returns with the train at Canemah at 9 A. M.

Str. ALBANY,
Leaves OREGON CITY for HARRISBURG and EUGENE and all intermediate points every week.

Str. Fannie Patton,
Leaves OREGON CITY for ALBANY and all intermediate points between every week. Oregon City, February, 11, 1874.

For Rent.
TWO-THIRDS INTEREST IN THE
SAW-MILL.
Consisting of 2 large Circular Saws, Planer, Edger, and small Circular Saw. The mill is in good order, and is situated on one to one and a half miles from the town of Gresham, Oregon. Apply to CAPT. G. A. PEASE, on the steamer "WELCOME" or to JAMES H. MOORE, Dec. 5, 1874.

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HAVING RECENTLY MADE A change in my business, and associated with me, I have sold my interest in the Drug Business, and also purchased the store of Messrs. Bell & Parker, I need all accounts settled due me prior to the formation of the present partnership. Those knowing themselves indebted will please call without delay and make payment, as I must have my books squared.

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