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THE OBSERVER FOR FIFTY CENTS For Four Months.

Oregon's republican majority will be about 6,800. The prohibition vote 1417 and the labor 252.

The republicans will have a majority in the next congress of 3 to 5.

The cabinet-making papers are at work, and every republican of prominence may for the next several weeks experience the pleasure of seeing his name in print as a prospective advisor of President Harrison.

The Blaine states with 182 electoral votes are all decidedly for Harrison. To these we have added New York 36 and Indiana 15, making 233 electoral votes out of 401 certainly for Harrison. Should the official vote of West Virginia be found to be for Harrison it will add six more to the republican column and make him 239 to Cleveland's 162.

A progressive paper makes a progressive town. The people appreciate a bold and fearless exponent of their rights, and that is THE OBSERVER.

That enterprising paper, the Oregonian, published a creditable extra edition last week. The edition was devoted wholly to the east side river counties and towns. We of the west side boast that we live in the Willamette valley and possessed of some enterprise and importance, which this paper has failed to note in all its long years of prosperity.

Never has Oregon seen better wheat growing weather than it has experienced during the past few weeks. Another fine crop of fall wheat is assured to our farmers, should the winter not prove damaging to it, from which there is but little to fear. A large acreage has been sown, and now a number of farmers are engaged in sowing wheat for a crop of hay. The wheat venture is comparatively new in this part of the county, but those who tried the crop last year have realized a good profit, which has given the impetus to still larger acreage this year. Our farmers are climbing ahead of the times, and are becoming more and more independent in the crop line.

Considerable wheat begins to be sold, and the amount of money in circulation is growing. There is quite a feeling prevailing that 75 cents is about as high as the market will go. At least many have learned from experience that it is the safest way not to run much risk in the matter. The old saying that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," has been verified on the wheat question.

Irish Worth: The campaign is over and the cause of protection to American industry has triumphed. The result should give sincere gratification to every lover of this republic. It proves that the majority of the American people are determined that henceforth American ideas and principles shall prevail on this soil. It shows that foreign theories and foreign influences cannot sway the minds of Americans from the path pointed out by duty and patriotism and enlightened self-interest.

The season just past has been one with marked growth and prosperity in this place and county. Increase in population has been steady and large. Building has been pushed ahead as fast as the material could be obtained. Some of the new buildings are quite pretentious in appearance, ranging well up in cost. Some that are under way are to be quite imposing structures. Already projected for the beginning of another season are some buildings of a most substantial character, which season is looked forward to, as being even more prosperous than the one just closing. The business has largely increased, both in the trade enjoyed by the old houses, and by the new ones established during the season. The business of this place is ably supplemented by the establishment of the Polk County Bank which proves itself a great convenience to our people; also the P. S. D. Co's store and other minor business houses about town, indicate a live thrifty growth. We have experienced no

boom, and are pleased with the present and expect much on the prospect for the future.

Visiting Schools.

Monday being too bad to start out to the country, I visited our Dallas school under the charge of E. S. Longacre, assisted by his wife and Miss Bonnie Swann. The school has enrolled 113 scholars, and the teachers have their hands full to keep this number of active, busy children at work. The district has a good building, well arranged for school work, but not as well supplied with apparatus as might be. The little folks, under Mrs. Longacre, are taking a great interest, and, with the exception of one or two, are very orderly, and properly obey instructions. Miss Swann in the intermediate department, seems equal to the occasion, and keeps her little ones busy, not allowing them to run to her when they want help, but going to them, thereby having less noise. In Prof. Longacre's room the young folks are each striving to go ahead of the others. I noticed some of the larger ones misbehaving when the teachers head was turned, which ought not to be among larger scholars.

Nov. 14th, Salt Creek, Prof. Clark in charge. Nice, commodious, and well arranged school room, well supplied with patent desks and teachers table, an unabridged dictionary, small globe and a small hemisphere map; teacher very busy, and it would be hard to find a school with so many scholars as quiet as this one, all seeming intent on preparing their tasks. One class in arithmetic was particularly noted for the clear manner of analyzing after putting the work on the board. Good work being done here.

Enterprise, No. 42, Miss Comerys teacher. This Dist. has a fair house, good desks, stove rather too small to heat the room when the weather is cold, no apparatus, and not enough black board room and what they have is not suitable for doing work. Night in the mountains and I am lost. Stopping at the last house on Mill Creek before reaching the mill, I halted and wanted to know where I was. Mr. Morrison answered my call and when I told where I wanted to go, said it was too far and insisted that I stay all night, which I gladly did as I was already chilled through, but a good hot fire and a hot supper soon thawed me out, and after a good night's rest I started for Goose Neck.

Goose Neck, Dist. No. 23, Miss Carrie Fowler teacher. Here we find a neat house almost hidden by the mountains. This school has 26 pupils enrolled, and notwithstanding that some have quit the district to go over the mountains, the average attendance is good. The order among the scholars was perfect, for in our three hours visit we saw no violation of the rules, not an attempt to whisper even. One class of little girls did the best and most natural reading I have heard for some time, articulating distinctly and giving proper emphasis to each word, doing this and every thing else, seemingly not because the teacher says we must, but because we ought to do it for our own good.

From here I went to Red Prairie Dist. No. 6 one of the oldest in the county. Any one visiting this house could tell from its dilapidated condition that it is an old district. C. A. Big is the teacher, and has a quite a number who seem to be doing very well. The directors have shown a commendable spirit in providing a good set of apparatus, maps, globe, dictionary, etc., and they will have now to provide a house to keep them in, as this one leaks so bad during a rain that the children are kept busy hunting dry places.

Beautiful to Look At.

Z. F. Vaughn, the Dallas jeweler, has just received a fine stock of stone goods: Moss jasper, choldony prite, jasper-olidified wood, rock crystal, satin spar, feldspar, smoky quartz, golden tapaz, dendrite, emerald agate and quartz; all made up in ladies jewelry, fobs, nice clocks, the frames composed of those fine specimens of minerals from the Rockies. The goods are sold at reasonable price, and no one should miss this opportunity to purchase a nice ornament and present. Mr. Vaughn also, carries one of the largest stock of watches in Polk county.

Col. John A. Joyce, who wrote Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poem "Laugh and the World laughs with You," recently said: I have traveled in every country of the globe. I have had dealing with the white, the black and the red. I speak several languages. I have seen prosperity and enjoyed it. I have seen adversity; I know what it is now. I have

been in the insane asylum and the penitentiary. I have never yet been in a corner that I didn't get out of it. I have never been broke very long, for just when the day seemed the darkest the dollar turned up somehow. I wonder why I was born."

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SUMMONS.

Justice's Court for the precinct of Monmouth, State of Oregon, County of Polk.

John C. Worth, plaintiff, vs. Kit Wing, defendant.

To Kit Wing, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, for the precinct aforesaid, on the 29th day of December, 1888, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the office of said Justice, in said precinct, to answer the above named plaintiff, in a civil action. The defendant will take notice, that if he fail to answer the complaint herein, the plaintiff will take judgment against him for \$750 and the costs and disbursements in this action. The defendant will further notice that his property has been attached in the above named action, published in the Polk County Observer for six consecutive weeks, by order of the undersigned, made Nov. 19, 1888.

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