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The political campaign of 1888 in Oregon, just ended, has been an exceptional long one—about 7 months.

Dispatches from the northwest say the greatest enthusiasm prevails throughout Dakota and other territories on account of the election of Harrison, it being the general belief that one of the first acts of the new administration will be to admit the northern territories to statehood.

Change of school books for the public schools of Oregon for the next four years, beginning Jan. 1st, is being discussed in the papers of the state. There can be but little doubt, that the books now in use are good enough and any benefit to be gained by a change would be to book publishers cash till. A change of school books would be burdensome to the many, and should be avoided as far as possible.

Before election, the democrats claimed that the tariff issue would reelect Cleveland. Now they claim it defeated him. It is a poor rule that went work either way.

The season of the year for setting out fruit trees has arrived and the nurserymen are shipping out large amounts to all parts of the country. The growth of this industry has increased almost beyond any calculations. Last year the demand for trees was not met by the nurserymen; but this year they have made large preparations and expect to supply the increased demand.

The Roseburg Review taking the "Salt River Route" "In departing we have only to say, that our Rooster is dead and buried, hence he does not appear in this issue. It is hard on us to quit the premises, only having a foretaste of the good things to come. We "whistle to keep our courage up," and console ourselves with the grand old saying "we had rather be right than president." You will find us as usual, leading all your processions. We like posts of honor either living or dead, hence we are always in the front in success or defeat. We are just simply "licked," that is all, and what are we to do about it? The three hundred picked Spartans were the bravest men Greece had, yet they all fell in battle, but one. We fought nobly, but did not "get there just the same." So good bye for the present, we will see you later.

English papers never tire of telling how foul and abusive an American political campaign is. But in the whole history of American politics there is probably nothing so unspeakable brutal as the following lines about Gladstone circulated in England by his political enemies:

When the Grand Old Man goes to his doom He will ride in a fiery chariot,
And sit in state
On a red-hot plate
'Twill Satan and Judas scariot.
Says the Devil, "My plate is quite full as you see,
But I'll try and do all that I can,
So I'll let Atanias and Judas go free,
And take in the Grand Old Man."
But the Devil soon found the whole thing a sell,
For old Gladly corrupted all the people in Hell.
—N. Y. Tribune.

The president has told an intimate friend that he will dispose of the famous Oak View residence, arranging to give possession shortly after the 4th of March. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland would then go to Europe and spend a year or more. On their return the president will practice law in the city of New York. It is worthy of note to see how general and genuine is the sorrow over the departure of the young mistress of the White house. Mrs. Cleveland was a favorite with all who knew her, and she was widely known too. She has been the recipient of a perfect shower of regrets at the political misfortune which will take her away from the National capital.

Anarchism at Chicago, is not dead. The next congress will be very close as to party majorities.

President Cleveland's next message is likely to be brief, and repeat with emphasis, the recommendations of his last annual message.

Superintendent McElroy has prepared, arranged and completed the register for the use of the public schools of the state. This is done in accordance with the amendments made to the public school laws by the last legislature, which makes it obligatory upon the superintendent to prepare a uniform series suitable registers, etc., for conducting all needed business under the school laws of the state. These registry books will be forwarded to the several county school superintendents as rapidly as possible, from whom school clerks may obtain them for their districts. Sufficient number will be sent to the various counties to supply each and every school room, and are supplied free of charge. While the books has been arranged in a most economical way, the work of the state printer and bookbinder is excellent and elegant and highly creditable to all concerned. The public schools of Salem are the very first in the state to use the book, the board of directors having been supplied with sufficient copies yesterday.—Statesman.

Visiting Schools.

November 8th, I was at the Dixie school, under the management of Prof. Woody. This is one of the best school houses in the country, and there must be a good set of directors, for I found everything necessary for the use of the school, plenty of erasers, an abundance of nice blackboard, a fine set of physiological charts, a lock case with four good maps, abacus, etc. And with all these helps, they have a good teacher who knows how to use them and get willing work from his pupils. The schoolroom is nicely decorated, the order is very good, and the interest on the part of the pupils is quite encouraging. Prof. Woody has a school of which any teacher may be proud.

From here I went to Oak Grove, where Miss Carry Royal is teaching in a nice new house, well arranged, seated with new patent seats, and having a partition setting off part of the room for hats, baskets, etc. Her surroundings are so pleasant that it is a pleasure to teach. It acts as an incentive to the scholars too, for we found the boys busy, and giving their teacher but little trouble. And the teacher was working with enthusiasm amid such surroundings from all of which will come good tidings and good results. I stopped all night with the Riggs boys, and a pleasant evening I never spent. The mother, four sons, and a daughter, with books music around them made a picture of a home hard to surpass. After supper there was some delightful singing with Miss Emma at the organ and then I was shown some of her oil paintings that were beautiful, and then she favored us with some instrumental music.

Miss Dora Hubbard, in Dist. No. 45, was visited November 6th. The house is poorly suited to modern ideas, no blackboard, maps or other tools for the use of the teacher in the work of tilling the human mind. They have new patent seats, and the people are talking of a new house, so that it may correspond with the seats. There are but few scholars in the district, only nine being present during our visit, and there are but eleven on the roll. Though this is her first school, Miss Dora is doing well and making a success of the school. When leaving this school I was hailed by Cass Riggs, whom nothing would satisfy except for me to stop and take dinner, which I did enjoying it very much.

Dist. No. 3, under the charge of Prof. Wisner, was next visited. This district has a fair house and good grounds, and they have lately invested in some nice maps, reading and physiological charts, etc. I enjoyed Prof. Wisner's method of giving lessons from the physiological charts—having the children tell what they know about the different objects presented. I also saw the little folks choose up and spell down—an old fashioned spelling match.
W. I. R.

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The prohibition vote in New York will go up to nearly 30,000.

The Albany republicans ratified Thursday evening, the election of Harrison and Morton. Big time.

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